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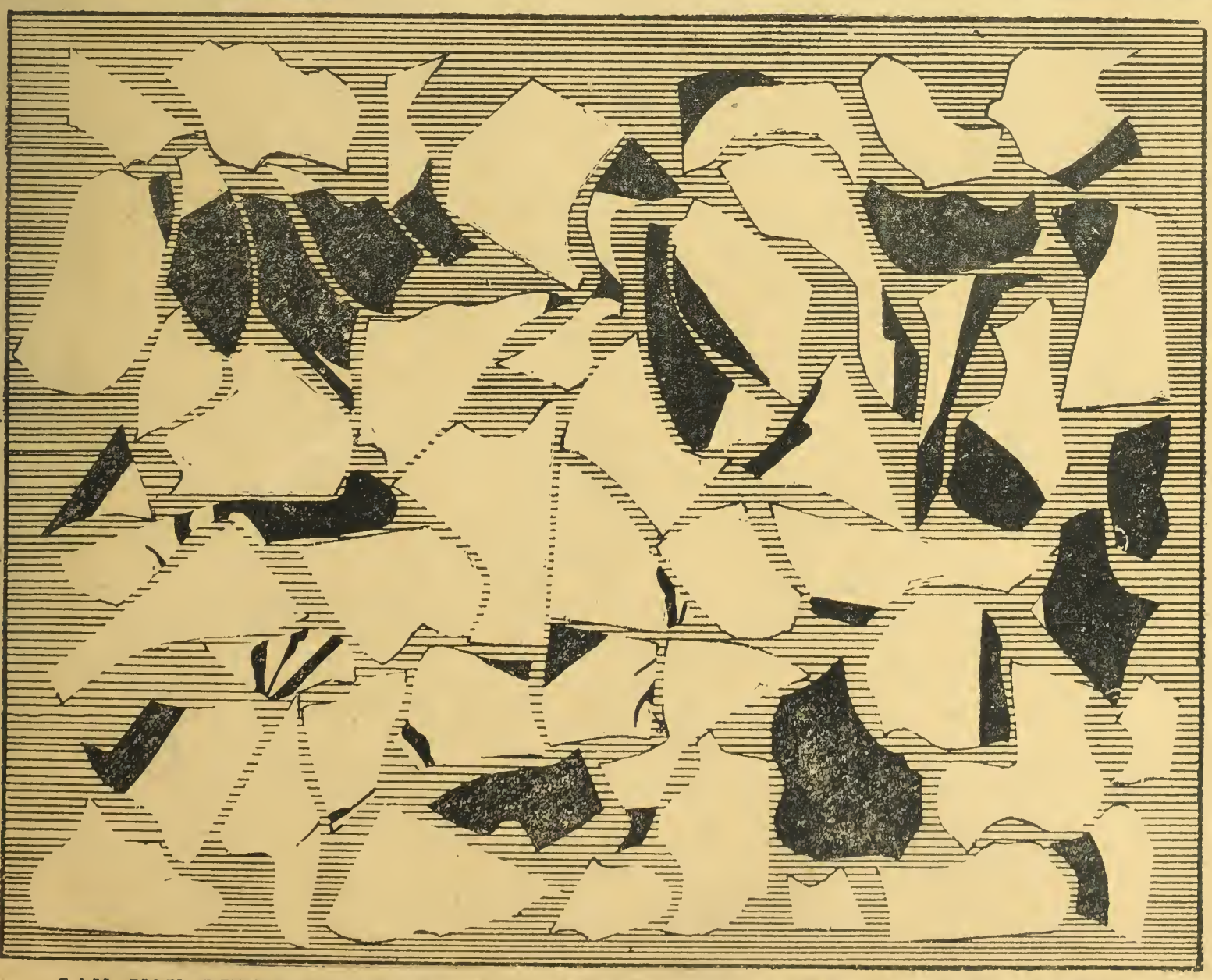
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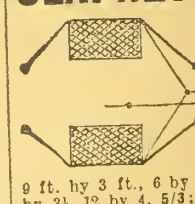
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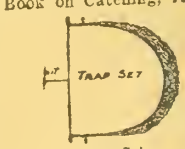
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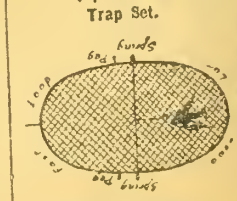
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PLEASE note following exceptional value in highest class Crests and crestbreds, Barnett's strain, monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, £1; monster wing marked dark Crest cock, 10/-; massive heavy feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 15/-, grand crest; monster green Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive feathery clear Crest hen, 12/6; monster green crest-bred cock, grand head, 25/-; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand head, £1; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; monster variegated crestbred hen, nice head, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition, from my winners. Approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

MASSIVE feathery Crestbred hen, only 12/6, honestly worth 30/-; also large dark Crested cock, plenty of feather and substance of body, sure winner, only 17/6, cheap at £2; also large heavily feathered Crestbred cock, rare type and quality of feather, only 15/-, bargain at 35/-; also choice dark Crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 21/-, honestly worth double; also few real good, large, heavily feathered Crested and Crestbred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, from 10/6 to £10 each; all are cold-room bred and Barnett's Palace winning strain; many noted winners supplied by me last season; state your wants fully and price you wish to pay, and I will guarantee satisfaction; approval, cash or deposit: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

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For a good Crested cock or hen? For a good Crested-bred cock or hen, or a good pair, matched correctly for Crest breeding, from 10/6 per pair? If so, I have them—they can be seen—and what's more, I can give you such value in this class of bird as cannot elsewhere be obtained. Having them in my possession, I can give you the exact details of any bird you may want, or send for a current price list.

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SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, Yellows and Buffs; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

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ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare good heavily marked stock birds, bred from his winning Norwich, suitable for Green breeders, 12/6 to 25/-.

NOTICE—£5.

As I am keeping 2 pairs only, I have for disposal 11 self and broken Norwich Greens, non-fed, free from Cinnamon blood, 8 cocks, 3 hens, 6 yellows, 5 buffs, 7 of them unflighted, to be sold in one lot for £5; genuine bargain, seldom met with; seen by appointment, stamp for reply: A. W. Curtis, 8, Fabian-rd., Fulham.

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IF you want Lancashires, the genuine article, not coarse, over-sized Yorkshires, send for my list Rudd.

FOUR buff Plainhead cocks, 4 yellow coppy hens 20/- pair; healthy; giving up Fancy: Fitton, 44, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

FIRST cross Lancashire Norwich cock, 7/6; ditto hen, 10/-; from winners, cold room: Naden, 18, Royds-street, Rochdale.

LARGE massive Lancashire Plainheads, cocks and hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

THREE good buff coppy hens, 1 yellow coppy hen, 1 buff coppy cock, lot £3; cheap: R. Taylor, 50, Durnford-st., Middleton, Manchester.

YOUNG P.h. Lancashire cocks, 2 buff, 2 yellows, prize strain, 12/6 each; approval: Simpson, Maryland drive, Halfway, Paisley-rd., Glasgow.

LANCASHIRES for sale; a few Buff and Yellow Plainhead cocks, also a few Buff coppy cocks; stamp reply to: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

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JOHN Garner has a few to spare from the Lancashire and Lizard Championship Cup and Crystal Palace Diploma winners, none better; stamp for reply: 14, Lever-st., Hazel-gro., Cheshire.

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TICKED, yellow, coppy hen, 15/-, ditto 20/-; ticked yellow coppy cock, 1910, 20/-; clear buff Plainhead, 1910, 12/6, a few others, all bred from my winners, Rochdale, Manchester, Nottingham, etc.: Collings, Platting Lane, Rochdale.

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IF you want Lizards, good and cheap, send for my List: Rudd.

GOLD and Silver Lizards, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; approval willingly: Littlefair, Stillingtou, Easingwold, Yorks.

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Norwich.

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NORWICH cocks, a few for sale from 5/- each, apply: 4, Lonsdale-avenue, Boundary-rd., East Ham, E.

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SPLENDID Norwich cocks, 5/-, to clear; approval, deposit: Wilkinson, 28, Bullen-st., Battersea Park-S.W.

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TO clear, 10 buff hens from 4/- each, or sell one lot cheap, best offer: Dunmett, 34, Tudor-rd., Cardiff.

GRAND Norwich for sale, cheap, 9 cocks and 9 hens, from 10/- pair: Richardson, 15, Stanley-ter., Morpeth.

BIG chubby buff Norwich cock, buff marked, also yellow Green cocks, 11/- each: Eastoe, 183, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

FINE large Norwich cocks and hens, cheap, room wanted.—Smith, 41, Outram-st, Caledonian-rd., London, N.

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FOUR large, high-class Norwich hens, 15/-, cold room; approval; deposit: W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

NORWICH Canaries, 6 cocks, 12 hens, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, pairs 7/6, colour-fed: Marshall, 70, Waring-st., Leicester.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens form, 3/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

GRAND Buff Norwich cock, 7/6 (winner 2nd and 3rd); big buff stock cock, 7/-: Eddy, Bellevue-terrace, Penzance.

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GRAND typical Norwich Canaries, cock in full song, 5/6, 7/6 each; pairs, 9/6, 10/6; approval: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

WANTED, large Yellow or Yellow-Green hens, any quantity; good price given: Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

WANTED 2 good buff Norwich hens, exchange pair long slim Yorkshires; mutual approval: W. Danvers, Brook-st., Shepshed.

HIGH-class Norwich for sale, not wasters; state wants; approval: James Barnes, Factory Row, Whalley, near Blackburn.

NEW Year's gift, three fed 1910 yellow Norwich hens, 12/6; approval; cash or deposit: Jeffery, Sartor House, Paignton.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks, in song, 9/6, hens 4/6; approval: Wilkins, 216, Penrhiwceiber-rd., Penrhiwceiber, S. Wales.

BEAUTIFUL pair Norwich, 15/-; two large Buff hens, 5/- each: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

NORWICH, 20 for sale, cocks from 6/6, hens from 4/-: J. E. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

FINE Norwich cock Canary, in full song, immense, big bird, from great winning strain, 9/-: 61, Carnarvon-rd., Leyton.

FINE Norwich cocks, Yellow and Buffs, 5/-, 7/6 each; hens 3/- each; approval: Thomas Bussey Middleton in Teesdale.

W. Dawson has champion stock birds, 8 cocks, 10/- each; 4 hens, 60/- lot; approval: 117, Primrose-st. Fawnworth, Bolton.

LOOK! Two Yellow, one Buff Norwich hens, 6/6; approval; cash or deposit; stamp reply: Jeffery, Sartor House, Paignton.

THREE cobby 1910 buff hens, colour fed, good size, and quality, 5/- each; approval: Jones-Hurley, Langham-rd., Teddington.

I have some fine colour fed Norwich, bred from winners, cocks 10/- to 20/-, hens 5/- and 7/6: Fox, 52, Kent-road, Gravesend.

SIX unflighted Yellow Norwich cocks, colour-fed, 4/6 each, 24/- six; approval; deposit: Smith, 102, Russell-st., Northampton.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

GOOD bred Norwich; pairs from 7/6; also few good hens from 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Horwood, Lawson-avenue, Long Eaton.

MASSIVE buff Norwich hen, clear, 1909 bird, correct type, 4/6; no cards: A. Holmes, Cemetery Lodge, Whittlesea, Peterborg'.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, lovely singers, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs 6/6, 7/-; real bargains; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

A FEW choice 1910 Norwich birds, Mr. J. Hodder's noted prize strain direct, at reasonable prices: Smith, 8, Salem Mansions, W.

TWO yellow, one green, one green buff cock, several young hens, ready to pair, 8/6 to 20/- pair: Smith, Jeweller, Kirton-Lindsey.

BARGAIN. Five unflighted, one flighted Buff Norwich cocks, fed, 42/-; approval, cash or deposit: Jeffery, Sartor House, Paignton.

A few prize bred Norwich for sale; state wants; approval; buffs; cocks or hens; all yellows sold: Cook, 6, Charlotte-street, Blackburn.

FINE healthy Norwich cocks, 5/-, hens 2/6; matched pairs, 7/-; unflighted, approval: Hoyle and Son, Grocers, Chipping, Lancashire.

CHAMPION Norwich, all my stock for sale, including winners, all bred from the late D. Hope strain, from 12/6 a pair: Hesp, Sicdmere, York.

NORWICH for show or stock, fed or unfed; monster cocks 7/6, hens, buff 3/6, yellow 5/-: Hibbert, 16, Ann-street, South Reddish, Stockport.

SEVERAL well bred hens, 4/- to 5/- each; 2 good buff cocks, 7/6 each; approval, cash or deposit: Ford, Borough Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

LOWTHIAN, 33, Foster-st., Penrith, has some real typical buff Norwich cocks for sale, bred from winners, from 10/6 upwards; stamp reply.

FOUR well matched pairs, 10/6 and 12/6, pair or singly, from winning strain; approval; deposit: Garrett, Western Road, Brentwood, Essex.

NORWICH yellow var. cock and buff hen, 11/-; two buff cocks, 15/- and 17/6; unflighted; approval: Davidson, 2, Levenford-place, Dumbarton.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

NORWICH. A few good buff cocks and buff yellow hens from winners, Baker's strain; state wants; approval: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico.

TWO good Norwich cocks, in song, Mr. Mitchell's strain, 9/6, or part exchange Roller hens: A. Whitehouse, 38, Pitt-street, West Bromwich.

FIFTEEN colour-fed Norwich cocks, full song, cold-room bred, 5/6 upwards, or best cash offer for lot: Fanlder, 7, Alfred-rd., Brentwood, Essex.

YOUNG, typical, clear buff cock, yellow ditto, 10/6 each, winners, worth double, few matched pairs cheap; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

TICKED yellow Norwich hen, winner, a gem, 20/-; clinking unshown clear yellow hen, 18/6; part exchange: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room bred, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

SHORT, thick-set unflighted Clear Buff hen, third Castle Douglas, only time shown, card sent, 20/-, approval: James Andrew, Tongland, Kirkcudbright.

FEW of my winning Norwich for sale: pairs from 15/-; also few Yorkshire pairs, cheap on approval: Armstrong, 8, Huntingdon-st., Barnsbury, London.

SIX pairs of Norwich Canaries cheap to clear, all buff, as bred, cash or deposit; what offers: Harry English, Manor Farm, Fleet, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have a few Norwich to spare from my winning strain, price reasonable: Lawrence, 11, Brafferton-road, Croydon.

FINE young Norwich for sale, Iron's and Baker's strains, only, 12/6, 15/6, 18/6, 21/- pair; single cocks from 10/-: Russell, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

TYPICAL Norwich, same strain as my own winners, yellows and buffs, cocks, or hens, from 7/6 upwards; state wants: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

STEPHEN TWEDDLE, Balaclava-st., Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich, has a few good birds for sale, single, or pairs; approval; stamp reply.

UNFLIGHTED, four-pointed buff Norwich cock, 3rd Kendal, 14 in class, 20/-; others 5/- upwards; all colour fed; particulars, stamp: Gibson, Sepulchre-lane, Kendal.

TYPICAL pure Norwich cocks, full song; guaranteed clean, healthy; approval, 4/3, 4/6; nice young buff hens, 2/-, 2/6: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

BEST blood obtainable. High class matched pairs from 15/- to £3. High prices having been paid to build the foundation of this strain: Kirk, Furnisher, Lowestoft.

SEVERAL good, typical Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 up, hens 3/- to 5/-, pairs 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, healthy, cold-room; approval: Poore, 43, Guildford-rd., Ilford.

THREE pair good large Norwich, healthy, cold room, cheap, at 10/- to 15/- pair; few good buff hens, from 3/6; genuine, room wanted: Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire.

BARGAIN; several large, thick-set, 1910, typical colour-fed Norwich hens, buffs and yellows, of grand type and quality, 5/- and 7/6 each: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

A. Brown, 7, Norman-aven., West, Wood Green, can spare yellow cock, buff hen, 20/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 14/-; two pairs grand Greens, 20/- pair: Miles, ; unflighted, approval.

BARGAIN, giving up the Fancy; 40 Norwich Canaries, 12 cocks, 28 hens, 2 cock Goldfinches, 1 cock Linnet, all Canary reared, and proved Mulers, £5: Bartlett, Tailor, Woodstock.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/- to 12/-; hens, 2/- to 10/-; some grand stock birds; state requirements; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

THREE Norwich hens, 2 show cages, 60 packets 1½d. mixed seed, 60 1d. mixed, 60 1d. Lark food. What offers up to 25/-, carriage paid? No live stock: 16, Consort-ter., Leeds.

TYPICAL pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards, natural or colour-fed; cash or deposit: week's approval: Apply, A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

NORWICH; two buff cocks, 20/- each; one yellow, 15/-; bred from winners; see reports Middlesbrough, Whitby, and Guisboro'; approval: Waller, Top Boulby Bank, Church-st., Whitby.

A few typical birds for sale, good heads, short wings and tail; cocks 7/6, 10/6; some lovely hens from 5/-; approval, deposit; F. Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare grand stock Norwich, bred from his winners; good chance to secure good strain; pairs, 15/- to 30/-; cocks, 12/6 to 25/-; hens, 7/6 to 25/-.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, few real clinkers, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; from my winners; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads and Crests, all cold-room bred, large or small quantities; prices on application: Cooper, 7 Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

FORTY big, strong, healthy Norwich cocks, on full song; buff Yellow 3/6 each; hen to match, 1/6; 10 house-moulted cock Brown Linnets, full song, 1/- each: H. Highton, 43, Henry-st., Nottingham.

PAIR unflighted Norwich natural colour ticked yellow cock, and buff hen, £2; 1909 ticked buff cock, 30/-; unflighted buff cock, 30/-; 1909 yellow hen, 15/-: W. N. Midgley, Chesham House, Winslow.

I HAVE a grand lot of clear and variegated Norwich yellow hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; also buff hens, 4/-, 5/-; cash or deposit; week's approval: Apply, A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

G. THOMAS has some grand pairs for sale, good type and quality from 17/6; also odd cocks and hens reasonable; bred from and related to my winners; seen any time: 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

NORWICH, surplus from good strain, unflighted buff cocks, also buff hens, and yellow cocks; cocks from 10/- to 15/- each; hens from 5/- to 7/6 each: R. Robinson, Five Alls, Hoyland, near Barnsley.

HIGH-CLASS unflighted Norwich vlc buff cock, 10/-, he yellow cock 10/-, two variegated buff hens and one clear 7/6 each; exchange any for good yellow hen; approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby.

WINNING Norwich, typical, chubby, pedigree bred, yellows, buffs, cocks 8/6, hens 4/6, pairs 10/6 upwards, winners Kentish shows; high-class birds cheap to reduce stock: Kew 8, Queen-st., Margate.

EXHIBITORS: Surplus stock of prize-bred Norwich, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 2/9, 3/6, 5/-, 10/-; pairs 7/6, 10/-, 20/-; state requirements; approval, deposit: L. Cheney, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

TYPICAL Norwich; I can spare a few good pairs splendid quality birds, 20/- to 30/-, also several of my winners; see reports; approval willingly; stamp reply: William Cundiff, 139, High-street, Macclesfield.

FOUR good 1910 Norwich cocks, yellows and buffs, colour-fed, 7/6 each or 26/- the four; also two pairs matched to breed winners, 15/- and 20/-; cheap to clear; approval: R. Stirling, 22, Sellincourt-road, Tooting.

MAGNIFICENT type Norwich, grand size and feather; cocks from 10/-, pairs from 15/-; also grand yellow green cock, clear buff hen, pair 25/-; approval, deposit: Moore, 158, Gordon-road, Nottingham.

NOTICE, owing to early removal, H. Jowett, 28, Portsmouth-avenue, Bradford, has 20 pairs really high-class colour fed Norwich, mostly unflighted, 8/- pair, not less than 5 pairs; approval, deposit; genuine offer.

HIGH-class Norwich, Trengrove, Godley, etc.; 1 yellow, 4 buff cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; 6 cocks, 4 hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 35/- lot; from good stock; good buff hen wanted: Wilcox and Son, Ivy Cottage, New Bawley, Derby.

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich, Bullfinch type, good heads, fine silky feather, many winners in best company sold by me; 30 years breeder of high-class Norwich; sent on approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 12/6, honestly worth 30/-, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

TICKED yellow hen (1909), very typical, 20/- only; two good thick-set 1909 buff hens, 20/- each; ticked yellow cock (1909), excellent type, lovely quality, 20/-, very cheap: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

CLEAR yellow cock, buff variegated hen, 12/6; another pair, 8/6; clear buff cock, yellow variegated hen, 12/6; another pair 8/6; yellow variegated cock, buff hen, 10/6; odd hens 2/-, 2/6; deposit, approval: Connell, View Park, Beith.

LARGE clear yellow Norwich cock, splendid buff hen, 20/- the pair; very large yellow ticked cock, grand buff hen, 20/- the pair; good large buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6 each; approval: L. Haywood, 3, Neville-street, Nottingham.

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POWERFUL, high-class Yorkshire cocks, typical stock birds, cinnamon bred, from 10/6; cold room; satisfaction guaranteed: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

HIGH-class typical Yorkshires, cold room bred, pairs, 15/-, 17/6, £1, 25/-. Breeding cage, fitted up, given with each pair: Welch, 95, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

H. C. Hedworth has only 3 Yorkshire hens to dispose of; 2 clear yellows 10/6 and 7/6, 1 clear buff 7/6; Ambler's pure strain; approval: Dudley-rd., Grantham.

THREE large typical pairs, Ogden's strain direct, will produce something good, 10/6 pair; parents cost treble this: Hobden, "Aberlyn," Grosvenor-avenue, Wallington.

TWELVE Yorkshire Canaries, 8 male birds, 1910 bred, Stevenson's strain, Great Ayton. What offers for the lot, or will sell separate: Tom Horner, Emgate, Bedale.

FOR sale, 20 pairs of Yorkshire Canaries, dark and pink eyed, 7/- a pair, to take the lot; good stock; cash or deposit: Hy. Hardaker, 3, Swain Hill cottages, Yeadon.

FIFTY prize bred Yorkshire cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/-; matched pairs 7/- upwards; state wants: Webster, 59, Mowbray-street, Grimesthorpe, Sheffield.

SEVERAL grand yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, few odd hens, few cheap pairs; approval; see reports leading shows: H. Knight, Beech Holt, Shelford, Cambridge.

HIGH CLASS Yorkshires, show or stock birds, from my winning strain, hens 3/-, cocks 5/-; cash or deposit: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., West Bowling, Bradford.

YORKSHIRE Canaries wanted for export, large or small quantities bought for cash; send full particulars: Bairstow's Aviaries, Preston.

FOUR pairs 1910 Yorks, 6/6 pair, related to my winners, Redruth, Hayle, Falmouth, Truro; several buff cocks, 5/- each; see reports; must clear: Boak, Prospect-place, Truro.

RELIABLE prize strain Yorkshires; cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; hens, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; breeding cages, 3/6; 4ft. flights, 8/-, 9/-; approval: Newell, 62, Princess-st., Aberlillery.

OVERSTOCKED, ten pairs, bred 1910, yellows and buffs, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6, pairs 10/6 upwards, cold-room kept and bred; approval: Cripps, 62, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

CHAMPION Yorkshires. Having selected my breeding stock, can spare cocks or hens in clears and ticked from 7/6, see show reports: E. Weedall, 4, John-street, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain; typical colour-fed 1910 Yorkshires, cock winner 1st and special limit class; sacrifice 10/-; approval; worth treble: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LONG, slim Yorkshires, few real clinkers, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/6; hens 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; matched pairs 10/-, 12/-, 14/-, from my winners; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

MUST sell, several pairs high-class birds, also odd yellows and buffs, from 8/6 per pair; cold room bred; cash or deposit; stamp for particulars: Hagreen, 4, Cockden-hill, Eastwood, Todmorden.

SELLING off, none reserved. Cinnamon, marked and clear, pink-eyed Yorkshires, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, pairs 7/6 upwards, or lot cheap: Dearden, Spring-st., Brighouse, Yorkshire.

ONE yellow, clear, 7/6; 1 buff, clear, 10/6; 1 yellow, marked, 10/6; buff marked, 10/6; full song, own breeding; 1 Yorkshire Norwich, green, Crestbred hen, 3/6: Morgan, 55, Monk-st., Aberdare.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare 2 pairs of typical Yorkshires, grand stock birds (Watts and Taylor's noted strain), sacrifice, 12/6 per pair; cash or deposit: Dack, Workingham, Beccles.

COCKS from 7/6; hens, 5/-; pair 15/-; see winnings Battersea, Wimbledon, Metropolitan and City and Suburban shows; approval, deposit; seen after 5 o'clock: F. King, 49, Inworth-st., Battersea Park-rd.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, bred from my winners, Sale, Altrincham, Eccles, grand birds; cocks 7/-, hens 5/-, worth much more; co'd room; seen any evening: Radford, 114, Second-avnn., Trafford Park, Manchester.

SELLING off all my surplus stock of Yorkshire Canaries, bred from Bailey's winning strain, from 10/- to 15/- per pair; approval, deposit: Harry Lodge, Fish Dealer, Commercial rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

G. E. Slade has some of his prize Yorkshires, Crests, and Crestbreds for sale, from 15/- pair upwards, to reduce his stock before the breeding season commences. 61, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction.

THROUGH illness, Mr. Lawson has to sell these birds: five pair of Yorkshires, pair Rollers, aviary, cost £15 complete, must be sold; best cash offer; will sell in pairs; reply: Burke, 5, Ashworth street, Hollenwood.

HIGH class Yorkshires, splendid length and quality, grand typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, grand matched pairs 8/- upwards; approval anywhere, satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

WM. Furniss has some grand Yorkshires for disposal, same strain as my winners in open competition; all my own breeding, and cold room bred: cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6; approval, deposit: 43a, Hawthorne-rd., Hillsboro', Sheffield.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, cocks and hens, yellow, buff, and ticked, cold room bred, feathered like wax, same strain as my winners at Liverpool, Crewe, Manchester, Rochdale, Wallasey, etc.; cheap: Alston, 211, Seabank-rd., New Brighton.

LARGE stylish clear buff Yorkshire cock, Ambler's strain, with large, long slim ticked yellow hen, Bailey's strain, both 1909 bred, hen alone cost 25/- last season, accept 12/6 the pair; genuine bargain: George Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

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TWO grand pairs, typical, unflighted, clear Yellow cock, full standard length, and beautifully feathered; Variegated Buff hen, 1/8 pair; splendid long Cinnamon-marked Buff cock, and finely-modelled clear Yellow hen, 17/6 pair; approval, cash or deposit: Greenwood, 13, Avondale-road, Darwen.

THROUGH business removal, grand typical stud of birds to clear at half value, 7/6 to 30/- each; state wants; useful exchanges; also complete set of breeders', flight, show cages and cases; exchange household linen, bootmakers' sundries, etc., to value 50/-; yours first: Cross, Market-st., Wells, Somerset.

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NOVICES' opportunity; am compelled to clear, immediately, so am offering at a great sacrifice, typical colour fed Yorkshires of rare length, type, and quality, real gems, exhibition specimens; cocks, 10/-, 15/-; hens, 7/6 and 10/- each; 7 days' approval; inspection invited any time: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

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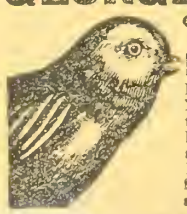
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8, Warwick Street, Deptford, December 31st, 1910,—I am writing to thank you for the way you suited me with the buff stock cock. He is just what I required to suit the hen. I received him in good condition, and singing strong. Shall recommend you to my friends. Geo. Barton to L. Dykes.

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LARGE 1910 marked buff Crestbred cock, 10/-; large 1910 variegated Crestbred hen, 10/-; large 1909 pair, Norwich buff cock, even wing marked, yellow hen, 10/-; hand reared cock Bullfinch, from nest, fit show, 5/-; approval: Kearl, Woodstock, Ringwood, Hants.

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WANTED pairs Zebra Finches and British hardbills: Witty, 50, Nansen-st., Scarborough.

WANTED Linnets, Goldies, Siskins, Brambles, cocks only: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

WANTED, 3/6 for cock Bullfinch, fit for exhibition, with show cage: Welsh, Bengeo, Hertford.

OFFERS of Canaries and cages for B-flat Clarionet and case, cost 84/-: Occupier, 1, Craven-road, Rugby.

PAIR adult breeding (aviary) Cockatiels, stage age and price to: F. Clarke, 4, St. Bede's-ter., Sunderland.

I WILL give 1/- each for common hen Canaries, 1/3 for large hens, cocks, wanted cheap: Spark, Hanwell.

WANTED for hook dressing, Jay wings, also other bird skins, cheap for cash: McVittie, 18, John-st., Langholm.

WANTED cash offers: 2 Norwich cocks, full song, 5 hens: J. H. Tompkins, 9, Buckwell-st., Desborough, Northants.

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries, exchange smart toy fox terrier bitch, 16 months, sell 15/-: Stubberfield, Sidley, Bexhill.

WANTED 1 or 2 good 1910 Lancashire Plainhead hens (clears); no fancy prices: Hindle, 66, Easson-rd., Darlington.

WANTED Roller cock, will give twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch and little cash: 204, Tamworth-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CANARY hens, large yellow or yellow green, any quantity, good price given: Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

WANTED good Skylark, must be in full song, with pure wild song, state price; approval, deposit: Heatherley, Rugeley.

WANTED offers in British for two ditch nets, one 5ft. square, other 4ft. square, new, cost 8/-: Nott, Hawkshead, Hatfield.

WANTED, talking Parrot, will give good exchange in Norwich or Scotch Fancy Canaries: J. Pringle, 2, West Port, Selkirk.

WANTED boiler, 18ft. pipes; trousers press; B.S.A. air rifle; for good Canaries: Gamble, Clydesdale House, South Wigston.

WANTED, 5 hen Bullfinches, will give in exchange cock Goldfinch Mule, mutual approval: Nicholson, 23, Bright-st., Skipton.

WANTED, any quantity Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc.; state price; also hen Canaries: Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED Border Fancies and Green Norwich, exchange black self tumblers or Polish rabbits: Rev. Soames, Bromley, Kent.

WE buy for cash every variety of live stock, or exchanges entertained: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

WANTED: extra large Siberian cock Goldfinch; exchange Borders, cocks or hens; approval: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

WANTED Indian Green cock, Parrakeet, Ringneck, perfectly tame, for breeding, with good hen: 69, Denmark, South Norwood.

WANTED, 2 pair Yorkshires or Norwich, 1910, exchange phonograph and 24 records, or sell 25/-: Wise, Boot Maker, Keswick.

WANTED, wholesale price lists of all bird and birdroom requisites, opening large aviaries: E. Cash, 136, Chester-st., Birkenhead.

WANTED first-class Norwich only for Webster's Improved Dictionary, as new, bound, cost 30/-: Goodall, High-st., Aberlour.

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WANTED quarter-bred Belgians, Yorkshire hens, stock birds; state lowest price; on approval: J. Pullan, Ship Yard, Harrogate.

WANTED Canaries and other birds, exchange new cylinder or disc records, also phonograph; approval: Stores, 614, Fulham-rd., S.W.

WANTED, good large colour-fed Norwiches, also surplus Canaries; state lowest prices, cash: Andw. Dawson, 27, Staffa-st., Glasgow.

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WANTED for cash, Norwich, Yorkshires, or any variety Canaries, Goldfinches, etc.: P. Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

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WANTED pair good Norwich in exchange for 3 prize-bred Modern Game Bantam pullets: Jopling, Park-terrace, Willington, Durham.

WANTED, 10/- for pair hand-made clapnets, 7yds., two house-moulted Linnets, full song, cages, Linnets worth 10/-: Welsh, Bengeo, Hertford.

WANTED: Canaries in exchange for two pure White Leghorn cockerels, eight months old; what offers?: Easton, Pilkham, Gainsboro'.

WANTED offers Canaries, exchange Scotch blankets, 25/-, silver English lever watch, £3: Lockie, 12, Graeme-st., City, Glasgow.

SOLID gold double Albert, exchange 2 pairs Yorkshires, hens, winners; approval, deposit: Slenford, Outfitter, 2, Leeds-rd., Windhill, Shipley.

WANTED to exchange 30lb. mixed wild seeds for left-off clothing, birds, or anything useful: Haynes, 108, High-st., Bournbrook, Birmingham.

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WANTED: large stout yellow Norwich hen, exchange first-class clear buff Norwich cock, show bird, 20/-: Jones, Grocer, Princess-street, Chester.

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WANTED Canaries, or anything useful, exchange Sheep Dog, flying Homers, tools, model engine fittings, joinery: Carter, Stanghow, Boosbeck.

WANTED Canaries, British birds, 8 numbers "Cage Birds," hybrids, exchange phonograph records; letters only: Allan Pallister, Rawdon, Leeds.

WANTED Siberian cock Goldfinches and house-moulted hen Bullfinches, exchange six Yorkshire hen Canaries.—Grainger, New Skelton, Cleveland.

WANTED, two pair Borders, Greens preferred, exchange pairs Crests, winners: William Lambie, West End Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

WANTED, three extra large yellow Greenfinch cocks, for moulting out; approval: Apply, Robert Torrance, Barlevhill, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

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WANTED Edison phonograph and records, exchange Yorkshire Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, new breeding cages: Nelson, 163, Globe-rd., Stepney.

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WANTED good Crested hen, exchange for good yellow Norwich cock: Huson, 66, St. Leonard's-rd., Norwich.

WANTED strong healthy Airedale Terrier dog pup, exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, sell 10/6: Hall, Pettigrove-rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

WANTED, high-class Yorkshires in exchange for high-class winning Norwich Plainheads or Crests, mutual approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

WANTED, a buyer for six pairs of high-class Yorkshires, 7/6 a pair, lot, separate, 9/6 pair; cash or deposit; approval; Miles, 4, Moses-st., Park-lane, Keighley.

WANTED, large crestbred hen, exchange 10/6 fountain pen, and little cash; also want accumulator, exchange Canaries: Umbrella-maker, Union-st., Southport.

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WANTED Canaries in exchange for exceedingly fast Whippet Terrier bitch, also for Flemish Giant buck, prize winner: J. White, Union-st., Weston-super-Mare.

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WANTED: Good pair Yorkshires in exchange for cockerel and two pullets Old English Spangle Game Bantams, laying, Babcocks' strain; approval: Whitford, Nantymoel.

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WANTED Hawfinches, Bramblefinches, Siskins, Mealy Redpolls, cocks, etc., prize-bred Norwich or Yorkshires; mutual approval: Wheelwright, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

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WANTED high-class yellow Norwich cock and yellow hen, offers in exchange, smart overcoats, new, prices £2 12s., £2 2s., £1 10s., sizes 40 and 38 chest: Simmonds, Outfitter, Newport, Mon.

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WANTED: Young clear silver cap Lizard cock and two clear silver cap hens, or pair Lancashires, for red buff coated Whippet dog pup, or sell 25/-, four months old: J. Jenkinson, 13, Distillery-street, Norwich.

WANTED Norwich Canaries, exchange postcard Midge camera, Beck symmetrical lens, in automatic shutter, 12 plates, lever focussing, splendid condition, sell, 30/-, cost £2 10s.: Freeman, 38, Shepherd's Bush-rd., London.

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TWO Goldfinches, bred Mules, 4/6 each, with cage, full song: Wright, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead.

EXCHANGE 6 cocks, 2 hen Bullfinches, for 1 cock and 3 hen Canaries: Cullen, 1, Oaten-hill, Canterbury

EXCHANGE 1910 cock Linnet Mule, Linnet song, for good Norwich cock, or sell 7/6: J. Wade, Ashen, Clare, Suffolk.

ONE h.m. cock Goldfinch, good songster, sell 10/-, exchange accordian or melodian: Morris Cilmery, Builth, Wells.

GRAND black Carrier hen, good breeder, exchange good Norwich hen, sell 12/6: Gordon Coutts, Union-st., Dalheattie.

HAWFINCHES, two grand pairs at 10/- pair, or exchange for Norwich or Borders: F. Sycamore, Blackheath, Colchester.

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FOUR good cock Bullfinches, 2 hens, 10/- lot; exchange 1909 buff Yorkshire hen; yours first; Yelden, St. Nicholas Rectory, Guildford.

GRAND cock Hawfinches, 5/- each, exchange pair new Dunlop or Clincher tyres and tubes, 28 x 1½: Bradley, Hairdresser, Colchester.

COCK Greenfinch 1/6, cock Yellowhammer 2/6, hen Chaffinch 1/-; or exchange hen Canaries, or offers: Welland, Tobacconist, Haslemere.

SPLENDID Siberian cock Bullfinch, pick from fifty, 7/6, or exchange for good cock Norwich, no rubbish: Bennett, 105, Capworth-st., Leyton.

PAIR Mealy Redpolls, pair Lesser Redpolls, pair Starlings, exchange 4 hen Canaries: George Silcock, 47, Charlestown, Ashton-under-Lyne.

STEADY Cock Goldfinches, will make winners, 30-egg incubator, good hatcher; exchange Canaries, toy puppies: Craggs, Richmond, Yorks.

COCK Goldfinch, cock Chaffinch, both twice house-moulted, exchange good singing Mule; yours first: A. Wilsher, 32, Thornton-st., Hertford.

WANTED to exchange 2 h.m. Goldfinches, proved Mulers, for pair of Norwich; approval; Canaries first: A. Steven, 18, White-st., Southall.

TWO Finches, 1 Bunting, 1 Hawfinch, new show cages, latest style, exchange first-class Borders: Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

SALE or exchange: cock Redstart and show cage wanted, big unflighted Crestbred cock; offers: Hazeldine, Marshalls-road, Raunds, Northants.

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries, cocks, exchange Black Orpington prize-bred fowls, value 36/-: P. Harris, Woburn House, Hounslow.

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VERY large cock Brown Linnets, clean moulted, guaranteed mulers, 2/- each; exchange Canaries, disc records: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

I WILL exchange high-class British for exhibition and muling, for any kind of show cages and cases, must be good: Fred Allen, The Bird Specialist, Hull.

LARGE dark Goldfinch Mule, 2nd Inverness, for 1910 clear yellow exhibition Norwich cock, or offers; yours first: E. Chisholm, Llemnquhart-rd., Inverness.

WHAT offers in Norwich singing cocks exchange extra large Linnet-Canary Mule, fit for keenest competition; approval: Fitton, Garnett-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch, Redpoll, Twite, Chaffinch, 2 Greenfinches (cocks), caged months, for 2 good Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Rumsley, 12, Tooke-st., Liverpool.

GRAND Magpie, good plumage, make a good talker, hand-reared, exchange Canaries or singing birds; what offer?: S. Williams, 9, Hamp Ward, Bridgwater.

EXCHANGE for Canaries 2 h.m. Goldfinches, also Linnet, all proved breeders, Linnet fit for show, 7/6 each,, or 20/- the lot; Holland, 30, High-st., Homerton, London.

HOUSE moultedy cock Linnet, and hen Bullfinch, 6/-; cock Bullfinch, 1st and special, 7/6; exchange Goldfinches; offers: A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potters Bar.

WILL exchange for Yorkshires, three Siberian Goldfinches and two Linnets, warranted all cocks and singing: Lovelock, 76, Gloucester-rd., Higham Hill, Walthamstow.

YELLOWHAMMER, 1st Liverpool Amalgamated Show, 12/6; Goldie-Greenie hybrid, 2nd Liverpool, 15/-; Greenfinch, 1st Liverpool, 10/-; exchange Norwich hens: Horne, 43, Chestnut-gro., Bootle, Liverpool.

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TWO grand dark cock Goldfinch Mules, yellow and buff, 1910 bred, rich blaze, 7/6 each; two dark hens, 1/- each; twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 7/6; exchange lot for good Silver watch; approval, stamp: Aikens, Ellenborough, Maryport.

EXCHANGE the following British for pair Norwich Plainheads, 1910:—Exhibition British Goldfinch, Exhibition Greenfinch, two cock Siskins, all proved mulers; no rubbish offered or wanted; yours first: E. Chisholm, Llemnquhart-st., Inverness.

TWO pairs Greenfinch Bullfinch, H.M., 5/- pair; H.M. cock Siskin with 1910 clear yellow Norwich hen, 7/6; exchange for cock Siberian Goldfinches of Siberian Bully hen; yours first: W. McLaren, Church-street, Broxburn, Linlithgowshire.

Mainly Canaries.

THIRTY Canaries, cocks 5/-, 6/-, hens 2/-, 2/6: Burge, Millmount-rd., Sheffield.

EXHIBITORS, what offers in class Norwich hens for large dark Linnet Mule: J. Hird, Macduff.

YELLOW Belgium cock, £2 10/-, exchange Scotch Fancy hen; approval; Traill, Leslie-st., Motherwell.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for Edison Gem and records: Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

WHAT offers in exchange for 5 Border Fancy hens: Fairweather, Belmont-st., Newtyle, Forfarshire.

FOR Sale or part exchauge for Pom bitch, or offers for 20 Norwich Canaries: Dixou, Axholme-street, Goole.

SIX hens, 1910, 10/6; 3 hens, 1909, 5/6; exchange for singing cocks: Woodley, 51, Almorah-rd., Isliugton, N.

FOR sale or exchange, cock Linnet Mule, 2 cock Canaries and 5 hens, Norwich bred: P. Sykes, Woodstock.

EXCHANGE 3 Seifert hens for 1 Seifert cock, must be good: Goddard, 29, Oswald-terrace, Geldard-road, Leeds.

1909 Norwich cock, grand songster, 6/6, exchange for Canaries, any breed; yours first: 6, Belmont-rd., Luton, Beds.

EXCHANGE Norwich Canaries for joiners' ratchet brace and bits, or other tools: Hunt, Bentinck, Kirkby, Notts.

FIVE pairs first-class stock Yorkshires, 10/6 pair, exchange large Norwich: Buckett, 45, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

I WILL give two Yorkshire cocks, for a good C.B. hen, Green, or Buff; no rubbish wanted: E. Horner, The Aviary, Bognor.

FOUR pair Crest and Crest-breds, prize strain, in exchange for good gramophone: J. Fyfe, 5, Rasay Place, Portobello, N.B.

FOUR clear Norwich hens, 7/6, or exchange two cock Goldfinches or anything useful: T. Wileman, 13, Alma-road, Hinckley.

TYPICAL buff Border cock, 10/6, exchange for Green Border hens or large clear yellow Norwich hen: Brain, Glastonbury.

WHAT offer in small Forelgner for Yorkshire cock and hen Cockateel, approval: Maxwell, 10, Railway-street, Colne, Lancashire.

TEN typical 1910 buff and yellow Yorkshire cocks for sale, 7/- to 10/- each, or exchauge: Grant, 111, Millbank-street, Southampton.

Seventeen Roller Norwich Canaries; cocks 4/6, hens 2/-, or exchange double barrel breechloader: E. Roughton, Colouy-sq., Coalville.

EXCHANGE pair Scotch Fancies for pair Norwich, young birds; approval: R. Monteith, 36, Singer-st., Kilbowie, Clydebank.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, singing, exchange for 1910 hand-reared cock Blackbird; yours first: Brimmer, Scott-st., Treherbert, Rhondda.

WILL give four winning Lizards for Crest-bred hen, young, well browed and good size; mutual approval: Newbigging, Duns, Berwickshire.

WHAT offers in cash, or exchange, for 13 hen Goldfinch Mules and one hen Goldfinch?: A. Knott, 3, Countesthorpe-rd., Wigson, Leicester.

EXCHANGE Norwich, from my winning strain, for good laying pullets, or anything useful for home: Lawrence, 11, Brafferton-rd., Croydon.

SIX good Border Fancy cocks (1910) from 4/- each, or exchauge Rollers or anything: Henry Palmer 129, Upper High-street, Dudley, Worc.

THREE pairs 1910 high-class Norwich Canaries, 10/- pair, exchange anything; offers: Royce, Cottesmore House, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room bred, cocks from 6/-, hens 3/-; exchange long buff York. cock: Nuttall, 14, Peel-street, Haslingden, Lancs.

SALE, exchange hen Canary, Goldfinch, guarantee mulers, also mules, pair Canaries; particulars: F. Morgan, 26, Penfold Gate, Loughborough.

HIGH-CLASS Seifert Rollers, from 7/6, hens 2/6; exchange cycling knickers, tyres, household goods, etc.: Thwaites, 53, Pontefract-lane, Leeds.

TWO large buff (1909) Norwich hens, good type, 10/-; exchange pair Rollers, Yorkshires; offers: Denton, 40, Granville-road, Tunbridge Wells.

MASSIVE green Norwich cock, and buff Yorkshire cock, exchange Yorkshire hens, yellow preferred: Walter, 1, Henrietta-street, Bulwell, Notts.

SURPLUS stock of clear and green Yorkshires, 10 cocks, 10 hens, what offers, Toy Pom or Yorkshire pups: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

WHAT offers, in large 1910 Norwich muling hens, for two cock Goldfinch Mules? Guaranteed Finch song: Shaunon, Grays-hill, Bangor, co. Down.

CLEAR buff Border Fancy cock, he Inverness, for large clear yellow exhibition Norwich hen; yours first: E. Chisholm, Llemnquhart-rd., Inverness.

NORWICH pairs from 8/6 to 12/6, buff cocks; would exchange good unflighted yellow hens: G. Chilton, 137, Vine-street, Openshaw, Manchester.

CINNAMON cock, with 2 hens, buff and variegated, any offers, or exchange acclimatised foreigners, Orange Bishops wanted: Sale, Grocer, Aylesbury.

TWO buff Norwich cocks, 7/6 each, and 5 hens, 3/- each, exchange Budgerigars or Rollers, Rollers preferred: A. Holmes, Bow-la., Leyland, Preston, Lancs.

HIGH Class Roller, incessant songster, sell 15/-, or exchange British birds, must be absolutely steady; approval: J. Tomblin, 38, Cadogan-square, London.

TEN pairs good stock Crests from 15/- to 50/- per pair, or exchanges entertained in drapery: Richards, 43, Tresellian-st., Cattedown, Plymouth.

EXCHANGE pair 1910 high-class Yorkshires, for cl. or tkd. 1910 buff Norwich cock, yours first, no rubbish wanted, or offered: Williamson, Riddiugs, Alfreton.

EXCHANGE Norwich hen, also two German Cock Canaries, and secondhand jacket and vest, for Canaries and British: James Leigh, 3, Osborne-st., Oldham.

CLEAR buff cock, clear yellow cock, and ticked yellow cock, all Yorkshire, have won in December, 1910, two 3rds and vhc: will sell for 10/6 each, or useful exchauge: W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, I.W.

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TICKED buff Yorkshire cock, 1910, 1st, 2nd, only twice shown, for two large 1910 Norwich hens, on approval, or sell 15/-: Pope, 9, Newbuildings-lane, Frome.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire cock Canaries, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, both house-moulted, laid eggs, in cage, Redpoll-Linnet, sell, or offers: R. Mudd, Bedale.

EXCHANGE Canaries, violin, clothing, knife cleaner, gas fire, for "Fireside" phonograph, disc records, common poultry: Bennett, Quorn, Loughborough.

GIVING up: 1 Norwich cock, 3 hens, 3 Yorkshire hens, 2 Goldfinch hen Mules, lot 15/-, exchange dog, fowls, anything useful: Carter, Westbay-ter., Dyke, Weymouth.

FOR sale, 12 healthy Norwich cocks and hens, cheap; or exchange for 2 pairs (Gold and Silver) Lizards: H. M. Coleman, 15, Castle View, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

TWO grand pairs of Seifert Rollers, cocks, in full song; exchange costume length tailor's cloth, fawn preferred: Pearsou, 3, West-street, Bower-lane, Quarry Bank.

LARGE buff variegated Norwich hen (prize strain), 7/6; very large cock Linnet make winner, 3/6; or exchange anything useful for house: Lee, 13, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

PAIR Crests 12/6 pair; Yorkshires, 12/6; 2 Norwich hens, 6/; splendid Crystal Palace aviary, 20/-; or exchange gramophone, value 60/-: Rand, 8, Terront-rd., Tottenham.

FOR sale, 4 Yorkshire Canaries, hens, 3 yellow, 1 buff, 3/- each; 2 buff cocks, 6/- each; the lot £1; or exchange good Yorkshire yellow cock: Edward Smith, Emley, Wakefield.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Notes on the Wild Duck.

With the coming of severe weather we shall get an influx of Wild Fowl into the estuaries, tidal rivers and marshy streams of the South. Since the days of the decoy, much wild land and marshy tracts have been reclaimed for agricultural purposes. Farms and smiling corn fields have taken the place of lakes and bogs. A few old decoys remind one of the former abundance of Wild Fowl, particularly the Wild Duck. This bird has deserted many of its old, familiar haunts, and the naturalist and sportsman are possibly the only people who regret the change. Marsh and mire have disappeared, and with their drainage the Wild Fowl have departed to even wilder and more secluded spots. But, although the Wild Duck is undoubtedly less common than in former times, it is far from being rare.

This hardy bird is a constant resident on our shores, but its numbers are considerably increased in the early months of autumn. At this time they spread about all over the marsh land, and small rivers, and one may frequently disturb a pair from a small pool. Their hurried flight and flap-flap on the water as they rise is quite as startling to the wanderer as his presence is to the birds. If one can occasionally watch a colony quietly feeding or resting on the water, they are apparently quite oblivious to any danger, yet the slightest alarm sends them instantly on the wing; or, should the sheet of water be a large one, they will quietly swim to the centre, where they feel secure from any interference from anyone on shore. Where a few domesticated Duck are kept upon an inland lake, they are frequently visited by their wilder brethren during the winter months, especially if the water be at all sheltered so that it does not become transformed into a sheet of ice. The wilder, more exposed resorts of Wild Fowl soon become useless to the bird, and they are obliged to seek food and water elsewhere. In such times they generally fly inland, usually following the course of some tidal river, so that a lake just off the waterway becomes at once an attraction, especially if a few ornamental birds are kept there. The wild ones are at first exceedingly shy and suspicious, but after a time, if unmolested, they get accustomed to the sight of certain individuals, and will occasionally stay the remainder of the winter, contented and happy, and possibly when the spring arrives a pair or two may remain to nest.

Gannets Feeding.

One of our naturalists says "Observe how the bird poises itself for a moment, then, like a piece of brilliant white marble, it dashes downwards into the ocean, disappearing from view, and leaving a mass of foam to mark the place of descent. In a few moments the Gannet appears on the surface, and flies upwards into the air again to prepare for another plunge."

Herring Gulls in Winter.

Like the Common Gull, the Herring Gull frequently flies inland during the winter months, and will linger for days round a lake or upon some recently ploughed land. One can sometimes see them flying at a great height, when they are passing overland from one coast to another.

Woodlark's Winter Habits.

The Woodlark is a local species frequenting mostly the West of England, but during the winter months it becomes to an extent migratory, and may sometimes be seen in quite unaccustomed places, consorting with ordinary Larks of the fields and meadows. It may be recognised by its smaller size and shorter tail.

Song of the Skylark.

A Scotsman gives the following rendering of the song of the Skylark: "Up in the lift go we, te-hee, te-hee, te-hee. There's no a cobbler on the airth can mak' a shoe to me, to me! Why so? Why so? Because my heel is as long as my toe."

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The fourth annual concert and prize distribution were a fitting termination to another year's hard work, and the members can congratulate themselves upon the musical portion of the programme, for it was far and away the best yet arranged for this event. A very good number assembled, especially taking into consideration it was only the third day in the New Year. Mr. E. Suddards, the respected president, officiated as chairman. Each of the artistes in turn was deservedly applauded. Mrs. A. E. Rainbow (soprano), Miss V. Barrow (contralto), Mr. F. Hird (tenor), Mr. W. Smith (bass), Miss D. Cruise (elocutionist), Mr. A. Jowett (humorist), with Miss A. M. Cruise as accompanist, provided the programme. Mr. A. Jowett, who is only in his teens, bids fair to become a capital humorist. During the interval Mrs. E. Suddards kindly presented the prizes to the successful members. These have been won by competing at a series of six shows throughout the year. Prize-winners: Messrs. W. Stables, W. Cruise, J. Northrop, W. Laycock, G. White, J. Farrar, B. Hill, Riley Bros., C. Walker, J. Tattersall, S. Midgley, Wilkinson Bros., G. Fielding, W. Walker, Myers and Lightowler, F. Cruise, G. R. Rushworth; these were recipients of beautiful prizes from the hands of Mrs. Suddards, who was heartily thanked for her services. The secretary gave his annual report, showing that everything had been satisfactory, from a progressive standpoint, and from a financial point of view as well. The membership was keeping up well; the meetings and the members' shows had been well supported; and the third annual show had proved a decided success. The secretary then congratulated the successful members on their achievements, and hoped that still greater successes awaited their efforts in the future. A vote of thanks to the artistes was proposed by Mr. J. Fielding, seconded by Mr. R. G. Rushworth, and carried with great enthusiasm. The proceedings terminated by the singing of the National Anthem.

Training & Managing a Parrot.

By M. T. Goldsborough.

(Continued from page 21.)

This same bird soon learned the advantage of a policy of non-resistence. Her mistress, to amuse herself, would push Polly's head down, expecting her, of course, to immediately raise it—which the bird did at first. But Polly soon saw the wisdom of not resisting this little action, and when her head was lowered, she kept it in that position for a time. Her owner, therefore, lost the pleasure of teasing her in this way.

Polly's devotion to her mistress was beyond bounds, but she has had some disturbing conditions in her life. Her mistress once left Polly in the care of a friend who resembled her quite strikingly in personal appearance. Polly made no objection to her new keeper, but upon the return of her mistress her mind was greatly confused. At first she hesitated about accepting the caresses of rel real owner; but, after a time, the truth dawned upon her, and her old devotion returned. But the next day, when the friend approached the cage, Polly flew at her angrily, uttering a shrill cry. She would not let the seeming imposter come near her. She felt that she had been the victim of a base deception, and now that her eyes were opened she would permit of it no longer.

The feeling of jealously was most strong in this little bird. Not only did she begrudge visitors the privilege of conversation with her mistress, but her feeling extended to animals as well. Her special aversion centred in innocent Puss, upon whom she was always looking for a chance to wreak vengeance.

One day Puss took a nap beside Polly's cage. Her head drooped, and drooped as the sweet all-absorbing sleep that cats enjoy stole gently upon her. Finally, her head fell softly against the cage, the tip of one ear protruding between the wires. Polly went to the opposite side of her home, descended the wires quietly so as not to disturb Puss in dreamland, and gave the offending felino ear a vigorous bite. Flying quickly to the top perch, she "ha-haed" fit to kill herself, while Puss disappeared like a streak of lightning. Ever after that Puss kept her distance from Polly.

I wish to thank all fanciers who have replied to my advt. in "CAGE BIRDS" re Crests. I have had so many applications that I cannot reply to them individually. It is surprising what a wide circulation "CAGE BIRDS" has; I have had replies from the extreme North of Scotland, and so far south as Kent.—J. NICHOLSON (Skipton).

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Hemsworth.—Jan. 21, King's Head Union Room. Judge, Mr. W. Mundell. 12 open classes: Yorks. 7 (2 for novices), Nor. 2 (one for novices), Sell. 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Jan. 19 to J. W. Gillings, 52, Victoria Street, Hemsworth, Wakefield.

Fishguard (confined to Carmarthen, Cardigan, and Pembroke).—Jan. 25, Temperance Hall. Judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge. 7 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Jan. 14 to J. W. Rogers, 53, West Street, Fishguard.

Larkhall.—Jan. 21, Public Hall. Judge, Mr. J. M'Lay. 15 open classes: Bord. 2, Common 1, Brit. 8, Mule 1, For. 3. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 17, to J. McEwan, 59, M'Neill Street, Larkhall, N.B.

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Amble C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Gardener's Arms, 6. Bal. sheet, election of officers, etc.—J. T. Crackett.

Armley and Wortley C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Station Road, Adult-school, Town Street, Armley, 7 o'clock.—A. H. Craven.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Onward Hall, 8. Election of officers, bal. sheet.—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Jan. 17, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Staging birds. Election of officers, reading bal. sheet, table show of Can., Yorks. (6); Nor. (4); entry fee 4d. per cage.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Victoria Hotel, 8. Election of officers, bal. sheet, date of prize distribution, etc.—M. Skirrow.

Barrington and Choppington S.C.—Jan. 14, headquarters, 6. Prize money paid, etc. Supper on tables at 7 o'clock.—W. Woollett.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 14, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Election of officers, bal. sheets, and Yorks. Union business; intending members, please attend. —F. Western.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Bankfoot Schools, 2nd ann. Fed., concert, and prize distribution, tea 4.30; concert, 7.30; aduits, 9d.; children 6d.; concert only 6d.—F. Gelder.

Crook Original C.B.F.E.S.—Jan. 18 Crown Hotel, 7.30. Special general meeting. Business very important to all cage bird members.—Brown and Horner.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 14, "Flying Dutchman," 8. Bal. sheet, election of officers, etc., arrangement for ann. tea and social; sub. now due.—F. Rhodes.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Raith Arms, Breingard, 7. Classification and nomination of judges. Election of committee.—J. R. Reid.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Auchenlick Town Hall, 7. General meeting, to elect new office-bearers.—F. Young.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 19, Maskell's, 8. Arrangements match pair show.—J. W. Dunmett.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Victoria Rooms, 7. General meeting, election of officers, bal. sheet, revising rules, proposed alteration of meeting night, programme for 1911. Open show, etc.—G. Bescooy.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8. Ann. gen. meeting and election of officers.—W. Hodson.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 14, White Hart Inn. Last members' show for season. Judge, Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford). Birds to be staged 2.30.—W. Nettleton.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 16, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Annual general. Report and accounts; election of officers; alteration of rules.—H. Rutter.

Eccles C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Diamond Inn, 8. Election of officers, new members, bal. sheets, ann. meeting for 1910.—H. W. Jones.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 14, St. John's School, 7.30. Election of officers, etc.—L. Booth.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Jan. 19. Cecil Rooms, Woolwich Road, E. Greenwich, to find means as to the disposal of the various effects belonging to the society.—H. R. Hearn.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 14, Butcher's Arms, 8. Gen. meeting, bal. sheet, election of officers; presentation of prizes for past season.—J. Holroyd.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 14, Griffin Hotel, special meeting 8 o'c. Yorks. Union rules.—J. F. Thackray.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Crown Inn, 7. Election of officers, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Hyson Green (Notts.). C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Table show, stock pairs, Nor. and Crests; members and friends invited; admission free.—W. Cottingham.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Greyhound Hotel, 7. To make full arrangements for show day, next Tuesday. —D. John.

London and Counties O.A.—Jan. 19, Leysian Hall, City Road, 8.30. Ann. gen. meeting; to elect new secretary.—W. Gilbert

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Bal. Sheet. Appointment of committee.—P. Hart.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Saracens Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Ann. meeting, election of officers, etc.—J. A. Tyler.

Lancashire C.A.—Jan. 21, Duke of Edinburgh, Oldham, 7.30. Ann. meeting, bal. sheet, resignation of sec.; specials, etc.—C. Whitehead.

Leith O.S.—Jan. 14, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Arrangements for table show. New members enrolled.—G. Brown.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—Jan. 17, White Swan, Market Place, 8.30. Bal. sheet for 1910. Table show, yell. and buff hens (old birds).—J. E. Wood.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 14, headquarters, 6.30. Table show, F.M. Goldfinches.—J. Pollock.

Manchester and N.C.C.S. — Jan. 16, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Election of officers, secretary's report, payment of prize money, date and place of annual open show; will members let me have all tickets, etc.—H. Boothman.

Morley C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Selection of medals.—A. Gledhill.

North London C.B.A.—Jan. 11, headquarters, 8. Ann. gen. meeting, bal. sheet, etc.—R. P. Harper.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.—Jan. 14, Grapes Inn, 8. Ann. meeting. Bal. sheet, election of officers, etc.—J. Walmsley.

Northern Counties N. and C.C.—Jan. 18, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Arrangements for a table show (Feb. meeting).—W. Curry.

Oxford C.B.S.—Feb. 2, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8. —A. F. Tiffield.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 16, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Election of officers; show business.—H. Clayton.

Pentre C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Queen's Hotel, 5. Revision of rules and electing officers, for ensuing year.—G. Lingard.

Polmont C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Boyd's Rooms, Polmont Station, 7. Election of office-bearers, revising classification list; intending members welcomed.—R. L. Leitch.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Baptist School, members show. Judge, Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford). Birds staged by 3 o'c.—W. Jagger.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 16, Club Rooms, 8.30. Next open show, and C.B.U. business.—R. Blincoe.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 4, headquarters, staged 7.30.—A. Jarvis.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 21, Fawcett Street, Cafe, 7.30 p.m.—J. Jeffrey.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Jan. 14, Club Room, 7.30. Show business.—S. Morley.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 17, Prince of Wales, members' show; entries Jan. 16th. Judge, Mr. H. Drake.—J. Robinson.

Sale Open O.S.—Jan. 16, Technical School, 8. Show business, important.—J. Irlam.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Commercial, 8. General meeting; schedule for next season, etc. — J. Lewis.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Wharfe Hotel, 3. Show, for hens only. Judge, Mr. H. Walsh (Halifax).—A. E. Norton.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—Jan. 19, Friendly Societies' Hall, 8.30 p.m. Ann. gen. meeting; election of officers, rules, etc.—H. G. Whibley.

Uddingston O.S.—Jan. 19, Reading Rooms, 7. Election of office bearers; alteration of rules, bal. sheet. J. Kilpatrick.

West of Scotland.—Jan. 14, Nelson Temperance Hotel, ann. general, 7.30. Financial statement 1910; election office-bearers and revision of rules; new members now being enrolled.—W. Hutchison.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Arrangements for year's programme, fixing date for table pair show, also date for ann. show.—W. Andrews.

Windsor C.B.A.—Jan. 19, headquarters, 8.15. Gen. meeting, postponed from 5th inst.—E. A. Stickland.

Walkden C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Institute, 7.30. Election of officers.—H. Howard.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. Members' show; birds staged 3 o'c.; meeting during show.—H. C. Crossley.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Jan. 14, Rawson Hotel, Rawson Place, Bradford, 6 o'c.—Kindly note place of meeting.—H. Hill.

TO SECRETARIES.—Just send stamp for a novel competition at your next mule feather show. Special prizes offered, value £100.—Edgar Broadbent, The Millhouse, Lime Street, Sheffield.—Advt.

Under the White Rose.

BOTH the shows held under the Yorkshire Union rules since the Christmas holidays have been failures, and the thoughts now uppermost in the minds of those who have the interests of their societies at heart is how this is to be avoided. Nearly all think that if at all possible the shows should come to a finish the Saturday before Christmas, as it is very rare that those after are able to avoid a big loss on their venture. In my opinion, the most feasible way is for those districts where the societies are pretty close together to come to some understanding, and either amalgamate or take turns in having an open show. If only half a dozen of the Y.U. societies took this matter up, it could easily be arranged, and would be better for all concerned.

ON looking up in the Y.U. handbook, the page apportioned to "Secretaries' Memoranda for Meetings," I find that the time is nearly due when all nominations for officers and alterations of rules should be sent in to the Y.U. secretary, the stipulated time being February 1st. So members and officials must get their heads together and look over the old rule book and see if all regulations are to their liking. Also novices who are not satisfied with their lot must have their say on the matters most important to them, i.e., limit of price, etc. As the annual ballot takes place in the first fortnight in March, society secretaries will greatly assist the Y.U. secretary if they get their matter sent in for the correct time. It is a very big job, and must be done to time, or all the machinery gets out of order, to the disadvantage of the Fancy generally.

THE Annual Amalgamated Prize Distribution is, I hear, likely to take place again. The wheels of motion are already going their rounds, and as these gatherings have proved so satisfactory to all concerned, it will doubtless please all to hear that the affair is likely to take place again. One of the most trying problems the committee have to solve is how to cater for the great number of people who are likely to attend the gathering. The room at the Market Tavern is a really good one for the purpose, but last year was taxed to its utmost capacity, and the officials find it difficult to get another room, that is, without going to a big expense

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, January 8th, when 21 birds entered for three special prizes, two minutes' singing. 1, Thompson, 65 sec.; 2, Williamson, 55 sec.; 3, Spotswood, 48 sec.; Jack and Thompson, 38 sec. each; Jack, 33 sec.; Cole, 32 sec.; Williamson, 27 sec. Wanted, all members to join the Whitsuntide contest, going in full swing. Meeting Jan. 15th, from 8 to 9 o'clock.—J. Grandy.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, before the best attendance we have had since we started. There were 27 birds to sing for three good prizes. After a very close contest between the first two, result was:—1. W. Nelson; 2, B. Nelson; 3, Dobson.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. contest held Skinner Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, January 8, when 15 birds entered. 1, Green; 2, Ward; 3 shared by Thirkell and Hutchinson; judges, Messrs. Renton and Read. On January 15, open Canary Singing Contest at the above address, 7.30 p.m.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. contest, December 31, for three turkeys, won by McMillan 1, Pullin 2, and Ross 3; Mackay 4 (a special). Contest, January 7, for usual money prizes:—Pullin 1, McMillan 2, Henry 3. Contest, Saturday next, at 4 p.m., for money prizes. Intending members can enroll any Saturday at contest.—W. Ross, Sec.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club: Club race January 8, when only eight birds were entered, but good scores were done:—Ten minutes' singing: 1, J. Baker, 4, 7; 2, J. Roper, 3, 19; 3, H. Beacham: 3, 15; 4, T. Barnett, 3, 3; 5, F. Pope, 3, 2. Meeting held January 8, when Messrs. A. Francies and T. Miles were elected members. On January 15, open race; Mr. D. Jones is giving a special prize for highest score in members.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

OUR NINTH BIRTHDAY.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY TO ALL READERS OF "CAGE BIRDS."

Old Father Time is looking over our shoulder as we pen these lines. We can detect a grin on his cheeks as one by one he plucks from our brows the hairs of our youth. It seems only the other day that, with the ominous future all before us, we settled down in a poky third floor back room to the production of No. 1, Vol. I. of CAGE BIRDS, the first paper to be solely devoted to the cult of cage birds. We run over "in the mind's eye" nine years of work—comprising as they inevitably must do, much gnashing of teeth and wailing, brightened by periodical draughts of encouragement and ultimate success—nine years of constant unremitting endeavour by our staff inside the office and out of it; nine years of progressive effort culminating in the issue that makes its appearance to-day in celebration of our birthday. And the recollection of those nine years and their struggles, their achievements, and their failures, fills us with deep thankfulness for the past, determination for the present and hope for the future. The history of CAGE BIRDS, when it comes to be written, will provide one of the most interesting stories of modern journalism. The trials of a new journal are seldom few or trivial in character—those of CAGE BIRDS will fully sustain the reputed difficulty of establishing an organ of the press, and the greater difficulty of maintaining its position when once established. That CAGE BIRDS has lost none of its original popularity, and on the contrary is continually adding to the number of its friends, is due not so much to the intrinsic merit of the paper itself as to the affection and fervent loyalty with which it is regarded by its hosts of readers and patrons.

In addition to the regular staff of helpers on "C.B.," every cage bird man of any consequence has always been eager and willing to help on its career. For that assistance we have been profoundly thankful, and in tendering our annual thanks for past benefits, we include all casual labourers in the vineyard as well as those constant and regular hands who have served us so well.

The bird Fancy has suffered considerably during the past year from the attacks of sentimental fanatics. These people have only the merit of sincerity to commend their attitude. It is, as our readers know, a thoroughly wrong-headed and misconceived one, based upon an illiberal prejudice, and the attributing of imagination to the mental equipment of birds. If birds had the brains of human beings, there would be something to say for the view of the persons who object to caging them, but as the cultivation of feathered pets by man involves their protection from the rude and merciless onslaughts of Nature—the most unkind mother of all—their complete relegation to the winter's cold and the predatory instincts of other animals and birds by sentimentalists, is, to say the least of it, mistaken kindness.

It is the mission of the bird-keeper to carefully tend, feed and guard his little pet in feathers, to diligently study its habits and minister to its requirements; and the average bird-keeper does more good to bird life in a week than the faddist or sentimentalist will do in a decade. It is the mission of CAGE BIRDS to inform bird-keepers of the way to practise that doctrine, and to hold aloft the light of knowledge as gathered from experience and study.

We ask all our friends to pass such a copy as this round to their friends, and to enlist recruits wherever possible for the bird-keeping cult. A hobby that can be, and is, practised with equal success and happiness by royalty as by the "horny handed son of toil" cannot be such a bad one.

We should like to say that the collection of small advertisements in this week's "C.B." was secured without any postal "whip up" of private advertisers, and represents, therefore, a splendid unsolicited tribute to the now acknowledged merits of our columns as a medium for sales and exchanges.

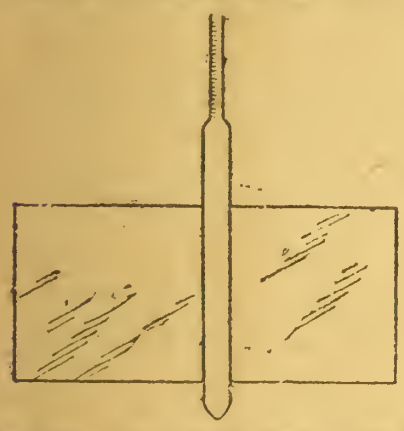
Illustrated Ideas

No. 474.

To Cut Glass for Seed Hoppers, etc.

Sent by Mr. F. Myles, 123, Town Lane, near Manchester.

Here is an idea that may be a help to your readers. It is of a way to cut glass without a



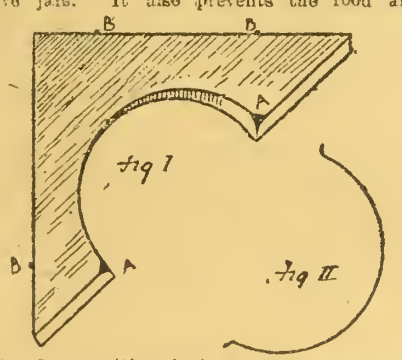
glass-cutter. You place the glass on a flat surface; then get a poker hot and lay it across the glass, first slightly notching the glass on each edge where you want to break it. The glass will break without any other assistance. I find the method very handy for breaking glass for seed hopper fronts and various other things.—F. MYLES.

No. 475.

Food-jar holding Device.

Sent by Mr. H. Renouf, 11, Beresford Street, St. Helier, Jersey.

I have just fitted two Thrush cages with the following device for holding food jars, and find that it answers admirably, as birds cannot move jars. It also prevents the food and



water from getting fouled. It is necessary to measure the jar, so that the fitting is compact. Potted-meat jars are most suitable for the purpose. Proceed as follows:—Take a piece of hard wood ⅜ of an inch thick, and cut as in Fig. 1. File down the corners A, into which boro holes for inserting wire. A piece of wire bent as in Fig. 2 completes the article. The fixing to the cage is best done from the outside, with screws (see B for position of screws). —H. RENOUF.

Kindly thank all who replied to my recent advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. I received so many letters that it was only possible to reply to those gentlemen who enclosed a stamp.—J. H. Barnett (Walsall).

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Clever Blackcap.

I once found a Blackcap's nest, on which the hen was sitting, in a gooseberry bush. The cock, who was in a tree above, flew down and, pretending to have a broken wing, tried to draw me away. I followed out of curiosity, and when he had drawn me some 20 yards from the nest he flew back. Each time I approached he repeated this.—Sent by Doris Lycett (13), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

*Released by a Dog.

Recently a Flycatcher strayed into the kitchen of Coppenhall Rectory, but could not find its way out. A Yorkshire toy terrier at once caught the bird in its mouth, carried it out into the yard, and there released it, barking as the bird flew away, apparently unhurt.—Sent by James Elks (aged 10), 99, Cemetery Road, Crewe.

Cunning Crows.

One day I went round the golf links and the Crows took not a bit of notice of the golf players with the sticks, and let them get quite close to them. But when the farmer was coming across another field they all flew away as if they could tell that he was their enemy. I wonder if they really could tell?—Miss E. Clarke (12), 12, Windmill Lane, Smethwick.

**A Brave Blue-tit.

A friend of mine had a tool shed in which there were several empty boxes. One day as he was going in, he saw a Blue Tit fly out; he then went away, and returning after, saw the same Tit coming out of a hole in a box. As soon as it saw him it ruffled up its feathers and hissed worse than a goose. On stepping nearer it flew in his face, and its mate coming, he left. Afterwards he left the door just open, and was rewarded by their becoming tame and rearing seven young.—F. E. Keep (13), 58, Park Hill, Moseley, Birmingham.

Kindly thank through your columns all who answered my advt. in the Exchange Column of CAGE BIRDS, as they are too numerous for me to answer by post.—A. Trevallion (Tottenham, N.).

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Cage Bird Show.

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Jubilee Show of Cage Birds. Judge, H. Tams, Esq. Entries close 23rd
F. POWELL, Sec, 33, Welsh Row.

NOTTINGHAM

NOV. 11th & 13th, 1911.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for nearly six years. I have always been a lover of birds, and I consider CAGE BIRDS a great boon to all bird lovers. Also I appreciate your "Nutshell" series. I may add that I have a Goldfinch which has been singing all through his moult, through his being treated as advised in your "Nutshell" book on the Goldfinch. If all bird fanciers would take in your valuable paper, and read your "Nutshell" series of booklets there would be no need to ask the question: Is it cruel to keep birds in cages? Wish "C.B." every success.—T. TIPTON (Wellington, Salop).

Sedge and Reed Birds.

The graceful but somewhat sombre-coloured Reed Warbler is much less generally distributed than the Sedge Warbler; but there appears to be no reason why this should be so. Both birds are almost identical in their habits and modes of living, and nest in practically the same localities—one among the reeds, and the other in low bushes and coarse herbage growing round reed beds and osiers.

Birds in Richmond Park.

Richmond Park, near London, is quite a paradise of wild birds. Nearly every species common to the South of England can be heard, or seen, there. The rare Nightjar whose loud "churring" in the summer evening is so astonishing to the novice, can be annually located. In the sweet month of April, when the buds begin to burst, the call of the Wryneck is not at all uncommon. Many rare birds stop to rest here while on migration in the early spring months.

Kindness to Birds Rewarded.

The Minister for Agriculture in France has decorated M. Henry Pol with the coveted medal for his kindness to bird in the Tuileries. For years he has regularly fed them every morning, and the birds know him so well that they perch on his shoulders, hat, and hands. He has a wonderful power over them, and has given the majority of them names, which they know, coming to him when called.

Bittern Habits.

It is stated upon good authority that the Bittern can produce its remarkable cry or "boom" equally as well when on the wing as when resting or standing on the ground, although it is produced more frequently from the latter position. Another curious habit of this strange bird is that it will fly to a great height in a series of spiral gyrations, emitting at the same time a weird noise quite different, however, from its customary booming.

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only.*

Twitterings.

Mr. J. A. Turnbull, secretary of the Leadgate and District C.B.S. writes: I have removed from Garden-terrace, Leadgate, to No. 1, Percy-terrace, Consett.

The Coventry Godiva C.B.S.'s next open show will be held on October 14th, we having decided to adhere to our old date, writes Mr. H. Bray, the sec. We have decided to give CAGE BIRDS the "guarantee" again.

May I be permitted to compliment your artist, Mr. H. Goodchild, on his beautiful and life-like sketch of my Hawfinch? Had the bird been photographed the likeness could not have been better.—P. H. HARRIS (London, W.C.).

We are extending time of entries closing to Sunday, January 15th (first post), writes Mr. D. John, secretary of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S. show on January 17th. At the time of writing entries are very slow in coming in.

The address of Messrs. Fred Bax and Son, the well-known and old-established firm of seed merchants, etc., is now 180, Bishopsgate. This change is consequent upon the re-numbering of the thoroughfare by the authorities; it is not a removal.

The beautiful cup presented by the Countess of Winchelsea and Nottingham, for the best British bird at the recent Harlech show, was won by Mr. R. Hughes (Pen-y-groes), with his well-known Goldfinch, writes Mr. E. J. Jones, the secretary.

Kindly let members know that we are going to try and have the meetings started punctually to time stated, and have the rules strictly carried out, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, Sec. Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S. I wish CAGE BIRDS and staff every success.

In our report of the Scottish National cage bird show our printers inadvertently dropped a line from the Yorkshire section. The Uneven marked yellow Yorkshire cock class should be followed by: "Buff (5): 1, 4, Towers, 1st Cinnamon-marked, nice type, tight as wax," etc.

Our first annual meeting and election of officers for 1911 will take place on January 18th, writes Mr. H. W. Jones, the hon. secretary and treasurer. Any fancier wishing to join us may do so by sending me his name and address, together with the entrance fee of one shilling.

We have received from the Postal authorities a small label addressed "F. Carl, 154, Fleet-street, London, E.C.," and bearing the Woolwich postmark, but it is not attached to anything, the parcel or package having evidently been lost in the post in some way. Will the sender please communicate with us?

Will fanciers please note that I have been elected secretary of the Oxford and District C.B.S., Mr. Holliday having to relinquish that office owing to ill-health? writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham-street, Oxford. All communications with regard to the above society should in future be addressed to me.

A meeting of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S. will be held on January 19th, at the Cecil Rooms, Woolwich-road, E. Greenwich, S.E., writes Mr. H. R. Hearn, the hon. secretary, with a view to finding means as to the disposal of the various effects of the society. I may add that at the last meeting, it was decided to wind up the society.

Will the junior and other fanciers in the district kindly note that the Ormskirk C.B.S., writes Mr. T. H. Tiffen, the hon. sec., has removed its headquarters to more accommodating and comfortable premises, viz., the Church House, near the Old Parish Church. In taking this step, the Society, it is understood, will receive increased support, both financially and otherwise.

I am sending you a photo of my aviaries (see page 20). A copy of your valuable CAGE BIRDS some five years ago started me in this branch of the Fancy. I began with a couple of pairs in the small house, but the stock has increased so, I have had to rebuild and extend until I have about now reached the limit of encroachment on the garden. The path, with bowers of fruit trees, leads to the aviaries. You will notice I have utilised some of your coloured plates in the decorations.—A. Berrett (Bristol).

Mr. Law, secretary of the London and Provincial O.S., writes: Will all members who are unable to attend the dinner kindly return their tickets by first post on Monday, January 16th. All tickets not returned by then will be considered sold, as the management of the "Horse Shoe Hotel" must have a guarantee as to numbers. I am pleased to say that the number at this year's dinner promises to beat all records, and the L. and P.O.S. will welcome any friends who care to join them on this occasion. Tickets (4s. each) may be had from C. W. Law, 9, Oak-villas, Archway-road Highgate. The L. and P.O.S. autumn show will be held on November 1st and 2nd.

I am sending you a photograph taken at our annual outing at Bothal Haugh (see page 20), writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, hon. secretary Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. Bothal Haugh is the seat of the Rev. W. Ellis. The people (left to right) are: Mrs. Crawhall, Mr. J. Curry, Mr. M. C. Potts (holding Miss Mackenzie), Messrs. Petterson, J. Bertram, W. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. Lackey.

At the end of another highly successful season, the City and Suburban A.C.B. finds itself with a record membership of 110 (fully paid-up) and a cash balance of £17 7s. 1d., with an additional £5 12s. 11d. in the Benefit Fund established to assist members in time of need. The total assets of the society (including 11 cups, one shield, staging, etc.) amounts to the fine sum of £85 18s. 6d. We think it will be conceded that this is a result upon which the popular hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. V. Wynn, and his officers are to be heartily congratulated.

The Reading and District C.B.C. and its officers are to be complimented upon the excellent balance-sheet for the year ended December 31st, 1910, which shows a credit balance of no less than £12 19s. 9½d., being over £7 more than was brought into the accounts from the previous year. In sending us a copy of the balance-sheet, the secretary, Mr. W. H. Pyke, writes: "It has been a satisfactory year in every way. The committee wish me, he adds, to thank CAGE BIRDS for the many kind actions you have done for us; it is appreciated by all our members.

Many thanks for the excellent report of our show in last issue of CAGE BIRDS, also for the nice words about myself and Mr. Hireson, but I would like it made known that I also received valuable assistance from Mr. Burrows and from Mr. Fletcher in helping to pack up the birds, writes Mr. Geo. Jeffery, show manager of the Southall and Dist. F.S. I am sorry to say that a travelling case has gone astray; it is an ordinary wooden case for holding two large British bird show cages, and has (or had) the name of—Wm. K. Baseley, Preston Bagot, Henley-in-Arden, Birmingham inside the lid, and a buckled strap round.

We are holding our first table show of the season of January 17th, writes Mr. W. Cottingham, secretary of the Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. Members and friends are invited. We are the strongest society in the district, and have a good balance in hand. We shall run an open show this year. We have three silver cups to be competed for. Novices will do well to join us, as we are going to add novice classes to the three shows.

Messrs. Spratts, Ltd., have issued, in accordance with their usual custom, a very beautiful calendar for 1911. There is a large coloured picture, accompanied by notes on same, for each month. Canaries and other species of cage birds figure among the plates and cage bird fanciers will do well to apply to the proprietors at 24 and 25 Fenchurch Street, London, E.C., for a copy, but application must be made at once. Endeavour has obviously been made to make the almanack, as on previous occasions, a standard work of reference, which it undoubtedly is.

Mr. B. Hollins, the well-known bird specialist of "The Zoo," George-street, Hull, has issued a comprehensive price list, which we recommend our readers to write for. The prices of the various seeds, foods, cages, medicines, etc., as well as of the birds supplied by Mr. Hollins, are very reasonable, and the quality of the goods retailed by him is of the best. A special purchase of birds (including rare Waterfowl, Pheasants, etc.), has just been made by Mr. Hollins from Zoological Gardens on the Continent.

A lecture is to be given on January 20th, under the auspices of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, by Mr. Richard Kearton, F.Z.S., entitled "Wild Birds and Beasts at Home," writes Mr. R. T. Campbell, secretary of the Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S. This lecture will be illustrated by cineanatograph. I beg all lovers of birds and of Nature will avail themselves at that time of hearing so able a man in this branch of our hobby, and seeing through the cinematograph what can really be done under circumstances which we can hardly credit. The prices are threepence and sixpence. We hope to see local men present in large numbers.

R. A. Newley, of 24, Stockwell Green, S.W., is entrusted with the disposal of stock of three well-known breeders of Norwich Plainheads, consisting of Buffs, Yellows, Clears, and Variegated ditto, prices 20s., 30s., and 40s. a pair, or pairs can be separated. All birds are from winners, and carry good blood, and those commencing a stud or wishing to infuse new blood should write at once stating requirements. Also some good songsters, 8s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. each. R. A. Newley requires talking Parrot, tame, grey preferred. Send particulars and price asked to 24, Stockwell-green, London, S.W.—Advt.

The Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., and the Heywood C.B.S. are holding two inter-club shows, the first at the Temperance Club, Toadlane, Rochdale, on January 14th, and the second at Heywood, on January 21st, at the Rechabites' Hall, Pine-street, W., writes Mr. Wm. Adams (secretary of the former society). The shows will be held at 3 p.m., and on the point system, each society showing 48 selected birds. Competition will be keen, as some of the most prominent winners in the country are being staged by both societies, and the services of Mr. H. Thomas (Middleton), for the first show, and Mr. Barnass (Rochdale) for the second have been secured. We hope to see a good attendance of fanciers, as nothing but the best of birds are to be on view.

RESULT OF OUR XMAS COMPETITIONS.

The Coloured Frontispiece.

A very large number of efforts have been sent us in connection with our competition for the best coloured front page. Some of the paintings are really excellent, and the birds in the majority of instances were rightly identified and skilfully coloured.

The prize of one guinea goes to:—

Mr. Richard Sebright,
230, Bath Road,
Worcester.

This gentleman's painting is exquisitely soft in colouring, and artistic in its general effect. Altogether it is a beautiful picture and deservedly carries off the prize.

The next best is the painting of Mr. James Palmer (Edinburgh), which, for neatness, precision, and attention to detail, is the equal of the winning effort, to which, however, it loses in the beauty and chasteness of the general colour scheme.

Following hard after are the efforts of Mrs. Edwards (Liverpool), Miss Alice Blaydon Richards (Margate), Miss Kate Cox (Birmingham), Miss E. Palmer (Herne Bay), Messrs. W. Lawrence (Halstead), G. Williams, sen. (Stoke-upon-Trent), C. P. Leggett (Sudbury), Chas. Dunn (Partick), Chas. Hill (Leeds), and Percy Jowett (Bradford).

Special mention must be made of the following competitors, who sent in very creditable efforts, and whom we congratulate on possessing not a little artistic skill: Miss Alfreda B. Smyth (London, S.E.), Miss W. F. Bevan (Blackpool), Miss Sheila MacEwen (Forres), Miss Spooner (Bideford), Miss Emily A. Paramore (Porlock), Miss Emily Hare (Leytonstone, E.), Miss Ivy D. Manson (Shelfield), Miss A. V. Telfer (Herne Bay), Miss V. I. Balls (London, S.W.), Miss L. Crewe (Etwall), Messrs. James Cairns (Edinburgh), J. Bowerman (Portsmouth), J. T. Bates (Hounslow), Reg. Collins (Plymouth), R. H. Dixon (Pendlebury), F. G. Meekley (Carlisle), Harold Charlesworth (Congleton), C. E. Isaac (Exeter), Will Anderson (South Shields), Chas. J. Clark (Galashiels), Fred A. Wills (Willington Quay-upon-Tyne), L. Parry (Barrow-in-Furness), Fred Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees), L. R. Templer (Exeter), Geo. Paterson (Edinburgh), Jas. B. Cooper (Edinburgh), Hugh Forster (Romford), W. Atkins (Leicester), J. Percival Speight (Colne), John Raeside (Stranraer), and W. E. Marriott (Chesterfield).

The Picture Puzzle.

An Amusing Competition.

In our Christmas Number we published a novel picture puzzle. Competitors were asked to decide what birds six pictures represented. We received a very large number of solutions indeed, some of which, we must own, made us smile. On the whole, however, the efforts of competitors were very good.

The correct solutions to the six problems are as follows:—

(1) Nightingale; (2) Border Fancy; (3) Lovebirds; (4) Dutch Frill; (5) Linnet; (6) Lancashire Plainhead.

Mrs. Watts (Surbiton, Surrey); Messrs. R. N. S. Tebb (Epsom), P. H. Harris (London, W.C.), Percy C. Ackling (Abingdon), H. Standring (Manchester), Thos. Andrews, (Birmingham), John Fysh (Swaffham), Edgar Minns (Swaffham), A. P. Bunby (Hull), these nine competitors all succeeded in correctly naming the birds represented. In accordance with rule No. 5, their names were written on slips of paper, and one slip drawn by an independent person, when the fortunate winner proved to be:—

Mr. Edgar Minns,
Rose Cottage, Lyon Street,
Swaffham, Norfolk,

to whom a cheque for one guinea will be sent in due course.

Among the various solutions to the first puzzle-picture (representing a gale in the night-time—by which the Nightingale was indicated) were the following: Scotch Fancy, Skylark, Bramblefinch, Lizard Canary, Snow Bunting, Crest, Owl (did this competitor mean "Howl"?), Fork-tailed Kite, Storm Petrel, Storm-King, Yorkshire Canary, Lancashire Coppy, Storm-Thrush, Nightjar, Fieldfare, Stormcock, Ring Ousel, Mountain Roller (a rare one, we should think), Cinnamon, Mountain Twite, Ruff (this is rather neat), Robin, Goldfinch, Wood Warbler, Stormfinch, Windhover, and the Tree Sparrow.

Picture No. 2 (representing the border to a garden path, and a fan with a letter C on it—indicating the Border Fancy Canary) drew forth a bigger variety of solutions, among them being the Goldfinch, Scotch Fancy, Fan-tailed pigeon, Canary, Cuckoo or Chaffinch (why not add, "or some other bird?"), Robin, Budgerigar, Sparrow, Crow, Oyster-catcher, Thistle Finch, Swallow, Crossbill, Goldfinch-Canary Mule, Rhode Island Red cockerel, Crimson-crested Cardinal, Garden Warbler, and Bird of Paradise.

Picture No. 3 proved somewhat of a stumbling block. A large number of competitors were misled by the mistletoe into giving Mistle Thrush as the answer. Among other solutions were: Blackheaded Lovebirds, pair of Turtle Doves, Blackcaps, Diamond Doves, Budgerigars, Lark (under the mistletoe, of course), Waxbills, Cockatoo, Toucan (and three can't, very well), Crossbills, Blind Dark-crested Norwich, Peach-faced Lovebirds, Uneven-marked Borders, Colour-fed Canaries, Cuckoo, Dutch Frills, Black Redstart, Cinnamous, Black-headed Kistrel (instead of Kestrel), Mannikins, etc.

The correct solution to No. 4 is Dutch Frille (the picture showing a Dutch cheese dressed with a fancy cloth having a frill to it. The vast majority of competitors guessed this one correctly. Among other birds whose names figured for this were the Bunting, Border Fancy, Crestbred, Magpie, Snow Bunting, Hooded Crow, Cushat, Pied Wagtail, Hybrid, Chaffinch, Blackbird, Cutthroat, Nuthatch, Budgerigar, Swallow, Nightjar, Yellowhammer, Puffin, Blackbird, Hartz Mountain Roller, Broken-cap Lizard, Buzzard, Ring Dove, Spice Bird, Sugar Bird, and Butcher Bird.

Picture No. 5 depicted a portion of Norfolk from which one of the principal town (namely Lynn) would be found on reference to the map to be missing; also a bill on which "no discount" was allowed. This picture represented Linnet, which comparatively few guessed correctly. Among the attempts to get this solution right were: Magpie, Norwich, Schoolmaster Canary, Waxbill, Crossbill, Water Ousel, Wagtail, Ticked Norwich, Silverbill, Cuckoo, Pheasant, Kingfisher, Devonshire Woodlark, London Fancy, Seagull, Shorelark, Hedge Accentor, Broadbill, Landbill, Landrail, Plover, Eagle, Boatbill, White Java Sparrow, Spoonbill, Tbree-barred Crossbill.

No. 6 proved a "teaser" to some. The factory chimneys denoted Lancashire, and the man's head a Plainhead—Lancashire Plainhead. Here are a few of the attempts sent in: Plainhead Norwich, Crest, Crow, Firecrest, House Sparrow, Starling, Norwich Cropper, Blackcap, Lesser Redpoll, Greypate, Mocking Bird, Ring Ousel, Coot, Blackbird, Jackdaw, German Roller, Chimney Martin, Heron, Bald Wall-creeper, Cole Head, Wryneck, Sooty Tern, Twite, etc.

All prize money and specials won at Paisley show, also monies for birds sold, have been paid; if anyone has been omitted, will they kindly write me at once, writes Mr. A. M. Baird, the Cage Bird secretary. They are also requested to cash their cheques at once so as to enable us to get settled up as soon as possible. Permit me to thank you for the very full and good report you gave of our show.

A Note to Leading Breeders.

Our Annual—that most popular of all our publications—is now urgently appealing for all the advertisements of leading breeders in the country. Every prominent fancier owes it to himself and to us to be represented in CAGE BIRDS Annual. His name and address will stand there for permanent reference, and in the years to come when breeders of that day are overlooking their files of the Annual, the names of the famous old breeders will stand out in golden letters as those of men who made history in the year 1910. The charges are most reasonable, and may be referred to upon Page 25 in this issue.

A Presentation to a Glasgow Fancier.

A meeting of fanciers was held on Tuesday last in the Ingram Bar, Glasgow, for the purpose of presenting Mr. Andrew Malcolmson with a purse of gold on the occasion of his leaving Scotland to fill an important position in New Zealand. Mr. A. McFarlane occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks wished Mr. Malcolmson God-speed. He called upon Mr. George Marlin (Hamilton) to make the presentation. Mr. Malcolmson suitably replied, thanking his many friends and fanciers for their great kindness and handsome gift, and also for their good wishes, which he appreciated very much. The vocal part of the evening was then entered into, the following gentlemen taking part, their efforts meeting with much acceptance. Mr. A. Muir and Mr. R. Young (songs); Mr. W. Shearer (a reading, "The Broken Bowl"), Mr. A. McFarlane, Mr. F. Bowman, and Mr. A. Muir (songs). We then sang "Auld Lang Syne," and "He's a jolly good fellow." Many of those present were at the station on the Wednesday to bid "Andrew" farewell, he sailing on Jan. 5th. There is no doubt that, as a judge and fancier, his presence at most of our principal Scottish shows will be greatly missed. The whole of his stock has been sold at a good figure, his well-known light Goldfinch Mule, "Prince Charlie," being so'd to an English exhibitor for £12 10s.—"SCOTCH FANCY."

A Grand Issue of "The Poultry World."

This week's issue of the POULTRY WORLD is a really grand one, a most artistic Coloured Plate being given away gratis with every copy. This Plate, representing Mr. Wippell's art at its best, depicts an ideal pair of Rhode Island Reds—the breed that has been the topic of late, both at the classic shows and in every poultry circle. An article on the mating and rearing of the Rhode Island Red is also included in the issue, as are several other seasonable articles, by the leading experts of poultrydom. The letters from correspondents are numerous, and all of a most interesting nature, giving fanciers' views on all the up-to-date topics. The utility poultry-keeper is carefully studied in this week's issue, the reading matter being well proportioned between utility and exhibition poultry keepers. The "Timely Hints," specially contributed by readers of "P.W.," make very practical and helpful reading. The number—48 pages in all—contains numerous photographic illustrations and sketches, and may be had of all newsagents, price 1d.

Canary's Curious Hiding-place.

A correspondent writes to the "Edinburgh Evening Dispatch":—The other evening a Canary which had escaped from captivity, made its appearance on a Border golf course. Efforts were made to secure the bird, one young lady, carrying her sailor hat in her hand, taking part in the chase; but the Canary suddenly disappeared from view, and was given up as lost. The young lady put on her hat, and shortly afterwards left the course. On the way to the town she felt something moving on her head, and on reaching home and removing her hat she was surprised and startled to see the Canary fluttering to the floor, none the worse for its voluntary imprisonment. It had evidently, while being pursued, made a sudden dart into the crown of the hat, and slipped inside the lining, which happened to be partly unfastened. Fortunately the long, sharp pins with which most ladies' hats are nowadays attached to their hair had missed the bird's strange hiding-place.

ONE OF OUR EARLIEST SPRING MIGRANTS



From a Painting] [*by H. Norman*

MALE AND FEMALE WHEATEARS *(Saxicola œnanthe)*

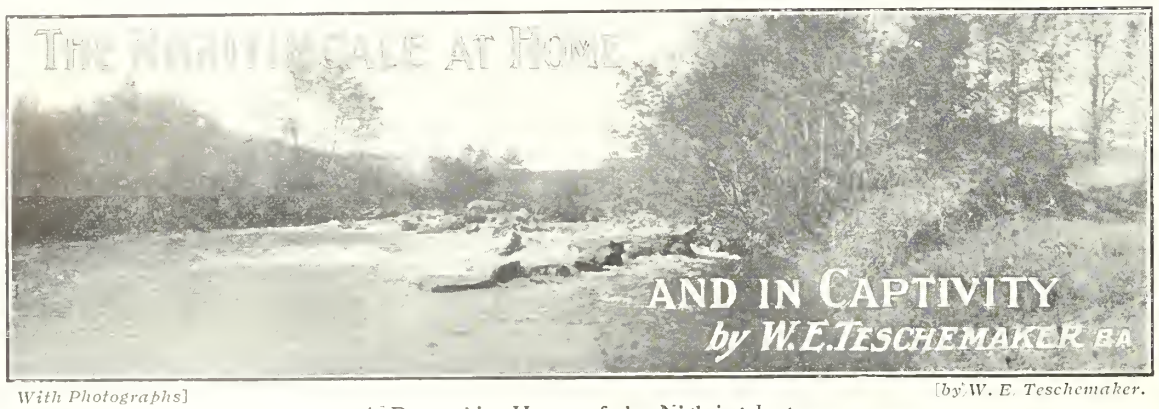
THE Wheatear is one of our earliest spring visitors. The winter months it spends in the regions from Persia to the Himalayas and in the northern and eastern parts of Africa, etc. Its breeding haunts extend from the British Isles far to the North, even into the polar regions, and it is a curious fact that the Wheatears which breed in Greenland are very considerably larger than those which rear their young more to the South. These large Wheatears are, needless to say, the kind sought after by keepers of British birds desirous of exhibiting this species at the shows—they pass through England on migration at certain well-defined periods of the year. A first-class specimen always stands an excellent chance of getting into the prize-list.

Wheatears, like other members of the Chat family, are birds which prefer open country—wild, rocky, unfrequented—to cultivated parts, though they may often be noticed on pasture land, and when on migration have been frequently observed in even our London parks. This species is very beneficial, subsisting practically entirely on worms, small snails, and insect life generally. Its nest is not easy to find, being built under clods of earth, in holes in the ground (rabbit burrows sometimes) and in walls and similar spots. The structure itself is generally placed some little distance from the opening through which the old birds enter. The eggs number from four to seven, and are of a pale greenish-blue or greenish-white colour, occasionally (but very infrequently) faintly spotted. Two clutches are laid in a season.

The plumage of the old male may be described as delicate and chaste in its colour scheme—grey and pale fawn, with a black face patch and wings. The white rump and white root to the short black tail are very conspicuous when the bird is in flight. The female is a brown-coloured bird, lacking the white eye-streak and black face patch of her mate. The young have dusky (blackish) edgings to their feathers, giving them a mottled appearance; after the autumn moult they resemble the adult female. The old male, too, when in winter plumage, is much duller and "sandy" looking than when in nuptial garb.

Wheatears are extremely graceful birds, with something of the sprightliness of the Robin. On their long, stilty black legs they hop very quickly, and have a quaint habit of "bowing" and flirting the wings and tail, thus displaying the white rump. As a cage-bird this species has many traits to recommend it. The male is something of a songster, though his music is not of a very pretentious order. The call note, "clack, clack," very much resembles the sound produced by the knocking together of two stones.

G. E. WESTON.



With Photographs] *[by W. E. Teschemaker.*

A Devonshire Haunt of the Nightingale.

"Now every man hath almost a several Phansie, some make Choice of one Bird, some of another; but in my Choice and Opinion the Nightingal hath the Superiority above all others, and, almost according to the Judgment and Consent of everyone, she singeth with so much variety the sweetest and melodiest of all."—From "The Bird-Fancyer's Delight" (printed in 1711).

ONE feels that one cannot write about the Nightingale as one would about any other bird. That which is first is first: that which is second, third or fourth may be good, but a great gulf divides these positions from that which is first. Let us, then, realise that in the Nightingale we have something really unique, for it is the verdict of the centuries that "she singeth the sweetest and melodiest of all." But can we not go a little further than that? I expect we have all had our dark days when we have said to ourselves that Nature's laws are often so cruelly harsh and many of her processes so revolting that it is impossible that a beneficent Providence can control this wonderful world of ours. Then—perhaps in our darkest hour—we come across something of surpassing beauty, such as the song of the Nightingale, and at once we realise that pervading the whole Universe there is progress, there is a scheme, and that the ugly facts of Nature are but "stepping stones to higher things." So let us accept the Song of the Nightingale as something to be treasured, and, without troubling our heads as to whether the song was written and composed for the enjoyment of mankind, or whether the Nightingale himself evolved it for the gratification of himself and of his mate, let us hear all we can of it whilst we have the opportunity, for, alas, how short a time it lasts:

"A note, a strain, a rapture, then once more
A silence—and the song is o'er, is o'er."

Apart from his song, we must admit that there is nothing very remarkable about our friend the Nightingale. Let us note that he is not a Warbler but a small Thrush, as shown, for instance, by the fact that his young are spotted. We speak of him as a species, but that we may also dismiss from our minds, because there are no such things really as



NEST AND EGGS OF THE NIGHTINGALE.
(Actual size.)

hard and fast species. We recognise certain types of birds, but these insensibly grade into one another, and it is usually impossible to say exactly where one begins and another ends. So it is with the Nightingale (*D. luscinia*), the Eastern Nightingale (*D. golzii*), called in Arabic and by the poets the Bulbul, and the Sprosser of Central and N. Europe (*D. philomela*): the three races are one type, though the Sprosser has certainly something distinctive in the small bastard primary, as pointed out by Howard Saunders.

Equally difficult is it to separate them geographically, owing to their respective areas overlapping, and I gave up the attempt to draw a map illustrating these areas. Nevertheless, I thought a map, showing the range of our (Western) Nightingale might be interesting, and I have accordingly endeavoured to supply one. The white line is supposed to show the division between its summer, or breeding, area and its winter quarters, but it is, of course, only approximately correct. In accordance with the well-known principle that species which migrate furthest north in summer travel furthest south in winter, we find that the range of the Nightingale does not extend so far to the south as does that of the Garden-Warbler and Willow Wren, which reach Damaraland, or of the Red-backed Shrike, which is seen at Bloemfontein, or of the Swallow, which wings its way even as far as to Cape Town itself.

We may note also that this species leaves some of the more westerly areas of its geographical range severely alone as, for instance, Brittany, North Wales, and Ireland. It nests in the near neighbourhood of Hamburg, and this is possibly its most northerly nesting-station in Europe, its place in Scandinavia being taken by its more robust relative, the Sprosser. In our own country, however, it nests as far north as Ripon in Yorkshire and has even been occasionally heard in Northumberland, and has recently extended its range as far west as Cardiff.

I noticed that the author of a recent series of articles in a contemporary stated that the Nightingale was not found in Devonshire. This is distinctly unkind to my own county, which is not too well off in the matter of interesting species and cannot, therefore, afford to lose the credit of those which it does shelter. As a matter of fact Philomel is found throughout the whole length of Devon from its eastern boundary to the River Tamar on the west, which separates it from Cornwall. It is nowhere numerous with us, but, for all that, when Mr. T. H. Nelson (author of "The Birds of Yorkshire") paid me a visit a couple of years since and told me that he had never had an opportunity of hearing the song, I was able to take him to a locality where we heard four, or perhaps five, Nightingales singing at one and the same time, and that in the middle of the afternoon.

It is just possible that some of our readers may wish to know exactly where they can hear our songster in Devonshire, and, if that be so, I recommend them to make their way to Trusham Station, which is some three miles from Chudleigh. Our heading gives us a view of the River Teign, flowing under Trusham Bridge, and at this spot you will be nearly sure to hear what you want, or, if not, you need only walk a mile further up the Valley of the Teign in the direction of Ashton.

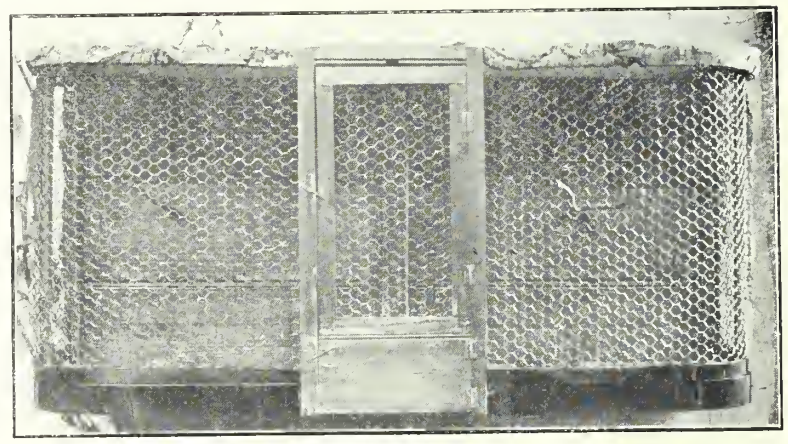
IN THE MERRIE MONTH OF MAY.

In order to bring before you some of the habits of the Nightingale in the nesting-season, I do not think I can do better than describe what I saw during the few days I was able to spend in one of its haunts during the spring of last year. This particular locality is a very quiet spot where, I think, in days long since past, men whose names have long ago been forgotten must have dug for a certain mineral. In any case extensive pits have been formed all over it, and these have become overgrown with a dense tangle of briars and sloes and rushes. It is well wooded, many of the trees, such as the elders, standing in stagnant pools of inky water. Here our songster is quite unmolested, partly because the ground is not cultivated and partly because the thickets are so dense and the subsoil so treacherous that no one but an ornithologist would be tempted to explore its remote labyrinths.

I will now ask you to forget that we are in chilly winter and to imagine that this is May Day. The Nightingale, for some reason best known to itself, arrives first upon our south-eastern coast, and for this reason our Devonshire Nightingales are always a little late in putting in an appearance. Besides this, last spring the weather was so cold and wet in April that all our migrants were about a week later than usual, and the Swift nearly a fortnight behind time. It was not, therefore, till May 1st—a fine warm day, though cloudy, and the wind in the east—that I first heard the familiar notes. I was sitting on a fallen tree in "Nightingale-land" watching a solitary Willow-Wren building a trial-nest single-handed, when from the same venerable oak as last year and the year before came the well-remembered "tio-tio; tick-tick-tick-tick; jug-jug; tee-tee-tee-tee-tee."

We will call this bird "No. 1," and I will ask you to note that he pitched his camp in exactly the same spot as the first arrival did last year and the year before. I must explain that "Nightingale-land" has certain natural divisions; each swampy pit forms a separate oasis, and these are divided from one another by dry land, and in some cases by paths. Each pair of Nightingales keeps to its own territory, which they evidently regard as their absolute property. Apparently it is a case of "first come, first served," and this particular swamp must be regarded as the pick of the basket.

On the 4th May "No. 2" turned up. It was blowing very hard from the north, with occasional heavy showers, so that he must have had a particularly hard time of it during the last lap of his long journey. Nevertheless he was singing lustily and apparently as fresh as paint. "No. 2" pitched his tent quite 150 yards from "No. 1," and on the same spot as the second arrival the previous year.



MR. TESCHEMAKER'S NIGHTINGALE CAGE.
(Dimensions: 3 feet long, 18 inches high, 14 inches wide.)

There is a natural boundary between these two territories in the form of an old grass-grown road with high hawthorn hedges. When I came across them the two vocalists were within a few yards of one another, one in each hedge, and in the intervals of their song I heard a lot of "churring"; probably they were exchanging notes on the incidents of their home-coming, but, unfortunately, I could not gather even the general drift of their conversation. I saw no fighting; in fact, they seemed the best of friends.

The 11th May was a day of great events in "Nightingale-land." In the first place "No. 3" turned up, and camped out on a spot which I had not known occupied in former years. But something much more interesting was going on in the big oak tree. I heard a lot of "churring," and after a time could easily distinguish two distinct voices. After some careful investigation I made a great discovery: it was "No. 1's" wedding day! With swelling throat and a torrent of deep bass notes he was pouring forth his heart's devotion, while the blushing bride seemed quite overwhelmed by his attentions, and kept dodging away into the thickest part of the covert. Meantime "No. 2" was looking on from the hawthorn hedge and in a state of great excitement, but he dared not cross the boundary! I cannot help thinking that this must have been "No. 1's" partner of former years, because, although she arrived with "No. 3" she apparently took no notice of that somewhat belated traveller. When one comes to think of it, the arrival of the first hen of the season must be a very trying time for the lady! One would think that she must be almost torn to pieces by her numerous admirers. Picture to yourself the advent of a young and eligible maiden, after a long and dusty journey, in a roaring mining camp in the wild west of America, and you will have a fair idea of the intensity of the situation. The weather report in my note book says, "Grand day; S.E., fresh."

(To be continued.)



A Day with a Bird-Catcher

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Photograph No. 1 (left to right) a typical catcher with his pack. 2. The clap-nets set for action; note position of the call-birds. 3. "Dockings," with limed twigs and dummy-bird, also call-bird in cage. 4. Stretch of hedge prepared with limed twigs; note the call-bird. 5. Fixing the sockets holding the limed twigs. 6 Captives in the net. 7. Clap-nets in the act of closing. 8. The nets closed.

A DAY WITH A BIRD-CATCHER

By E. W. TAYLOR.

MOST of us have at least a visual acquaintance with the bird-catcher. We have seen him in the earlier hours of the morning tramping along country lanes and hedgerows in order to arrive at some favourite haunt before the sun is high in the heavens, and before some other member of this fairly numerous fraternity has appropriated it for the day. He can readily be recognised by the nets and cases which always accompany him, for call and brace birds, store cages, sockets, twigs, nets, poles and pegs are only a few of the more important requisites which help to make up his outfit, and by means of which he is enabled to ply his craft.

Having arrived at what his experience tells him to be a suitable locality, he selects a hedge which should be neither too thick nor too high, and commences to unload, all the time noticing what species of birds are in the neighbourhood, and what food appears to attract them the most. Soon all sorts of odds and ends are unearthed from their allotted corners, and are arranged out on the grass so that they may be found immediately as required.

He now takes the sockets, short lengths of hazel or willow split at the bottom and hollowed out; these he fixes along the top of the hedge until they are numerous enough to make it impossible for any bird to alight on the hedge without coming into contact with one or more of the twigs, one being placed slantingly in each socket. The twigs are often cut from maple, though some prefer stiff blades of grass. He will have them worked in the lime the previous evening, taking a bunch in his hands at a time, and working them about until each has a thin coating of lime for the last few inches of its length, afterwards removing it from his hands with paraffin.

If the day is very bright the lime will shine, and will warn birds from settling, when they will hover suspiciously for a few seconds before finally flying away. If, on the other hand, the day is very wet, the lime wil be rendered useless, and he will be obliged to use a new set of twigs after each heavy shower.

When he has inserted all the limed twigs, he takes the call birds and hides them at the bottom, or halfway up the hedge, placing a handful of straw behind each cage if the day is windy in order to protect the birds from draughts, which are very harmful. If he desires to catch Linnets, the call birds will be cock Linnets. Trouble may also be caused by the wind blowing the twigs out of the sockets.

The "set," as it is called, is now completed, and he retires some distance to await events.

Soon, perhaps, a flock of Greenfinches will fly over and be attracted by the song of the call-birds, when they will possibly hesitate and alight on the prepared position of the hedge. This is the signal for our friend to race off as fast as he can, observing as he runs where the limed birds fall. If Greenfinches are no use to him, he may merely select one or two of the best and liberate the rest. If the birds are wanted, he will clean them with a piece of cloth dipped in paraffin, a small bottle of which finds a place on his person. The birds are then placed in the store-cage.

Any empty sockets are now refilled with fresh twigs, and he once more retires to await events.

After half-an-hour or so a flock of Linnets, which he has been watching and in the hopes of catching which he chose this particular hedgerow, settle on the same hedge, but a hundred yards or so on the far side of the "set." After waiting a few minutes he makes up his mind that they will have to be driven towards the prepared portion, as they are out of hearing of the call-birds, and may take flight in a wrong direction at any moment. Without exposing himself more than is necessary, he commences to work round the remaining three sides of the field until he is a hundred yards or so from the Linnets, when, by cautiously showing himself and moving slowly down the hedge, he is fortunate enough to cause them to take flight, and, attracted by the call-birds, they settle on the limed twigs. Once more he is obliged to indulge in a sharp sprint and several Linnets are captured, cleaned and placed in the store cages.

The hen Linnets can be told from the cocks by certain slight differences well known to his practised eye. The hens are of comparatively slight value, but the cocks may eventually take a place in many singing contests.

Starlings, Sparrows and several other species are sometimes accidently caught, but are of no use to the bird-catcher whose chief ambitions he in the direction of cock Linnets.

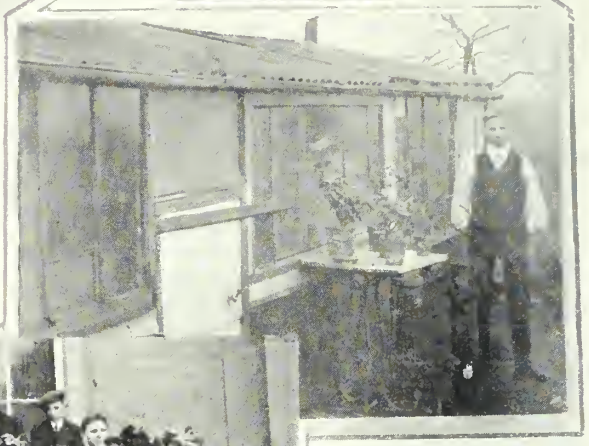
Bullfinches are often caught by means of dockings, a bunch of which are tied to a sharpened stake which is driven into the ground in a neighbourhood where Bull-

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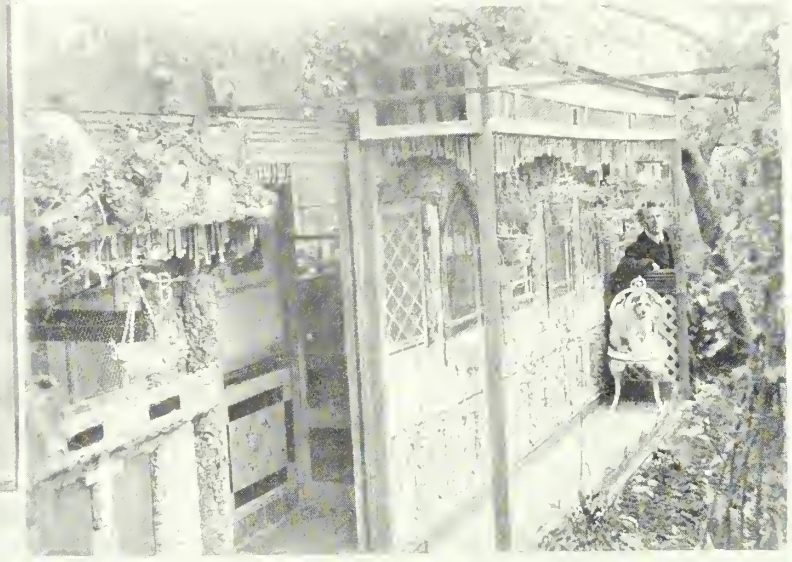


















THE CAMERA IN THE CAGE-BIRD FANCY.

Left to right: 1, Mr. H. Lee (Scarborough), and the outdoor bird-room built by himself. 2, Some members and friends of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. on the occasion of the ramble in the grounds of Bothal Haugh. 3, Mr. D. H. Tedstone, Chairman of the Welsh Cage Bird Club. 4, The outdoor aviary of Mr. F. Botwood (Wolverhampton). 5, Mr. G. T. Jones, Hon. Secretary of the Welsh C.B.C. 6, A striking muster of members and friends of the Hartlepools C.B.S. for the annual outing. 7, Mr. G. H. Barnwell, Hon. Secretary of the Harrogate C.B.S., and some of the prizes won by his birds. The gipsy kettle at the top was presented to him by his society as a token of esteem. 8, The charming ornamental aviaries owned by Mr. A. Berrett (Bristol). 9, Mr. J. Broad (Brentwood) with some of his Crests and the trophies they have won. 10, Members of the Eccles C.B.S. on a country walk. 11, Mr. J. Day (Hull), and some of his pets.



STRANGERS WITHIN THE GATES.

THE MASKED SHRIKE.

THE WHITE-WINGED LARK.

THE BEE-EATER.



WILD SEEDS AND PLANTS FOR BIRD-KEEPERS.

1. Chickweed.
2. Charlock.
3. Groundsel.
4. Shepherd's Purse.
5. Sow Thistle.
6. Plantain.
7. Teasel.
8. Dock.
9. Rye Grass.
10. Corn Marigold.
11. Fleabane.
12. Wild Linseed.
13. Creeping Thistle.
14. Spear Plume Thistle.
15. Ragwort.
16. Common Fumitory.
17. Common Nettle.
18. Saxifrage.
19. Hard Heads.
20. Poppy.
21. Dandelion.
22. Chicory.
23. Persicaria.
24. Smaller Plantain.



THE THREE GRACES.

SELF GREEN CREST.

EVEN-WING-MARKED DARK CREST.

CLEAR BODY DARK CREST.

TRAINING & MANAGING A PARROT

By M. T. GOLDSBOROUGH (U.S.A.)

"POLL" perched upon his mistress's finger and cocked his head saucily. "Pretty Poll," I said, falling into the Parrot vernacular; but Poll blinked his eyes, ruffled his grey feathers and looked at me disdainfully.

"Romeo scorns the name of Poll," said his mistress, in explanation of her pet's attitude. "He never would even learn the word, and he has a feeling of distrust for anyone who presumes to call him by that belittling appellation. Call him 'Romeo,' and observe his change of manner."

"Romeo," I then repeated, with all the suavity I could command; and immediately he became more friendly. "Romeo is here," he said. "Romeo can sing."

"Here's to Good Old Ale," he began, and ended with "Dickory Dock," "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe," and a part of "The Holy City." Such a wide range of "talk" I had never known in a Parrot. He was certainly a remarkable bird.

"Romeo is the most interesting bird I have ever taught," said the proud owner of this bird prodigy. "You know, the African grey birds are slower to learn than the Amazons, but once they have acquired a word or phrase they never forget it. They are also gentler, and are generally considered the best talkers. I was nine months teaching Romeo his name. I gave him four lessons a day at fixed intervals, and also repeated 'Romeo' every time I went near his cage. He made all sorts of ridiculous efforts to repeat the word, and when he did not succeed I rapped him gently on the toes—not enough to hurt him, dear knows—but just enough to remind him that he must try again. I kept a slender stick near his cage for this purpose. I never reward Parrots with sweets. It ruins their digestion. The pride they feel in the accomplishment of the task is their best and greatest reward. It is a delight to see their happiness when they learn a new word. They love to talk and to hear people talk. With the acquisition of his name—you see I am telling you the whole story—the mystery was unlocked for Romeo, and from this time he learned to repeat almost anything I said to him. I have trained him for three years."



A SCENE IN "PARROT-LAND."

A month after my first visit to the Parrot trainer I had occasion to pay her another call. As I entered the little shop she sat behind the small counter surrounded by birds of many species, whose chirping and chattering made a lively din. She has the love of animals in her face, and with her gentle, complacent eyes and halo of soft, snowy hair, she looks the true friend of all living creatures. But I detected a sadness that was not present at our first meeting.

"Well, how are the Parrots?" I began. "Romeo is dead!" she said abruptly, with a sob in her voice. "Oh!" was all that I could say in the presence of her real sorrow. "Yes, I sold him the day after you were here, and he lived only three weeks. He took pneumonia and died. His owners probably left him in a draught. Parrots cannot stand draughts, you know. They are very sensitive. Poor Romeo! If I had only kept him! I feel as if I am really his murderer."

"But you are not responsible for the care of birds after they have left your hands," I said consolingly. "No; but he was different from the others," she lamented. "He was my favourite child. He appreciated everything I did for him, and was so happy with me."



From a painting [*by G. Rankin*

THE WHITE-WINGED BLACK TERN

This species *(Hydrochelidon leucoptera)* is an occasional visitor to our shores from Southern Europe, etc. These graceful, swift-flying, powerful-winged sea-birds, the Terns, are familiarly termed "Sea-Swallows."

I saw that her grief would not be appeased, and decided to change the subject. "What special methods do you employ in teaching Parrots?" I asked irrelevantly. "Repetition is the only method," she replied promptly, "and this means saying things over and over till you feel as if you are crazy, and have no brains yourself. Of course, I love my birds, but training many at a time for the trade is like many another attractive occupation, in that it becomes a pretty hard grind when engaged in for the purpose of earning a living.

"First, one must obtain the bird's attention and affection, and these are based entirely upon the love of the owner for his pets. Parrots are affectionate and intelligent, and are regular peacocks for pride. They are anxious to talk, delight in the power when it is once acquired, and express a keen appreciation for their instruction. Then, having gained my bird's attention, I begin the process of repetition, being careful to enunciate clearly and to have my words and phrases fit the circumstances and time. That's all there is to it—but it sometimes means a very long course of training. Some Parrots learn quickly, others slowly, and often when you have given a bird up as a hopeless impossibility he will surprise you with a 'Good morning.' There is no way to judge of their capability until you try them, and even then you cannot really know without long-continued effort. Their attitudes, droll efforts, and queer tones are ample reward for your trouble.

"Parrots are expensive birds to keep, and are more or less—usually more—untidy in their habits. Unless they can talk there is therefore no demand for them. For this reason I feel compelled to train them in order that they may be saleable; it is hard to even give one away that does not talk. I charge a dollar a week for the instruction, but people are usually unwilling to pay this amount to have their birds taught. They prefer to buy those whose powers of speech are already guaranteed.

"Some trainers suggest covering a bird, or talking behind a mirror in front of which the bird is placed, but I have never used these methods. I simply repeat and repeat. And I find that occasionally a good talker will add to his vocabulary by picking up something not intended for his ears, but overheard in my conversation with people.

"Many people lose their birds because there is not enough attention given to the varying of their food, to its quality, and to cleanliness. The cage must be kept clean, with plenty of gravel. Clean water must always be given, and the perch must be frequently scrubbed. The food should consist of a mixture of white maize, sunflower, hemp, canary, and millet seeds, with Chili or large whole peppers once a week, and watercress, celery, or lettuce. Hard-boiled egg, rice, biscuits, various nuts, a little sponge cake, and fruit in season are among the desirable articles of food for occasional use. Orange peel furnishes good entertainment for these mischievous birds, for they enjoy picking things to pieces. They are born whittlers, and tear a stick of firewood into shreds in a few hours."

From all this it is plain to see that success in the training of Parrots (like that of children) depends largely upon the personal influence of the teacher. If he has inculcated a feeling of trust and confidence in his bird pupil, the range of possibility in the way of teaching his pet words, phrases, and little tricks is almost unlimited.

This point was well illustrated to me by a friend who owned a bird of unusual affection and intelligence. So implicitly did this bird trust her mistress that at her solicitation she would lie perfectly limp in her hands and allow herself to be tossed in the air and caught, in ball-playing fashion. She could also be swung around in a circle while clinging by her beak to her mistress' finger!

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HYBRID BREEDING:

ITS PLEASURES & DIFFICULTIES.

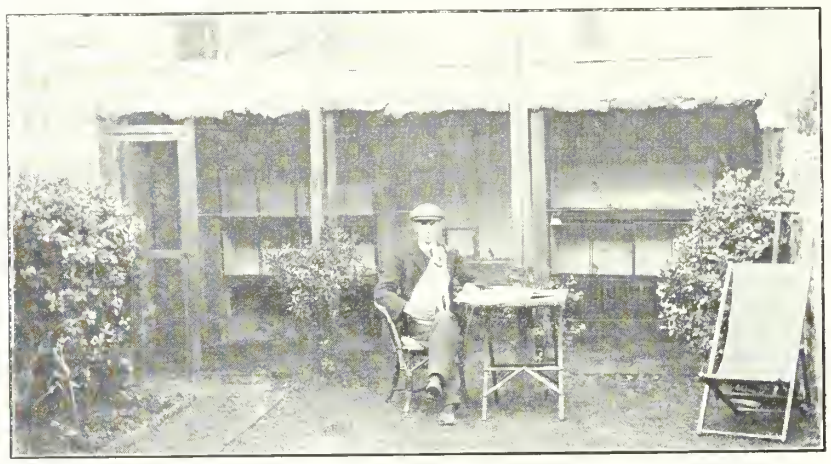
By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

This is the article which was awarded First Prize in "Cage Birds" Essay Competition in the Hybrid Section.

SO much has already been written on the subject of hybridism that one is almost bound to tread on ground which has been trodden before. But we must not forget that it is upon this interchange of ideas and opinions on any subject that progress is based, a statement which is proved by the wonderful strides which have been made in all branches of aviculture since the advent of our weekly and our monthly papers. I do not propose here to go into the theories of hybridism, which open up a wide field for discussion, but those interested in this wonderful subject would do well to study the writings of Darwin, Mendel and other scientists on this fascinating subject. I choose, rather, to treat the matter from the breeder's point of view.

The hybrid is the offspring of a fertile cross between two distinct species. As a general rule, species when intercrossed are sterile, and the living hybrid is but the exception which proves the rule. This exceptional state of things is not confined to bird-life, but is present throughout the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and the laws governing the production of hybrid forms are nearly identical in the two kingdoms.

The word "hybrid" is derived from the Greek word "hubris," meaning "an outrage," and naturally suggests to our minds a happening which is contrary to the laws of Nature. This reminds me of a conversation which I overheard at a show several years ago, between two fanciers who were not too well acquainted with the subject of hybridism, and to whom the word "hybrid" was somewhat of a puzzle. After a careful inspection of my birds, one of the two put the following question to his friend: "I say, Jim, why de 'em call these birds 'highbreeds,' for I see nothing more in 'em than in any other breed?" His friend, not wishing to be thought altogether ignorant in such matters, replied, "Well, Bob, you see, it is because they are the hardest of all birds to breed."



MR. COLLINS' OUTDOOR AVIARY.

At the back are to he seen the breeding cages used for the hybrid pairs.

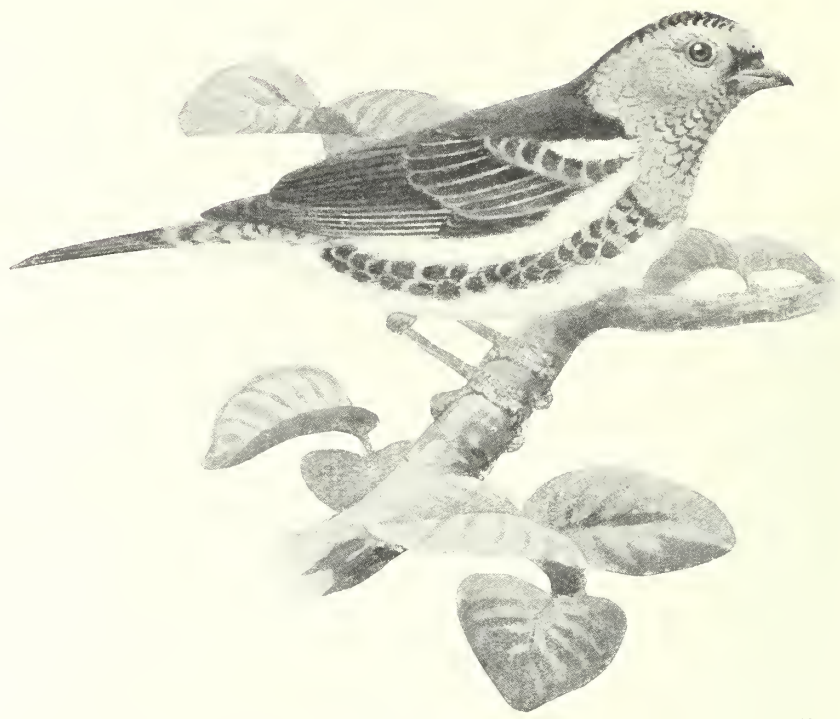
Although "hybrid" may mean the offspring of a fertile cross between any two animals or plants of distinct species, it must in this article be understood to mean the offspring of a fertile cross between two British birds of distinct species.

SUPREMELY DIFFICULT, BUT FASCINATING AND POPULAR.

There is a tradition to the effect that the British Army does not know when it is beaten, returning to the attack with renewed energy after each reverse. This same tenacity of purpose and perseverance is required by those whose aim it is to produce hybrids between British birds, for surely in no branch of the interesting hobby of bird-keeping and bird-rearing are so many difficulties to be met with as in the breeding of hybrids. The would-be hybrid breeder must enter upon his task with determination and grit, for he will meet with difficulties and disappointments from the commencement.

By a careful study of our birds themselves, as well as of their foods and habits, some of these difficulties may be removed, but, with all our care and attention, disappointments will come, sometimes fast and furious, spoiling our chances and wrecking our hopes. Birds we have carefully selected will not mate; or just as everything seems to be going on well, and our hopes are running high, eggs are dropped from the perches, or, if laid in the nest, are either discovered broken or have totally disappeared. Again, supposing we have at last succeeded in procuring a clutch of eggs, there is the difficulty of finding a hen Canary to place them under, for somehow these hens will not go off to nest at the right time. This difficulty over, there follows that anxious time of waiting, which in the vast majority of cases ends in the sad discovery that all the eggs are clear. But if lucky enough to get fertile eggs, which are in due time hatched, there may still be trouble ahead, for young hybrids are not so easily reared and moulted as young Canaries, as most of us have found to our sorrow.

Yet, notwithstanding its many difficulties and disappointments, this hobby is finding favour among fanciers throughout the country. And this is not to be wondered at, for it is just this glorious uncertainty attending every step in the production of the hybrid which makes the hobby the most interesting, the most attractive and the most fascinating in the whole world of bird-keeping. Perhaps at no time in its history has the breeding of hybrids been so popular as during the past five or six years, with the result that some very rare and beautiful



From a Drawing *[by H. Goodchild.*

THE VIOLET TANAGER.

A beautiful species exhibited for the first time in England by Mrs. G. E. Weston (London, N.W.) at the City and Suburban A. C. B. Show, where it secured the diploma for best foreign bird, and the special prize for best bird shown by a lady.

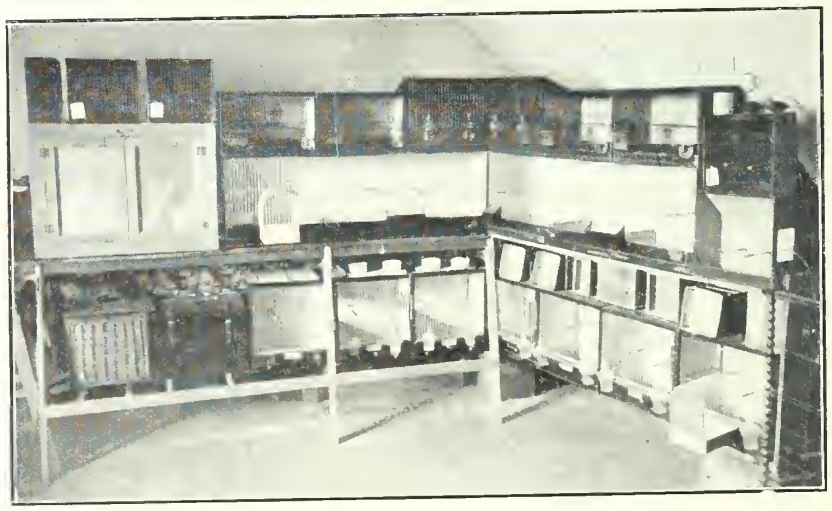
specimens have been placed upon the exhibition benches. No doubt it is the stimulus arising from competition which has done so much to deepen and widen this interest; but apart from all, the hobby is one which is full of interest and value from an educational point of view, for in the pursuit of it there is always something to observe, something to note down, to verify, or to compare.

A HEAVY TASK UNDERTAKEN.

It was in November, 1904, that I was first attracted to this fascinating hobby through a visit to the Barnstaple Great Show. Among the exhibits was a very fine team of mules and hybrids put down by Messrs. Browning & Williams, of Plymouth, and many were the questions I put to various breeders as to what the crosses were and the manner in which they had been obtained; with the result that I left the show with a fixed determination to enlist in the ranks of would-be hybrid breeders.

At this time I had never bred even a common Canary, so my readers can imagine what a heavy task I had set myself to perform. However, I set to work, and by the following April had six pairs of Britishers and five pairs of Canaries matched for breeding. The less said about this season's work the better, for it was a year of catastrophies. And yet, by the end of the season, I had gained an experience which proved of great service to me in the following year. I obtained about forty eggs from my Britishers. Many of these eggs were broken from various causes, while of those saved and tested under Canaries exactly 100 per cent. proved to be clear.

But though the season was unproductive as far as actual hybrids is concerned, it was not without its pleasing incidents. I have pleasant recollections of a hen Linnet which built her nest in a wicker basket placed on the floor of the cage. She deposited five eggs. She sat closely for sixteen days, leaving the nest only to feed; and she even refused to come off the nest when I lifted it to examine the eggs—a very unusual occurrence with a hen Linnet, for as a rule they are the most restless, nervous birds in captivity. On the fourteenth morning I moved her cage from its usual place to a position near the window for the



MR. COLLINS' INDOOR BIRDROOM.

Here all the eggs from the hybrid pairs are tested under hen Canaries.

purpose of getting a photograph of her upon the nest, and though the wire front was removed and the camera placed within ten inches of her, she never flinched; but unluckily she turned her head to examine the camera at the critical moment, and so the photograph was spoilt. Unfortunately, the eggs were clear, so I had no opportunity of knowing whether she would have successfully reared the young. I became very much attached to this hen, and also to a cock Siskin, which would leave his cage and perch on my finger every time I entered the room.

An amusing incident was provided by a Redpoll-Bullfinch pair (?). The Bullfinch hen soon commenced building operations to my great delight, for by this time I had learned of the rarity of this cross, and great were my expectations. Imagine my surprise a week or so later to discover that the Redpoll also had built a nest in the sawdust, which was carefully lined and in which she had deposited her tiny blue egg. Of course, I quickly removed the Bullfinch and introduced a cock Goldfinch; but though the birds were soon on the best of terms, nothing resulted but the usual batch of clear eggs.

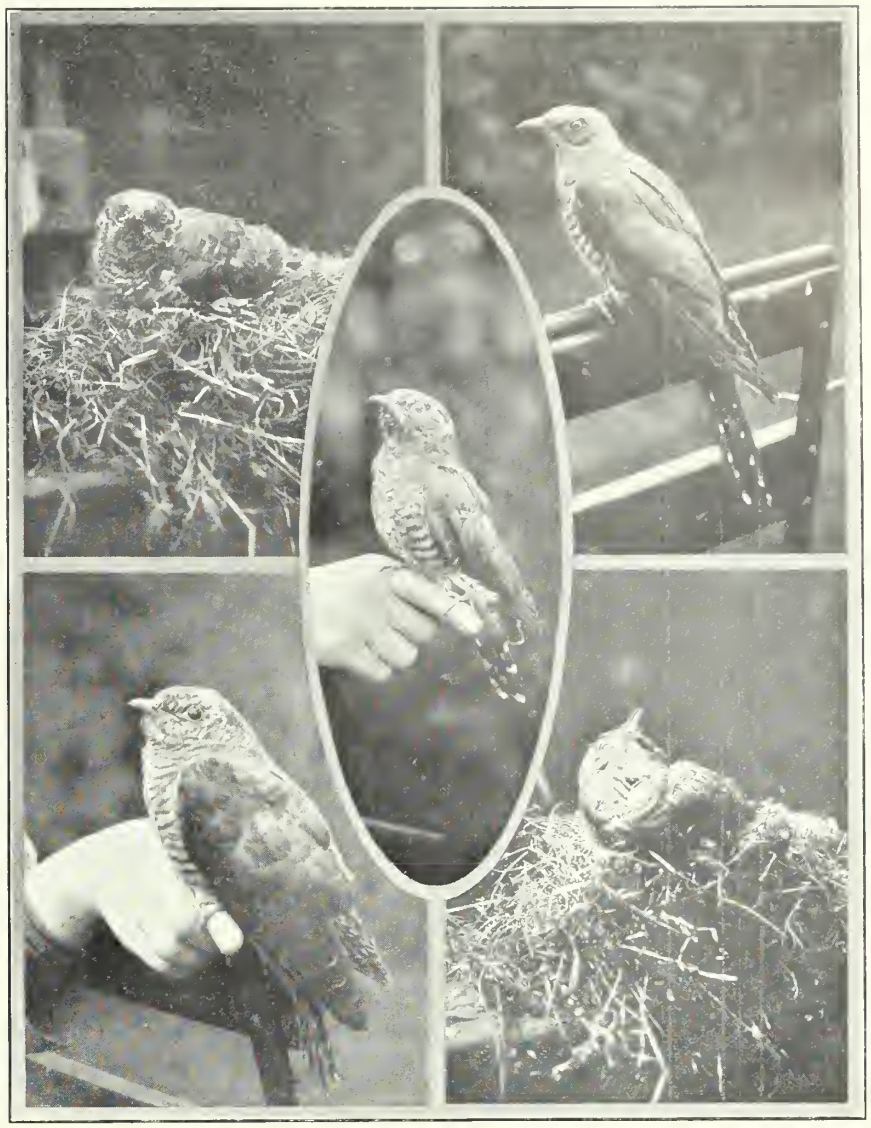
This season's work was carried out in an indoor room, and as soon as the breeding season was over I turned all my Britishers out of doors to moult, the cocks in one large flight and the hens in another. I kept all the hens which had shown an inclination to breed, and secured two more Bullfinch hens, one fresh-caught and the other house-moulted.

UNDAUNTED EFFORTS.

Nothing daunted by my previous failures, I was soon busy preparing for further experiments, and by the next season had the following pairs matched for breeding:—Greenfinch-Bullfinch (two pairs); Linnet-Bullfinch (two pairs); Goldfinch-Redpoll; and Goldfinch-Siskin. These birds were all in the pink of condition (and herein lies one of the secrets of successful hybrid-breeding). Most of the hens commenced nesting operations very early and my hopes ran high. The realisation of these hopes came later. for by the end of the season I had bred six Goldfinch-Redpoll hybrids, three of which were successfully reared and moulted, and a Linnet-Bullfinch, which also I successfully piloted through a very tedious moult. There was also one fertile egg from a Greenfinch-Bullfinch pair, but it went wrong when partly formed, as so many hybrid eggs are apt to do.

I think my readers will agree with me that this was not a bad year's work, and I must confess I felt very proud of my team. With a little more luck it might easily have been eight instead of four. I lost three Goldfinch-Redpoll hybrids through a bad feeding hen, after rearing them to four or five days old. Unfortunately I had no other hen to place them under. The hen entrusted with the incubation of the Linnet-Bullfinch eggs put a claw through one of the eggs on the twelfth day. This egg contained a fully-formed chick, which soon died, however. On the following morning I discovered the second egg broken. This time the shell had been forced inwardly, producing a wheel-shaped fracture with a small hole in the centre. I quickly covered the broken part with a small piece of stamp-paper, and, fearing to trust the hen further with such important business, I carried the egg to the house of a friend who was then breeding mules, and was lucky enough to find a nest of mules just hatching. The egg was carefully placed in the nest, and left to its fate. On the following morning my friend arrived with beaming face and breathless with excitement, and I knew all was well. We decided to leave the hybrid with the young mules, thinking it would stand a better chance of being reared, so from that time all the credit of bringing the bird on to the perches belongs to my friend. It was reared on the usual diet supplied for young mules or Canaries, viz.:—Canary seed, crushed hemp, soaked rape, and egg food, with lettuce as a green food. The Goldfinch-Redpoll hybrids were reared on egg food, hemp, Canary and soaked rape seeds, ripe dandelion and groundsel.

My next season's efforts were not attended by such unqualified success, for though the early part of the season gave promise of even greater things, yet when the end of the breeding season came, I had failed to rear a single hybrid as the result of the season's work. No less than four hybrids were hatched from the same parents, two from each pair, which were reared to ages varying from three to twelve days, but not one of the four left the nest alive. I can in no way account for their dropping off so suddenly, for, with one exception, they were strong and healthy, and seemed to be doing well up to a certain stage. Two Goldfinch mules went off in the same manner, just as everything seemed to be going on well.



MRS. E. M. SARGEANT'S PET CUCKOOS

(See article in this issue.)

The young Cuckoo has its plumage barred all over, with cream and black below and brown and black above, but the adult Cuckoo (note bird at top right-hand corner) is a plain grey, barred with black and white on the under-surface only.



From a painting] [by J. Keulemans

A CURIOUS ATTITUDE OF THE BEARDED TIT

The male may sometimes be seen with its wing extended over its mate, as though to protect her.

I managed, however, to rear a nest of Greenfinch-Canary mules. But even here ill-luck seemed to follow me, for when the youngsters came on to the perches, I discovered that three birds out of the four were the possessors of mal-formed feet. In two instances the three front toes on each foot were joined throughout their entire length, while the third bird had only two front toes on one foot and a short, useless hind toe on the other, which caused him to take the perches very badly. The last-mentioned bird was a really fine specimen and would have given a good account of himself at the shows had it not been for these imperfections.

In my fourth season I turned my attention to the breeding of Canary mules, but though I bred several mules from the Goldfinch, Linnet and Greenfinch, including three variegated Goldfinch mules, none of the youngsters proved to be up to the exhibition standard. Of the possibilities of the successful crossing of some other species of British birds, suffice it to say that I do not intend to relax my efforts just yet, and intend shortly to try for some of the rarer crosses.

A TRICKY GAME.

We are now standing on the threshold of another breeding season, and the would-be hybrid breeder will soon be finding sufficient work to keep him occupied during his leisure hours. I propose now to call attention to a few points which demand notice, the neglect of which will be followed by unsatisfactory and perhaps even fatal results. But before proceeding further let it be thoroughly understood that the following remarks as to the selection, feeding and general management of stock are written for the benefit of novices, and those who have not yet entered the lists, but are thinking of "trying their luck." I use the word luck here advisedly, for there will always be the element of chance in this hobby seeing we are attempting something which is against Nature. Hybrids between British birds will never be as common as Canaries or mules, for in each of these cases we have, as a parent, the domesticated Canary, which at once brushes aside most of the difficulties. The following is just an honest attempt to enumerate some of the difficulties I have met with during three years of hybrid breeding, and to explain some of the methods I have adopted to overcome these difficulties.

In deciding to write at all on this subject I have been guided to a very great extent by the questions that have been put to me when visiting the shows—questions as to what my birds were, how they were obtained, the housing and management of the Finches paired for breeding and the feeding and moulting, etc., of the finished article—the hybrid itself. Here let me say at once that he who is thinking of setting himself the task of placing upon the show-bench a team of hybrids bred by himself—hybrids which shall be a credit to their owner—must be prepared for many a disappointment before he has accomplished the object of his desire. It is a game which baffles one at every point, a game in which the best laid schemes of men are often shattered.

(To be continued.)

THREE OF THIS SEASONS WINNERS.



From a painting] [*by H. Norman*

A stylish Unflighted Yorkshire, of lovely quality. First prize at the L.C.B.A. Show for Mr. H. Knight (Great Sheldon).

A bonny Buff Norwich Plainhead, first prize at Wimbledon Show. Exhibited by that veteran fancier and breeder Mr. T. Irons (Northampton).

The sensational young Crest bred and exhibited by Mr. J. L. Martin (Gateshead) and claimed at the L.C.B.A. show for £35.

A DAY WITH A BIRD-CATCHER.

(Continued from page 19.)

finches have been previously observed. The sockets and limed twigs are fixed as before, and a dummy Finch may be fastened on top as shown in the photograph. The call-bird is placed on the ground at the foot, and should be either a cock or a hen of the same species. It is a good plan to place a handful of grass or rubbish on top of the cage to render it less conspicuous.

Another branch of this art demands the use of clap-nets, by means of which Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Bullfinches, Hawfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, etc., may be caught. The nets, usually of about ¾-in. mesh, are made of fine and inconspicuous material in order that they may show as little as possible when laid out on the ground.

The nets in the photograph were chosen because they did not match the ground very closely, in order that they might show up the better in the reproduction with a view to showing the manner in which they are set. Each net may be any size up to 6 ft. by 30 ft.

Our bird-catcher, having now decided to devote the rest of the day to the use of the clap-nets, selects a spot that is free from long grass or weeds, both of which may prevent the nets responding quickly to the pull, and may interfere with their lying evenly on the ground. He then lays out the nets, near a hedge if possible, and proceeds to adjust the poles, pegs and guy lines, until the nets, when closed, overlap a foot or more. It is usually desirable that the net nearest the hedge should work fastest. The bait and the brace-bird (if one is used) are placed within the net.

When call-birds are used, they are usually placed about in the positions indicated in the photographs, reference to which will, I think, make all clear.

Supposing the catcher wishes to procure Linnets, the call-birds will be cock Linnets, and the brace-bird a hen Linnet; and he will set the nets in the middle of a field, the nets themselves being large, as Linnets usually fly in flocks, and will, on hearing the call-birds, be attracted to the nets. They will then either settle immediately between the nets or hover around on seeing the brace-bird. A pull at the right moment will net the birds in either case.

If he desires to catch Goldfinches, he will select a spot in the open country where teazel and thistle abound; and he will, if possible, set the nets near a hedge and near a brook, and scatter thistle heads and teazel stalks underneath the fastest net as bait. Call-birds and brace-birds are used, and in this case they will be Goldfinches or Goldfinch Mules. The bird-catcher usually waits until all have settled, when he may succeed in taking the whole flight at one pull.

Chaffinches, Bullfinches, Redpolls, Hawfinches, etc., can be caught in the same manner, but the call-birds should be, if possible, of the same species; the first-mentioned are somewhat shy and difficult to net. Even the dashing Sparrow Hawk is occasionally netted, attracted by the brace-bird.

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OUR COLOURED PLATES.

The Three Graces.

There is no bird of the Canary race that has been so much improved by careful breeding as the Crested Norwich. The bird known by this name some twenty-five years back was a mere pigmy compared with the giant of to-day. Not only has the bird been improved in size, but shape of body, quality of feather, radiation and density of crest feather have all been improved, and it cannot be said of this breed that any one point has been neglected; the improvement wrought has been a genuine all-round development of general characteristics.

The improvement in this breed is owing to the introduction of the Coppy. The beautiful radiation, droop, and density of crest have all come from the Lancashire, yet so carefully has this been done that very few of our best show specimens show any sign of the cross except in the formation of the crest. The Norwich body, with its beautiful feather, has not been improved out of existence, but is found in all birds of the front rank.

Crest breeding is one of the most interesting branches of the Canary Fancy. There is here more scope for the development of individual thought and experiment than there is in either of the other breeds. Take, for instance, the breeding of evenly-marked birds. The breeder of the Plainhead has only to get his markings; the breeder of the Crest has to get markings and crest. Then, again, in breeding clear-bodied birds, the Plainhead breeder has to simply get his bird clear. The breeder of clear-body Crests has to get the body of his birds perfectly clear, yet, while doing this, he has to keep the crest as dark as possible.

In selecting stock, see that the Plainheads are possessed of good broad skulls, well browed eyes, and thick, stout bodies. The crests should be carefully examined. Many birds with long drooping crests are often deficient in density of crest feather—that is, the under-feather is short, thin, and scanty. This cannot be observed unless the crest is carefully lifted and turned back. It is also wise to turn back the feathers on the skulls of the Plainheads. It sometimes happens that birds possessing good brows are not well-feathered on the top of the skull. This is a most important point in selecting stock, and should not be overlooked.

The crested birds of this variety should possess a good centre, and from this centre the crest feather should radiate in a uniform manner all round; there should be no break in the feather, which should lie quite thick and flat on the skull, drooping evenly over the eyes, beak and neck. The neck should be short and thick, the back broad and full, the chest deep and well rounded, the legs short and well set. The tail should be neat in shape, and not too long.

Length of body feather is a "sine qua non" in breeding these birds, it being quite impossible to get long, weeping crests of much density unless the body feather is long and thick.

The above paragraphs concerning the noble Crested Canary, which Mr. Norman has so successfully portrayed in the three specimens on his splendid coloured plate which appears in this birthday issue, are taken from the chapter on the Crest in Mr. C. A. House's "Canary Manual." This popular handbook (a fifth edition, brought thoroughly up-to-date, has just been issued) is published by CAGE BIRDS at 1s. (or 1s. 2d. post free), and is an invaluable work, giving detailed instruction concerning the proper methods of breeding all varieties of the Canary family.

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THE MASKED SHRIKE (*Lanius nubicus*) is an exceptionally rare visitor—or straggler—to our shores, only one (or, perhaps, two) instances of its arrival having been recorded. The Shrikes are a well-known family, and comprise many species, two of which (the Red-backed and the Great Grey) visit us regularly, the former in the summer, and the latter in the winter. They are popularly known as "Butcher Birds," from their habit of slaughtering other small birds, mice, etc., and sticking the body of the victim on some convenient thorn while being torn to pieces and devoured.

THE WHITE-WINGED LARK (*Melanocorypha sibirica*) is an accidental visitor from Central and Southern Russia and Central Asia. In winter it has been found occasionally as far west as Belgium, and one or two examples have been secured in England. It is said to have a song very like that of our own familiar Skylark, and to be in the habit of making short ascents into the air. It frequents grassland and open country, and flocks of the species assemble in the winter months. The sexes are easy to distinguish, the female lacking the rufous crown of her mate. This Lark is just about the same size as the Skylark, is thick-set in build, and has a very stout bill.

THE BEE-EATER (*Merops apiaster*) is a gorgeously beautiful bird, with plumage of varying shades of sea-green, yellow, and chestnut, carrying a lovely metallic sheen. It is not often an example is found in England (though once a flight of about twenty was observed in Norfolk), its home ranging about Southern Europe, Northern Africa and Central Asia. This species has the habit of nesting in colonies, in holes in banks, like the Sand Martins. Bee-eaters are birds of very active habits, living by catching insects while on the wing, and they are birds of very graceful flight—quite one of the most beautiful species to be found in these islands.

Notes upon our coloured plate "Wild plants and seeds for Bird Keepers" will be found on page 32.

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Norwich Plainheads (Champion) ..	(8) 159	(8) 139	(8) .....
,, ,, ,, (Novice) ..	(6) 133	(6) 109	(6) .....
Yorkshires (Champion)	(12) 221	(12) 220	(16) .....
,, (Novice)	(7) 134	(7) 115	(7) .....
Crests and Crestbreds (Champion) ..	(7) 69	Cancelled	(8) .....
,, ,, ,, (Novice) ..	(2) 29	(2) 17	(2) .....
Yorkshire Greens	(4) 57	(4) 53	(4) .....
Norwich ,, ...	(4) 68	(4) 59	(4) .....
Cinnamons	(4) 56	(4) 54	(4) .....
Lancashires	(4) 39	(2) 15	(2) .....
Lizards	(4) 41	(2) 20	(2) .....
Border Fancies	(8) 153	(8) 157	*(11) .....
Scotch Fancies	(4) 25	(2) 20	(2) .....
Belgians	(4) 29	(3) 26	(3) .....
Frills	(1) 19	(1) 11	(1) .....
A.O.V. Canary (Champion)	(1) 8	(1) 11	(1) .....
,, ,, (Novice)	(1) 11	(1) 22	(1) .....
Limit Classes, Canaries	(7) 266	(7) 238	(7) .....
,, ,, British	(1) 26	(1) 17	(1) .....
Mules (Champion)	(11) 174	(11) 170	(11) .....
,, (Novice)	(None)	(None)	(3) .....
British (Champion)	(24) 484	(24) 419	(24) .....
,, (Novice)	(None)	(None)	(4) .....
Foreign	(10) 130	(11) 101	(11) .....
Extra Stock	(1) 274	(1) 245	(1) .....
Cages	(3) 91	(3) 45	(1) .....
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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Norwich Hen Mopy.

Killiecrankie.—You should have given some idea of the bird's age. If she is an old bird I doubt your making much improvement. Anyway, try the following treatment for a few weeks. First of all see that she is quite free from cold draughts and extreme variations of temperature, and is not hung near or over burning lights in the evenings. Aim at a well-ventilated and cosy place—not necessarily overheated. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, or occasionally a grape broken open, and on the alternate days give twice a week a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the remaining days each week give a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards give 20 drops of the following mixture two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards. Mixture: Two drams each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, one dram each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, plus six grains of iodide of potassium. Your chemist will mix this for you. Withhold the bath until bird is better.

Distinguishing Sex of Rollers (A. B.).—See reply to "A. T." in last issue under heading "A Question of Sex and Feeding." If the Roller is a moderately young bird, and in good health and condition, it would, if a cock, have been in full song before now, and if it were not I should be strongly inclined to write it down a hen.

Yorkshire with Bad Eye (W. H. Green).—Am afraid you will not do much for this bird. Feed and treat as advised to "B. T. Foyle," except as regards the medicine, which will not be necessary. You might smash up the mealworms, and put on the bread and milk, as the bird might not find them otherwise. Bathe the eyes daily with a lukewarm solution of boracic acid—small teaspoonful to teacupful of warm water. Dry off moisture, and put in each eye a tiny morsel of spermaceti ointment in half an ounce of which five grains of yellow oxide of mercury has been well incorporated. Your chemist will mix it for you. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean. Report result in a fortnight.

A Good Class of Songster (E.C.).—As you want something better in appearance you cannot do better than make a beginning with, say, two pairs, one a good singing buff green or variegated Roller cock, and a rich clear yellow Yorkshire hen, and the other a green ticked yellow Yorkshire cock and a clear buff Roller hen. Remove the young from these two pairs out of earshot of all common singing birds, and as soon as the cocks can be singled out place them under the tuition of good Roller songsters or bird organ. From the hens pick out the richest coloured and best shaped birds of good size, which come nearest your ideal for the following season's breeding; clean out the nest. When the tuition of the cocks is complete, make a similar selection from them with the addition of keeping the freest and most expert singers, and dispose of remainder for songsters. Next season mate one of the young clear hens from the Yorkshire cock to the original Roller cock; a hen from the Roller cock to the Yorkshire cock; and a cock from the original Roller mate back to the original Roller hen. Discard the Yorkshire hen, and mate the remainder of the young among themselves, avoiding mating brothers and sisters, and from the progeny of these against select cocks and hens as before for the following season which show the nearest approach in colour, shape, and size, to your ideal, always remembering to give due weight to the skill shown by the cocks in fnbibing and performing a good pure type of song. Start with four unrelated birds, and you should be able to go on for three or four seasons without inbreeding to any extent or introducing fresh blood.

Swelling on Leg (B.Y.).—You ought to have described the appearance of this swelling. It is quite likely it may be a distended vein, in which case your best plan is to leave it severely alone. If the appearance seems to negative this surmise and there is any appearance of a "head" to the swelling, bathe the leg well with a 1 in 40 solution of Jeye's Fluid, then prick the swelling with a clean needle, gently press out contents, and anoint daily afterwards for a few days with fanocyllin ointment, or carbolised vaseline. If there appears no "head," paint it every second day for a week with a small feather dipped in tincture of iodine, and report result in a fortnight.

An Aviary Trio (W. Ritchie).—(1) Yes, sawdust will ho a suitable covering for the floor, but when the breeding season arrives discard it, and substitute good clean gritty calcareous sand. (2) The birds will breed successfully if you are careful not to overcrowd, and put in a good supply of nesting receptacles to prevent squabbling, say, eight or ten for four or five hens. Wicker travelling cages with the short bars removed would be excellent. (3) One cock and four hens would be sufficient to stock it for breeding. Let the cock be a lusty, vigorous, one-year-old bird, in full stout song when mated.

Kitchen or Elsewhere (A. K. R.).—In the kitchen, with a large cooking stove, and hanging at the window, is a combination of unsuitable conditions which is almost certain to end in failure sooner or later, and probably very soon, too. Most decidedly, if you have another room available, where there are comparatively slight variations of heat, and freedom from daughts, damp, and impure air, you would be well advised to remove the bird to it at once. Hang it in a bright airy position, but well away from both fire and window. It will not matter if it is a room in which no fire is kept. So long as it fills the above conditions it will be far preferable to the present position.

Too Fat and Mopy (Soldier).—If it is convenient place the bird alone in a large flight cage, or a double-breeder, with the centre partition removed, and limit its diet to a small teaspoonful of seed per day until sufficiently reduced. Let this diet consist mainly of plain Canary, but twice a week give half Canary and half summer rape—a teaspoonful of the mixture, not of each sort. Once a week give a very small piece of bread and milk in addition to the seed. Be careful not to forget the daily ration, and keep a supply of watercress going when available. When green food cannot be supplied give twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water three times a week to keep bowels moving freely. As regards the other bird treat as advised in reply re mopy Norwich.

Crossed Wings (E.W.S.).—No; I certainly do not consider it advisable to breed with the pair of birds you describe, as both having this fault in a pronounced degree. For the wing-marked buff cock you should get a clear yellow hen, from a marked strain if possible, or one with slight eye marks, but no markings on head, neck, or breast. Let it he a chubby bird with as much as possible

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in front of the perch and a minimum quantity behind—i.e., have a close compact feathered body with short tail and flights, and the wings well carried, showing no disposition to cross at all. If they do not meet at the tips, so much the better. For the yellow hen, get a ticked buff cock as closely feathered as possible; and otherwise answering above description. In buying another matched pair, you would do well to get a reliable breeder to select for you. I doubt whether the pair you now have were selected by such an one.

Hen Mopy (A. E. H.).—It might help the hen to pick up if you removed her to a cosy room indoors in which no fire is kept, but you must not move her to a warm room or it will throw her into moult. At the same time, if the outdoor room is ventilated and free from damp, and, as you say, draught-proof, there is no reason why she should be removed at all. Feed her on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet; on two other days a pinch of maw seed, and every second day for the next fortnight give a piece of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Stop all the other seeds and foods you mention. In the drinking water give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight. Keep cage clean, and strewn with clean, gritty sand. See there are no red mites.

Building a Strain (C. H. K.).—To attempt to establish a strain of pure Cinnamons from a single pair of birds plus crossings with Norwich is simply waste of time and years of patient plodding. Certainly it would be quite possible to perform the feat, but as you would have to begin putting in Norwich blood from the very first, and doing very close in-breeding to breed back to the pure Cinnamon, you must see that years of patient work would be necessary before your object in having a strain of pure Cinnamons was realised. Instead of going over all this useless ground, why not dispose of a pair or two of the Norwich and replace them with a few extra pairs of Cinnamons, ready made, so to speak, and thereby start with, say, three or four pairs of Cinnamons, which would soon give you a good basis to work upon in building upon a strain without introducing alien blood unnecessarily? This method would be much more satisfactory, and the results more quickly seen.

Sneezing Noises (P. D. R.).—You ought to have kept this bird in a fairly warm place, and given her the mixture you have been using the last month for the first week or fortnight after you received her, when she would probably have been all right. Now, unless this sneezing and speedy exhaustion under exercise quite disappear in the next few weeks I cannot advise you to attempt breeding with her. She would breed successfully in all probability, but there is a very great risk of her progeny being affected in the same way. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on two other days a small teaspoonful of mixed seed. On each of the remaining days give either a pinch of maw, bit of green food when available, or a morsel of sweet fruit. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. Keep her in a cosy part of your room, but see it is equable, free from draughts, yet well ventilated. If not well in a month write again referring to this reply.

Sore Eye (Mrs. Manning).—Keep the perches and places where it rubs its eye as clean as possible. Give a little extra green food when available in a fit condition for use, or otherwise a sweet grape now and again broken open, to keep the bowels freely moved, and help to clear and cool the system. A morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight may also be given with advantage. Stop using the boracic lotion and bathe the eye for a few minutes each morning with a lukewarm decoction of poppy heads. After bathing gently dry off the superfluous moisture, and drop in the eye one drop of a lotion composed of half-ounce rose water, five grains sulphate of zinc, and five drops laudanum. Repeat the drop in the evening, but not the bathing.

Charlock Seed (Anxious Novice).—Personally I do not care about this seed as a food for closely confined Canaries, except in the most limited quantities, as a little change, in the same way as inga, millet, etc., may be used, and then I should rather limit its use to birds in large flights or aviaries. I tried it many years ago, and found that Canaries do not seem to care much about it, and so long as good rape was available, threw charlock in the cage bottoms and rejected it. A staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together is about the best all round for birds in a cold room, with a little of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, millet, and broken groats, and one part each teazle, linseed, and black rape (or charlock, which is frequently the same), every third or second day, according to severity of weather, during the winter months.

Loose Feather (O.P., New Southgate).—As the bird is in a warm room, you should first satisfy yourself that it is not subject to extreme variations between day and night temperature. Keep it well away from the fire and windows, but out of draughts, and examine cage carefully, and also the cover when removed in the morning, for presence of red mites. If the latter are discovered, eradicate them at once. Continue the staple of plain canary; give half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week; and once a week a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. Give a bit of raw carrot or banana twice a week. Limit the diet to this for a month. In the water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a fortnight. Let bird bathe freely when it is so disposed.

Pairing for Mates (A. A.). — You cannot rely upon producing either cocks or hens by pairing together different aged specimens. There are other, and quite as powerful, factors to be reckoned with in attempting to control sex of progeny—health and condition generally, physical stamina, and physiological powers possessed by individuals of which at present we know little or nothing. Some hens will produce a majority of cocks mated with any cock, and vice versa; and the same remark applies equally to cocks. Again, any given pair of birds may produce a good majority of cocks in the first and second broods, and practically all hens if allowed a third brood, and my experience is that one may invariably count upon the proportion of hens produced increasing vastly at the end of the season, particularly when third and fourth broods are being taken. As far as mere age is concerned a young vigorous one-year-old cock with a mature hen, say, one in her third or fourth season, may reasonably be expected to produce a majority of cocks, but don't gamble on this. Any one of the above-named factors may come into play and upset all age conditions.

Loss of Voice (B. T. Boyle).—The bird is suffering from loss of voice, and although you say he "sweets and chirrups," I have no doubt if you take notice you will find these sounds husky and rasping. I suspect the bird has been exposed to some cold draught or damp, or to some unusual extreme of heat and cold. Keep it in a fairly comfortably place, not necessarily very warm, nor yet on the cold side, but let it be as equable as possible, and perfectly free from draughts or impure air, such as the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape, and every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a pinch of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed. Give a little banana, or a grape broken open, twice a week. If available, a mealworm each day would also be most beneficial. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, glycerine, and parcgoric, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

Rollers Stopped Singing (H. Kidd).—It is impossible to even guess why your two Rollers have gone off song so suddenly, and yet seem in good health and condition, without some data to go upon, and you give absolutely none. How are they fed and treated generally, where kept, did they moult at the proper time, and have they been moved recently to a different room or position? Write us again, and give these particulars; also give the probable age of birds, when I will do my best to help you. Meantime, feed on a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give every third day a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the intervening days give first a scrap of sweet fruit, or green food if available, and next a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days.

A Triplet (A Novice, W.).—(1) You must first see that this bird is not exposed to any cold draughts or damp. Treat as advised "B. T. Foyle." (2) When using single breeding cages, you must only put in one nest pan. The only time when you may temporarily put in a second is when a hen is very anxious to begin nesting again before the young are quite ready to leave the previous nest. Then, sometimes, not always, it prevents a hen disturbing or plucking the young. The result depends solely upon the idiosyncrasies of the individual. (3) The real use of the double breeding cage, as you put it, is that if you so desire you may keep in the centre side and keep a hen in each compartment for breeding, utilising the services of one cock for them both, running him with each hen alternately. Or you may put the cock in one end, the hen in the other, and thus let them make friends through the wires before running them together, and later on the cock's compartment may be utilised to separate him from the hen if necessary during sitting and rearing the young, and to transfer the young brood to when necessary to remove them on account of plucking, for weaning, etc., when the cock is returned for the second brood. You would find all the varied uses of all cages fully dealt with in the early parts of "Our Canaries," now publishing.

A Border Mixture (A. R. Marshall).—As you distinctly say the cock in question is of the slim type I certainly would not advise you to mate him with his own nest sister. This is the closest possible in-breeding, and even when required for some definite purpose should only be carried out with birds that are well up to, or even over, standard size and substance, in order to allow for the bulk which is very apt to occur in such close breeding. As regards your other query, whether clear birds or yellow to yellow are to be preferred, you must have got a little mixed. Clear birds are those with no marking at all in the plumage, and exist in both yellows and buffs. Except you have some special object in view it is best to stick to the usual method of mating yellow to buff, and a clear bird with one that is more or less marked. If, however, you wish to breed a majority of clear birds you may mate about three-fourths of your stock clear yellow to clear buff, but for the remaining one-fourth let one bird of each pair be ticked, or lightly varicgated, otherwise your birds will lose in depth of tone of natural colour.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Re Mexican Parrot.

Constant Reader.—Your query came to hand at the last moment, with no time to look matters up, and I do not recall to mind at the moment a Yellow-naped Mexican Parrot; possibly your bird is the Yellow-naped Amazon. If you will send me a description of your bird, and state whether it has a long or short tail, I will try and give you a more satisfactory reply in our next issue. In the meantime, diet it on seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and plain biscuit, supplying a piece of the latter occasionally. Seed mixture: Canary and white millet seed, three parts of each to one part each of maize, hemp, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds; well mix the whole together. Also keep a piece of cuttlefish hanging in the cage.

A Wild Parrot.

Hopeless.—If the ring becomes gradually more and more distinct you have a young male, but if the ring remains as it is, that is merely a faint indication of a ring, then it is an adult female, and taming will be difficult. With such creatures as Parrots I never take the "hopeless" position. A wild screeching Parrot is a tiresome possession, I admit, but I should try it for a while longer. Continue the coaxing, but do not stand over its cage while doing so, sit quiet and still by the side of its cage, talking gently to it the while, and if you have any young people, romping or sudden movements (or teazing) should not be permitted in its vicinity. Note what item of its dietary it most fancies, and offer it a little of this as a tit-bit from time to time, and I opine you will gradually overcome its wildness. Possibly keeping a screen halfway round the cage on the most exposed side, or placing the cage in a corner of the room, where it would have light and air, yet be screened from too much publicity, would help.

What Birds?

E. T.—They are a fine group of birds to be found ranging over the Sandwich Islands, but they are, I believe, pretty closely protected. The Creepers are very numerous, of varying size, and clad in rainbow-like hues, with great curved bills varying in length from nearly three inches to one inch. The Great Hook-billed Creeper is a fine bird, total length 8 inches, with silky plumage, similar to that of a Hangnest, in which black predominates. The Hook-billed Red Creeper is only 5½ inches over all, and is of more gorgeous plumage than the well-known Scarlet Tanager. There are others of the same group, but of varying size, with delicately harmonised garments of olive-green, yellow, and white, and of varying degrees of intensity. There are a number of fine Grosbeak-like birds, with Parrot-like bills, and others of the Hawfinch type, but even larger in proportion to bodies than those of the Hawfinch, with beautifully harmonised plumage of golden-yellow, olive-green, and greyish-white, varying in intensity in the respective species. It is impossible for me to give more in the space of this reply, so I have made a few rough pencil sketches of typical birds of the respective genera, and posted them to you. We hope when you are settled in Hawaii you will send us some notes of the birds you come across.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Amazon Parrot in Poor Plumage.

I. L. E.—I should certainly spray this bird with quassia solution, as from your description it certainly appears to be troubled with some minute skin parasite (some of these are scarcely discernible under a powerful microscope). Use the spray twice weekly, but guard the bird carefully against draughts till it is dry. Continue to use the magnesia sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving freely, but the voidings should not be watery loose. When not giving the magnesia well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. It is a fortunate thing the bird will not touch boiled egg, as such would soon ruin it completely. It will do well enough on seed alone, but I should still continue to offer it an apple core occasionally, a few shelled walnuts, and a piece of biscuit; it will be the better for these. I incline to the opinion that it is a young bird; in such case, its rough condition may be rather protracted, and you will have to let things take their course. From your description it appears to be a young double-fronted Amazon. You might try it with a little boiled maize, as it will not touch fruit, etc. Boil the maize till soft, and then drain away all moisture before supplying to the bird; this only keeps fresh one day, so it must be prepared fresh for each occasion. Offer it every other day. You will only aggravate matters if you tempt it with a bit of everything—tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, egg or any kind of animal food must not be given.

Red-crested Cardinal, etc. (R. C. F.).—(1 and 2) The value of a Red-crest may be said to vary from 5/- to 10/6, according to condition and plentitude or otherwise on the market. If the bird you refer to appears healthy and alert, with a clear eye, etc., it will be a safe purchase and fair value at the sum named; the moult will soon rectify the defects you point out. Any broken wing or tail

feathers could be extracted one or two at a time, and would be reproduced at once. There is practically no difference in the crest of male and female. (3) There is no Green-crested Cardinal, but there is a Green Cardinal with a black crest, which is also known as the Black-crested Cardinal; a pair would cost 25/- to 35/-, and a single male from 20/- to 25/; they have been advertised during the past year in our columns. Glad to note treatment has proved effective, and beg to thank you for appreciative remarks re our Christmas Number.

Lost Parrakeet (no nom-de-plume).—It is very difficult to advise; it may, of course, have flown a good distance straight away; on the other hand, such is not usual, and I should incline to the opinion that after having been so long in captivity it had entered some house or shed at no great distance, as it would be no easy matter for it to procure food at this season out of doors. I should advise you both to advertise in CAGE BIRDS and the local newspapers—you really ought to cover a twenty miles radius, and then there should be a good prospect of your recovering the bird, which I hope you will do, as it is sad to lose a great pet, and not know what has become of it.

Siberian Goldfinches (H. B.).—(1) Diet on a seed mixture of canary, hemp, teazle, linseed, maw, and a pinch of inga seed; also supply regularly a tin of some good make of wild seed mixture. Green-food (at this season of the year, apple and lettuce is as good as any), a small mealworm or two daily, and any small maggots you can obtain for it. (2) Very similar. (3) This is rather a common and annoying habit with cross-paired birds, and I fear the Siberian is as bad as his English cousin—never-the-less, individuals vary. (4) The price appears to vary from about 6s. to 10s. 6d., the latter for picked birds. Of course, an exhibition bird (winner of prizes) has a very different value.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Soft Moult, etc. (Thrush). — Follow the advice given E. Allfrey this week; the recipe mentioned (oxymel of squills, etc.) is the one to use to cure your bird's cold. You give me no information as to your methods of feeding and management; anyway, keep the bird out of draughts and extremes of temperature.

A Linnet Ailing (C. H. W.).—Get one ounce of syrup of buckthorn from a chemist and stir a small teaspoonful into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water; give for a second day after a day's interval on plain water. Pity you do not tell me how you are feeding the bird. Give it a change, anyway (a little maw, dandelion, thistle, gold of pleasure, and lettuce seeds, for instance, mixed).

Identity of Bird (A. Thomas).—I should think your bird must be a Wheatear (note the drawing given in our supplement this week). It can hardly be a Stonechat, for this bird is less in size than even the Robin, and has a black head and reddish breast. As the bird is commencing to sing a little, I recommend you to keep on with the food you have been using, which obviously suits it; if you changed its diet, then it might possibly go off in condition.

Mating for Muling (H. Upson).—As a mate for your cock Goldie, you cannot better a yellow hen of Norwich type (that is, stoutly built). See that she has a good, broad head. For extra good coloured Mules, have a variegated (green marked) hen. You should let them run together from now onwards, though of course the actual breeding operations are not likely to commence before the middle of March. Separate the birds (a wired slide between them in the breeding cage, for instance) about the middle of February, and withdraw the slide when the hen begins to "play about," with nesting material, which, as indicated, should be towards the middle or end of March.

Two Matters (Reeding).—I should say that the Chaffinch cannot be in very good condition; but I have no doubt if it is merely a question of being "backward," that he will sing in a few week's time. The Chaffinch, in its wild state, does not sing until the approach of the breeding season; and it is only by forcing him into condition (by stimulating food, keeping in heated room, etc.), that he will sing

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in the house during the winter. You do not tell me how you are feeding your bird; give a mealworm or two daily, and a few cracked sunflower seeds one day, and a little hemp the next day (in addition to the usual seeds). I have never trained Redpolls to draw up their seed and water, so unfortunately cannot advise in the matter. Put a letter in the correspondence columns and I have no doubt some reader will be found glad to give you the information.

Steadying a Hawfinch (J. M. Williams).—It is often a difficult matter to properly steady a Hawfinch, and only a lengthy period in a cage, with a house-mount, will achieve this end. You should keep the bird in not too large a cage, in a room wherein people are constantly moving about, and hang the cage away from the window (out of direct light). Talk to the bird whenever possible, and try to gain its confidence. Get it used to eating mealworms; when this has been accomplished, offer the mealworms direct from the fingers. Hawfinches are very fond of mealworms and will soon come to the front of the cage to take them. I have steadied many birds by this means alone. Putting a bird through a hand-wash (or constantly running it out into a small cage to be sprayed) will usually help towards steadying it. Washing a Hawfinch, however, is not an enviable job for the tender-fingered.

A "Chaffinch" Mule (H. Miles).—If your bird were really a dark Chaffinch-Canary Mule, it would most certainly show something of the characteristic markings and carriage of the Chaffinch. Your description answers to that of a dark Redpoll-Canary Mule, and taking the small size into consideration, I have little hesitation in saying that this is the parentage of the bird. I take it that you had a Redpoll in the aviary. Why not pay a visit to the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show and look over the Mule classes there? Or enter your bird for competition and let fanciers see it? I should be pleased to have a word with you on the subject; the show manager (or CAGE BIRDS stall attendant) would put you on my track. This year I am down to judge the Mule and Hybrid classes.

Thrushes and a Blackbird (E. Allfrey). — The point is: Did your two Thrushes moult this last autumn? If so, then they have evidently gone into a cross-moult, and you can do nothing beyond waiting for this to be completed. Keep the birds in a room indoors until the moult is over, and every other day stir up a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food into their drinking water. Your feeding is alright. They must be kept out of draughts. A sudden change in the temperature is often sufficient to drop a bird into soft moult (this condition does not necessarily point to something being wrong with the food or the owner's method of management). On the other hand, it is a very bad policy to hang birds out of doors in winter in the daytime and then bring them indoors at night into a more-or-less heated room. Here you have just the very conditions likely to result in a cross-moult. I strongly advise you to discontinue the practice. With regard to the Blackbird, get a chemist to mix you one ounce each of oxymel of squills, ipecacuanha wine and glycerine, and stir a small teaspoonful into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give it fresh at least once daily, and keep it up for 10 to 12 days, at least.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. Wallis.—This second bird verifies my first opinion, viz., that your birds are suffering from septic fever. As you will probably know, this is a very fatal disease, there being no remedy known at present. Early preventive measures by means of isolation and disinfection are the proper course, but, unfortunately, this disease is generally allowed to take such a hold upon one's birds before it is recognised. The remaining birds, if appearing healthy, should be removed to fresh quarters, the original birdroom now undergoing a rigid disinfection, and, more important, a rest of two to three months before any others are introduced into it; the virus of the disease cannot exist without the proper soil, viz., the bird. As I have remarked, there is no specific for the disease; all that can be done is to maintain the condition and vitality by the use of simple tonic medicines, of which the vegetable tonics are the best. Doses of three drops of infusion of gentian or infusion of calumba administered night and morning in the drinking water, to which a little simple syrup is added for sweetening purposes, might assist in preventing those at present unaffected from contracting the disease.

W. F. Wilbee.—Fatty degenerative disease affecting the liver was the primary cause of the Linnet's illness, and pneumonia the culminating cause induced by a system weakened and depleted by the former. You could not have arrested the disease once it had begun; the cause is of dietetic origin. Use linseed very sparingly and only very occasionally, and be sure to thoroughly clean your seed before use by rubbing it in a clean cloth. The sample you sent me was slightly musty. The suggestion re cleaning seed is rather tedious, but where one possesses but a few birds it is well worth the trouble, and removes any slight mould which might exist, and does exist where seed is kept in damp places. I have practised this method for some time, with satisfactory results.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Cuttings (A. Greenhorn, P. Smith, and others).—We are much obliged to you for your thoughtfulness.

Letters (A. Morris, F. D. Smith).—We have duly forwarded the letters.

A Letter C. Garrett).—We have forwarded your letter the the writer of the letter in question.

Annual Meeting (J. A. Tyler).—If particulars of your election of officers are posted at once, they will be in time for inclusion in our "Annual."

Wild Plants (H. Witty).—Wild plants and seeds are very fully dealt with in CAGE BIRDS book on this subject (post free 1s. 2d.) Have you bought a copy?

An Address (A. R. L.).—We have no trace of this address, or would gladly have obliged you.

HERTFORD.

At this show, held in the Corn Exchange, on Jan. 11 and 12, the whole of the cage bird section was cancelled, excepting one class. Owing to this the committee asked Mr. Robson to forego his engagement, and they asked Mr. House, who was judging pigeons, to officiate.

GOLD, ETC.: 1, spl, vhc, Brooks, rare shaped blaze, grand collar and checks, capital hare and buttons, in grand form; 2, Bowler, lovely body colour, splendid bars, nice back and buttons, well cut blaze, not so rich; 3, Gregory, lovely colour and marking, but not so steady, all Goldies; vhc, Jay, Richell; hc, Miss Dooley (2); hc, members' spl., and cup best members' cage bird. Dickens and Welch, nice little Goldie, rich colour, good head and bare, trifle soft.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 19.—**Hemsworth.**—J. W. Gillings, 52, Victoria Street.
Jan. 14.—**Fishguard.**—J. W. Rogers, 53, West Street.
Jan. 17.—**Larkhall.**—J. McEwan, 59, McNeill Street.
Jan. 15.—**Tredegar.**—E. W. Sutherley, 17, Church Street.
Jan. 17.—**Skelmanthorpe.**—S. Morley, Park Gate.
Jan. 16.—**Glasgow.**—P. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.
Jan. 21.—**Crystal Palace.**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton.

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Canary Management Throughout the Year.

SIR,—Those of your numerous readers who are contemplating a commencement in the Canary Fancy may find the following of use to them; at any rate, that is my hope and object in writing what I have. Perhaps we had better start at the beginning of the year, viz., January. The show season is drawing to a close, and we have now to turn our thoughts to another breeding season, or, rather, to the preparation for it. In January I give my birds canary seed as a staple food, German rape and niger seed twice a week, and egg food once or twice, according to the condition of the birds. If the weather is very cold, I give a little warming seed, such as hemp or a pinch of maw seed. If the weather is severe, I believe in giving a little heat, but one must use his own judgment. Do not forget the ventilation; always open the window for a little while each day. I like to keep my own bird room 45 degrees in temperature, at the lowest. At this time of the year, when the weather is so changeable, you may find a few feathers dropping from a bird. In such case I find the best thing is to give the bird a little extra egg food and about eight drops of tincture of steel in the drinking water (one ounce) until it is better. In February I continue giving the same food; of course, feeding the cocks a little more liberally than the hens. I also give a pinch of the following mixture every day from now onwards (this mixture I read of in CAGE BIRDS about two years ago, and I have found it to be very good): equal parts of gold of pleasure, niger, red millet, summer rape, maw and lin seeds, and a very little hemp seed, a quarter of a part. I stop the hemp when the birds are breeding, and give a little more egg food, say, one tablespoonful to each pair daily. If you have heat at your disposal, and the birds are ready, you can safely start breeding with them in the first week of March. But don't be in a hurry; if you have no heat, wait until April. Of course, I am speaking of good birds in cages now. If you have common birds flying loose in a room that has a fair amount of sun on it, you will find that the birds will start breeding of their own accord by about Valentine's Day (this is not an old fairy tale about Valentine's Day, but a fact). My friend has some common birds flying loose, and he always expects, and, moreover, gets, young flying about by March 1st. He never uses any heat, and his birds never even see a fowl's egg, let alone eat any of it. He feeds his stock on a mixed seed diet, consisting of canary, lin, rape and hemp seeds, and he soaks some stale bread in water, and gives them that. For green food he hangs up a lettuce like you would a cabbage for fowls. He puts eight or ten cocks to two dozen hens, and uses husks for nest pans. They do not get over-much attention, and his knowledge of birds is not great; yet there is never a queer bird; and the only medicine his birds get is fresh air. But we must go back. By this time all our cages have been thoroughly cleaned, and our birds are almost ready for their season's work. If you can tell when the birds are ready, there will be no need for you to hang the cock bird in front of the hen, unless, of course, you are running him with two hens, in which case I find it best to do so, as sometimes he may be a little spiteful to No. 2 hen. A fortnight or so before pairing your birds up add a little brown sugar to the egg food and a little treacle to the hen's drinking water, to prevent egg-binding. You can give a little maw seed the day you expect the hen to lay—in the afternoon, which is very good for them, especially if the weather is chilly. As the eggs are laid, take them away, and replace them by dummies until the third egg is laid; then give the nest a good dusting with some insect powder, and replace the real eggs on the third evening. In the case of egg-binding, you will be able to get advice out of CAGE BIRDS as to how to act. I have never been troubled with it among my birds, and, therefore, cannot give you any experience of it. A day or two before the eggs are due to hatch, give the hen a dose of Epsom salts; and on the day the eggs are expected to hatch give a little yolk of egg and but a very little biscuit; or, in other words, make the egg food strong. The egg should be boiled for about five minutes. For the first three days give the yolk of egg only; but each day add a little more biscuit (or bread crumbs, whichever you like). After that time, give a little white of egg as well as yolk, and as the young grow, keep making the egg food weaker. The young birds will be leaving the nest when they are about seventeen days old. Do not be in a hurry to take them away from their parents unless the hens begin to pluck the young or to lay again. When the hen does start laying again, the young must be transferred to a nursery cage, and hung in front of the breeding cage. I always use a Yorkshire show cage for nursery purposes, and in them I put canary seed and whole and crushed hemp seeds separate, which I give fresh every day; also I supply a little egg food, in which I put a few drops of tincture of gentian for two or three days every fortnight until the young are well in the moult. While they are moulting I shade my room off from the bright rays of light, and give the birds a bath when possible. Keep them quiet, and give them a little of the mixed seed spoken of for February use. The show birds ought to be taken out of the flight when they are half-way through the moult; and if they will agree, place them (in pairs) in separate cages—if they will not agree they must be singled out altogether. Colour-feeding ought to be commenced in the first week of July and given every day until the head and neck only are left to finish off; then give colour-food the same strength, only miss a day until the birds are finished; and then give it only twice a week during the show season. Most of the show birds will be able to go to one or two early shows without being washed. If by accident they get dirty, do not wash them before the feathers are fairly hard, or else ten to one it is you will spoil them altogether till the new feathers grow again in place of those that come out in your washing them too soon. If you cannot wash a bird, it is best to get someone to show you how to do it before attempting it yourself. After washing my birds, I always use two drying cloths for buff birds and one for yellows; in which they remain for about twenty minutes in front of a good fire; and I always give them a thorough rinsing after I have got the dirt out of the feathers. It is best to wash birds four days before a show, and either give them a bath (or spray them) the day before. All your spare time should be spent in training the birds for show and in an attempt to gain their confidence. Steadiness is of great importance if you are to succeed on the show-bench. I know of a good many cases this season where birds have failed to take their proper places simply because the owners have not had the time to train them. The birds should be sent off in good time for the shows, and if you are lucky enough to win some prizes, don't run after the secretary of the show to know when he is going to pay prize-money. If, on the other hand, you lose, then lose with a good heart, and try and learn by your loss; do not grumble at the judge or at those in charge of the show. We all make mistakes at times, remember. Do not forget the motto, "To show well, to brag little, and grow gentle if in luck; to pay up, to own up, and to shut up if beaten." About October get rid of the birds you do not want, and be careful that you do not sell the birds that your own strain is in need of. If you have enough birds to sell, advertise them in CAGE BIRDS. When you have only got your breeding stock left, and the rest have been sold, you can take the opportunity and re-paint some of your cages. At the bottom of my cages I use sand. I like it better than sawdust, as I think it hardens the feet of the birds, and also keeps their claws from growing so quickly. While the birds are going through the moult give extra linseed; when they are finishing, give a little iron in the water—either chemical food or sulphate of iron. If your birds "become stuck in the moult," try cochineal tea, made with one ounce of boiling water, in which put six cochineal grains; press the grains out when cold, and give the liquor to the birds instead of water until they are all right. Should a bird become bare in parts, touch the parts slightly with paraffin. Take in CAGE BIRDS, and you are sure to learn something new and interesting; and also you will be able to obtain an answer to any question you may wish to ask the Editor

WM. A. LACEY.

The metropolis is losing one of its best-known British bird exhibitors, in the person of Mr. C. Prior (Brentford, W.), who is leaving London to reside in Hampshire. His whole stock of birds, cages, appliances, etc., is advertised for sale in this issue, and should provide many budding exhibitors with a start in the British bird fancy.

I was greatly surprised on receiving last week's CAGE BIRDS to find my foul-marked green hen given the place of honour in your popular journal. She was bred by me with birds purchased from Mr. H. Davis, and has been very successful, winning under four different judges, which I think is very creditable, considering she had to compete against clear birds. She is also one of my best stock hens, as I have bred some grand youngsters by her, which have in turn also won on the show bench.—F. KING (London, S.W.)

The 3½ h.p. Rudge-Whitworth motor bicycle made its first appearance in a competition in the Boxing Day Motor Cycling Club run, London to Exeter and back, its rider, Mr. Alan Hill, securing a gold medal, the highest possible award. Throughout the whole distance, 320 miles, his machine gave him no trouble. He says: "The machine ran remarkably well all through the trial, and I did not have occasion to open my tool bag." This new model was first seen by the public at the Olympia Motor Cycle Show in November. Large orders have been booked, and deliveries are now just beginning. Riders wishing to possess one of these remarkably successful machines should lose no time in placing their order.

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Correspondence.

The Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C.

SIR,—Will the members of the Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club kindly note that a general meeting will he held at the Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, on January 19, 1911, at 8 p.m., prompt? And will all members please make a special effort to attend, as several important matters have to be brought before the meeting?

BECK AND ANDREWS, Secs.

Focussing the Cage Bird Fancy in Deptford and District.

SIR,—A meeting for the formation of a cage bird society, including the reorganisation of the Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S., will be held on Thursday, January 19th, at the coffee rooms, 397, New Cross Road, New Cross, near the S.E.C. Ry. station, at 7.45 p.m. sharp. Will all local fanciers endeavour to attend to make this new society a success? A society in this district is greatly asked for, and should be well supported.

GEORGE BARTON.

6, Warwick Street,
Deptford.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

A Reader Qualifies for "Seven Days."

SIR,—In view of the recent discussion which has taken place with reference to the above, I am writing to inform you of the following little incident which has occurred. In doing so, I am fully aware that I am publicly admitting a great crime, and may possibly go to penal servitude, but I am going to chance it. I have in my back garden at Peckham a small aviary containing a collection of British birds. Contrary to general opinion, the birds are not vainly beating their wings in an effort to escape, but, being well fed and sheltered, they seem very contented with their lot, and are in the pink of condition. On Monday last, a freezing cold morning, I noticed a small bird on the wires of aviary trying to get at the food inside. I went out and found that it was a young Chaffinch. It seemed to be injured in some way, as it made very little effort to get away. As I could not reach him with my hand, I placed a trap cage out with some food, and in a few minutes he was inside. On catching him I found that he was in a most deplorable condition from starvation, and so weak that he could scarcely stand. After I had given him a good feed and some water, I turned him into the aviary and forgot the matter. On looking this morning, however, I was astonished at the change which had taken place. The bird had had a good bath, and with plenty of food had regained his vigour; and I hardly recognise him as the miserable little wreck that I had caught only a few days before. The question now is, what am I to do with him? If I am brute enough to keep him, I am breaking the law, and may possibly be hauled up before some "kind-hearted" magistrate, who will treat me like a felon. If, on the other hand, I am "kindhearted" enough to turn him out to starve, he will possibly become the dinner of the first cat that comes along. What shall I do? Well, Mr. Editor, I am not going to tell you what I propose doing; if you hear that I have retired from public life for a month, you will know why.

S. STEPHENS.

The Two-barred Crossbill.

Mr. Frostick's Views.

SIR,—Mr. Fulljames' unsympathetic article on the Crosshill (*Loxia curvirostra*) seems to have been written more to point out that I am mistaken in calling my unique exhibit the Two-barred Crosshill (*L. bifasciata*), when, according to his opinion it is the White-winged Crossbill (*L. leucoptera*) of North America, though he admits that his personal experience of either is limited to the single specimen owned by myself. His reason for doubting the description I have given my bird is that he has compared a sketch of his own (a very bad one by the way), with a coloured illustration in Morris' "British Birds," which to my mind amply explains his confusion. It is some time since I saw a copy of Morris' work, but if my recollection serves me rightly the majority of the plates were simply atrocious. Morris was a popular writer of some note, but he has never been recognised as an authority by serious ornithologists. I have before me a more up-to-date work by Dr. Bowdler Sharpe, containing an illustration by that famous artist, Mr. Keulemans, of the Two-barred Crossbill, which exactly resembles my bird, with the exception that my bird is housemoulted, and the bird in the drawing is in wild plumage. Mr. Fulljames rightly says: "Certainly, an adult fresh caught male, with its bright rose-coloured body plumage, and its blackish wings and tail presents a certain amount of beauty, but this . . . is but transient, for with a cage moult the red plumage is replaced by a dingy yellowish green." Now the extraordinary thing about my bird is that it was, when I bought it from my friend, Mr. R. Lewis, of Workington, in May last, in the "dingy yellowish green" stage, as described by Mr. Fulljames, but at its last moult, much to my surprise, it assumed the rose-coloured plumage again. This rose tint is not so deep in colour as it would be in an adult wild male, but it is sufficient to make it a remarkably handsome bird, and is such a rare occurrence as to make it worth while noting as exceptional. Howard Saunders describes the adult male as having the head, neck, mantle, and rump carmine red, slightly mottled with black; wings black, with white tips to the inner secondaries, and broad pinkish-white edges to the greater and medium wing-coverts; tail-feathers brownish-black, narrowly edged with reddish-white; under parts carmine-red, which fades into white on the belly; bill horn-colour, lighter on the lower mandible; legs dull brown, length 6.25 ins.; wing 3.7 ins. The European Two-barred Crossbill inhabits the coniferous forests of Northern Russia and Siberia, as far as Kamchatka and the Pacific, wandering in autumn and winter to South Sweden, Denmark, Heligoland, North Germany, Holland, Belgium, the North of France, Switzerland, North Italy, Austria, and Poland. The first recorded specimen was obtained near Belfast on May 11, 1802, since when numerous specimens have been shot and otherwise taken in various parts of the United Kingdom between November 1, 1845, and March 25, 1846, 11 were shot in the neighbourhood of Brampton, in Cumberland, right down to the last recorded occurrences in Saunder's Manual, in 1895, when they were observed in Somerset and in Co. Fermanagh. My own bird was caught in Maryport, Cumberland, in September, 1908, and was first identified by myself from a written description and sketch. It was first exhibited by Messrs.



The wing and tail of Mr. Frostick's bird; copied from sketches made by Messrs. H. Goodchild and H. Norman.

J. and R. Lewis at the last Palace show, and when I questioned the judge why he had left such an interesting, beautiful, unique, and genuine British specimen cardless, he said it was because it was not in the list of the N.B.B. and M.C. When I exhibited the bird myself at the L. and P.O.S. autumn show the same judge again left it cardless. When asked for an explanation he said because "it looked like a foreign bird." When I told him I could prove it to be a British specimen, he replied he could never accept it as such. As this same judge told me on another occasion that a Bunting is *not* a Finch, I have given him up as a hopeless case, past arguing with. This is the sort of treatment I have received on more than one occasion when I have shown the public rare and unique specimens. Under other judges the bird has had justice done to it, at Wimhledon 1st, Battersea 4th, and the Horticultural Hall 2nd, only times exhibited. As a cage bird I find it a most delightful pet, exceedingly tame and most amusing. I have to fasten the cage door very securely, as he quickly unties any ordinary knots, opens the door, and has a fly round "on its own," but will fly to my hand and freely help himself to some of his favourite sunflower or hemp seed, absolutely without fear. He is truly a dear little chap, and I can thoroughly recommend the species as a most desirable cage bird. The Two-barred is, of course, considerably smaller than the Common Crossbill, and the beak is much smaller and weaker, so that it cannot do any damage to a wooden cage; in fact, it takes it all its time to crack a sunflower seed. In a state of nature they live chiefly on the seeds of the smaller cones of the spruce-fir and larch, whilst the Common Crossbill feeds principally on the larger cones of the Scotch fir. In captivity it thrives on the ordinary "Finch" mixture, likes a little green stuff in season, and is fond of apple; it won't look at a mealworm, but occasionally has a little of my insectivorous birds' food. This bird has had the honour of being drawn by both the justly celebrated artists on the staff of CAGE BIRDS—Messrs. Goodchild and Norman, the latter's sketch graced the front page of your famous journal some seven months ago, and under the exceptional circumstances I would feel obliged if you could reproduce this in conjunction with this letter, as it is matter of unusual interest to students of bird life in general and should prove definitely that the bird, when drawn by a professional up-to-date artist, is what I have represented it to be—a Two-barred Crossbill.

JOHN FROSTICK.

P.S.—Just as I am sending this letter for publication, I have received a note from Mr. R. Lowis, in which he states:—"I see in this week's CAGE BIRDS Mr. Fulljames thinks your bird is not the Two-barred Crossbill. Perhaps he imagines you have imported it yourself; if so, I will furnish you with additional proof of its capture here, if necessary. I think his own sketch is sufficient to prove that your bird is the Two-barred Crosshill."

A New Cage Bird Society for the Leeds District.

SIR,—We have opened out a new society, namely, The Armley and Wortley and District Cage Birds' Society. Our headquarters are Station Road Adult School, Town Street, Armley. We have a comfortable meeting room, and shall be pleased to see old and new friends. As we are just opening out, we shall be pleased to enrol all who wish to join us. Our next meeting will be held on January 21st, to commence at 7 o'clock prompt.

A. H. CRAVEN, Sec.

29, Whingate Avenue,
Armley, Leeds.

Every Reader should enter for our Birthday Number Competitions. See pages 25 and 31.

Dandelion Grown from Seed.

SIR,—Perhaps readers will remember the correspondence of a few months ago on the growing of dandelion from seed. "Straight 'Un" and Mr. Downing didn't believe it possible to grow dandelion from seed gathered the previous season. I have this day (January 9th) sowed some seed that was gathered last year, and to show your two correspondents how confident I am that it will grow, I will forward them some of the young plants in about six weeks' time if they will let me have their respective addresses through you, sir.

T. JOHNSON.

The New East Ham Cage Bird Society.

SIR,—A meeting of local fanciers took place on January 9th, when it was decided to form a society for this district. Whilst there are many successful mixed societies near here, there has hitherto been no society devoted entirely to cage birds. The wish of the leading fanciers has materialised, and to-day East Ham possesses a body of men bound together to further the cause of the Fancy. Mr. H. B. Rout, 44, Lawrence Road, East Ham, has been elected secretary pro. tem., and any lady or gentleman wishing to become a member should apply to him for information.

B. C. SMITH, Club Reporter.

British Bullfinches at the Scottish National Show.

SIR,—I regret to read the report upon my British Bullfinch at the above show. I took second prize, and the reporters say a decision they could not follow, this bird being almost twice as big as any other in the prize list. Please allow me to say that I can vouch for its being a Britisher. This bird was caught by Mr. J. Wilson, Pickering, within a mile from the town. Mr. Spenceley, Pickering, was also present when this bird was caught, and I bought it from Mr. Wilson. I may state that I have never had a foreign bird of any sort in my possession. It appears that the judge had not the slightest doubt as to its being a Britisher. I also note that the reporters say the third prize winner in the Foreign Bullfinch Class could likely have won the British Class. I think this is absurd, and should not have been published; it looks like tempting fanciers to show foreignors in British classes.

W. WOODS.

A Cage Question at the City of Glasgow Show.

SIR,—At the City of Glasgow Show, held in October, I exhibited, along with other birds, a Bunting. Being anxious to dispose of the birds at the show, I read the rules carefully to see if cage was included in selling price. As the rules state distinctly "price exclusive of cage," naturally I entered the birds as cheap as possible, that being the price of bird only. The Bunting was claimed at catalogue price, but the cage (which was a valuable one to me) was not returned. I certainly had one, a small useless one, sent in its place, which I immediately returned to the secretary. But I have not had my own returned. The secretary informs me that a Blackburn fancier claimed my bird, but this fancier wrote him that he did not take my cage away. I have since written twice for this Blackburn fancier's full name and address, but have not had that information supplied. Can the official who was in charge at the show throw any light on the subject, as I fancy some of the committee would see the birds despatched? Who left the cage that was returned in my hamper?

JAMES MASON.

In Praise of the Greenfinch.

SIR,—When a boy I watched the Greenfinch hatching its eggs, rearing its young, and the male flying through the air with its peculiar "whirr." In those days I regarded it as a common-place bird, and never thought it would be a favourite cage bird to be used in cross breeding with other birds. It has all along been known to be a free breeder with the hen Canary, producing handsome Greenfinch-Canary Mules; but of recent years it has found its way into the British home as the very best of Hybrid producers. The breeder who wishes to have a chance of producing a medal winner at the Crystal Palace and other leading shows should put up a cock Greenfinch and a Siberian Bullfinch hen. A well-matched pair, if they breed, will compensate one for his attention to them for a couple of months in the summer. The hen lays freely, clutch after clutch. When young ones do hatch they are vigorous, and grow apace; they rush through the moult, and are ready for the show bench much earlier than others. Those who frequent the shows at the commencement of the New Year have only to search out the class for Greenfinches to be confronted with a regiment of bold fellows prepared to hold their own wherever they go; and they do hold their own. In the cage the Greenfinch is a sprightly but a homely occupant. He is pleased with the hard fare of Canary and rape seeds, but he is fond of sunflower seeds. I recommend the addition of the latter, as they keep him in prime condition. A good specimen can be picked up at almost any bird shop in the City or the village for a sixpence or a shilling. As the season advances a beautiful sheen comes on to the surface of the feather, bringing out a fine lustre, and giving perfect plumage. All else being equal, a bright yellow rich green is preferable. In the selection a large bird should be chosen. There is always a large army to select from. A Greenfinch is a safe investment, and those who are in doubt as to what to buy for a few months' unbounded pleasure might do worse than try this bird. He is strong on the wing, so that if he gets away, he is gone for ever.

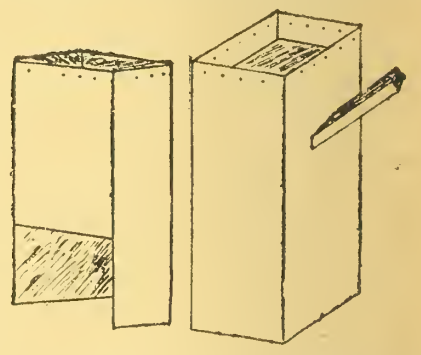
T. S.

The Artificial Heating of Bird-rooms.

SIR,—I have a birdroom (11ft. by 7ft.) built against the eastern side of the house. The windows extend the whole length of the long side and 18ins. on each small end. There is no fireplace or chimney, and I find the windows almost always wet and the room very cold. The temperature these last few days has varied from as low as 36 degs. F. I should like to know whether the gentleman (who wrote in CAGE BIRDS, December 3rd issue, under nom de plume of "Moderation") would oblige me with particulars for applying reasonable warmth to my bird-room. Would this do away with the sweat on the glass? If not, what would stop it?

M. HUGGINS.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in forwarding you the enclosed description and sketches of the heating apparatus mentioned in my letter, which you published in CAGE BIRDS of December 31st. Since the letter appeared I have received a number of enquiries, so the article is evidently awaited with considerable interest. The subject of artificial heat in the bird-room is one over which an argument can always be raised. With many fanciers, however, it is not a question of heat or no heat, but how to raise the necessary cash to supply the heat, and also to maintain it when they have got it. The following notes and accompanying sketches will solve the difficulty for many; at least I hope so. I would first like to say that this apparatus is not intended for use where a constant heat is required, but is especially useful for the purpose mentioned in my letter, namely, to enable the fancier to counteract sudden variations in the temperature, and also to overcome the bad effects of a long run of damp, muggy weather, which is very trying to the birds should it occur during the moulting period. The first thing to be obtained is an atmospheric oil stove. The one I use is a "Salamander No. 209S," made by Wright and Butler, of Birmingham. Any ironmonger or oil stores will supply one for 3s. 11d. In matters like this, I do not advise the buying of cheaper makes. Having obtained the stove, a cover of thin sheet-iron, about 1 32nd of an inch thick, must be made. To anyone used to metal work this should be a fairly easy task. I did not make mine, but cut some cardboard to the following dimensions: One piece 10in. by 24in. for the back, one piece 10in. by 16in. for front, and two pieces 7in. by 24in. for sides, also a piece 7in. by 10in. to form a tray in the top. Then there is the flue pipe—the most important part of all. I made a mistake in having this too small at first—1¼in. square—but I had it altered afterwards (in width only) to 3½in., allowing the depth to remain the same. It is about 6in. in length, and is rivetted to the box 6in. from the top at an angle of 45 degrees. When put together, the pieces form a cover like the sketch. I took the cardboard model to a man in the metal line, who made it for 4s. 6d. The piece which forms the tray must be firmly rivetted in 2in. from the top, and if this tray



Shows opening at front for attending to stove. || **Shows sand tray at top and flue pipe at back.**

is half filled with coarse silver sand it will give off a good heat when in use. It must not be taken for granted that the height of the cover cannot be altered. It may be raised to suit the requirements of individual fanciers. The reason mine is 24in. high is because there is a fireplace in my bird-room, and when I have lit the stove and put the cover over it, I push forward the iron tray on which the whole arrangement stands, and the flue pipe just passes under the front of fireplace. About twenty minutes after the stove has been lighted the cover will be very hot, and will draw the flame up a little. Turn it down a bit, and you can then safely leave it for nine or ten hours, which is about the time the oil lasts if the stove has been filled right up. I would say here that these atmospherie stoves burn with a peculiar spiky flame, and, owing to the fact that they consume air, can be turned up very high indeed without a sign of smoke. It is quite unnecessary, however, to use a big light, as plenty of heat can be obtained from a very moderate flame. Neither is there any smell; but, of course, the stove must be kept clean and dry. After using it for two years, I can, with the greatest confidence, recommend this idea to my fellow fanciers as safe, efficient, and economical.

A. W. FARMER.

The Cage Bird Union and Its Future.

SIR,—Once more the annual general meeting of the Cage Bird Union draws nigh, when the "body guard of the Fancy" will likely be assailed by the envoys of the "Prince of Fear," whose banner, held aloft by Caledonia, will represent a judge reaching for a distant shelf, enshrouded by a black fog, their shield a bird o' Freedom emblazoned in the four corners with birds in flaked plumage—their battle cry, "Down with the honest and true, and up with the paint and glue." Sir, if there is a man in the whole cage bird Fancy deserving of sympathy, consideration and support, it is Mr. Lythgoe. To expect to get a perfect man for such a position is even greater folly than to continue the production of drivelling, rancorous Bird o' Freedom. That there are more honest fanciers than fakers we will agree. That being so, how many honest fanciers are likely to suffer by allowing the fakers to carry on their trade; for instance, in the Linnet classes? Now, the Cage Bird Union, given the support of all those honest fanciers, would soon make them all honest. But I am afraid the ethics that lie behind rule 22 are too high for all those honest fanciers who are so anxious to make the C.B.U. powerless to deal with offences in their own ranks. To the C.B.U. I would say, the Fancy evidently does not want a Union with such objects. Give it cups and medals, without questioning its actions, and you will be patted and clapped, feted and honoured. Have you noticed how adroitly the fear of the law has been hung over the heads of such judges as dare try to protect honest exhibitors by finding out the "artists"? Then, of course, the Union gone, judges are defenceless too. Let the Union die upholding the highest principles; let an honest Fancy have the credit of destroying it withholding its support rather than you, its elected representatives, by a weak and halting policy, should be the cause of its gradually mouldering away through the suspension of rule 22—a fate that will follow as surely as it did to the unions that have gone before.

SPARROW HAWK.

SIR,—I note in your issue of January 7th that the C.B.U. has advertised the suspended members in connection with the late L.C.B.A. show, of which I am one. I should like to know why they advertised the suspended members of this particular show and not of others? Surely some of the members have exhibited at other non-union shows throughout the past season. This, to my way of thinking, is not right, and as far as I can see the Union is absolutely useless in its present state, for instead of doing the fancy any good, it is debarring its members of their liberty (which every fancier has a right to), and unless the rule 22 is cut out I am afraid the C.B.U. will very soon have its funeral. I wrote Mr. Lythgoe about the members entering their birds in their wives' names, also enclosing a cutting from the local newspaper stating their wins at the L.C.B.A., and which was sent to the paper by these members themselves. To this Mr. Lythgoe replied that he had written to these members on the subject, also drawing their attention to this newspaper report, to which one replied that he was not the possessor of this particular bird which had been exhibited (although he had advertised himself as such). The other wrote saying that the birds were his wife's property, and went on to say that the newspaper report was put in by someone for the purpose of reporting them to the Union. Now if the C.B.U. allow such dirty work as this to go unchecked, and suspends the member who sends his birds out in his own name, may I ask which is the worst offender? Yet this kind of thing is allowed to go free. But as far as I can see, the Union can do nothing whatever in the matter, and no doubt the Palace show next month will have a record entry from lady exhibitors, for this is the only course open to the members of the union without suspension. To me, the C.B.U. seems a complete farce, for every society has to pay 5s. and upwards, and at the same time they are taking their members' liberty away, and leaving them to be dictated to by the Union as to where they shall show. This, of course, appears to most fanciers quite in order, but when you keep a variety that only four shows in all give a class—and two of these are not affiliated to the Union—you have to keep the birds at home, or be suspended through no fault of your own, but simply because you are a member of a society which for some reason or the other becomes affiliated. This is very detrimental to all societies, and it has been the cause of a good many fanciers resigning from their societies for the purpose of having a free hand.

W. MINTY.

SIR,—I am obliged to Mr. Lythgoe for his letter in your last issue, to which I will endeavour to reply as briefly as possible. As to whether the Liverpool O.S. is helping the Union to enforce its rules, I am inclined to think the proper authority to undertake this is the Executive Council and other officials of the Union, and that the L.O.S. cannot in any way assist, except to the extent of defraying a very small proportion of the cost of upkeep of the C.B.U. by its subscriptions. My society, from the commencement, have been in favour of a Union, and I think I am correct in saying have loyally observed all the rules of the C.B.U. with the exception of Rule 22, which, perhaps, some of the members, although not technically, yet morally, may have broken. The L.O.S. have found this rule inimical to their interests as a body, and intolerable to their members individually; and in consequence have seceded from the Union. Not having an arbitrary rule like the C.B.U. to enforce membership, we unfortunately have to accept resignations when given, and when a good fancier and former supporter desires to rejoin, we are glad to welcome him within our ranks. With regard to other societies allowing resignations to evade Rule 22, it is common knowledge that in Lancashire many exhibitors refuse to allow their names to appear as members of their local societies, although they pay their subscriptions (by way of donation to the funds), show in members' show, and participate in the discussions and business of the society. Others, on account of Rule 22, decline to be members, in my opinion to the detriment of the society, and the novice members in particular, as it is largely from these fanciers that the novice is likely to acquire the knowledge to attain which he joins the society. I am pleased to hear I was wrong in believing that Rule 4 was added to in consequence of our resolution submitted at the Leicester meeting. To obviate the delay in the publication of particulars of suspensions, I would respectfully suggest to Mr. Lythgoe the advisability of inserting in the Fancy Press at the earliest possible opportunity after the event that suspensions arising out of a particular show are under consideration. This would do no injustice to the parties interested, and would let the Fancy know that the Union was alive. Mr. Lythgoe's suggestion that the Green Canary Association should back up its members who are members of the L.O.S., by giving its patronage to Union shows is all very well in its way. Unfortunately for our members the Green Canary Association considers it is not advisable to follow this course, and, like other specialist clubs, prefers to be a free agent, and to give its patronage where it thinks fit, and not to be in any way fettered by the C.B.U. and its rules. Had we the desire (which we have not) the L.O.S., with its 24 members, could not expect to govern the G.C.A., with its membership of considerably over a hundred. It takes us all our time to look after our own business. By the time the *full* list of suspensions for breaking Rule 22 is published, presuming *all* the transgressors at the late non-Union shows are included, and not forgetting the Crystal Palace, I think there will be a pretty long list, and many of these will be found to be our best-known and respected exhibitors, who support exhibitions most frequently, and ought to be encouraged. Are these men to be branded as criminals, and punished just because they think fit to show at a particular show which may not happen to be affiliated to, or licensed by the C.B.U.? Surely a fancier who has to "pay the piper" in the pursuit of his hobby should be allowed to call the tune? Instead of encouraging and advancing the interests of exhibitors (vide Rule 2), it appears to me the Union is doing its utmost to discourage them. Were I inclined to prophesy, I would predict that, providing the Union did not in the meantime become defunct, in course of time all the best fanciers and exhibitors will have withdrawn from membership, and the Union will be run by novices, who, not doing much exhibiting themselves, will have the inestimable privilege of making the rules and regulations to be observed by the former. Let the C.B.U. confine itself to the supervision and regulation of shows and the suppression of dishonourable practices, and it will attain its objects, and will need no coercive rules to maintain its existence. I would respectfully recommend to the delegates at the forthcoming annual meeting the desirability of seriously considering Rule 22, with a view to its deletion. I am aware that this has been discussed before, and I admit that as a general principle it is right that the majority should rule; but where an influential minority is concerned, if it is desired that harmony should reign, it is always wise policy to make concessions. The Union has given this rule a fair trial, and it has always been the cause of disruption. My advice is, Let us try and do without it for a year, and I am sure that in the end it will be the making of the C.B.U. Otherwise, I agree with Mr. Lythgoe, that it seems useless to go on. It seems somewhat of an anomaly that the principal meeting of the C.B.U. should be held at our premier non-Union show. I hope it augurs well for the Union.

GEO. B. DANIELS.

Proposed Border Fancy Canary Club for the South.

SIR,—In reference to the letters published in CAGE BIRDS relative to a proposed Border Fancy Club for the South, I might state in reply to Mr. F. Moore's letter of January 7th that I for another would welcome such a club, as I believe it would further popularise the "wee gems" and greatly add to the classification at various shows during the ensuing year, which, by the way, is badly wanted, especially by the novice. I think there is a sufficient number of fanciers who would be present if a general meeting were to be conveniently arranged, so will someone conversant with the arrangement of club matters kindly propose a meeting place? Then we can all meet together and endeavour to bring matters to a definite point.

W. E. PLANK.

The Inside of a Birdroom.

SIR,—May I ask, through your paper, if any reader could kindly let me know what is best to colour the inside of my bird-room with? I may say I have just built an outdoor bird-room match-boarded inside and out, and should be glad to know of something cheap and effective, a light colour preferred.

A. WRIGHT.

Prolific Foreigners.

SIR,—In a recent issue, in replying to "Ferret" (under Editorial), I see you give preference to Budgerigars as the most prolific breeders. From my own experience, I think that Black-cheeked Lovebirds run them very close indeed. The two pairs I have here, have each this year hatched off four nests, and both pairs now have youngsters. In fact, the difficulty I have with my two pairs is to prevent them breeding. With Budgerigars (yellows) my experience has been just the opposite; from three pairs I have only had six young birds. The Black Cheeks and the Budgerigars have aviaries to themselves—so both breeds have been kept under exactly similar conditions. As it would be interesting to hear other people's experiences perhaps you may care to find room for these notes of the two breeds.

H. W. MATHIAS.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Edinburgh and District.

SIR,—It has been suggested that a new society might be formed for Edinburgh and District. It is proposed to adopt the rules of our Glasgow brother fanciers, and I have been approached to write to the Press and call a meeting of all interested to a free and full discussion, and see if it is deemed advisable to elect office bearers. The meeting will take place in the Cairn's Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road, on Saturday evening, 21st January, at 7.30 p.m. All fanciers are heartily invited.

J. I. MACKIE.

Gorgie P.O.

Bullfinches at Guisborough Show.

SIR,—I wish to say that my Bullfinch got second prize at Guisboro (not third, as stated in report of that show). There had been a mistake made, and I got the wrong bird and cage home (the one that had got third). I returned it to the secretary, and by Thursday morning I had my own bird home again. I think there is all honour due to the secretary, Mr. R. Mays, and also the gentleman that received my bird and cage, for their honest dealing. The Guisboro Society is worthy of support by reason of its excellent hard-working secretary, Mr. Mays. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as I have been a reader for over two years, and always look forward for it on Fridays.

W. LEE.

The Disqualified Yellowhammer at the Scottish National Show.

SIR,—With reference to the Yellowhammer disqualified at the above-named show, I should like to ask if it is the first time the same bird has been objected to for alleged trimmed head markings? Did it not at our local show held early in November cause a great deal of controversy among the exhibitors, and an objection to be lodged against it for alleged trimming on the head? And was not this objection upheld by Mr. Bull, of Bristol, the judge? Shortly afterwards the bird was given 1st at Bournemouth. In my opinion, the time has come for judges of British birds to be keener in detecting unlawful practices; also, show committees should be more particular about appointing judges who fail to detect these practises. I should like to see rules drawn by clubs not to appoint judges over a certain age, because of failing eyesight.

BATH FANCIER.

The Mystery of Siberian Goldfinches Dying.

SIR,—I have had the misfortune to lose three Siberian Goldfinches within the past month, one of which was two years aviary-moulted, and had been repeatedly caged. It was caged when it took ill. This bird was the father of Hybrids, bred by me. All went the same way. They became "puffy," and before they died the abdomen was swollen, with the blood vessels there very prominent, and a white tick on the side of vent. I tried the first one with a pinch of Epsom salts, and kept it on soaked seed, but it was no use. The next one (field-moulted) that showed symptoms of being a little "thick," I gave one part milk to three parts water, with soaked teazle, as I feared the saline aperient had been too much for No. 1. But it was no use. Then when a third (also field-moulted) began to "thicken," I tried feeding it entirely on white English thistle seed. Then I gave it the heads of the Scotch thistle, ad lib, with soaked teazle and sunflower. It died notwithstanding. In this last case the voiding from the bowels were watery, and when it expired it was not so far reduced as the others. I lost a Bullfinch under similar conditions. As I have still ten Siberian Finches in good condition, I would like to know wherein my treatment in health, and also when they sickened, was in error? I considered myself an adept in keeping "British" birds in the pink of condition, but this experience with expensive Siberians has taken the conceit out of me. Can any reader enlighten me? My usual feeding for Goldfinches is teazle and hemp, with "pinches" of thistle, maw, inga, and flax, and a feed of crushed sunflower now and again. I never could get Goldfinches to eat Canary or rape seeds. I treat my Bullies on the same lines, with the exception that I omit thistle and substitute Canary for hemp in the stock mixture, and add a little German rape, with plenty of berries and sweet apple. I also give them a little hemp and sunflower now and again.

HYBRID.

"CAGE BIRDS" JIG-SAW PUZZLE

Can You Solve It?

HALF-GUINEA CASH FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPETITOR

(See our Front Page.)

The "jig-saw" picture on our front page this week hides in its jumbled-up pieces the silhouette of a Norwich Plainhead Canary. A cash prize of half a guinea is waiting for the reader who cuts out the pieces and pastes them on a sheet of paper or cardboard so as to exactly reproduce the original picture of this Canary before it was cut and jumbled up. The key to the correct arrangement of the pieces (as given by our artist) is locked in the editor's desk. In the event of no reader correctly solving this puzzle, the prize will go to the effort which comes nearest the said key-picture; should two or more readers be correct, the prize will go to the one who sends in the most neatly arranged attempt.

In solving this puzzle, every jumbled piece appearing on the frontispiece must be utilised—any picture sent in which is made up of less than the said number, or to which extra pieces have been added, will be disqualified.

All solutions should be sent packed flat with the full name and address of the competitor clearly written at the foot, and be posted to reach CAGE BIRDS Offices (154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.) not later than first post Thursday, January 26th, when the competition closes. The Editor's decision will be final.

Hints to Societies in Liverpool and District.

SIR,—I am quite surprised at these members of the unknown when they say they never see any notices of Liverpool shows in your valuable CAGE BIRDS. I may say that if they look in CAGE BIRDS, October and November, 1910, they will see who was the judge for B.C.F.A., also where it was to be held. So I don't see where we are "lost." I am quite sure our posters were up in good time in Liverpool B.B.A., also some of our members selling tickets. The posters are not all down in Birkenhead yet. Come on Tuesday, 17th January, and ask for me at the society's room, and I will entertain you and your friends. Don't forget, this is the final note. Give us your names and addresses and be men. Join the B.C.F.A.

A. E. LLOYD.

SIR,—Having been accused of being the "Disgusted Liverpool Novice," kindly allow me to deny being the "disgusted one," or having anything to do with the complaint of December 17th. On the contrary, allow me to thank Messrs. Abbot, Hales, Peak, and others, for the unbiased assistance rendered me, and the courtesy shown when I have visited the various bird rooms and shows which have been held in the City of Liverpool since my introduction to the Fancy through an accidental reading of CAGE BIRDS about two years ago.

THOS. R. JONES.

SIR,—Allow me to inform "Novice," or so-called novice, that I fail to see how Mr. A. E. Lloyd can be pulled up for not announcing the Wallasey and Bootle shows recently held—he is not a general secretary. As regards the Birkenhead shows, I have always seen the announcement under the heading of club and society notices. If "Novice" would get a pair of glasses perhaps he would be able to see them for himself; or join the B.C.F.A., or some other society, and pay the 2s. 6d. per year, and he will be able to get all the information he wants about the local shows. But perhaps "Novice" would like the secretary to run round with handbills, the same as advertising a sale.

OLD NOVICE.

[We think this correspondence may now very well close.—Editor.]

Two Public-spirited Members.

The Crested Canary Club Patronage.

SIR,—Kindly announce that the loss incurred on Crest and Crest-bred sections at the undermentioned shows, in accordance with Mr. Ley's insurance scheme, has been made good, a cheque having been sent to the respective hon. secretaries:—Plymouth, £2 11s.; Cheltenham, £3 19s. 6d.; Nottingham, £4 18s.; L.C.B.A., £5 4s.; Manchester, £6 6s.; Birmingham, £3 8s.; Cambridge, £2 10s. 6d.; Gateshead, 16s. The last-mentioned show is the only one whereby the C.C.C. did not lose money; or, rather, I should say Messrs. Ley and Rhodes did so. It will be remembered that these gentlemen guaranteed the C.C.C. against loss, and up to now it has cost them within a few shillings of twenty pounds. This leaves the Palace Show to be dealt with under the same scheme, and I do hope C.C.C. members will support the same with their entries, so as to prevent further loss to the two public-spirited members who have already done so much. What is the matter with the Crest Fancy? For one thing, it needs a new hon. secretary, one with more time to devote to the Fancy than the present one, who must positively resign the position at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

J. S. CLARKE, Hon. Sec.

LEADGATE (Co. Durham).

Second annual show, held January 7th, in the Church Square Hall, a most suitable place for the purpose, being large and roomy, and provided with all the necessaries required for the comfort of the exhibits. Entries came up well, totalling 207, this being an increase over the entry of last year. In the Canary section, Yorkshires were the strongest in number, averaging nine per class, while the quality of the exhibits was very good. Norwich also came up well, averaging 8 per class, and here again the quality was good. Borders were also good, averaging 8 per class, the winners all being birds of exceptional merit. In the British bird section Goldies, Bullies, and Linnets were the strongest. The genial secretary, Mr. J. A. Turnbull, had all the arrangements well in hand, and in him the Society possess a most capable and hard-working secretary, courteous and obliging to all; and under his careful management everything went off splendidly. He was ably supported in his efforts by a grand body of fanciers, headed by the chairman, Mr. E. Westthorpe; vice chairman, Mr. J. Rowell, and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Colling, the committee being Messrs. Rice, Wilson, Reed, Dickenson, Walton, and others, all grand workers. We regret to record a very poor "gate," the attendance of the public being much below expectations, whilst the sale of tickets in connection with the prize drawing was also much smaller than was anticipated, due probably to the general slackness of work in the district. We hope, however, that the subscription list will counterbalance this, and that the Society will have a balance in hand. Mr. R. S. Bewick (Chester-le-Street) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Colling and Turnbull, grand length and position, slim, finely drawn body, neat head and neck; 2, he, Foster, scarcely so rich in col., fine length position, well rounded, nice wings and tail; 3, T. Wilson, not quite the length of leaders, finely drawn, grand col. and quality, good position; 4, Paull, well drawn, grand length and carriage; vhc, Lane; c, Burdon. BUFF (8): 1, Laidlaw, fine length and position, neat round head, nice col. and quality, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Colling and Turnbull, another good one for length and position, good col. and quality, neat shoulders and waist; 3, 4, Foster, two nice Yorkies; 5, grand position, nice length, good wings and tail, 4th, good col., a wee shade shorter, nice position; vhc, Burdon; he, Williams; c, Lane. HEN (12). 1, he, Lane, fine slimly built Yell., grand position, neat head and neck, good col., grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Foster, another fine Yell., scarcely the same col. as winner, fine length and position, good head and neck, neatly braced wings and tail; 3, Colling and Turnbull, Buff Cinn., fine length, grand position, good head and neck, well drawn; 4, Laidlaw, long, slimly built Buff, nice head and neck; vhc, Westthorpe; c, Reed. BRED 1910 (13): 1, Foster, Cl. Yell., grand col., fine length and position, neat round head, good shoulders and waist, slim build; 2, Lane, lightly mkd. Buff, good length, fine position, well tapered body, neat head and neck; 3, Burdon, Cl. Buff, good length and position, neat head, well rounded body, nicely drawn; 4, Colling and Turnbull, wing tkd. Yell., shapely, well tapered body, neat head and neck; vhc, Westthorpe; he, Williams; c, Wilson. NAT. COL. (7): 1, Westthorpe, variegd., grandly drawn, fine length and position, neat, narraw shoulders, nice head and neck, gets well up; 2, vhc, Lane, Cl. Yell., good length and position, finely drawn, neat head, good quality; 3, Rice, Cl. Yell., good length and position, wee shade thin in head, neat wing carriage; 4, Wilson, variegd., good length and style, stands well up; he, Colling and Turnbull; c, Henderson. NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Barkas and Partners, Cl., grand shape, nice size, neat round head, good col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, Mason and Slater, neck tkd., fine shape, good head and neck, nice col., neat wing carriage; 3, Hetherington, nice, shapely bird, good quality, neat head and neck, good col. and quality; 4, Glendenning, tkd. on neck, good size and shape, full chest; vhc, Atkinson; he, Blythe; c, Humphery. BUFF (8): 1, Barkas and Partners, variegd., nice size, beautiful shape, thick head and neck, short wings and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Williams, cl., very shapely, good head, neck, and chest, rich col., neat wings and tail; 3, Atkinson, cl., nice size, excellent shape, good head and neck; 4, Humphery, another cl. buff, nice size and shape; vhc, Laidlaw; he, Dickenson Bros.; c, Colling and Turnbull. YELL HEN (9): 1, Williams, cl. yell., nice size, grand shape, neat head and neck, good wing carriage, nice col. and quality; 2, he, Humphery, fine shape, good head and neck, nice chest, good wings and tail, nice col. and quality; 3, Dickenson Bros., nice size and shape, short, well-carried wings and tail; 4, Atkinson, plenty of size, nice shape; vhc, c, Glendenning. BUFF (9): 1, Barkas and Partners, variegd., fine size, grand shape, thick head and neck, short cobby body, well-carried wings and tail; 2, Mason and Slater, cl., nice size, grand shape, good col. and quality, neat head and neck, good wings; 3, Hetherington, all there for size and shape, neat head, wings and tail; 4, Humphery, nice hen for shape, col. and quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Williams; he, Blythe; c, Colling and Turnbull. BRED 1910 (6): 1, Mason and Slater, fine, shapely cl. yell., nice size and col., neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, 4, Williams, mkd. head and wing, nice size and shape, good col., nice head, 4th, mkd. head, nice shape, good col., nice wings and tail; 3, Atkinson, cl. yell., nice shape, good col. and quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Humphery; he, Glendenning. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Mason and Slater, cl. yell., nice size, short cobby body, good head, neck and chest; 2, vhc, Atkinson, head tkd., very shapely, neat head and neck, short, well packed wings and tail; 3, Williams, very shapely, yell., nice size and col., neat head, nice wing carriage; 4, Dickenson Bros., short, chubby cl. yell., nice col. CREST CK. (2): 1, Colling and Turnbull, nice, shapely crest, of good density, neat centre and droop; 2, Dickenson Bros., cl. body D.C., very neat and shapely. C.B. (3): 1, 2, Dickenson Bros., leader grand size, massive skull, plenty of long feather, grand lash, wins easy; 2nd, another good one, Self Green, carrying plenty of good quality feather; 3, Colling and Turnbull, nice shaped skull, good lash, nice feather. CREST OR C.B. HEN (2): 1, Colling and Turnbull, neat, shapely crest of good formation and droop good centre, nice feather; 2, Dickenson Bros., D.C., nice shape crest, good centre and droop. BRED 1910: Cancelled. BORD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Rowell, two beauties for shape, well-rounded bodies, good heads and necks, close tight feather, rich col. and quality, nice wings and tail; 3, Lindsay, fine shape, nice col. and quality, well-rounded body, well-carried wing and tail; 4, Lane; vhc, Walton; he, Dickenson Bros.; c, Burdon. BUFF (5): 1, Dickenson Bros., model for shape, grand, compact body, sweet round head, rich col. and quality, beautifully carried wings and tail; 2, 4, Walton, two typical borders, both grand shape, nice col. and quality; 3, Lindsay, another beauty for shape, nice col. and quality, neat round body, good head and neck, well-packed wings and tail; vhc, Rowell. BRED 1910 (12): 1, Walton, a regular topper, sweetly moulded, grand head and neck, nice col. and quality, close, tight feather; 2, vhc, Rowell, another good one for shape, nice col., grand quality, neat head, close-packed wings and tail; 3, 4, Dickenson Bros., two shapely bord., nicely-moulded, sweet heads, good wing carriage than leaders; he, Laidlaw; c, Westthorpe. LIGHT MULE (1): 1, Humphery. DARK (4): 1, 3, Barkas and Partners, leader Goldie-Can., nice size and shape, good col., nice face and wings; 3, Greenie-Can., nice size, fine col. and polish, good condition; 2, Rowell, Goldie-Can., nice shape, fine col.; 4, Humphery, another Goldie-Can., very similar to 2nd in shape and col. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Humphery, nice size and shape, good rich col. blaze, grand body col., splendid buttons, good wings; 2, Williams, another good one, fine size, good blaze col., nice buttons, and tannings, good body col.; 3, Barkas and Partners, good rich col. blaze, nice body col., well buttoned; 4, Atkinson, nice size and shape, neat wings; vhc, Rowell; he, Reed; c, Glendenning. BULLFINCH (9): 1, c, Reed, nice size, grand shape, good large dense col. cap, good back and wings, well polished; 2, Rice, nice size and shape, good cap, best col. bird in class, grand back and wings; 3, he, Barkas and Partners, nice size, fine shape, good shaped can; 4, Wilson, good shape, nice cap, good wings; vhc, Henderson. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Rowell, nice size and shape, grand, rich col., close, tight feather; 2, Williams, larger than winner, nice shape, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Henderson, nice size and shape, good head, beaten col.; 4, Reed; vhc, Glendenning; he, Hetherington. LINNET (13): 1, Wilson, good size and shape, rich col., grandly pencilled, very distinct in markings; 2, Glendenning, wee shade smaller, nice shape, profusely pencilled, good whites, grand rich col.; 3, Hetherington, nice size and shape, good col. and pencilling; 4, Lane, another good one, not quite so profusely pencilled; vhc, he, Barkas and Partners; c, Humphery. FINCH, A.O.S. (7): 1, he, Barkas and Partners, nice size and shape, grand rich body col., nice shaped cap, well laced; 2, Humphery, Bramble, nice size, good feather; 3, Walton, another Bramble, similar size to 2nd, nice spangling and lacing; 4, Rice; vhc, Glendenning; c, Blythe. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Rowell, Yellowhammer, nice size, good col. and markings. FOR. (2): 1, Walton, nice pair of Budgerigars, nice col. and condition; 2, Lane, good Siberian Goldfinch. SELL. (15/) (8): 1, Colling and Turnbull; 2, Dickenson Bros.; 3, Westthorpe; 4, Williams; vhc, Walton; he, c, Rowell. (7/6) (4): 1, Walton; 2, Mason and Slater; 3, Westthorpe; 4, Walton. GIFT (8): 1, Colling and Turnbull; 2, Walton; 3, Rowell; 4, Hetherington; vhc, Wilson; he, Mason and Slater; c, Dickenson Bros.

CHIRNSIDE.

Thirtieth annual show, held Volunteer Hall, 2nd January, in fair weather. The cage birds were staged at end of Hall, and were attended to by Messrs. W. Denholm, J. Young, G. White, and R. Ferguson (stewards) backed by a hard-working secretary in Mr. A. Shiell, who had everything well in hand, no hitch occurring under his able management. The entry all over was somewhat down, but the quality well maintained. Scotch Fancies were a strong class. The Border Cup was awarded to a clear buff cock shown by Mr. Lloyd. Special for best bird in hall fell to a rare good evenly marked buff Mule shown by Mr. J. Patterson, junr.; he also secured special for best British with a good song Thrush. Mr. W. Bell (Earlston) judged. His awards in the Border Fancy section came in for criticism. The attendance was a record, the hall being simply packed.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. (6): 1, spl, Steele, yell. ck., fine size, good shoulders, decided drive, nice action and style; 2, 4, he, Lugton, similarly built, fine thickness, drive and action free below; 3, vhc, Patterson, cl. buff cock, hard up, determined drive, good shoulder and action; 4th, fine size. BORD. FCY. CL. YELL. (10): 1, Lloyd, nice col., condition and quality, good head; 2, Cormack, fine col. and symmetry; 3, Young, specially nice one, many preferred, fine head, good back and wing carriage; 4, Purvis; vhc, Young; he, Dickinson; c, Davie. BUFF (12): 1 spl., B.F.C.C. medal and cup, Lloyd, seemed to us there was some mistake here, nothing like the type and quality of birds behind him; 2, Brockie, fine type, feather and quality; 3, Spence, again better in type, fine head, good back and wing carriage; 4, spl., Purvis, good col., in fine trim; vhc, Cowe; he, c, Cormack. YELL. MKD. (8): 1, Cormack, eye and thigh mark, fine col., good quality and condition; 2, Young, better type, markings and feather; 3, Hyde's spl., Denholm, three point hen, fine eye markings, good col.; 4, Young, nice type, good head and col.; vhc, Brockie; he, Russell; c, Horne. BUFF MKD. (8): 1, Cowe, fine head, good back and wing carriage, nice col. and type; 2, Russell, fine size, good col. and condition; 3, Young, falls only in markings, excellent type; 4, Ainslie, cinn. mark, fine shape; vhc, Burns; he, Brockie; c, Skildon. EVENLY MKD. (3): 1, Cormack, nice type, good col. and quality, falls a little bit one eye; 2, Cowe, better balanced in eyes, good type and quality; 3, Patterson, the well-known yellow. FOUL (6): 1, Russell, good col. and quality, shade on the large side; 2, spl., Patterson, wing tick buff, nice shape, beautiful col. and condition; 3, Young, similarly mkd., grand type and quality; 4, Purvis, nice size, good head, fine col. and type; vhc, Service. GREEN (3): 1, Patterson, yell. hen, fine pencilling and markings; 2, Lloyd, good col. and type; 3, Young, foul green, fine type, col. and quality. BREEDING PAIRS (6): 1, Langton, Scotch yell. cock and buff pied hen, well matched, likely pair; 2, Forsyth, Goldie cock, and large hen, likely pair, in spanking fine condition; 3, Dunn, Scotch buff cock and yell. hen, nice size, position and substance; 4, Patterson, grand pair of Borders; vhc, Shiell; he, Blackie. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (9): 1, spl. best in hall, spl. best variety, 2, Patterson, both evenly marked, former best in condition and quality, greatly admired; 2nd, a shade larger, but falls a trifle in condition; 3, Forsyth, C.B., fine size, good head, fine length of feather; 4, Forsyth, dark Mule, nice size, col. and markings; vhc, he, no name, late entry; c, Russell. SELL. 7/6 (8): 1, Young; 2, Russell; 3, Purvis; 4, Patterson; vhc, Spence; he, Cormack; c, Blackie. BEST. (6): 1, spl., 4, Patterson, well-known Song Thrush, in spanking fine form to-day, wins easily; 4th, mealy Redpoll, nice one, good cap and bib; 2, Blackie, Hawfinch, fine size and col.; 3, T. Patterson, grand yell. Greenie, fine col. and size; vhc, White; he, Broome.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Annual members' show held January 7.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Swaine; 2, Shoesmith; 3, Duckworth. BUFF: 1, Swaine; 2, Duckworth; 3, Coates. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Taylor. BUFF: 1, H. Coates; 2, Duckworth. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Coates; 2, Taylor; 3, Stebbings. BUFF: 1, Coates. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Shoesmith; 2, Duckworth. CINN., YELL.: 1, Shoesmith. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, West; 2, Redshaw; 3, Symes. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Redshaw; 2, Brown. EVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Broadbent; 2, West; 3, Symes. BUFF: 1, Redshaw; 2, Broadbent; 3, West.—J. E. Hudson.

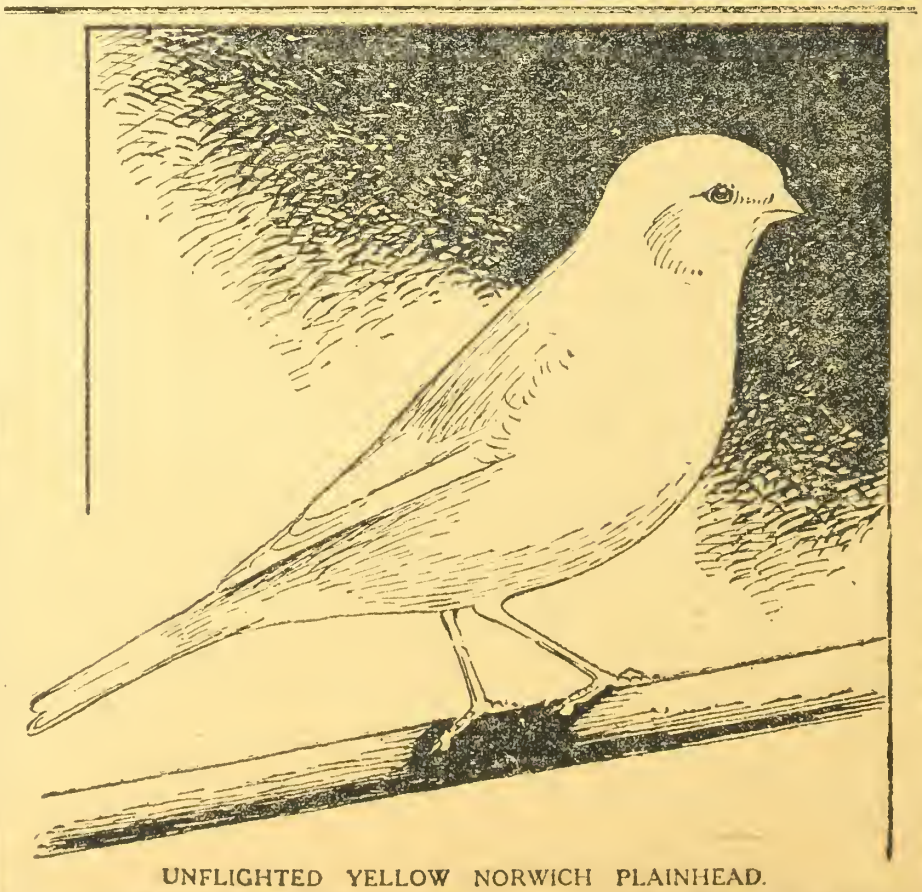
HOLMFIRTH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly show held January 6. Mr. C. R. Hampshire judged, and gave general satisfaction.

YELL. CK.: 1, Hellawell; 2, Bray; 3, P. Charlesworth; 4, H. Charlesworth. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, 4, Heywood; 3, H. Charlesworth. YELL., HEN: 1, Shaw; 2, Hellawell; 3, Heywood; 4, H. Charlesworth. BUFF: 1, Bray; 2, Shaw; 3, Smith; 4, Heywood.—Tom Smith, Sec.

OBITUARY.

I regret to announce, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. sec. City and Suburban A.C.B., that the eldest daughter of our old and esteemed member, Mr. A. W. Hart, passed away on Thursday evening, after a protracted illness. Although the highest medical skill was concentrated upon her case, nothing could prevent the final setting in of congestion of the brain, which turned to the total paralysis of the whole of the right side, from which she succumbed. I feel sure that the sympathy of members and friends alike will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Hart in their heavy loss, and a sorrow made the more acute by reason of the fact that she had just attained the age of 20.



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Club Reports.

NORTH SHIELDS & DIS. C.B.S.

Third meeting held Jan. 4th, at 37, Howdon Road, a fair number of members and visitors being present. Encouraging remarks were made by the chairman, Mr. Hunter, who complimented the workers on the great progress they were making. After the usual business a table show for Canaries was held several good specimens being on view. Messrs. Whittaker and Wilson judged and lectured on same for the benefit of the novices and amateurs. It was moved and seconded that the next meeting be held Feb. 1st, for a table show for British birds (members please note).—R. P. Fox, Sec.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.S.

On January 7 the society held a coffee supper, and invited all local fanciers. There was a good gathering, fully 30 sitting down to n capital spread, served in fine form by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bradbury. After supper, with Mr. W. H. Burton in the chair, we did a little business. The balance-sheet was read over; it shows a balance in hand of £5 9s. 10d., which is considered very good. Some new members joined. We then had some enjoyment. With Mr. J. Carlins at the piano a very fine evening was passed. Mr. J. Smedley opened with a couple of songs, then Mr. Beardall sang. Mr. A. Wright gave us some good "comics", including "Last Night" and "The Irish Jubilee." Messrs. J. G. Wright, A. Keeling, R. Nuttall, G. Hall, and others also obliged. Our membership total is 33, and still they keep coming. The singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting.—R. Nuttall.

BARNSLEY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held headquarters, Clarence Hotel, January 7, Mr. J. Eyre (president) in chair. The following office bearers were elected:—President, Mr. J. Eyre; vice-president, Mr. J. Simmons; treasurer, Mr. F. Dace; secretary, F. C. Sims; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Springthorpe; committee, Messrs. Atherton, Dapson, Thorpe, Charlesworth, Hinchcliffe, Downing; auditors, Messrs. Barnes and Toulson. The balance-sheet was submitted by the auditors, Messrs. Atherton and Jackson; it was unanimously passed as correct, showing a balance of £7 15s. 9½d. Grant to secretary £1 10s., grant to assistant secretary 15s., leaving a total balance of £5 10s. 9½d. It was left to the committee to draw up a syllabus for 1911, to be submitted to next meeting, February 4. Decided, to have supper and social in March, particulars of same to be arranged at next meeting.—F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

ASHINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held January 7, at Mr. Rowley's. The president regretted having to accept the resignation of the secretary, who gave up his position owing to pressure of business. The president also resigned owing to his removal out of the town. Mr. James Miles was elected president, and Mr. F. Barron secretary. The chairman congratulated the members on the successful year they had just had, it being a record one, both in entries, donations, gate moneys, and membership. After paying prize money at the rate of £1 per class, we added £1 13s. 6d. to our already substantial balance in the bank. Our prize money was paid on a unique scale, that is, on points at the rate of 10d. per point: 1st, 8 points; 2nd, 6 points; 3rd, 4 points; vhc, 3 points; hc, 2 points, c, 1 point. I don't know of any club which pays on the same principle, and upon the whole it gave every satisfaction to the majority of the members, and greatly facilitated the work of the secretary in paying out prize monies. Five new members joined, and we have a prospect of a yet further substantial increase in membership. Mr. J. Graham (Newbiggin) kindly promised to read a paper on the Border Fancy at some future meeting. —J. Miles.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Usual meeting held Trades Hall, Mr. Anderson (president) in chair. Secretary read correspondence from the Glasgow and District Association with regard to entering for challenge shield at their forthcoming great open show; it was agreed that this club support same to the best of its ability. Any member not present at meeting and who is thinking of showing birds might kindly mark the name of club on their entry form, as it is the club with most points that is declared the winner. Mr. Appleyard proposed, and Mr. Roy seconded, that we open a gold medal fund, same to go along with large cup each year. It was moved by Mr. Walker, and seconded by Mr. Henderson, that we have a committee meeting to revise rules, same to have the approval of members at next meeting. To a motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Henderson, "that we add an extra ten shillings to secretary's salary," an amendment was moved by Mr. Appleyard, and seconded by Mr. Walker, "that we keep it as it is." On a vote being taken the motion was carried. On a vote being taken the motion was carried. Balance-sheet for 1910 showed a total income of £22 2s. 11½d., and a total expenditure of £21 15s. 5½d., leaving a balance of 7s. 6d. The following new members were duly proposed and seconded—Messrs. A. Cochrane, J. McMillan, J. Leithman, L. Maxwell. Classification for breeding pairs show February 3, and it was agreed to keep same as last year. Mr. Walker was appointed to judge same. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Anderson.—Wm. Priest, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe, January 7, Mr. J. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. The election of officers for the year—President, Samuel Storey, Esq., D.L.; vice-presidents, J. Knott, Esq., W. Hall, Esq., G. Grimshaw, Esq., G. Bell, Esq., J. Cobh, Esq., J. Keenlyside, Esq., and Dr. C. D. O'Neal; trustees Messrs. J. Farrer and F. Riseborough; auditors, Messrs. W. F. Swan and J. Riseborough; treasurer, Mr. A. Walker; assistant secretary, Mr. F. Riseborough; hon. secretary, J. Jeffrey; and the following committee: Messrs. W. F. Swan, A. Elliott, J. Riseborough, C. Waters, G. Davidson, A. Walker, R. Haswell, J. Machin, F. Riseborough, and S. Newcombe. Mr. W. F. Swan moved, and Mr. J. Riseborough seconded, that the words "both open and members" be deleted from Rule 7; which was agreed to. It was mentioned that at our recent show young birds were shown in pair classes, which was not in accordance with Rule 8. To make the matter clearer, Mr. J. Riseborough moved, and Mr. G. Davidson seconded, that "pairs must be old birds used by the exhibitor during the breeding season." Mr. J. Riseborough moved that "in all cases where a point arises which is not clear to a member, and a dispute occurs, the secretary to call the committee together to settle the matter." Mr. J. Riseborough moved, and Mr. Davidson seconded, "that in future the rules be strictly enforced." Mr. G. Davidson moved that "markers be appointed," which was agreed to, and will be done at a meeting nearer the breeding season. J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

We had a good meeting January 7, when a fine number were present, and a nice balance was handed over to the new treasurer, Mr. A. Price. Several new members were made.—J. Cook and A. Spencer, joint secs.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

General meeting held 24th December. The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Muir; vice-president, Mr. Jarvie; treasurer, Mr. J. Marshall; committee, Messrs. J. Burnitt, G. Lothian, G. Condie, W. Robertson, M. Baird, J. Aitken, and H. Taylor; auditors, Messrs. R. Rendle and W. Clarkson; secretary, W. Clubb, 10, Bayne Street, Stirling.—Wm. Clubb, Sec.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual General Meeting, Jan. 5th, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. The balance sheet was presented and showed the Society to be in a good position. Although the society has only been formed about 9 months, it has held a first feather show and an autumn members' show, finishing up the year with a membership of 62 and a balance in hand of £8 14s. 1d.—A. F. Fifield, Hon. Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 9. Present: Mr. T. Wright (in the chair), and Messrs. Humphries, Simeon, O'Reilly, Campling, Shorney, Pickering, Chittenden, Thompson, Sissons, Cass, Boyle and Hunter. Apologies for absence were sent from Messrs. Richardson and Zimmerman. It was decided to take All Saints' Schoolroom for headquarters for 1911. Agenda drawn up for 6 months. February, March, and April, table shows; May, paper on Breeding and Managing Canaries, by Mr. Humphries; June, half-yearly meeting.—H. Thompson, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 7th. There was only a moderate turn-out of members, largely owing to the New Year holidays, and the inclement weather. However, after the usual business the members decided to defer the election of officers, etc., till next meeting. Six new members proposed, which seems to speak well for the new year. We decided to again advertise our show in "Cage Birds" to the extent of 25s. We have fixed up with Messrs. J. Robson, and H. W. Battye, to judges for annual show, which will be held on Nov. 3rd and 4th.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual meeting, held Dec. 8th, Mr. W. Clews presiding. Secretaries' and auditors' report showed a balance in hand of £5 4s. 6½d., and was passed, being considered satisfactory. Officers elected for the new year: Chairman, W. Clews; vice-chairman, A. Townsend; secretaries, Towl Bros.; treasurer, J. T. Cotterill; committee, Messrs. Beaumont, Jnr., Booth, Anglies, Good, Moore, Senr., Moore, Junr., Peers, Oliver, Jacklin, and Harding; hon. auctioneer, J. W. Harness; auditors, F. Moore and A. Oliver. A vote of thanks to the late secretaries, Messrs. Moore and Harding, and to all the retiring officers, was passed.—Towl Bros., Secretaries.

SKIPTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held January 2, Headquarters, Globe Coffee Tavern. One of the members, Mr. J. Hodgson (a breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshires) gave a demonstration of washing, and showed in a most able manner how to handle the birds both in the washing and drying processes. The room was full of fanciers, who unanimously passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hodgson for the painstaking way in which he explained the many details. Four new members joined. After the lecture the usual business was gone through. Arranged to hold a members' show February 18. The president, Mr. J. Nicholson, is giving a cup which will be on view at the next meeting.—R. Roberts.

DERBY C.B.S.

Good meeting, held Dec. 31, for the distribution of prize money and specials won at members' show. Decided, to pay prize money at the rate of 7/- per class; which was paid out to all members present. Also decided, to hold open show, Nov. 3 and 4 next, when we hope to have a bumping entry, after our absence from open show business for the last two years. We decided to advertise our show in CAGE BIRDS Dates Fixed column. The following gentlemen were proposed for membership:—Messrs. T. E. Cowl, W. Smith, F. Cockeram, H. Nanson, and T. Taylor; which augers well for our future prosperity. —W. Stevens, Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MKED Y.C.C.

The following is the result of the various competitions promoted by the club up to and including Bradford East; should any competitor find these incorrect, an early notification would oblige. I regret my inability to give list up to date, on account of a printer's error in Queensbury C.B., catalogue. Open Competition (Champion Section), Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, 130 points; W. H. Shackleton, 96 pts.; L. Dykes, 93 pts.; J. Thomas, 81 pts.; Ogden Bros., 52 pts.; H. H. Towers, 49, pts.; E. Smith, 40 pts.; Messrs. Hartley, 24 pts.; F. Townsend, 21 pts.; Messrs. Thornton and Bower, 17 pts.; Shaw Bros., 16 pts. Open Novice Competition, E. Clegg, 49 pts. Other competitors in this section not having complied with bye-law 10, have been omitted from this list, but still have a chance by competing at remaining shows.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

General annual meeting held January 6. The treasurer, in presenting the statement of accounts, said he was pleased to record a balance on the right side of £7 8s. Our society has held during the past 12 months three shows, the most successful being the annual old show held December 11. Fanciers living within a radius of 14 miles we would like to welcome as members. Although not yet officially decided, we hope to hold our first open show in December. On February 3 we hold a table show, birds to be staged at 7 o'clock. Special prizes are given by our chairman, Mr. W. H. Cowley. The officers for 1911 were elected as follows:—President, Dr. Cullen; chairman, Mr. W. H. Cawley; vice-chairman, Mr. T. L. Glover; treasurer, Mr. E. Peck; secretary, T. P. Baxter, 103, Greenway road, Runcorn.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held January 7, headquarters. This being the occasion for the presentation of our prizes, Mr. J. Farrer (vice-president) took the chair. After the usual business and the election of office bearers for 1911, Mr. Farrer, in an appropriate speech, presented to Mr. Riseborough our championship cup and gold medal, amid applause. Mr. Hyslop was then presented with the second prize, a Divan easy chair, Mr. Farrer expressing the hope that in its luxurious depths Mr. Hyslop would fully master the knotty points of the breeding season and win the cup next year; 3, prize, Mr. J. Jeffrey (a solid silver medal). Each recipient suitably replied, and the rest of the evening was spent in pleasant harmony. The balance sheet was read and passed as satisfactory, showing a small cash balance in hand. I have again been elected to the secretarial position for the ensuing year. G. Davidson, Sec. and Treas.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held January 3, Mr. J. Davis in chair. Mr. J. Edwards gave his promised washing exhibition, washing half a dozen birds—5 Canaries and a Goldfinch. And the way in which he went through his work showed he was no novice at it. He answered questions and gave instructions as he proceeded. Table show for next meeting was then arranged, the schedule to consist of 14 classes—Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., pairs, Mules, Goldfinches, Linnet, A.O.S. Brit., field-moulted Goldfinches, Linnet. Entry fee 4d., 1d. per cage to be deducted for the benefit of the society. Proposed, that all entries be sent in not later than Sunday morning's post (February 5). A vote of thanks to Mr. J. Edwards ended a very pleasant meeting.—Hallam and Lovatt, Secs.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Annual general meeting held headquarters, L. and N.W. Railway Inn, James-street, January 4, Mr. G. Davidson in chair. Balance-sheet for 1910 was adopted, and shows a balance in hand of £3 3s. 9d. The following officers were elected:—Secretary, John C. Bell; treasurer, G. Davidson; committee, Messrs. F. Bell, T. J. Robson, R. Macartney, Jos. Robson, J. Chaplow, J. Robson, jun., R. Thomlinson, W. Davidson, A. O'Neill, D. Bunting, Wm. Wilson, P. Willmot, and W. Dixon. After much discussion it was decided that our open show be held October 25 and 26, and that secretary write to Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye to act as judges. Members' pair show second Thursday in February, arrangements for which are left in hands of secretary. The country rambles will again be a feature of the season, and will take place on the last Sunday in each month, from April to September inclusive.—John C. Bell, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Annual meeting held January 3, Nags Head Cocoa House. Mr. Bracegirdle presided over a capital attendance. The treasurer reported the success financially and otherwise of the show held December 27. Prize money (on the sliding scale with 1s. 6d. per class added), cash specials, and others were then handed over to the prize winners. Decided, to ask R. A. Yerburgh, Esq., M.P., to continue the presidency for 1911. S. Whitlow, Esq., and T. Wright, Esq., were appointed vice-presidents; chairman, Mr. J. Bracegirdle; vice-chairman, Mr. Parker; committee, Messrs. Bracegirdle, Gardner, Jones, Richards, Guy, Parker, Crossley, Woodfine, Baxter; auditors, Messrs. Parker and Richards. With a good strong working committee of fanciers, the success of this society is assured. Decided, to hold pair show February 15, at Boot Inn, particulars of which will be given later. This brought to a close one of the most successful meetings and also the year's working.—J. Swindley, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Newtown Linnet and C.C.: a very pleasant evening was spent at the Canary contest held Plasterers' Arms, January 1. Our members were interested by some Roller Club members explaining how their contests were carried out, and the number of points gained by each different note, also explaining the names of them. 1st and 3rd prizes awarded to Mr. J. Bland, 2nd prize Mr. Jowett. Judges, Messrs. A. Bunner, and C. Ward. An open contest will be held Plasterers' Arms, Skinner-lane, off North-street, January 15, commence 7.30 p.m. All Leeds Roller Club members invited.—Jim Green, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. (King's Head), usual quality singing contest at King's Head, Shannon-street, on January 7. 1, 2, Butler; 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia and W. Naylor. Also on January 8, when 17 birds entered for three good prizes. 1, 3, Bland; 2, A. Butler. At night we had a grand Canary contest, when Mr. Tillotson gave three good prizes, and 13 birds entered. We had visitors from all over Yorkshire to hear them sing. 1, Jinks; 2, T. Horner; 3, C. Lorriman. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, E. Wood, and J. Smith.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Palmer Hall. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, The Right Hon. G. W. Palmer; vice-presidents, L. G. Sutton, Esq., J.P., C. E. Keyser, Esq., J.P., S. Pike, Esq., Howard Palmer, Esq., J.P., Alfred Palmer, Esq., J.P., and A. W. Sutton, Esq., J.P.; chairman, Mr. J. Brooker; hon. sec., W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove; auditors, Messrs. Brooks and Lawrence; committee, Messrs. Maisey, Yates, Dearlove, Lawrence, Styles, Fraser, Albury, Vince, Tremlett, C. Cox, E. Smith, and A. Allen. Several rules were altered for which see new rule cards ready shortly. New rule added. "Any fancier shall be proposed as a member for two meetings before a show before he can be eligible to compete." New rule cards are to be printed with members' names and addresses inserted; any fancier wishing his name to be inserted should join at once. The hon. sec. gave the financial statement for the year, showing that after paying all expenses there was a balance of nearly £13. This was considered very satisfactory indeed, as it was a better result than we have had for a long time. The suggestion was considered of having a special prize for most points gained in the year at all four shows, and it was decided to adopt same, beginning with the pair show on February 1st. Details will be sent to every member before next meeting. Hurry up, new members.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held January 5, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw (vice-president) in chair. A letter was read from the president, Mr. T. Hemming, expressing his inability to be present, and wishing every member success in the ensuing year. No action is to be taken on Cage Bird Union matters until after the C.B.U. annual meeting. We are sorry to record the resignation of Mr. Fletcher from the committee. Mr. F. Jones was elected in his place. Also Mr. Revill resigned membership, as he is giving up bird-keeping. Five new members were elected, namely, Messrs. J. Billard, P. Chadwick, W. H. Webster, T. Buntord, and J. Curley. All members of other societies residing within the 20-mile radius are eligible to join as novices, providing they have not won one first prize in open competition. Our secretary, Mr. A. Hobson, gave a detailed account of the December members' show. All members not present at last meeting will receive their prize money at the February meeting. A very good table show of Yorkshire pairs for breeding was held; Mr. J. G. Cowley judged, and spoke on the first three pairs. The awards were: 1, 4, Woolhouse; 2, Crapper; 3, Tomlinson. We are sorry the winners of vhc, hc, and c have got misplaced. It was decided to have a table show of Norwich pairs for February meeting; two classes: one for members and one for novices, judge Mr. W. T. Furniss; also a show of Muling and Hybrid pairs for March, judge Mr. J. Scott. 8s. has been promised by members as prize money for these shows in addition to the entry fees. Fanciers will be welcome at the meetings held first Thursday in the month. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cowley brought a very interesting meeting to a close. J. Woolhouse, assistant Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held January 2, headquarters, Mr. J. Hawley in chair. The secretary gave his report of the club show, held December 28; it had proved very successful, and resulted in a nice addition of 10s. 10d. to the funds of the society. A vote of thanks was passed to the secretary for his services in connection with the show. By special request Mr. W. H. Walton distributed the special prizes to the successful exhibitors, and in doing so tendered his congratulations. Business over, the rest of the evening was devoted to conviviality. Messrs. Walton, F. Bate, Bowers, George, and Pitchford sang songs which were greatly appreciated. Selections on the piano by Miss Hand, and some capital records on a phonograph,, helped to while away a most pleasant evening. For the next meeting on February 6, we have a table show of matched pairs for breeding, Yorkshires, Norwich, and Muling pairs. Mr. J. Rathbone has kindly consented to judge, and also give a paper on rearing and breeding. I trust every member will make an effort to be present.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

CANNOCK & DISTRICT F. & F.S.

Meeting and table show held January 3. Mr. Hy. Bryan in the chair. The show was for cage birds and pigeons. In the class for Canaries, Mr. H. Bryan staged a grand team of Yorkshires, taking all prizes. His first prize winner, a grand hen, had taken first at Brownsgrove during the previous week. The quality and excellence of his exhibits were much remarked on, every exhibit being in grand form. In the class for British birds, Mr. Bryan took first with a Goldfinch, and Mr. W. Parsons second with a Lark. Mr. C. Machin judged, and he had also promised to give a lecture on "Canaries and British Birds for a Hobby," but, unfortunately, he could not stay to give this, but promised to do so at a later meeting. The society has only a few cage bird members, and any fancier residing in Staffordshire will be given a hearty welcome. I shall be pleased to send all particulars.—H. W. Briggs, Hon. Sec., Walsall Road.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 4th, headquarters, City Hotel, Wine Street. Mr. W. H. Manley presided over a good attendance. The balance sheet was submitted, showing a balance in hand of £3 14s. 6d., considered very satisfactory. Through the illness of one of the auditors, the accounts could not be passed till next meeting. The election of officers; President, Lieut-Col. G. A. Gibbs, M.P.; vice-president, Messrs. J. H. Payne, B. Bowering, R. H. Crocker, Hone and Co., Chamberlain, Pole and Co., and Mrs. Brunt; hon. solicitor, Mr. W. F. Cook; hon. auctioneer, Mr. W. E. Parker; chairman, Mr. W. H. Manley ,re-elected); vice-chairman, M. F. Buckland; committee, Messrs. E. Stonelake, O. Coggins, F. Burgess, R. Rogers, J. Fletcher, F. R. Phillips, T. Noble, and H. H. Grandfield; auditors, Messrs. T. M. McIlrath and R. G. Clark; treasurer, Mr. J. Tristem (re-elected); hon. sec., Mr. A. R. A. Carter (re-elected); asst. sec., Mr. T. Keegau. The rules were then revised, several alterations and additions were made. Rules added:—"Members joining after July are not entitled to compete for members' cups, but can accept the benefits of reduced entry fee and specials." "If the existing partnership be dissolved the year they hold the cup, the win for that year to be nullified. Our subscription has been reduced from 4s. to 2s. 6d. per year, with 1s. entry fee. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier who would like to join. We have three £5 5s. silver challenge cups for annual competition, and our membership is open to the U.K. In connection with the Palace show, the secretary is arranging a party for Saturday, Feb. 4th, and will any fancier who would like to join, please let him know early, so that arrangements can be made.—A. R. A. Carter, Hon. Sec., 11, Queen's Road, Ashley Down Road.

DUBLIN C.B., &c., ASSOCIATION.

Annual general meeting, held 5, South Anne Street, Mr. Webster, in chair. The hon. treasurer's balance sheet was submitted and passed, showing a debit balance, but owing to the generosity of the members present same was cleared off before the meeting terminated. Proposed and carried that the number of committee be reduced to 12 members. Election of officers: President, M. L. Hearn; vice-presidents, T. Speedy, Welby A. C. Adams, T. Farrell, F. R. Buckley; committee, W. Webster, R. C. Bolton, J. Blood Smyth, F. Sammon, W. C. Hughes, H. Kavanagh, J. T. Dixon, J. Dowling C. W. Smyth, W. H. Plewman, J. C. Maclean, and W. Ashe King. Secretary and treasurer: J. Gibson, 5, South Anne Street, Dublin. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Speedy. Date of 1911 show fixed for 6th and 7th December (will other secretaries please note, so as not to clash?) The arrangement of prize money was completed. The following was passed unanimously "That the secretary write to any Cage Bird Society in Dublin, asking them to name two or more members who will attend any meeting summoned, and who will assist in the arrangement of the classification for the show, etc." Unanimously passed, that all prize winners be paid prize money on the second evening of show, after 3 p.m. The meeting concluded on passing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—J. Gibson, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual Concert and presentation of specials won at the annual show took place at the "Reindeer Hotel," January 3rd. A good number of members and friends were present, and spent a most enjoyable evening. Amongst those we noticed were: Mr and Mrs. N. W. Tomsett, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr and Mrs. Cracknell, Mr. and Mrs. Broacher, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson, Madam Madewell; Messrs. F. Cole, L. J. Richardson, A. W. Hollands, J. Hazell, J. Johnson, B. Reeks, F. J. Martin, F. Hocking, A. Goodwin, L. S. Mazzoni, A. Carpenter, M. Cornish, Master, Norman Thomas, A. Cunningham, S. Stephens, J. Groombridge. Mr. F. Cole occupied the chair and kept the meeting alive with his jokes and witty remarks in presenting the prizes to the fortunate winners. An excellent programme had been arranged. Mrs. Gertrude Brown presided at the piano, and right well she acquitted herself; she also sang "By the Fountain," which was much applauded. Master Norman Thomas played two violin solos in fine style. Mr. B. Reeks, who was in fine form, sang several good songs. Mr. L. J. Richardson also sang. Mr. Allan Cunningham ably recited. The principal prize winners were: Messrs. F. J. Martin (who took the challenge shield and bowl), Mr. Botting (the challenge cup), Mr. A. W. Holland (the novice Norwich cup, presented by Mr. Matthes), and Messrs. Richardson, Goodwin, Freeman, Carpenter, Hocking, Easterling, and C. W. Mabey, and Madam Madewell. Before the meeting closed a vote of thanks was proposed and unanimously carried to Messrs. Tomsett and Richardson for the admirable way in which they conducted the annual show, and the great success it proved to be. Vote of thanks to the chair, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" closed the evening.—W. Hodson.

Wild Seeds and Plants for Bird-keepers.

CHAS. PRIOR (Brentford, W.)

A Special article written round this week's coloured plate, by one of our oldest and foremost exhibitors of British Birds.

Of peculiar interest and usefulness to all keepers of seed-eating birds, particularly British, is this latest production of CAGE BIRDS' clever artist-in-chief, Mr. Norman. To the beginner, a boon and a blessing; and to many an old hand doubtless a timely reminder.

No. 1 in the plate, chickweed, is common and well known. About the first of the green foods to put in an appearance in the spring,



Felicitation!

it is a welcome addition to the birds' larder. It should be given in a seeding condition, and while all the seed-eaters will partake of it to some extent, Linnets, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, Twites, and Redpolls will set about it with greedy eagerness. Canaries also are extremely partial to it, and there is no better greenfood for them while breeding, and rearing young. It should be sought on ground which is continually being dug over, and in its seeding stage is a perfectly safe change from the dry winter's diet for all birds that eat it.

No. 3, groundsel, is also common, and even better known than chickweed; in fact, the oldest recognised green food for all pet birds. It is less sought after by the Linnet and Twite, and not at all by the Chaffinches, Bramble Finches, and the Buntings; but the Bullfinches, Greenfinches, and Goldfinches delight in it, as also do Siskins and Redpolls. Its seeding time is about coincident with chickweed; but it lasts much longer, being obtainable practically all the time the weather is open, and it is never otherwise than useful. Also found most abundantly where the ground is continually being disturbed.

A Food with many Uses.

No. 4, Shepherd's purse, like chickweed, is acceptable, in some degree, to all the Finches, and is the wild food par excellence for the Linnet. Keenly relished also by Twites, Bullfinches, and Greenfinches, and, needless to say, Redpolls. A wonderful harbourer of minute insect life—invaluable food for all captive birds—and an unsurpassed producer of the amatory state—in other words, the best possible food to get birds into breeding condition. It will be found in all waste places which are not dominated by the all-conquering grass, and it should be gathered in a state of yellow ripeness, care being taken not to lose the ripest and best seed pods in transit. The ripe stage is seldom attained before June, and extends well into the summer months. Canary breeders will do well to direct their attention to this food.

No. 21. Dandelion, again a spring food, and another wonderful conditioner and promoter of activity in the reproductive organs. Greenfinches and Goldfinches will devour the young green leaves with great gusto, and apparently considerable benefit. But the seeding stage is the most valuable, and Goldfinches, Siskins, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Twites, and Redpolls vie with each other in doing justice to their allowance of ripe dandelion seed heads. Perhaps Goldfinches and Siskins may be named as deriving the greatest benefit therefrom. It will doubtless be instructive to trace the development of the dandelion to the time for gathering. First, of course, the plant, about the middle of March. Early in April appears the bright yellow flower with the rude nickname. Soon the flower closes and the petals fade. These two stages of the flower are clearly seen in the picture. Next the faded petals fall from the end of the seed head, disclosing a fluffy white tip. Now is the time to gather; now, before the ripened seed head opens out and the seed is blown away and lost. The seeding time of the dandelion is not of long duration. It is here and gone in three or four, or at most five weeks. Lose no chance then, and use it abundantly while you may. It grows everywhere, and even the grass cannot choke it, although gaining the upperhand of most other small plants.

No. 5, Sow Thistle, is, like all those already noticed, a wild food of rather succulent nature, and, similarly again, occurs chiefly on cultivated land. It will be found with its clustering seed heads in fit state to gather about July, and keeps on growing and seeding until the first frosts deal it its death-blow. Bullfinches are extremely partial to it, and



Anticipation!!

lay in great stores of breast colour from it. Greenfinches, Goldfinches, and Siskins devour it with great relish, seed, leaves and all, down to the very stump. It has a bitter taste, is doubtless a tonic, and certainly a great colour producer. The greenfly blight seems to be particularly attracted to this plant, and often completely smothers it. In this condition it is much appreciated by all seed eating birds.

No. 6 is plantain, another old-established wild seed food for captive birds, well known also as "ratstails." Found generally on stony waste places, and often on little-used roads; growing freely on the edges of the deeply indented cart rucks. It is ready for gathering in the early autumn, the best condition, and the one most favoured by the birds, being the purple stage of ripeness. Linnets, Twites, and Redpolls fairly revel in it; Bullfinches, too, do not despise it, and many of the other seedeaters will eat it a little. It has undoubted colouring properties for the birds mentioned, and some astringent qualities as well. A little caution should be observed in its use on this account.

No. 24, smaller plantain, is ready for use earlier than the "ratstail" variety, and its season passes more quickly. Its properties are similar, and it is a bit less astringent.

Most of the remaining bird foods illustrated are seeds of a less succulent nature than those already reviewed, partaking more of the character of the seeds of the corn stores. And whereas the foregoing foods are of enormous value in their season, but not worth saving for use out of it, the bulk of the after-mentioned ones may suitably be stored and used as tit-bits at all times. Of these,

No 2. charlock, otherwise wild mustard, is the bane of the cornfields, and found also on the sloping banks of almost all roadside hedges. Greenfinches and Linnets eat freely of this pungent seed in their wild state, but few of them are keen about it in captivity, perhaps finding the milder flavour of the various kinds of rape we give them more to their palate. There is usually a goodly proportion of charlock in most of the advertised wild seed mixtures, which consist mainly of the siftings from wheat, oats, and other grain.

No. 7.—Teazel. Teazel seed is now recognised as an established item in the stock mixtures of all well-regulated bird rooms, and no seed salesman can consider his price list complete if he fails to quote it. In the wild state it crops up in unexpected places, appearing, disappearing, and re-appearing year by year in a very puzzling fashion. Marshy spots in woods and copses appear to be its favourite sites, and it will sometimes be met with in hollow places—such as worked-out gravel pits—and again on railway banks. All the seedeating birds are fond of it, and its chief value lies in its tonic and corrective qualities. To Goldfinches, Siskins, and Redpolls it is a natural food; quite a winter granary, in fact.

A "Fat little Maggot."

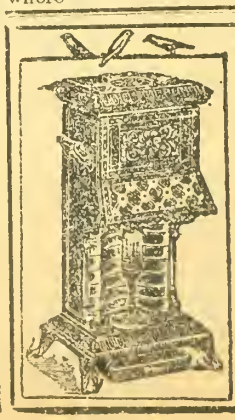
No. 19 is "hard-heads"—otherwise knapweed. There are two varieties of this, a greater and lesser kind. The one shown in the plate is the greater, and there are various slight differences which are easily remembered after both varieties have been seen. Here attention will merely be directed to the seed, which is the point of chief interest to bird lovers. The greater kind then has a hairy-looking tuft attached to each seed; perhaps the first step to evolving a parachute of down, like that of the dandelion and thistle. The lesser kind is entirely free of this appendage, and much resembles thistle seed, is, in fact, sometimes sold as thistle. Familiarity with these two varieties of knapweed is well worth acquiring, because it is the lesser kind which is most appreciated by the birds. Goldfinches are particularly fond of it, and Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites find it entirely to their liking. There is also, in quite a considerable proportion of knapweed seed heads, a fat little maggot, which finds great favour with the birds, especially Goldfinches and Siskins. Knapweed will be found round



Exhilaration!!!

many pastures, and sometimes amongst them too. Also by grass-grown roadsides; anywhere, in fact, where there is grass in a natural (i.e., uncultivated) state. The flower appears in the early summer, and the ripe seed soon follows. It should be given freely during the moult.

No. 14, spear plume thistle, most commonly known as Scotch thistle. This is par excellence the wild food of the Goldfinch, captive or free. Other seedeaters will help themselves to it when opportunity offers, but it requires a Goldfinch to properly negotiate Scotch thistle, and he does it with amazing dexterity. The illustration admirably sets forth the various conditions of the flower until the ripe seed head stage is reached. First the characteristic purple flower, each petal widely spread to the sun and the bees. Then the flower all closed and withered, and the seed head perceptibly increased in size, with the growth of the seed. Finally the flower all disappeared, the white pappus showing, and the seed head enlarged to bursting point. This is the time to gather it, and store away, after drying, for future use. There are maggots in most thistle heads like those to be found in hard-heads. The Goldfinch knows all about them, and reserves a special corner for them in his anatomy. Thistles, as everybody knows, grow everywhere



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and Warrington, Lancs.

No. 13, creeping thistle, is also visited by wild Goldfinches, but it is comparatively of little value; nobody, that is to say, who can obtain supplies of hard-head and Scotch thistle need go to the trouble of collecting creeping thistle. Many of the heads are barren of seed.

No. 20 is poppy, and both flower and seed cup are depicted. We are familiar with this seed by the name of maw, of which both blue and white are purchasable. Poppy, or maw, seed is one of the most useful of all trade seeds. A welcome tit-bit to all seedeaters, it is also a perfectly safe and generally beneficial food to offer to any ailing birds. These will always eat of it even though rejecting all other.

For Owner and his Birds.

No. 22, chicory, is a plant not unlike the dandelion, and with a similar "tap" root. Its seeding habit is, however, quite different, the handsome blue flowers being set quite close to a long vine-like habit of growth. It is cultivated as a salad, but I have met with it growing wild at the edge of a cornfield, and observed Goldfinches, Greenfinches, and Linnets feeding upon, and quarrelling over, the seeds. My own birds were delighted with some that I gathered and took home to them.

No. 17, common nettle, is certainly visited when seeding by wild Bullfinches, so it is worth while offering it to captive ones. My own, however, have never seemed keen about it, though the experience of others may perhaps be different.

No. 8, dock. Another common and well-known weed; rampant in all neglected ground, and difficult to get rid of once it has taken possession. Bullfinches eat it pretty freely, and most other Finches find a certain amount of appetite for it. It is not appreciated much, however, until the depth of winter, and appears to be more to the birds' liking after it has been once or twice visited by frost. Its value is medicinal rather than nourishing.



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The eight remaining examples, rye grass (favoured by most foreign seedeaters), corn marigold, fleabane, ragwort, wild linseed, and saxifrage (bill of fare items for Linnets, Redpolls, and Goldfinches), persicaria (beloved of Bramblefinches and Chaffinches) and common fumitory, may be regarded as useful auxiliaries to the long list preceding them, and perfectly safe things to offer by way of variety to any of the Finches.

New British Bird.

It is reported that a new British bird has been discovered in the pine woods of Sligo, Ireland. It resembles a Cole Tit, but differs from that bird by having cheeks of sulphurous yellow instead of pure white.

The Rook's Marriage.

With the Rooks, once paired means a pairing for life, or, rather, so long as one is not removed by death. These old pairs visit the nest in winter, and upon calm, sunny days they may be seen pottering about, adding a few sticks and straws to the structure, although it may be months before they actually nest.

Jackdaws as Pets.

Some years ago the artful Jackdaw was very much in favour as a pet, but of late years he seems to have entirely lost his place. He is the comedian of the bird world, and as interesting in a way as any of his more favoured rivals. Few country villages were without one, which was usually allowed its liberty and known to everybody.

Speed of Birds and Beasts.

The pace of birds and beasts has always been a most interesting subject of discussion. The ways of wild birds in the air were noticed by the ancients. It has not grown less wonderful in spite of the advance of avian knowledge. At all times the flight of a bird exceeds that of the fastest quadruped. The fleeing hare is caught by the lumbering Eagle as if she was standing still.

Hints on the Construction of Travelling Cases.

H. NORMAN.

There has been considerable improvement during the past few years respecting the way in which birds are dispatched to show. The time has gone by when canvas wrappers and brown paper did duty to cover the cages containing valuable birds, while on the journey between the fancier's home and the exhibition hall. In many cases this journey covers several hundreds of miles under conditions not always favourable to the well-being of the exhibits. Choice show birds are taken every care of while in the fancier's room. They are fed and watered regularly, and

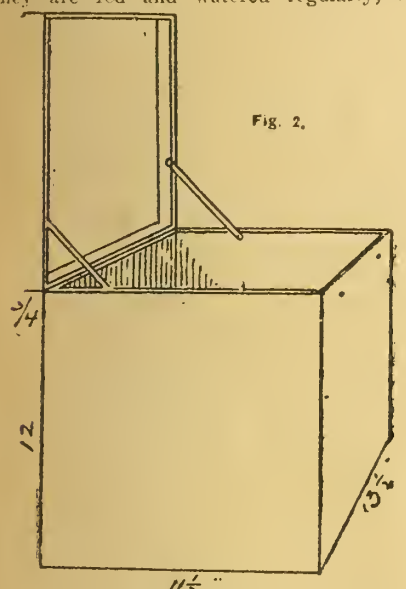


Fig. 2.

managed so that they are neither in a draught nor in a stuffy over-heated room. Yet upon the journey they are frequently subjected to ill-usage. I have seen them standing upon exposed platforms where the wind has been so keen that travellers avoided the spot, and we all know that some of the booking offices at the railway stations are not so well ventilated as they might be, but are more frequently over-heated, so that it is not an uncommon occurrence for exhibition birds to be exposed to the two extremes in quite a short period, while on a journey.

Therefore, the necessity arises of packing them securely before dispatch. Although many fanciers prefer to make their own appliances, such as cages, etc., the Fancy generally is pretty well provided for in this direction, and cheap, serviceable, neat-looking cages may easily be procured, but with packing cases there are several reasons why this branch of the Fancy is not so well looked after. In the first place all cages are not of an uniform size, and in many cases a fancier has more than one variety of Canary, or he may keep British or Foreign birds requiring cages of different sizes, so that to provide cases suitable for everybody a dealer in appliances would require a stock quite out of proportion to the demand, and it would mean so much money lying idle that it would not pay him to keep them.

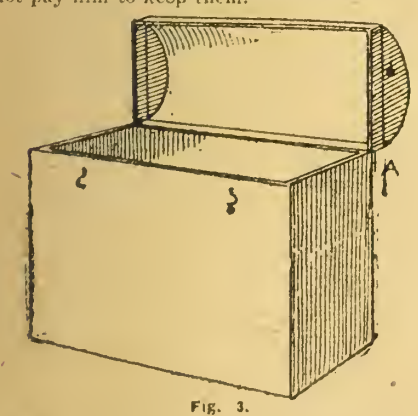


Fig. 3.

Many fanciers are very handy with tools, and as they frequently make their own cages, they also include the case in which to dispatch birds to the shows as soon as they get something good enough to compete.

The following drawings of different cases have been taken from actual specimens seen at shows, so that the would be case-maker can choose whichever pattern he thinks is the best adapted to his requirements. The ideal show case should be strong, light, and easily handled. Strength is needed to ensure safety to the birds, and to stand the rough usage to which travelling cases are frequently subjected, and lightness to ensure a minimum charge for the journey. Unfortunately for exhibitors the cages and cases are charged for by the railway company as live birds, and a pound or two in weight off a case frequently means many shillings in travelling expenses during the show season. After the old days of brown paper and canvas wrappings the first sign of improvement was that many sent their birds in wicker-work baskets; and these undoubtedly are hard to beat for utility purposes, as they supply the two requisite necessities—strength and lightness. They are however rather expensive to make, although lasting many years if properly constructed.

Baskets are more suitable for Norwich and Lizard Canaries, Hybrids and British birds than they are for Yorkshire, Border Fancy and Lancashire Canaries, and there is always a certain amount of "give" or bend in them which the box cages more easily resist.

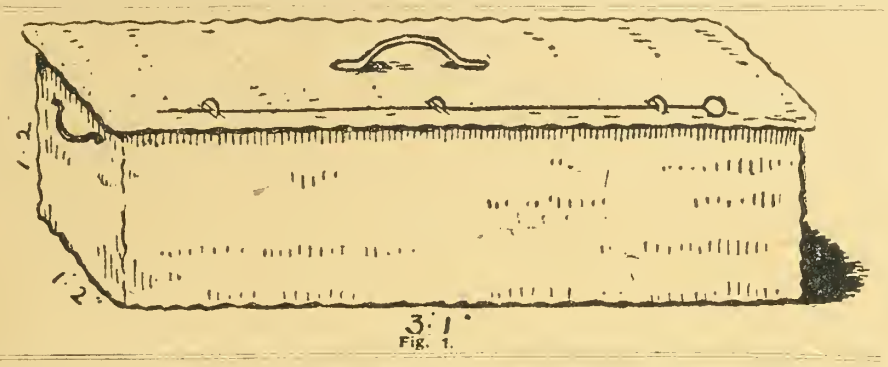


Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 shows such a basket, made to contain six Norwich Canary cages, but the baskets can, of course, be made of any size. If the fancier happens to live in a town where a basket-maker works, his best plan is to take him an odd cage and get him to make the case to contain the required number. It is not necessary to have them made of close material, especially for two or four cages; they can be constructed somewhat open which will make them lighter, and very little will be lost in strength.

When received they should be carefully lined with good thick canvas (which can be

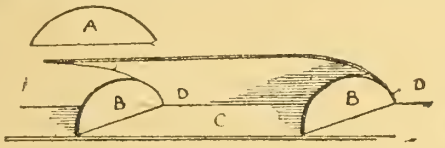


Fig. 4.

procured at any draper's establishment), and a card bearing the fancier's name and address should be sewn in the canvas inside the lid. These basket cases require no holes for ventilation as sufficient air will penetrate the canvas.

Fig. 2 is a sketch of a case made to hold two cages. It is constructed of 3-8th inch pine, such as is used in the construction of cages. To the fancier who is in the habit of making his own breeding cages this case will offer no obstacles. Undoubtedly dove-tailing and glueing make the stronger case, but this method requires far more skill, and no doubt the majority of fanciers will be content to use nails. For this purpose procure those made with an oval head, as they are not very unsightly, and hold quite as strongly as the ordinary French nails. If desired, the lid need not be made quite as shown in the sketch, although it looks neat and adds greatly to the strength, and considerably lessens the danger of getting the wood split while on the journey. Two pieces of strong webbing tacked inside the lid and inside the case prevent the former falling back and being torn from the hinges.

Fig. 3 is a similarly made case, to contain two Yorkshire show cages. This case could be made (and many are), with a flat top, instead of a rounded one, but the latter looks much neater, is easily recognised as a case for Yorkshires at packing time, and being so constructed prevents heavier cases being placed on top of it.

In making the lid, the fancier should first construct the two oval ends as shown at A. The rounded parts can be sawn either with a proper fret saw or with one of the American keyhole saws, which can be procured cheaply at most ironmongers. They should first of all be cut out of fairly thick wood, say, half or 5-8th inch thick, the under or straight part screwed to a plank C, as shown in Fig. 4, and this used as a mould. Now procure the thin pine for the bent part of the lid, cut it the correct length, but a little wider than required. Have some boiling water handy, and wet and steam the upper surface, gradually bending it into the shape required. Nail on the mould at D, and carefully bend over, putting other nails in as required. Do not drive them quite home, but leave sufficient of the heads showing to take hold of when the time comes to take them out. Having fastened the pine on to the blocks it can be left until the next morning. When thoroughly dry, after withdrawing the nails it will almost retain the required shape. It can now be re-steamed if necessary, and glued on to the proper rounded ends, which should have had the sides fastened to them previously.

As the case is made of thin material, it is a good plan to fasten a strip of wood about two or three inches wide at A in Fig. 3, as it strengthens the parts where the hinges are put on.

This case is designed to carry two Yorkshire show cages, but one made in the same way, for six, would have to be wide enough to take the cages lengthwise, so that the six stand side by side. The case would then measure 42in. long, 10in. wide, and 15in. high.

Fig. 5 is a case made to contain a mixed collection. It is constructed of thin pine and strengthened with iron bands at the corners. These bands add very little to the weight, but considerably to the strength. A tinsmith or working ironmonger would cut them out of thin sheet iron, and drill them with holes for short screws. They can easily be bent to right angles and fastened on. A big strap to go right over the lid and a couple of simple fasteners would add greatly to the security of the birds.

My Pet Cuckoos and other Birds.

By Mrs. E. M. SARGEANT.

(See photographs on page 23).

It gave me much pleasure to get a photograph taken of my Cuckoo for your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. He is now well over two and a half years old. Mr. Downing (Worcester) has, I think, made a beautiful picture of him, and it is absolutely true to life. A correspondent of yours, some time ago asked a few questions about these birds which I might be permitted to answer first. I fed both my Cuckoos on raw beef and hard-boiled egg and greens, a few caterpillars being the only live foods I gave—when I could get them, of course. Then as to the winter; they moult late as the young birds in a state of nature leave here for Africa as late as the end of October; the old ones go, of course, during June, though I have read of cases in August. Your correspondent will notice what a large and powerful wing the young Cuckoo has, and what a distance he flies without opening it; or, rather, with a single stroke of the wing. I began to think I should not have the pleasure of trying to rear a Cuckoo during the past year, but I had a real beauty brought me, so I am going to try and do without so much raw beef, and intend giving snails and cooked beef instead, as perhaps it was the quantity of raw beef they will consume that caused the cankered mouth that my last year's bird died from.

It may be of some interest to the gentleman whose Thrushes built last year, and whose cock bird I was

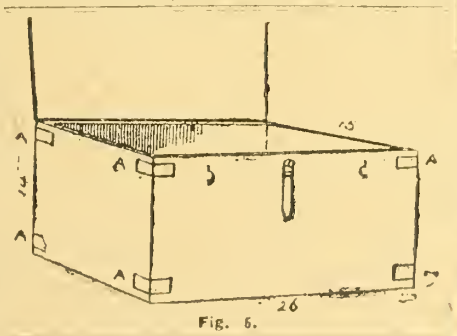


Fig. 5.

sorry to hear is dead, that my Thrush, who laid eggs but did not build, has this year paired up with the Thrush who also brought up a nest of young last year. She has built two lovely nests. This past year in the kitchen, in the first nest, she brought out two young they lived a couple of days and then she carried them out dead, to my sorrow. She immediately built again. The first nest was a fortnight in building. She still sleeps beside it on the place she built for the cock bird close under the ceiling between two beams on an iron support and close to the outer door. The second nest took only three days to build, and was constructed in a comb-box between window and door; it was lined with mud and teak leaves. On the fourth day the first egg was laid. After she had laid three I had the misfortune to step on her foot, or rather her middle toe and break it; she endeavoured to sit, but the pain made her so restless that she broke the eggs.

After this she continued to lay eggs without intermission every two or three days, and laid fifteen in all. Some I boiled for the Cuckoo; he ate only the hard yolk, and would not touch them raw. Both are now in the moult, and the baby, the cock bird, has gone of his own accord upstairs to the other birds, and only comes down once or twice a day just, I suppose, to see if she is all right; in the same way, she very occasionally goes upstairs.

Nesting Attempts.

I am thinking you will conclude that I have had a chapter of accidents this past year when I tell you that my Skylarks paired up, built their little nest in the middle of the cage, laid eggs, which kept unaccountably disappearing. I blamed the cock, "Mousie," for their disappearance, and took him away; but still the eggs went. At last I caught the little madam with her beak in one. I saved only one, which I put under a hen Canary. It proved to be addled. The little hen Yellowhammer has been guilty of the same thing. She built no proper nest, but continually made and unmade it. I was not lucky enough to get an unbroken one. The eggs from the brown Linnet and Canary have all been clear, and those from the Greenfinch and Canary addled; but I shall try again another year. The Linnets are only young and I am just a novice with no experience; but I can get information from CAGE BIRDS.

Since the above notes were written I decided to have the photograph of Cuckoo No. 2 taken, to illustrate clearly the difference between the plumage of the young bird and that of the adult. Meanwhile, another Cuckoo was brought me in a tiny Sparrow's nest. Then I thought that as I had used Joey's second nest for the purpose of rearing brown Linnets and Hedge Sparrows, I would slip the Cuckoo and his nest inside and rear him in the same, and so have nest and bird photographed. At this time the bird could only open its mouth, having apparently little other movement. It had a bristly sort of appearance by reason of the half of the feathers still being in the pen. In the one photograph he is seen just lazily turning round for a mouthful. Not thinking these pictures quite satisfactory Mr. Downing offered to take the photograph again. Meanwhile, this little bird, in the course of five days, had made such rapid progress as to have come out of the nest on to my finger.

A Regular Torment.

I am of opinion that this is a male bird; the shape, colouring and tail make me feel quite as sure about it as I did about the previous year's bird that died. The birds are not caged, but are on the lines in the same way as the old one was, and he is on a line upstairs. The birds downstairs are tormented by my young Starling, the first I have been able to rear. He is, at the time of writing, just changing his grey coat for a green one and spangles. I once had to put poor Joe in a cage out of his way, and the very next morning he had forced his way through a loose wire and was seated on the perch beside her. He steals the other birds' food, or takes it out of my fingers just as the Cuckoos' mouths are gaping. He makes himself at home on my head, and clambers down my forehead till I tilt my head back, when he makes a perch of my nose and opens my mouth with his long beak to look for my dinner. Of course, I hide a little piece there for him. If I refuse to notice him he shrieks "Bobby, bobby" at the top of his voice, but he won't say it when I want him to. He is certainly the naughty boy of the family, and as is generally the case, is liked by everyone who knows him. He is on my shoulder now while I write, and is trying to eat my collar. I rather think the Cuckoo sometimes gets some of his misdeeds shouldered on to him, as he did not scruple to take one of Joey's eggs for his breakfast, which the Cuckoo never did.

I think the markings of Cuckoos' heads vary very much, and remind me of a necklace of mixed beads—all something the same, yet each different.

Difficulties of Feeding.

One word more about the feeding of Cuckoos, and I must close. These birds, being birds of passage are, I take it, very uncertain in their appetites, sometimes crying for food all day and eating a tremendous quantity. I always give them food as long as they ask for it; then they will eat scarcely anything, even with coaxing for two or three days. I try to follow out their instincts as far as it lies within my power. I do not find them more dirty or unpleasant than any other bird, unless given a quantity of soft food, which to me does not appear good for them; neither do I mince it up finely, but give it in long, thin strips. Cuckoos need a deal of attention in feeding just as the beak is hardening and closing; as the passage gets narrower, I tuck as much at a time down as I can, as they are backward in opening the mouth much at that time and drop the food even after you have got it into the month: it requires the patience of Job just at that time. But after, like him, you get your reward.

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The Keeping and Breeding of Java Sparrows.

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The Grey Java Sparrow (*Munia oryzivora*) and the White Java Sparrow (*Munia oryzivora, var alba*) are favourite birds with many fanciers. While among the most freely imported of foreign species, they are yet very beautiful and attractive; the sharp contrasts of the plumage of the Grey variety are very pleasing, and the lovely bloom overlaying the whole of the plumage forms a fitting finish to the whole. The same remarks apply to the White variety. These are beautiful objects in an outdoor aviary, as they flit to and fro amid the growing greenery; and they always excite notice and admiration from visitors.

Pleasing, Hardy and Easy to Breed.

I must confess to a weakness for them myself (both the species and the White variety) and have never been long without a few specimens, even since rare species have formed a greater attraction for me. In contour they are not graceful, for they are stoutly or heavily built birds; yet they are not ugly-formed birds, for the balance and symmetry are perfect throughout; and in the aviary their heavy build is not so apparent as in the cage. But in spite of their heavy build their aspect is decidedly pleasing, whether in cage or aviary, and under either conditions they succeed with the simplest, roughest of treatment, and breed freely either in cage or aviary. They are also hardy and enduring.

The species is also known as the Rice-bird and Paddy-bird. It is a native of Java, Sumatra, and Malacca, and has also been introduced in many other countries.

The Grey Java Sparrow has the crown of the head, nape, margins of neck, chin, and tail black; cheeks pure white and very sharply defined; back and breast beautiful pearl-grey; abdomen paler pearl-grey, lightly suffused with brown; primaries leaden-grey; under-tail coverts white; beak rich rose colour, edged and tipped with white; eyelids red; iris ruddy brown; legs pinkish flesh colour. It is about the same size as the English Sparrow. The whole plumage is finished off with a lovely bloom similar to that found on ripe plums and grapes. As a rule they are so tightly feathered that they appear as if clad in an even silken garment—in fact, even when in the moult Mr. Java is always spruce and quite a dandified bird.

The Sexual Distinctions.

In plumage the sexes are alike, yet with a little practice it is easy to pick a pair from a crowd; it is never easy to define the sex of an odd bird. The female is slightly the smaller; her crown is narrower, and she has a narrower and more tapering beak, not so deep at the base as that of the male. The difference in the shape of the beak is most distinct when viewed in profile.

When attempting to judge the sex of an individual bird with others to compare it by, if the culmen is decked and the crown of the head broad, it may be reasonably assumed to be a male; while if the bird had a smallish appearance, a narrowish crown, and the upper mandible tapering from the base to point in almost a straight line, it is almost certain to turn out a hen.

Possible Varieties.

Only the White variety has been fixed; how and when this was produced can only be imagined. However, with a little trouble and patience it should be possible to produce handsome varieties intermediate between the Grey and White, and ultimately to fix them. The White variety is the exact counterpart of the Grey as to form and size, but the plumage is pure white, which admirably sets off the rose-coloured beak and red eyelids, and it is certainly a handsome bird. It is not an albino, but, still, it is not so hardy as the wild (Grey) species, though a robust bird. The same sexual distinctions apply in this case as in the case of the Grey varieties.

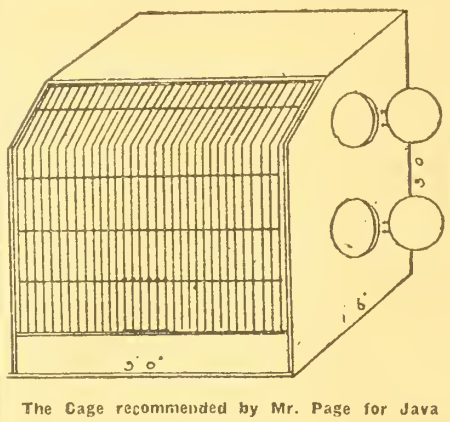
Nesting and Breeding.

In the aviary, both Greys and Whites breed freely and practically the whole year round, but winter breeding should not be encouraged out of doors, though I have had young leave the nest almost every month in the year, and fully reared, too, in my late London aviary. Though others have had natural nests built, I believe, yet in my aviary a box or husk was always used as a nesting site. Possibly the birds had learned, or instinct told them, that this was the safest course, for they formed part of a much mixed series in my aviary, though for two years they had plenty of natural cover; yet they never attempted to build a nest in a bush—always in either box, husk or Hartz travelling cage. The White Java is a free breeder under any conditions, but the wild Grey variety (species) is not so in a cage.

A Suitable Cage for Breeding.

In these notes I shall refer principally to the Grey species, as the White variety will breed without trouble under the same conditions. Herewith is figured a good type of cage for breeding foreign Finch-like birds, and the sizes given in diagram are what I recommend for the purpose, though a fair measure of success can be achieved with a cage one-third smaller, but then there is but little room left for the brood when they leave the nest, so that if the space at your disposal will in any way permit of it, have your cages full size.

The idea is to hang a nest box so that observations can be taken through the top circular door, the back of the cage to be well furnished with twiggy branches and the nest box well screened with same; there should be a hinged flap for cleaning out, and provision should be made for the usual food vessels. The wire front should be detachable, to facilitate the special Spring and Autumn clean-out. The



The Cage recommended by Mr. Page for Java Sparrows.

type of nest box most favoured by these birds is a wooden one, square in shape, about six inches all ways, with an oval hole for entrance in one of the sides near the top. The bottom of the cage should be kept well covered with gritty sand, and hay and grass supplied for nesting material.

Mate Grey to White.

Now as to the birds; I have remarked that the Grey or wild species does not breed freely in a cage; but this difficulty can easily be surmounted by pairing up a White hen with a Grey cock, when the resulting progeny will be a free breeding strain; and if you can have two pairs going at once, the progeny would then provide you with unrelated pairs for future breeding operations. There will be a small proportion of pied birds among the young, which, though usually looked upon merely as mongrels, are often very handsome indeed.

If you are only able to keep one pair going, take one of your Grey hens with white blood and mate it with an imported Grey cock; and they will breed freely so, and throw pure and vigorous stock. From birds so mated only an occasional pied bird will be obtained. The young, also, are, if anything, larger and richer in colour than the wild-caught birds. I have proved this by breeding them through several generations, though I have not attempted breeding them these past five years, rarer species occupying my attention.

The Menu.

The diet of the species is very simple: a mixture of canary, white millet, and paddy rice, and a millet spray once a week, with green food, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing purposes, will meet all their requirements when they are not rearing young. When they have young in the nest a little soft food should be given daily, though the young will be reared mainly on seed and green food.

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The Methods of a Successful Canary Breeder.

JOHN LEES (Rochdale).

A well-known breeder and exhibitor offers a few hints to novices.

As a fairly successful breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshires and Norwich Canaries for the last ten years, and a reader of that valuable paper, Cage Birds, from the first, I should like to give my experience on the general breeding and management of same which, for my own part, I think much better than confining oneself to any one variety, as what I write will apply to all. My notes are written for the working man fancier.

The Room and Cages.

I have been very lucky in having a very large attic at my disposal; but in most cases any sort of a room, in fact, one of the sleeping rooms, is used. If it is possible, however, I advise the setting apart of a separate one, as I find that, no matter how clean and careful one is in the summer time, the egg food turns sour, and then there is a slight odour from same.

The next things to think about are the cages. Some prefer single, and some double breeders; but my choice is in favour of the latter, with a small wire slide between fitted with seed hopper, water glasses, egg drawers, and a small penny drinker which I always keep filled with grit. I am a believer in whitewash, and if the above-named cages are whitewashed inside and blacked outside, and arranged in a neat rack one above the other, they will be very pleasing to the eye, and will last a lifetime.

If anyone prefers the single breeder, a nice cheap cage can be made out of a Watson's soap box, which costs about twopence. One of these, with a rail at the bottom about two inches deep, a wire front (costing about fourpence), a little whitewash and black paint, will look equal to the best. A good flight can be made out of an ordinary egg box, which costs twopence, a wire front costing one shilling. Anyone who can use a hammer I advise to try their hand at cage-making, and I feel confident they will be satisfied with the result.

For the last few years I have used sawdust as a covering for the cage bottoms (pine preferred), and to my present thinking I shall never use anything else; it always looks clean, and never clogs the birds' feet. When using sand I found that this happened often, and another reason is that I find sawdust acts as good disinfectant. I can safely say I have never had any ill effect from the use of same.

The next move is to decide on the variety you intend going in for. Whichever breed you decide on, get as good birds as your pocket will allow. Better have a few good ones than a room full of wasters. Always remember when pairing, never to pair two birds having the same fault. Have size and colour on the cock side, and type and quality on the hen's side.

How to Feed.

Having got your birds, and put them in their new quarters, the next question is how to feed. I will give my method from the beginning of the year. I use best Spanish Canary seed as the staple food about twice a week, about a teaspoonful of mixed seed, viz., maw, rape, and hemp; and for the hens I add a little inga; the latter I find, if used as recommended, a grand thing for preventing egg-binding—a thing I have been troubled with very little all the time I have kept them. In February, to the above diet I add once a week half a teaspoonful of egg food, made in the following manner: One egg boiled for about ten minutes, to a good thick slice of household (stale) bread; add a little sugar and maw seed, put through the mill, and give in quantities as stated above. In March I give the mixed seed every other day, and the egg food twice a week; and if the stock is healthy you will find them in tip-top condition by the first week in April, which I consider early enough to commence breeding operations, and not then unless the birds are quite ready. When you see the following signs you cannot go far wrong. The hens will be seen flying from perch to perch continually calling to the cocks and flapping their wings, the cocks behaving in the same manner, and singing as if their throats would burst. This is a sure sign.

Place the hen in one compartment and the cock in the other, and when you see the cock feeding the hen through the wires withdraw the slide, and after they have been together for three days, you may hang in your nest pan and give a little nesting material for the birds to play with. I always cover my pans with felt, made out of any soft material. Some fanciers use the wood pans, but I prefer the porcelain ones (there being less harbour in these for the troublesome red mite), which I always hang on the back of the cage between the two perches, as I find the hen can get to feed the youngsters much better than when these are placed on the end of the cage.

After the birds have been paired up for about a week or eight days, we may begin to look for eggs. But do not be too anxious and disturb the birds too much, as many a hen has been spoiled through being interfered with too much. The best plan is to have your cages numbered, also have a box with divisions numbered to correspond with your cages, and place the eggs in as they are laid, substituting dummies until the evening, when the third egg is laid; then give the hen her own eggs, and if the cock is wanted for another hen give him about three days' rest before running him with No. 2 hen.

Incubation and Rearing.

Some hens are very nervous while sitting; the more so the young ones. To disturb them as little as possible, when sitting the eggs, I generally hang on the wires in front of nest pan a piece of cardboard about six inches square; it also comes in very useful for writing down when the eggs were set and when due to hatch, and so saves one's referring to the pedigree book every time—something, by the way, that every fancier should possess.

The time of incubation is thirteen or fourteen days. On the evening of the thirteenth day I give in the drawer a little egg food, made with about half the quantity of bread mentioned previously. When the youngsters get three days old I give a little hemp and rape, also a little green food (dandelion preferred). Some hens, when the young ones get about seven or eight days old (or sometimes earlier), fall off their feeding duties; but in this case never be without Epsom salts in your room; it is a simple remedy, but has been worth pounds to me. Give about as much of it as will cover a shilling in drinking water for two days, and I think it will "do the trick." It has made hens feed for me that, had they been in other breeders' rooms, would have been put down as "bad feeders." The same remedy I use, with the addition of a salt-water bath, for hens that "sweat" their young.

Weaning the Youngsters.

Provided the young ones are well fed, they will be ready for weaning any time after they get about three weeks old; but do not be in too big a hurry. So long as the hen does not pluck them they are all right for a day or two. The best plan is, when they leave the nest to place them in a nursery cage (a Yorkshire show cage makes a very good one), put a little egg food in same, and hang on the front of the breeding cage; return the cock to the hen, and between them they will feed the youngsters through the wires until they begin to do for themselves. When I see them picking nicely I transfer them to a flight cage, adding a little crushed seed to their bill of fare. I never give green food again until the moult, and no water until I see them cracking seed for themselves. If they are wanted for first feather shows, hang on the show cage regularly, and handle them as much as possible to get them steady; also give the bath occasionally.

A Cake for Colour-feeding.

I begin colour-feeding when the youngsters get about eight weeks old, and for this purpose I make a cake out of the following, which is very handy for any one who is away all day and has to feed his birds before going out to work in the morning: 8 eggs, ½lb. pure lard, 1½lb. castor sugar, 1½oz. baking powder, 1½oz. salt, 3½lb. flour, add a little milk, and make into a thin paste. Let the loaves stand for about four days, when they will be fit for use. To every pound of tasteless pepper I add 2oz. of hot Natal, 2oz. linseed meal, and 2oz. castor sugar to commence with. I add about 2oz. of the above to a 1lb. loaf, and as the birds take to same I gradually keep adding more, until I get it up to a ¼lb. to a loaf; this will be found quite strong enough for the old ones as well; these I generally commence feeding about the latter end of July. While the birds are moulting I use Canary as their staple food, and a little mixed seed twice a week. When they are about three parts through I give a little sulphate of iron in the drinking water, which acts as a colour fixitive. If the room is a very light one, cover the cages with some light material, or darken the window a little, as the light affects the colour a little. I prefer covering the cages with thin muslin, and then the birds will not need washing for the early shows. When the youngsters are nearly through give the bath regularly, which acts as a "conditioner," and tightens them up.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.)
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke.)
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 22, Leicester Street.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.)
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Oliver-st.).
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)

Scotland.

Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.
Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Nov. 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

THE CRYSTAL PALACE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SHOW

A REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE.

Once more we have pleasure in reviewing in detail for the benefit of our readers the schedule of the Crystal Palace show.

DATE OF SHOW.—The 52nd annual Great National Show will be held by the London and Provincial O.S., on Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th next. It will open on the Friday at 3 p.m., and on the Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m.; it will close each evening 9.30 o'clock excepting on the Tuesday, when the exhibition will close at 4 p.m.

CLASSIFICATION.—There are 145 classes (as against 136 last year); these are divided amongst 15 judges, as follows:—

OPEN CHAMPION SECTION.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS, 8 classes; judge, H. W. Battye.
CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS, 8 classes; judge, J. Dobson.
YORKSHIRES, 16 classes; judges, W. Mundell (cl. and green mkd.), and T. Heath (cinn.-mkd.).
GREENS, Yorks. type, 4 classes; judge, T. Heath. Nor. type, 4 classes; judge, H. W. Battye.
CINNAMONS, 4 classes; judge, J. Dobson.
LANCASHIRES, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.
LIZARDS, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.
BORDER FANCIES, 11 classes; judges, J. F. Dewar (all except greens), and J. Robson (all the Greens).
SCOTCH FANCIES, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.
BELGIANS, 3 classes; judge, J. F. Dewar.
FRILLS, 1 class; judge, J. Robson.
ANY OTHER VARIETY, 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.
LIMIT: Norwich, 2 classes, Crests 2 classes, Yorkshire 1 class, A.O.V. 1 class, pairs 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.
MULES OR HYBRIDS, 11 classes; judge, G. E. Weston.
BRITISH, 25 classes in all.—Bullfinch, ck.; ditto hen; Goldfinch; and Linnet; judge, J. F. Dewar.
Chaffinch, Redpoll, Twite, Siskin, Brambichfinch, Greenfinch, Hawfinch, Yellowhammer, Bunting, A.O.V.: judge, Allen Silver.
Blackbird; Song Thrush; Starling; Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay Chough; Pied, Albino or rare-feathered specimen; hens (except Bullfinch); Nightingale or Blackcap; Skylark; A.O.S., resident, insectivorous or seed-eating, not larger than, and including, the Grey Wagtail; ditto, larger than, and including, the Wheatear; ditto, larger; Limit Finch; judge, W. Swaysland.
FOREIGN, 11 classes in all, Budgerigars and A.S. Lovebirds, etc., A.O.S. Parrakeets, A.O.S. Parrots; judge, H. T. Camps.
Common, etc., Avadavats, Waxbills, Zebra Finches, etc.; A.O.S. Waxbills, Grass Finches Weavers, etc.; Grosbeaks, etc.; Tanagers; Sugar Birds, etc.; A.O.S. small; A.O.S. large; foreign, Gold and Bullfinches; judge, Russell Humphrys; reserve judge, F. Finn.
EXTRA STOCK, 1 class; fee, 1s. per cage.
CAGES, 1 class for any variety.

OPEN NOVICE SECTION.

NORWICH, 6 classes; judge, J. Robson.
CRESTS, 2 classes; judge, J. Dobson.
YORKSHIRES, 7 classes; judge, H. Broadley.
A.O.V., 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.
BRITISH, 4 classes, Bull or Goldfinch; Linnet, Siskin, or Redpoll; A.O.V. Finch or Bunting; and A.S. Insectivorous; judge, H. Norman.
MULES OR HYBRIDS, 3 classes; judge, H. Norman.

It will be seen from the above that Novices are this year catered for in the Mule and Hybrid and British bird sections, as well as in the Canary sections. Also it will be noticed that the Roller section has this year been cut out.

ENTRIES absolutely close on Saturday, January 21st. There will be no extension, and no whip-up cards will be sent out. Exhibitors are respectfully requested to send their entries as soon as possible after the receipt of the schedule, and not wait until the date fixed for entries closing. The whole of the specimens must be in the Exhibition on Thursday, February 2nd; any that may arrive afterwards will not be admitted into the show. All fanciers, whether affiliated members of the Cage Bird Union or not, are equally eligible to exhibit. The entrance fee is 2s.

THE PRIZE MONEY is as follows:— 1st, 15s.; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s.; 4th, 2s.; or gold, silver, and bronze medals to value at winner's option. Cash will be sent unless instructions to the contrary are given within three days of the show. The special prize list is a very lengthy one, there being close upon 200 valuable specials for exhibitors to win.

ADMISSION.—There is no extra charge for admission to the show beyond the ordinary charge made for admittance to the Crystal Palace.

SHOW MANAGEMENT.—All entries must be sent to J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W., who will dispatch tickets, labels, etc., and also pay prize money, and sale moneys. The show will be under the sole management of Mr. Ramsden, who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements; also dispatch all birds at close of show.

FEEDING THE BIRDS.—During the show seed-eating birds will be fed upon seeds supplied by Messrs. James Carter and Co. ("Good Old Carter"), High Holborn, London. The insectivorous birds will be fed upon yolk of egg and insectivorous food supplied by Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.

JUDGES' LUNCH.—The L. and P.O.S. annual judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room, Crystal Palace, on Friday, February 3rd; chairman, G. Crabb, Esq.; covers at 1.45, tickets 2s. 6d. each. Tickets can be had by exhibitors and friends on application to the Show Manager. Lunch will be over in time for the opening of the show. Ladies are specially invited.

TELEGRAMS or other communications asking for results of the judging cannot be answered by the show authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules:

1. Fully-stamped and addressed postcards or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than Thurs., February 2nd.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for the awards. For instance:—"Jones, 100, Market Street, Leicester.—Class 30, 259 ———, 31, 263 ———, 57, 406 ———," etc.

3. All the applicants for results at the Palace must write RESULT on top-left-hand corner of the envelope in which the postcard or telegraph form is sent to us.

NOTE.—We cannot undertake to answer any letters respecting results, nor can we deal with any results other than by postcard or telegram.

"CAGE BIRDS" will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors, to greet old friends, and to make new friends. Our "Visitors' Book" will be in the usual place on the stall, and we trust everyone present will make a point of leaving their signatures and addresses therein. Any of our publications may be purchased of the attendant in charge. If you don't happen to see what you want, ask our attendant for it.

MIDDLESBRO' & TEESIDE C.B.S.

Annual Christmas members' show held Grangetown Hotel, Grangetown, December 26. There was a very good attendance of fanciers, and entries came up well. Mr. H. Todd (Darlington) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL: 1, 2, Rand; 3, Swinsco. BUFF: 1, 2, Rand; 3, Swinsco. NOR., YELL.: 1, Watson; 2, Swinsco; 3, 4, Wake. BUFF: 1, Swinsco; 2, 3, Watson; 4, Wake. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Wake; 3, Rand. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Carr; 2, 4, Wells; 3, Hanson and Lancaster. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, Barnes. GREENFINCH: 1, J. Carr; 2, 3, 4, Hanson and Lancaster. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, c, Mallory; 2, 3, 4, Hanson and Lancaster. LINNET: 1, Carr; 2, Hanson and Lancaster; 4, Mallory; 3, Thompson. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hanson and Lancaster.—Arthur Wake, Sec.

BROMSGROVE C.B.S.

Annual show, held Green Dragon Hotel, High Street, Dec. 27th. The exhibits were nicely staged and well looked after by Mr. Edwards (sec.), Mr. Bailey (chairman), and Messrs. Guest, Kenyon, Purbrick, Gower, Suclus, Speake, Corentt, Wall, and Byng. Mr. W. G. Poole judged, his awards being well received.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (9): 1, 4, Lewin; 2, hc, c, Guest; 3, Kenyon; vhc, Houghton. BUFF (11): 1, spl, best bird, Dipple; 2, Lewin; 3, G. Hall; 4, hc, Houghton; vhc, Dipple; c, Kenyon. YORKS. CL., ETC. YELL. (12): 1, Bryan; 2, Richards; 3, Gower; 4, Raybould; vhc, hc, Sheppard; c, E. Hall. BUFF (5): 1, Raybould; 2, E. Hall; 3, Bryan; 4, Richards; vhc, Gould. BORD. (3): 1, 2, Speake; 3, March. BRIT. (7): 1, Tyler (Nightingale); 2, Edwards (Lesser Redpoll); 3, Baseley (Skylark); 4, Webley (Siskin); vhc, Miss Saywell (Blackcap); hc, Dipple (Goldfinch); c, Suclus (Yellow Wagtail). FOR. (4): 1, Tyler (Blue Crown Hanging Parrot); 2, Pearce (Rose-breasted Cockatoo); others abs. SELL. CLASS (15/-) (16): 1, Harrold; 2, Derrick; 3, Lane; 4, Hall; vhc, Guest; hc, Speake; c, Kenyon. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Guest; 4, Dipple; vhc, Kenyon. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Gower; 2, Richards; 3, vhc, Purbrick; 4, Wall; hc, Gower. BUFF: 1, Gower; 2, 3, 4, Bailey; vhc, Richards. BORD. YELL. (2): 1, Bailey; 2, Speake; BUFF (6): 1, 2, Edwards; 3, Speake; 4, Bailey. BRIT. (6): 1, Edwards; 2, Dipple; 3, hc, White; 4, F. Vernon; vhc, Purbrick. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Suclus; 2, J. Vernon. Special for best bird in members' classes, G. Gower; for most points, G. W. Guest.

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THE SHOWS.

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GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual half-day show, held Slatter's Rooms, Dec. 31st. Mr. T. Perkins (Hull) judged.

NOR., YELL. CHAMP.: 1, 3, H. Moore, Jnr.; 2, W. H. Moore, Senr. BUFF: 1, Clews; 2, 3, W. H. Moore, Senr. 1910: 1, Clews; 2, W. H. Moore, Senr. HEN: 1, Clews; 2, W. H. Moore, Senr.; 3, W. H. Moore, Junr. Special for best Can. in show, W. H. Moore, Junr. NOR. YELL., NOVICE: 1, Metcalf; 2, Robinson; 3, Good. BUFF: 1, Metcalf; 2, Ridley. 1910: 1, Angliss; 2, Ridley. HEN: 1, Ridley; 2, Metcalf; 3, Robinson. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Towl Bros.; 2, Clews. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Calam; 3, F. Moore. GREENFINCH: 1, Towl Bros.; 2, Sadler; 3, Oliver. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Calam; 2, F. Moore; 3, Oliver; special for best Brit., Towl Bros. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Perkins (Hull) for judging.—Towl Bros., Secs.

DUNOON, N.B.

Dunoon and Dis. C.B.C. 2nd annual show, held Burgh Hall, January 2. There was a good attendance of visitors throughout the day. Mr. P. Pettigrew made the awards, not a grumble being heard.

SCOT. FCY., CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Stenhouse. HEN: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, Stenhouse; 2, Grieve. NOR., CK.: 1, 5, Leask; 2, Moodie; 3, Stirling; 4, 6, Clark. HEN: 1, 2, 5, Leask; 3, 4, Stirling; 6, Clark. NOR. CK., BRED '10: 1, 3, Leask; 2, Stirling; 4, Tait; 5, Clark; 6, Grieve. HEN: 1, Leask; 2, 3, 4, Moodie; 5, 6, Stirling. BORD. FCY. CK.: 1, Melville; 2, 5, 6, Stenhouse; 3, 4, Clark. HEN: 1, 2, Melville; 3, Stenhouse; 4, 5, 6, Clark. CK., BRED '10: 1, 2, 6, Stenhouse; 3, Melville; 4, 5, Clark. HEN: 1, 2, 5, Stenhouse; 3, Melville; 4, 6, Clark. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Tait. BULLFINCH: 1, 4, 6, Leask; 2, Stenhouse; 3, Allison; 5, Clark. GOLDFINCH: 1, 6, Leask; 2, Stenhouse; 3, 4, Clark; 5, Tait. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, 5, Leask; 2, 4, Melville; 6, Stenhouse. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 3, Leask; 2, Stenhouse. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Clark; 2, 3, 4, Tait. FOR.: 1, 2, Leask; 3, Melville. GIFT: 1 Stenhouse; 2, Melville; 3, Leask; 4, Moodie; 5, Tait; 6, Stirling. NOR. (NOV.): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Stirling; 6, Grieve. BORD. FCY. (NOVICE): 1, 3, 4, Allison; 2, McKellar. BRIT. (NOV.): 1, 3, 4, Allison; 2, 6, Tait; 5, Stirling.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Last show of the season, held Dec. 26th, Victoria Band Room, Cleckheaton, 97 birds being staged. Mr. J. Bailey (Sandy Lane) judged. Specials were kindly given by Messrs. Ramsden's Brewery, Messrs. Lewin (Halifax), W. Sharp, R. Smith, E. Batty, B. Wood, J. Burnhill, and the Spen Valley Brewery, Mr. Sandiford giving a gold centre medal. Messrs. F. Allen, H Hadwen, and B. Wood, three highest point winners in show with 69, 42, 35 points respectively. Mr. J. Hodgson gave a good special for most points in first four classes, won by F. Allen, 26 points. Season's competition, silver cup and gold medal, Mr. F. Allen (for the second time), with 112 points; 2nd, silver rose bowl and medal, won by H. Hadwen, 91 pts.; 3, Mr. B. Wood, medal, 82 points. British Birds: A. Sheard and S. Binns.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Hadwen; 2, 3, 4, Allen. BUFF: 1, 3, Hadwen; 2, Allen; 4, Wood. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Sheard; 2, Cooper; 3, Fawcett; 4, Wood. BUFF: 1, Hadwen; 2, Binns. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wharton; 2, Lewis; 3, Cooper. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, Sheard; 3, Wharton; 4, Pearson. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Allen; 2, Smith; 4, Wharton. BUFF: 1, Hadwen; 2, Bennett; 3, Wood; 4, Allen. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Bennett; 2, Allen; 3, Lewis; 4, Hadwen. CINN TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, 4, Allen; 2, Wood; 3, Lewis. BUFF: 1, Allen; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Binns. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Binns; 2, Sheard; 3, Wood; 4, Bennett. CAN. OR MULE, A.O.V.: 1, 2, Bennett; 3, Smith; 4, Wood. SELF, GREEN CK.: 1, 4, Wood; 2, Wharton; 3, Smith. HEN: 1, 3, Wood; 2, Smith; 4, Wharton.—J. Lewis, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N.C.O.S.

Thirteenth annual members' show held January 7, Choriton Town Hall, All Saints. No doubt some of the members will remember when the annual open show was held in this hall; it is not big enough for the open show now, but it is admirably adapted for our members' shows, being large and roomy, well lighted, and free from draughts. Entries showed a slight increase on last year's, numbering 231, and quality was of the best. Mr. S. Cook gained most points in the open section, and also in the open Norwich classes; Mr. G. Pike most points open Yorks., and Mr. A. G. Robinson most points open Brit.; Mr. J. W. Jones most points amateur Yorks., Mr. H. Boothman Nor., Mr. H. W. Schofield Novice Yorks., Mr. C. E. Gaul Nor., Mr. A. G. Smith amateur and novice Brit. Dr. Twigg won special for best bird in amateur or novice classes with a splendid Crest (we hear it was the winner at Nottingham in fresh hands), Mr. A. Bain winning special for best novice Yorks. Altogether we think the show passed off very well, but a society like Manchester should have more entries than it has at its members' shows. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Pike; 2, 4, W. Broughton; 3, Gray; hc, c, Atkinson. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Pike; 3, 4, Broughton. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Broughton; 2, 4, Atkinson; 3, Pike. BUFF (6): 1, 4, G. F. Gray; 2, Broughton; 3, Pike; vhc, hc, Atkinson. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Cook; 3, Marlor; 4, Raynes; vhc, W. N. Turner. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Raynes; 3, 4, Cook; vhc, S. Marlor; hc, C. Turner. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 4, Cook; 3, Marlor; vhc, Turner. BUFF (7): 1, Marlor; 2, 4, vhc, Cook; 3, Raynes; hc, C. Turner. YELL., BRED 1910 (3): 1, 2, Marlor; 3, Raynes. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Turner. CINN. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Bladon; 2, Ideson. BUFF (3): 1, 3, W. Bladon; 2, Ideson. BORD. YELL. (2): 1, Pease; 2, Marsden. BUFF (1): Pease. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, 3, Marsden; 2, 4, vhc, Robinson. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Hughes. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Robinson; 3, Hughes. A.O.S., HARDBILL (2): 1, Hughes; 2, Robinson. A.O.S., SOFT. 1, Marsden. FOR. (1): 1, Marsden. SELL., 20s. (4): 1, Pease; 2, Marsden; 3, Dr. Twigg; 4, Bladon. 12s. 6d. (3): 1, Pease; 2, Raynes; 3, Gray. AMAT. CLASSES: YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, F. Musgrave; 2, Jones; 3, 4, Mason; vhc, Humphreys. BUFF (6): 1, Whittaker; 2, Humphreys; 3, Musgrave; 4, vhc, Jones; hc, Midgley. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Whittaker; 2, Musgrave; 3, 4, Jones; vhc, Midgley. BUFF (5): 1, Halden; 2, Whittaker; 3, Humphreys; 4, Musgrave; vhc, Jones. BRED 1910 (8): 1, Humphreys; 2, Halden; 3, 4, Mason; vhc, hc, Jones; c, Midgley. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Boothman; 3, Kirk; 4, Whalley; vhc, Spencer. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Boothman; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, Halden; hc, Spencer; c, Whalley. YELL. HEN (6): 1, hc, W. Whalley; 2, Booth; 3, Smith; 4, Harrison. BUFF (5): 1, Boothman, 2, Whalley; 3, Harrison; 4, Robinson; vhc, Halden. YELL. 1910 (5): 1, Kirk; 2, Fulcher; 3, Robinson; 4, H. Boothman; vhc, Spencer. BUFF (6): 1, Spencer; 2, hc, Smith; 3, Booth; 4, Robinson; vhc, Kirk. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Dr. Twigg. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Bain; 2, Yeats. BUFF (3): 1, Bain; 2, Yeates; 3, Cheetham. TKD., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Waterhouse; 2, Schofield. BUFF (2): 1, Schofield; 2, Lucas. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Schofield; 2, Bain. BUFF (4): 1, Waterhouse; 2, Cheetham; 3, 4, Schofield. YORKS. BRED 1910 (3): 1, Bain; 2, Schofield; 3, Yeats. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 4, Buckley; 2, Beswick; 3, Gaul. BUFF. (5): 1, Buckley; 2, Gaul; 3, vhc, Beswick; 4, Wragg. YELL., HEN (2): 1, Buckley; 2, Beswick. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Gaul; 2, Buckley; 3, Wareing; 4, Hayward; hc, Beswick. YELL., BRED 1910 (4): 1, H. Beswick; 2, Wragg; 3, 4, Gaul. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Wragg; 2, H. Beswick; 3, Wareing; 4, Gaul; vhc, Buckley. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Ideson; 2, Yeats; 3, Beswick. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (11): 1, c, Austin; 2, 4, Smith; 3, Harrison; vhc, Morley; hc, Robinson. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Whalley; 3, Whittaker; 4, A. Bain; vhc, Hayward; hc, W. Schofield. GREENIE (6): 1, Hayward; 2, 4, Smith; 3, Whalley; vhc, Schofield; hc, Mason. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Smith; 2, Midgley; 3, Harrison; 4, Whalley; vhc, Schofield. A.O.S. HARDBILL (4): 1, Whittaker; 2, 3, 4, Smith. MULE OR HYB., A.V. (4): 1, 4 Smith; 2, 3, Whalley.—H. Boothman, Sec.

WAUNARLWYDD.

Second annual show held Shepherd's Hall, and judging from the amount of entries, this society will another year have to look for a much larger hall. Mr. Walters made a most excellent secretary, and by his tact and geniality did much to further the success of the fixture. He was ably supported by a worthy band of stewards. Our section was well filled, and another year it will pay the society to extend their classification. Goldfinches were excellent, as also were the A.O.S. British. Mr. J. Harrison judged.

CAN. (17): 1, Edwards, yell. Nor., good head and neck, lovely colour and quality, in tip-top order, wins; 2, 3, Williams, yell. Yorks, leading, nice type and quality, fine wings and tail, latter buff, large upstanding bird, good type, crosses wings badly; 4, Bennett; vhc, Bonnett; hc, c, Trigg. MULE (7): 1, H.S. Davies, Goldie-Bullie, grand size and colour, wins; 2, Edwards, tkd. Goldie, in the pink of condition, close up; 3, vhc, Gabe, dark Goldie, lovely shape, quality, colour, staged to perfection; 4, King; hc, Cole; c, Griffiths. GOLDFINCH (16): 1, two spls., Ray, good size colour, lovely blaze and buttons, wins, 2nd another good all-round Finch, loses only in blaze to winner; 3, Williams, close up, good blaze, bars, and buttons; 4, Edwards, another good one, nice size and shape, well put down; res, Howells; vhc, Pugh, Lewis; hc, c, Holborrow. LINNET (7): 1, 2, Gay, two beauties, good shape and condition, lovely markings, sound colour, 2nd some preferred, very steady, nicely pencilled, loses only in size to leader; 3, Nicholas, largest bird in class, grand shape and whites, beaten just a wee bit markings; res, Price; vhc, Evans; hc, Griffiths; c, Rees. BULLFINCH (9): 1, Price, good size, lovely colour, nice cap and bars, well put down, wins; 2, Hughes, grand type, lovely colour, not quite so good a cap as winner; 3, Holborrow, real good Bullie, grand colour, cap, and bars; 4, Pugh; res, Button; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Edwards; c, Rees. A.O.S. (11): 1, H. S. Davies, King Parrakeet, well known, in wonderful condition; 2, 3, Ray, Waxwing, fine size, good wings, grand body, colour, and shape, put down in A1 style; 3, Hawfinch, nice col., good head, beautiful condition; 4, Hughes; res, Gabe; vhc, Holborrow; hc, Bowditch; c, Edwards.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Members' show held December 27th, St. George's Schools. Entries totalled 203 birds in 28 classes. Mr. F. King (Leeds) judged and gave entire satisfaction. The Leeds cup was won by Mr. Farrar, 46 points; runner-up, Mr. H. J. Meunard, 42 points; the president's cup was won by Mr. H. J. Mennard, 62 points; the gold medal (presented by Mr. A. Chew) for most points with six highest birds in Yorkshire classes at members' shows, Mr. F. Farrar, 95 points; the Norwich gold medal, Mr. W. A. Wilson, 54 points, followed by Mr. H. J. Mennard, 51 points, who wins the three Norwich show cages and case (presented by Messrs. Poulter and Bolton). The winners of Mr. Seth Fowler's medals for most and second most points in novice Yorks. were Mr. Dews, 78 points, and Mr. E. Norton, 72. "Sandiford" medal, Mr. H. J. Mennard. Messrs. Owen and Flint won specials for most and second most points Brit.

YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Farrar; 2, 3, Hall; 4, Chew and Stokoe. HEN (12): 1, Chew and Stokoe; 2, 4, Farrar; 3, Fowler. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Chew and Stokoe; 3, Johnson; 4, Farrar. HEN (10): 1, 4, Farrar; 2, Fowler; 3, Hall. YORKS. YELL., 1910 (9): 1, Chew and Stokoe; 2, 3, Hall; 4, Farrar. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Hall; 3, Farrar; 4, Chew and Stokoe. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Mennard; 2, Hall; 4, Chambers. HEN (6); 1, 2, 3, Mennard; 4, Chambers. BUFF (6): 1, Johnson; 2, 4, Mennard; 3, Hall. HEN (8): 1, Chambers; 2, Johnson; 3, Mennard; 4, Hall. YELL., 1910 (6): 1, 4, spl hottest fed, Mennard; 2, Hall; 3, Johnson. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Chambers; 4, McDade. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, 2, 3, 4, Leo Smith. LINNET (5): 1, 2, 4, Owen; 3, Chambers. GOLDIE, ETC. (4): 1, Flint; 2, Whiteley; 3, Middleton; 4, Owen. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Owen; 3, 4, Flint. GREENFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Owen; 3, 4, Flint. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Middleton; 2, Dews; 3, Owen; 4, Flint. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS. YELL. (7): 1, Dews; 2, E. Norton; 3, 4, Bull. HEN (5): 1, Sykes; 2, Greaves; 3, E. Norton; 4, Whiteley. BUFF (7): 1, Dews; 2, W. H. Norton; 3, Britsow; 4, Bull. HEN (10): 1, 3, Rhodes; 2, Dews; 4, Greaves. YELL., 1910 (11): 1, 2, Rhodes; 3, E. Norton; 4, Sykes. BUFF (12): 1, 2, E. Norton; 3, Sykes; 4, Dews. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Moir; 3, W. A. Wilson. HEN (7): 1, 2, hc, c, W. A. Wilson; 3, 4, Ainsworth. BUFF (6): 1, Moir; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Benge. BUFF, 1910 (8): 1, 2, Moir; 3, Wilson; 4, Child.—J. Chambers, Hon. Sec.

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DUNFERMLINE.

Annual show held 3rd and 4th January. The hall in which the exhibition was held is a most excellent place for such a purpose, being well lighted from the roof and free from draughts. The birds were nicely screened off at the end of the hall, and were very well staged. The entries this year showed a slight increase upon last year's, the only disappointing sections being the Border Fancies, which did not come up to expectations, despite the fact that the society had exteuded the number of classes this year. But what was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality. The Norwich section had a really good entry, and contained some very fine quality. The Crests and Crestbreds were a show in themselves, some real "eye openers" being staged; in fact, in point of quality they were equal to anything seen previously in this district. But pride of place must be awarded to the British bird section, both in numbers and quality. It contained some of the winners from the "Scottish National," and we understand the winning Goldfinch again took premier honours, and several others were well up in the prize list. The officials are a thorough set of fanciers, and the management was all that could be desired, being under the guidance of the following gentlemen: President, Lord Bruce; vice-president, Mr. T. Harrower; treasurer, Mr. H. Mowbray; and the secretary, Mr. Peter Dudgeon, the last-named being an ideal official, obliging and courteous to all. The judges were—for Scotch Fancies, Mr. D. Black (Govan); for Norwich, Mr. G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock); for Border Fancies, Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso); for British birds, Mr. J. Brown (Edinburgh), and they got through the work in good time, their awards seeming to give general satisfaction.

The Critique.

SCOTCH FCY.: CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Cairns, fine bird, good size and shoulder; 2, Thomson, close up, nice mover, fine length of wing; 3, Watson, good stamp, fine, reachy neck and droop; 4, Bullions nice bird, very nervy. HEN (6): 1, Thomson, nice size and reach, good long droop; 2, Cairns, fine thickness through, good top and drive; 3, Fernie, rare length of wing, nice mover; 4, Watson, grand stamp. BUFF CK.: Cancelled. HEN (5): 1, sp, Watson, good length of side, fine thickness through, well set up; 2, Bishop, good broad shoulders, splendid substance; 3, M'Gregor, grand head and neck, good length of wing; 4, Cook, fine long droop, good bird; 5, Laing. YELL., PIED., ETC., CK.: Cancelled. HEN (7): 1, Black, grand stamp, very nervy, gets tail well under; 2, Cook, magnificent substance for a hen, fine top end, close up; 3, Black, nice worker, excellent size and reach; 4, Bullions, plenty of style and nerve; 5, Stewart; 6, Gibson. BUFF CK. (9): 1, sp, Black, fine width across shoulders, clean got up, nice decided drive; 2, Fotheringham, presses hard on winner, fine long droop, rare size; 3, Black, nice size and thickness through, good reach and style; 4, sp, Fotheringham, fine stamp, very shapely; 5, Stewart; 6, Bullions; 7, M'Gregor. HEN (7): 1, Laing, good top and wings, takes nice position; 2, Thomson, grand substance, capital style, good and reachy; 3, Cook, grand one, very smartly got up, nice decided drive; 4, Bullions, good head and neck, rare drive and length of side; 5, Gibson; 6, Cook. SELL. CK. (13): 1, sp, Thomson; 2, Harrower; 3, J. Thomson; 4, 6, Wilson and Campbell; 5, Kilgour; 7, Watson, some capital stock birds here, and worth the money. HEN (4): 1, Fotheringham; 2, Gibson; 3, Wilson and Campbell. NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, McConville, grand type and quality, rare frontal and back, nice level col.; 2, Dickson, lovely variegated, teeming with quality, good head and wing; 3, Bishop, wee shade weak in head, nicely rounded on front, capital col. and radiation; 4, Beaton, cl., fine size and shape, well put down; 5, Philip; 6, Gardiner. HEN (8): 1, sp, Gardiner, lovely col., leading foul on head, grand shape and substance, capital col., wins; 2, Paterson, eye and wing mkd., fine frontal, well carried wings, good level col.; 3, Grewar, heavy variegated, chubby shape, nice col. and condition; 4, Burnett, cl., good body, neat head and neck; 5, Lambie; 6, Sharp. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Bishop, leader good size and col., grand head and nice front, finely mealed; 2, Gardiner, grand type and quality, capital substance, good wing and tail carriage, presses winner; 3, Bishop, variegated., nicely staged, shows too much browing; 4, Grewar, good quality and condition; 5, Beaton; 6, Adamson; 7, Hynd. HEN (4): 1, Gardiner, capital shape and style, very neat head and front, shown in lovely order; 2, Dickson, head and wing mkd., nice size and col., good wings; 3, McConville, good head and neck, nice frontal; 4, Adamson, fine stamp, wee bit rough in feather. BRED 1910 (11): Grand class: 1, 2, sp, Gardiner, brace of beauties, leader grand yell. for size and shape, 2nd head and wing mkd. buff, neat all over, lovely quality; 3, Grewar, foul on neck, good head and front, fine type; 4, Adamson, good bird, shown in the pink of condition; 5, Kirk; 6, Pratt; 7, Hynd. SELL. (11): 1, sp, Grewar; 2, Davidson; 3, Philip and Burnett; 5, Camphell; 6, Lambie; 7, Grant and Rodgers. CREST CK. (8): 1, sp, Howie, wing mkd. D.C., very large and well radiated, good centre; 2, Noble, green, fine leafy feather, of nice formation and quality; 3, Paul, plenty of size, grand droop, fine texture of feather; 4, sp, Finnick, wing mkd. D.C., of good dimensions; 5, Paul; 6, Moir; 7, Burt. HEN (13): Wonderful class: 1, Cram, fine crest, good size and formation, grand frontal; 2, Sharp, dense feather, capital droop and centre, well placed; 3, 4, Paul, third green, plenty of front, nicely rounded crest, from fine centre, 4th wing mkd. real good one, dense feather; 5, Carwell; 6, Sharp; 7, Buchanan. CREST BRED 1910 (12): 1, Veitch, cl. body D.C., great density, splendid crest, splendid droon; 2, Noble, almost green, fine big crest of good formation, nice veiny feather; 3, Paul, splendid green, nice leafy feather, neat centre nice droop; 4 Sharp variegated, nice crest of good formation, well put down; 5, Moir; 6, Veitch; 7, Boyle. C.B. CK. (13): 1, sp, Noble, grand body substance, great width of skull, nice dome-shaped head; 2, Buchanan, monster for size and feather, fine wide entrance, splendid lash; 3, Moir, capital cushioned head, fine texture of feather, large skull; 4, Paul, lightly mkd., very wide at entrance, good substance; 5, Cram; 6, Buchanan; 7, Veitch. HEN (7): 1, Cram, splendid head, well browed; 5, Howie; 6, McGregor; 7, lashed head, plenty of body feather, fine wide entrance; 3, 4, Finnick, pair of good ones, leader dense head feather, grand dome shape, 4th grand head, well crowned; 5, Howie; 6, McGregor; 7, Noble. C.B. BRED 1910 (12): 1, Paul, grand width of skull, showing splendid lash, nice quality feather; 2, Cram, will improve in quality, some thought should have given way to 3, Buchanan, very massive, head grandly lashed, dense body feather; 4, Sharp, capital bird, well placed; 5, M'Gregor; 6, sp, Burt; 7, Noble. CREST, SELL., 20s. (12): 1, sp, Nohle; 2, Dick; 3, Veitch; 4, Hunter; 5, Davie; 6, Low. C.B., 15s. (11): 1, Low; 2, Paul; 3, Angus; 4 Finnick; 5, Burt; 6, Harrower; 7, Campbell. BORD. FCY. CK. ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Thomson, grand head and frontal, well rounded back neat wing and tail carriage; 2, Gilchrist, lovely quality, A1 type, grandly braced wings, nice taper; 3, Hamilton, equal in shape, rattling fine feather and condition; 4, Shields, good type and quality; 5, Kay; 6, Dunsmore. HEN (8): 1, Dunsmore, very neat and typical, fine head and neck, easy win; 2, Whitson, splendid type, good wing and tail carriage; 3, Thomson, nice level col., good round head and shape, well placed; 4, Arnott, good and typical; 5, Duncan and Logan; 6, no name; 7, Auld. BUFF CK. (9): 1, Gilchrist, excels in type and feather, grand level col., fine style; 2, Wilson, nice round head, rare back and wings, splendid carriage, must have pressed; 3, Burt, good front and head, well carried wings, shade rough in feather; 4, Dunsmore, head mark, well filled back, nice quality; 5, Stirling; 6, Gardiner; 7, Lambie. HEN (7): 1, Duncan and Logan, little beauty, correct type, nice texture of feather, very stylish; 2, Hamiltou, another nice one, well rounded front and back, good second; 3, Burt, good looking bird, soft when we were taking notes; 4, sp, Shields, fine shape and size, fails only in condition; 5, Dunsmore; 6, Campbell; 7, Arnott. UNEVEN YELL. (7): 1, Hamiltou, eye and wing tkd., capital type and quality, neat carriage; 2, Wilson, mkd. head and wing, good front and back, nice shape and style; 3, Duncan and Logan, nice type, fine markings and quality; 4, Arnott, mkd. head and light wings, nice col.; 5, Kilpatrick. BUFF (11): 1, Hamilton, mkd. eyes and wings, lovely texture of feather, nice taking style and shape; 2, Wilson, similar markings, good head and front, well carried wings and tail; 3, Gilchrist, good type and quality, shown in grand bloom; 4, Haddow, lightly mkd., nice type and condition; 5, Gardiner; 6, Bremner; 7, Stirling. EVEN MKD. (4): 1, Haddow, capital eyes and wings, good eye and quality, feeling the cold journey; 2, Arnott and Jamieson, balanced markings, nice colour and quality; 3, Arnott, good markings, well balanced. GREEN OR CINN. (15): 1, and B.F.C.C. medal, Thomson, a real gem, grand type and rich dense col., splendid pencilling, wins; 2, Lambie, another of the first water, fails only in front to winner; 3, Arnott and Jamieson, lovely cinn., good type and quality, well placed; 4, Thomson, huff green ck., nice type and col.; 5, Haddow; 6, Stirling; 7, Lambie. SELL. CK. (8): 1, Auld; 2, Lambie; 3, Young; 4, Campbell; 5, Burt; 6, Kay; 7, Grand and Rodger. HEN (5): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Arnott and Jamieson; 3 Lambie; 4, Campbell. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, Bell, lightly mkd. buff Goldie, capital size and col.; 2, sp, McLaren, lovely variegated Goldie, fine flush face, A1 condition; 3, Jamieson, variegated Greenie Mule, shown in nice condition; 4, sp, Jamieson, slashing big Goldie Mule, just a few light feathers in wings, or would have made clinking dark; 5, Dunn; 6, sp, Lindsay; 7, Dunn. DARK MULE (11): 1, Taylor, clinking Linnet Mule, wonderful col. for a buff, wins; 2, Grewar, fine big Goldie, nice flush face and conditions; 3, Arnott, well-known Greenie Mule, grand tone of col., nicely staged; 4, Bell, Goldie Mule, nice col. and condition; 5, Allan; 6, Angus; 7, Baird. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, sp, Anderson, Scottish National winner, we were informed, grand square-cut blaze, of large dimensions, wonderful tanning, moons and bars; 2, Anderson, another capital exhibit, fine polish and col.; 3, Wilson and Campbell, good body col., nice blaze and wings, close up to 2nd; 4, do., grand blaze, just lacks the polish of winners; 5, Cuthhertson; 6, McCall and Henderson; 7, Allan. BULLFINCH (10): 1, H. Hogg, fine dense cap, nice breast col. and wing bars, in grand condition; 2, Adie, extra good in cap and bars, fails only in breast col.; 3, W. Hogg, best of caps, good size, shape and condition; 4, Hunter, nice all-round bird; 5, Roland; 6, Anderson; 7, Howie. LINNET (10): 1, sp, Bald, lovely shade of col., rare markings and polish (looks like Scottish National winner); 2, M'Cullock, neat in pencilling, similar size and col. to winner, must have pressed; 3, Rolland, not quite so deep in col., but very fine markings and condition; 4, Anderson, nice col., pencilling and condition; 5, Kennoway; 6, Cuthbertson; 7, Rolland. GREENFINCH (10): 1, McLean and Nicol, noble front and head, clinker for col. and condition; 2, Peel and Christie, capital buff, nice size and shape, grandly frosted; 3, Arnott, lovely col. and polish, nice exhibit; 4, Stirling, very fine Greenie, but might be shown in better col. cage; 5, Bald; 6, M'Call and Henderson; 7, Laing. REDPOLL, ETC. (13): 1, McLean and Nicol, leader fine big Siskin, rattling good col., nice cap and bib, very steady, looks like Scottish National 3rd; 2, Bell, grand mealy 'Poll, beautiful col. and lacing, A1 condition; 3, Arnott, fine Twite, good dense col., neat markings and polish; 4, Miller, house-moulted 'Poll, in lovely order; 5, M'Gornm; 6, Bishop; 7, Wright. BRIT. SMALL (15): 1, Auld, grand coloured Yellowhammer, very fine markings, shown in grand bloom; 2, Arnott, Bramhle, in clinking fine condition, good spangling, real topper; 3, M'Lay, grandly staged Flycatcher, very taking exhibit; 4, Laing, nice col. Chaffinch; 5, M'Lay; 6, Allan; 7, Meikle. LARGE (5): 1, Gardiner, fine big Hawfinch, capital col., good bib, in perfect condition, stood 4th in its class at Scottish National; 2, Langran, hen Mavis, nicely marked, well shown; 3, Arnott, well mkd. Lark, very steady; 4, Wright, nice col. Snowbunting. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, Arnott, good hen Bullie, grand size and col., well defined cap and bars; 2, Millar, nice mkd. Cornbunting, shown in the pink of condition; 3, M'Laren, another nice hen Bullie, fails only in head to winner; 4, M'Call and Henderson, hen Yellowhammer, good size and col.; 5, Kilpatrick; 6, Boyle; 7, Baird. FOR. GOLDIE (12): Grand class: 1, M'Lennan, wonderful blaze and tannings, good moons and buttons, fine wing bars; 2, Howie, presses winner hard, fine square-cut face, capital bars and moons; 3, Cuthbertson, fails only in blaze to winners, good col. and markings; 4, Howie, real good Finch, wee bit unsteady; 5, M'Gornm; 6, Hogg; 7, Rankine. FOR. A.O.S. (5): 1, Arnott, pair of lovely Gouldians, shown in grand plumage; 2, Lawtie and Welsh, well-known Whydah, in lovely order; 3, Harley, grand conditioned Parrot, very amusing; 4, Fairnbairn, pair of nice Budgerigars; 5, M'Diarmaid. GIFT (10): 1, 5, Sneddon; 2, Campbell; 3, Lambie; 4, Kilpatrick; 6, Lindsay; 7, Mitchell.

PUDSEY & STANNINGLEY C.B.S

Last show of the season, held Dec. 26, Oddfellows' Hall. Competition for the various prizes has resulted in Mr. W. Richmond winning silver cup and medal, 1st for both Green and Cinnamon marks, 1st for most points in Yorkshire and Norwich; 2, 3, and 4 places are won by Messrs. E. Marsh, Butler Bros., and G. R. Pawson. Messrs. Butler Bros. are second in Greens and Cinnamons, Mr. G. R. Pawson second in Norwich. Mr. W. Jeffrey wins special for best Yorks., also consolation prize, and Mr. W. Maltby the Sandiford medal. Mr. R. Halliday judged.

YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, Ralstrick; 2, Forrest; 3, Butler Bros.; 4, Marsh. BUFF (14): 1, Richmond; 2, Ralstrick; 3, 4, Butler Bros. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Jeffrey; 2, Butler Bros.; 3, Richmond; 4, Marsh. BUFF (6): 1, Hargreaves; 2, Butler Bros.; 3, Marsh; 4, Noble. YELL. HEN (14): 1, 4, Hargreaves; 2, Marsh; 3, Butler Bros. BUFF (12): 1, 4, Butler Bros.; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Ralstrick. NOR. (10): 1, Pawson; 2, spl, Richmond; 3, 4, Maltby. HEN (7): 1, Benson; 2, 4, Richmond; 3, Pawson. A.O.V. (6): 1, Marsh; 2, Noble; 3, Benson; 4, Kinder.—J. Butler, Sec.

WISHAW.

Wishaw O.S. 53rd annual show, held in the Factory Buildings (cage birds in Watson's Hall), Youngstreet, December 31. President, Mr. McLachlan; vice-president, Mr. J. McFarlane; treasurer, Mr. Nimmo; secretary, Mr. W. H. Livingstone; committee, Messrs. R. T. Sorbie, W. Irving, J. W. Brownlie, D. R. Nimmo, T. Mitchell, T. Watson, J Nimmo, J. Cole, J. Walker, C. Small, W. Barr, D. Aitken, J. Messer, G. Clarke, T. Paterson, T. Dick, T. Weir, and Allerdice, jun., H. Nimmo. Sec. Mr. J. Watson looked after the cage bird sections, for which there was a capital entry. Norwich and British birds were a superb lot, some splendid specimens being staged. Borders were also a fine lot, and all of them staged in the pink of condition. In the cage bird section some valuable specials were competed for, including the society's handsome cup for most points over the show. Messrs. Smart (Carmyle) and Young (Rutherglen) judged the cage birds, and their task was a hard one, so many first class birds being forward. However, their placings were well received, the only jarring note being a protest lodged by Mr. A. Malcolmson against an exhibitor's birds, which matter was ultimately settled by bird being disqualified. Secretary Watson and his stewards had everything in splendid order. Watson's Hall is the acme of perfection in every way for show purposes. There was a large turn-out of visitors, the hall being crowded during the afternoon.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (14): 1, sp., Calderwood, good shape and col., nice feather; 2, Harper, grand head and crest, richer col., wee shade rough behind; 3, Cathcart, presses hard on first two, not quite so good in col., neat shape, nice head, well braced wings; 4, Dick, grand shape, nice front, good wings and tail nicely cut away; vhc, Gray; hc, Nisbet and Taylor; c, Bagen. BUFF (16): 1, McCubbin, nice substance, good shape and col., neat wings and tail, nice quality; 2, Watson, cl. buff, of grand quality, nice head and chest, compact; 3, vhc, Gallacher, another cl., genuine merit, shapely and compact in feather; 4, Hamilton, neat, cobby bird, good substance, well carried wings and tail, some thought might have gone up; hc, Houston; c, Cathcart. YELL., HEN (12): 1, Calderwood, capital cl. yell., nice size, cobby, neat shape; 2, Wilson, variegated, yell. hen, nice size and shape, fine quality, good shape; 3, Harper, cl., grand shape and feather, feather like silk, rich col., nice type; 4, Cathcart, tkd., rare shape, good size, nice feather, neat head, wings, and tail, in lovely condition; vhc, Shaw; hc, Brannigan; c, Rennie. BUFF: 1, sp., Cathcart, good shape, grand substance, wee shade slack in feather; 2, Harper, cl. buff, nice size, shape, and col., presses winner hard; 3, Calderwood, variegated, buff, of excellent merit, some thought should have gone up a bit; 4, Watson, capital col., nice front, carries wings well, well cut away under; vhc, McAlpine; hc, Owen; c, Nisbet and Taylor. SELL., 15s. (16): 1, 3, 4, Campbell; 2, hc, Watson; vhc, Gallacher. CREST, CK. (9): 1, Sommerhill, Austell winner, shown in grand condition, fine crest, well centred, nice length of feather; 2, vhc, Nimmo, well up in body, nicely filled in body, well centred crest, nice length of feather; 3, Wright, D.C., grand size, lovely shape and droop, nice dense frontal; 4, Watson, variegated, crest, grand shape, nice droop, very close; hc, c, Duncan. HEN (7): 1, sp., Sommerhill, wins well, perfect model, winner of W. of Scotland cup, and other honours this season; 2, Clark, large, shapely crest, good density and droop, fails a wee shade in size; 3, Wright, green, neat centre, good front, nice veiny feather, well arranged; 4, Nimmo, well filled centre, nice droop, good front; vhc, Arnott; hc, Nimmo; c, Lindsay. C.B. CK. (14): 1, sp., McLaughlan, variegated, fine skull, nicely covered, fine, dence, long feather, good entrance; 2, Watson, green, nice cushion head, plenty of feather, fine entrance, close on winner; 3, vhc, Summerhill, grand size, 2nd West of Scotland, 1st Hamilton, etc., rare size, some thought should have gone up; 4, Stirling, nice head and body, good value for its place; hc, Wright; c, Mason. HEN (9): 1, Watson, grand size, rare length of feather, wide skull, fine entrance, well feathered; 2, Nimmo, buff variegated, nice size and substance, well up in feather; 3, Mason, variegated, buff, nice top-piece, leafy feather, in rare condition; 4, McLaughlan, buff green, all right for size, shape, and quality, nice skull; vhc, Stirling; hc, Philip; c, Campbell. SELL., CREST, ETC., 15s. (4): 1, Nimmo; 2, Haddon; 3, Lawson; 4, Clark. BORD., YELL. CK., CL., ETC. (13): 1, Craig, lovely shaped cl., very tight feathers, grand jaunty carriage, rich col., lovely head, grand wings; 2, Kerr, head tkd., nice shape and col., fails a wee shade in carriage and feather; 3, Camphell, nice cl. yell., lovely shape and carriage; 4, Ritchie, another cl., very similar to third, nice condition; vhc, Gentlemen; hc, Mackay; c, Barton. BUFF (16): 1, Craig, lovely shape and carriage, in spotless condition, wins easy; 2, Ritchie, another cl. of excellent merit, fails a wee shade in feather to winner; 3, Harper, nice tone of buff, grand carriage, very jaunty, all right for size, fails a wee bit in feather only; 4, hc, Walker, nice shape and carriage; vhc, Graham; c, Shields. YELL. HEN, CL., ETC. (9): 1, Craig, a little beauty, very typical, in rare condition, wins; 2, Walker, cubby, smart, stylish, clean cut, nice quality feather, neat head and wings, nice, jaunty carriage; 3, Harper, nice yell. hen, very jaunty carriage, fine shape and style, lovely feather; 4, Kerr, wee shade small, but nice shape, quality, and col., very stylish; vhc, Allerdyce, senr.; hc, Lawson; c, Ritchie. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Walker, first a real beauty for size and shape, very jaunty carriage, 3rd very neat, good size, back, and wings, not quite so nice at waist and feather; 2, Craig, nice feather and carriage, lovely shape, very smart and jaunty, feather like wax; 4th not quite so rich in quality, good bird; vhc, McLeish; hc, Wood; c, Hamilton. YELL., VARIEG. (11): 1, Allerdyce, jun., head and wings mkd., lovely shape and condition; 2, Walker, grand shape, very chubby and compact, plenty of style; 3, Lea, very shapely, nice feather, fails only in head; 4, Wood, head and wings mkd., in rare condition, nice feather and wing carriage; vhc, Shearer; hc, Hamilton; c, Kerr. BUFF (11): 1, Haddon, smart, grand style, rare quality feather, rare head and carriage; 2, Allerdyce, nice quality and style, very shapely, free action; 3, Hamilton, cl., not quite so free in style, or finish in feathers; 4, (We could not find); vhc Pollock; hc, Walker; c, Ritchie. GREEN, ETC. (11): 1, 4, Kerr, 1st, Green, very stylish and jaunty, neat shape, nice feather and wings, very jaunty; 4th, another nice Green; 2, neat shape, nice quality, not quite so rich in feather, fine front; 3, Gentlemen, another Green, very jaunty, fails only in size; vhc, Haddon; hc, Lambie; c, Hamilton. SELL. CL., 8s., 10 -: 1, Lawson; 2, Pollock; 3, Laurie; 4, Haddon; vhc, Wood; hc, Allerdyce, jun.; c, Campbell. YORK. CK. (7): 1, Wood, buff, fine shape and position, nice length, lovely head, neat wings and tail, smooth feather, very steady; 2, McKenzie, another Buff, fine type, style, and quality, very fine feather, very steady; 3, Syson, lovely style and position, very straight, grand feather; 4, hc, Gracie, Buff, nice long bird, fine quality, not quite so stiff or straight as those in front; vhc, McGuinness; c, Binnie. HEN (3): 1, McKenzie, grand position and style, lovely quality and length, a good all round Buff hen; 2, Wood, another good Buff, fails a wee shade in style, nice bird; 3, Syson, neat feather, stylish, stands well, wings well braced, nice tail. BRIT. GOLDIE (14): 1, Kirk, a gem, good size, fine square cut blaze, nice size and col., fine condition; 2, Wilson, nice finch, beaten only in size of blaze; 3, Small, very similar to above, not quite so bright in col.; 4, Livingstone, another good Goldie, not quite so steady; vhc, Hillier; hc, McCubbin; c, Dick. BULLIE ((8): 1, Malcolmson, nice cap and breast col., grand shape and size; 2, Perric, very shapely, not quite so good for breast col. as winner; 3, Small, good Bullie, not quite as good in sheen; 4, Morton and Davidson; vhc, Frew; hc, Christie; c, McGreachan. LINNET (9), Greys: 1, 3, Morton and Davidson; 2, Small, gem for shape, col. ; 4, McLean, model for size and tone, wee shade faulty in pencilling to others; vhc, Livingstone; hc, Christie; c, Millar and Eadie. LINNET, FIELD MOULTED (16): 1, 2, Morton and Davidson; 3, Arnott, jun., nice size and col., good pencilling, rare condition; 4, Malcolmson, a gem for shape, col., and marking; vhc, Arnott, sen.; hc, c, Robertson. GREEN (20), An excellent class: 1, Malcolmson, grand shape, size, and col., in perfect feather; 2, Craig, another good one, very close on feather, beaten just a little in size; 3, Christie, equally good in shape, nice col., grand one; 4, McKenzie, fine shape and size, good col.; vhc., we could not find: hc, Eadie; c, Arnott, jun. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 4, Morton and Davidson; 2, Martin, Mealy Redpoll, good shape and size, nice col., and bib, in perfect col.; 3, Shields, Twite, real good Twite, nice col. and condition; vhc, Nimmo: hc, Lamb; c, Wyper. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Lamb, grand Lesser, nice col. and bib, good shape, a little gem; 2, 3, Morton and Davidson; 4, vhc, Gentleman, 4th, grand col. and markings, good value for first place; hc, Shields; c, McAlpine. CHAFFIE, ETC. (6): 1, Gentleman, really good Chaffinch, lovely col. and condition; 2, Johnstone, nice Bramblefinch, grand col. and markings; 3, Brownie and Sons, Chaffie, grand size, well mkd., 4, Small, very typical Bramblefinch, nicely spangled; vhc, Cunningham; hc, Millar and Eadie. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Malcolmson, Can. Mule, shows parentage well, in nice condition; 2, Johnstone, Bullie Hyb., excellent col. and condition; 3, Chambers, Linnet Hyb., nice tone of col., grand feather and condition; 4, Gartshire, Can. Mule, in excellent condition and feather; vhc, McReith; hc, Small; c, Jamieson. A.O.S. (10): 1, Clark and Kerr, Magpie in fine condition, very steady; 2, Perric, Wagtail, Grey, nice col. and condition, perfect; 3, Martin, Yellowhammer, fine size, grand col. and condition; 4, hc, Fulton, Feltie, in excellent condition, lovely feather and sheen; vhc, Brannigan; c, Lamb. FOR. GOLDIE (10): 1, Shaw, nice rich square blaze, good breast col. and wing bars, very steady; 2, Shields, grand shape, good blaze and breast, fails a wee shade in col.; 3, Chambers, good shape and col., beaten only in blaze, grand condition; 4, hc, Frew, wee shade flat in col., its only fault; all in spanking fine condition; vhc, Porteous; c, Campbell. A.O.S., FOR. (4): 1, Wilson, Roselle; 2, Hunter, Cutthroat; 3, Watson, Budgerigars; 4, Aitken, Cutthroat.

AYR AND DIST. C.B.C.

Third annual show held Wallace Tower Hall, High Street, 24th Dec. The entries totalled 110, an increase of 30 on last year. The management was in the able hands of Mr. C. C. Irvine, the secretary. The hall is admirably suited for a small show, and was very comfortable. There was a good attendance of the public in the afternoon. Mr. W. Christie (Glasgow) judged, and his awards were on the whole well received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Brown, variegated, ck., grand type and substance; 2, McCowen, fails in type only, good one; 3, Brown, fine body and col., nice type. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, Brown, 1st good Nor., just a wee bit too much browed; 2nd nice type, slightly behind in col.; 3, Lindsay, another good one, fails only in condition. HEN: 1, McComb, good size, nice type, beautifully staged; 2, McKay, fails in size only, good one; 3, Brown, narrow in head, or could have won. UNFLIG.: 1, R. McKay, easy win, will be a good one; 2, Brown, behind a bit in size and type, good bird; 3, McComb, just a wee shade long. NON-FED: 1, Lindsay, very typical, nice size, in fine condition; 2, Brown, good exhibit; 3, McComb, nice thick one, a trifle too narrow on head. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Fulton, good yellow, fine length, shows well; 2, G. Hunter, good type, a wee shade harsh in feather; 3, Cameron. BUFF: 1, Fulton, nice length, not quite steady enough to do itself justice; 2, J. Hunter, again of good length, nicely drawn; 3, Hyslop, best in class, in bad condition. NON-FED: 1, French, Yell., great length, grand col., apt to cross wings a bit at times; 2, Girvan, very neat, feather like wax, fails only in size and length; 3, Christie, equally good in shape, nice col., grand one; 4, McKenzie, fine shape and size, good col.; vhc., we could not find: hc, Eadie; c, Arnott, jun. SISKIN, ETC. (13): 1, 4, Morton and Davidson; 2, Martin, Mealy Redpoll, good shape and size, nice col., and bib, in perfect col.; 3, Shields, Twite, real good Twite, nice col. and condition; vhc, Nimmo: hc, Lamb; c, Wyper. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, Lamb, grand Lesser, nice col. and bib, good shape, a little gem; 2, 3, Morton and Davidson; 4, vhc, Gentleman, 4th, grand col. and markings, good value for first place; hc, Shields; c, McAlpine. CHAFFIE, ETC. (6): 1, Gentleman, really good Chaffinch, lovely col. and condition; 2, Johnstone, nice Bramblefinch, grand col. and markings; 3, Brownie and Sons, Chaffie, grand size, well mkd., 4, Small, very typical Bramblefinch, nicely spangled; vhc, Cunningham; hc, Millar and Eadie. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, Malcolmson, Can. Mule, shows parentage well, in nice condition; 2, Johnstone, Bullie Hyb., excellent col. and condition; 3, Chambers, Linnet Hyb., nice tone of col., grand feather and condition; 4, Gartshire, Can. Mule, in excellent condition and feather; vhc, McReith; hc, Small; c, Jamieson. A.O.S. (10): 1, Clark and Kerr, Magpie in fine condition, very steady; 2, Perric, Wagtail, Grey, nice col. and condition, perfect; 3, Martin, Yellowhammer, fine size, grand col. and condition; 4, hc, Fulton, Feltie, in excellent condition, lovely feather and sheen; vhc, Brannigan; c, Lamb. FOR. GOLDIE (10): 1, Shaw, nice rich square blaze, good breast col. and wing bars, very steady; 2, Shields, grand shape, good blaze and breast, fails a wee shade in col.; 3, Chambers, good shape and col., beaten only in blaze, grand condition; 4, hc, Frew, wee shade flat in col., its only fault; all in spanking fine condition; vhc, Porteous; c, Campbell. A.O.S., FOR. (4): 1, Wilson, Roselle; 2, Hunter, Cutthroat; 3, Watson, Budgerigars; 4, Aitken, Cutthroat.

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Granite City C.B.S. eighteenth annual show, held Y.W. Hall, John-st., Aberdeen, Dec. 31st., Jan. 2nd. The entries turned out a record for this society; 500 exhibits faced the two judges, who had a good morning's work. President Mr. W. Rae and Vice-president Mr. A. Cruickshank, ably assisted by Mr. John Duguid, the indefatigable secretary and treasurer, and the committee, had everything in first-class order. There was a large turnout of visitors, the hall being crowded during both days. The show proved a great success. Mr. W. D. Milne (Montrose) judged Norwich, and Mr. Alex. Steele (Aberdeen), remainder; and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

CREST. HEN (6): 1, 4, 5, 6, Gordon, 1st mkd. both wings, dark Crest of nice size; 2, Stewart, rare big body, crest short in front; 3, Steven, almost a Green, neat centre, good leafy feather. CK.: 1, Gordon; 2, Stewart, very little to choose between. C.B. CK.: 1, Gordon, nice head, good lash; 2, 3, Stewart, not quite the head feather of winner. YELL. CK., 1910 BRED (8): 1, Allan, good size, crosses wings just a little at times; 2, Forbes, nice bird; 3, 5, Fyfe, 3rd better head, good type and quality, some made a good 2nd; 4, Wood; 6, Baxter. HEN (14): 1, Dressel, nice hen, good type and quality, fine wing carriage; 2, Wood, wee shade smaller, thick-set, well placed wings and tail; 3, Law, fails only in quality to those in front; 4, Stewart; 5, Smith; 6, Forbes. BUFF CK. (13): 1, McAdam, best of type and quality; 2, Baxter, not at all a bad one, fails only in bloom; 3, Bain, fails only in shape; 4, Stewart; 5, Steven; 6, Smith. HEN (12): 1, Thomson, very sweet exhibit, good type, teeming with quality; 2, 4, 5, Smith, 2nd wee shade on the long side, good otherwise; 3, Stewart, nice thick-set bird, some preferred for 2nd; 6, McKay. YELL. VARIEG. CK. (6): 1, Bowie, trifle open in feather, nice bird; 2, Rae, tick on eye, better quality and type; 3, 4, Craigmyle, 3rd best of quality, fails only in head; 5, Gordon; 6, Smith. HEN (8): 1, Baxter, grand hen, A1 type, wins; 2, Stewart, rather wild, nice exhibit; 3, Aberdeen, cap and wing mkd., best of quality; 4, 5, Craigmyle; 6, McKenzie. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Stewart, gem, nice quality and shape; 2, 4, Smith, 2nd very sweet, A1 quality; 3, Steven, grand substance and type; 5, Grant; 6, Noble. HEN (14): 1, Cummings, good type and quality, just on the small side; 2, Wood, letter substance than 1st, A1 quality; 3, 5, McKenzie, good; 6, Bowie. CINN.: 1, Ross, a buff, nice size and col.; 2, Stewart, just a little rough in feather; 3, Fyfe, we could not find. OLD BIRD SECTION: CREST. HEN: 1, 3, Steven, two nice hens, winner dark crest of good size, well spread, neat centre; 2, Stewart, nice bird, shorter in crest. CK. (7): 1, 2, Gordon, both fine exhibits, 1st green, best laid crest; 3, 4, 6, Stewart, 3rd mkd. both wings, big body, nice crest; 5, Steven. C.B. CK. (4): 1, Gordon, nice head, good lash; 2, 4, Stewart, 2nd variegated, fine substance and feather; 3, Steven, fails just a little in head. HEN (4): 1, 4, Gordon, 1st excells in head properties, good substance; 2, 3, Stewart, 2nd variegated, hen, rare substance, well lashed. CL. YELL. CK. (8): 1, Smith, wee shade on the small side, grand quality; 2, Noble, variegated, good type, nice head; 3, 6, Stewart, fails only in head; 4, Gordon; 5, Simpson. HEN (9): 1, Wood, gem for shape and quality; 2, 4, Smith, 2nd of similar type; 3, Grieve, fails only in type; 5, McLean; 6, Stewart. BUFF CK. (6): 1, P. Stewart, rare quality, well staged; 2, 5, J. Stewart, 2nd A1 type and quality, fails only in wing carriage; 4, Noble; 6, Anderson. HEN (12): 1, Wood, a real good exhibit, very sweet quality; 2, Rae, in lovely bloom, well turned out; 3, 4, Davidson; 5, Fyfe; 6, Duguid. VAR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, Daniel, pale in col., good type; 2, Dressel, better col., nice feather; 3, Duguid, feather like wax; 4, 6, Smith. YELL. HEN (12): 1, 4, Noble, both very sweet, fails only in substance; 2, Grant, variegated, better substance; 3, Davidson, well up in size and quality; 5, Rae; 6, McKay. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Cumming, cap mark, rare type and quality; 2, 3, Simpson, 2nd cap and wings, very sweet feather; 4, Fyfe; 5, Cruickshank; 6, Park. HEN (13): 1, Fyfe, nice exhibit; 2, Simpson, Green, smart; 3, Ross, not quite so good in feather; 4, Wood; 5, Law; 6, Grant. GREEN CK. (6): 1, Cumming, good col. and type; 2, Bain, close up; 3, 6, Gordon; 4, Thomson; 5, Rae. HEN (5): 1, Allan, yell., grand size and col.; 2, McKenzie, another good one; 3, 5, Gordon, 3rd looking a little soft while we were taking notes. CINN. (4): 1, Rae, fine size and col.; 2, 3, Fyfe, good col.; 4, Stewart. COL.-FED YELL. CK. (5): 1, Bowie, rare quality and col.; 2, Law, best of col., very smart; 3, Mathieson, not quite the finish of winner; 4, Taylor; 5, Simpson. HEN (10): 1, Daniel, lovely quality, not a feather out of place, hot col.; 2, Gordon, nicely built; 3, Bowie, variegated, nice stock bird; 4, Grant; 5, 6, Smith. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Rae, good shape and condition, wins; 2, Dressel, true to type, excellent carriage; 3, Taylor, fine, good shape, tight as wax; 4, Davidson; 5, Craigmyle; 6, Aberdeen. HEN (11): 1, 6, Lough, 1st good stamp, nice front, good col.; 2, 3, Daniel, loses only in front, both of good col. and quality; 4, Taylor; 5, McAdam. CINN. CK. (7): 1, 3, 5, Rae, all of capital shape and col.; 2, Simpson, well up; 4, 6, Park. HEN (6): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, Rae, grand team; 3, Simpson. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (13): 1, 2, Thomson, both grand substance, teeming in col. and quality; 3, Daniel, nice bird; 4, 5, Rae; 6, Grieve. HEN (10): 1, Thomson, good stamp, capital head, front, and feather; 2, Daniel, very fine; 3, Rae, nice and chubby, good quality feather; 4, Gardner; 5, Lough; 6, Aberdeen. BUFF VARIEG. CK. (17): 1, 5, Lough, 1st good size and shape, nice quality; 2, Daniel, fine head and neck, good shape, perfect wings and tail; 3, Rae, another of the right stamp, lovely texture of feather; 4, Thomson; 6, Cumming. HEN (17): 1, 5, Rae, 1st gem for type and quality; 2, 3, Lough, both of good size, 3rd just a little open in feather; 4, Thomson; 6, Daniel. CINN. CK. (7): 1, 3, Baxter, 1st rare col., plenty of substance, grand texture of feather, wins, 3rd fails only a little in col. to winner, good one; 2, Simpson, good col.; 4, 6, Bain; 5, Bakewell. HEN (8): 1, 3, Baxter, two very fine hens, best of col.; 2, Bakewell, nice type and quality; 4, 5, Law; 6, Gordon. MATCHED PAIRS: 1, Craigmyle, nicely staged, well matched; 2, Forbes, also good; 3, Stewart; 4, Taylor. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, Grieve, well staged, in lovely bloom; 2, McAdam, a trifle weak in head and neck, best of quality; 3, Bakewell; 4, McLean; 5, Thomson; 6, Stewart. SELL. (20): 1, Wood; 2, Simpson; 3, 4, Ross; 5, Fyfe; 6, Daniel. MULE (15): 1, 3, Allison, often described; 2, Stewart, dark Linnet Mule, good size and col.; 4, Park; 5, Bakewell; 6, Anderson. GOLDFINCH (14): Good class, mostly foreign; 1, McKercher, Aberdeen winner, good size, nice square cut blaze, A1 col.; 2, Stewart, another good one, well up; 3, 4, Allison, 3rd Brit., nicely tamed; 5, McLean; 6, Anderson. GREENFINCH (14): 1, 2, 6, Park, 1st and 2nd fine size and col.; 3, 4, McKercher, both in good bloom; 5, Allison. LINNET (14): 1, 4, 6, Anderson, 1st best for size, nice up standing bird, 4th fails a wee bit in finish; 2, Johnston, good type, nice head, lovely whites, plenty of work on breast, must have pressed winner; 3, Park, weak in head, in good condition; 5, Allison. SISKIN, ETC. (26): 1, Stewart, Siskin, good size, and col. lovely bars, quickly sold at 4/-; 2, Allison, lovely turned out; 3, Anderson, good size and col.; 4, McKay; 5, McLean; 6, Cruickshank. BULLFINCH (7): 1, 2, Park, two nice col. birds, good cap and bars; 3, 4, Allison; 5, 6, Wilson. HEN (9): 1, 2, Stewart, both nice type, in best of condition; 3, Park; 4, Bakewell; 5, Allison; 6, Wilson. BRIT., A.O.S. (17): 1, 2, Allison, 1st Yellowhammer, often described, 2nd Bramblefinch, nice size and markings; 3, Johnston, Cornbunting, in lovely condition; 4, McKercher, Chaffinch, good. BRIT., LARGE (4): 1, Simpson, nice Thrush, well up in size; 2, McLean, Magpie, a little broken in tail, otherwise very good; 3, 4, Johnston, 3rd Bunting, this should have been in with small British; 4, Jay, will improve with a moult.

PENTRE (Rhondda).

First annual show, held Billiard Hall, January 5th. The hall was neatly set out, and most comfortable for the exhibits. The stewards were untiring in their efforts to see to the comfort of the birds. Entries turned up very well, and from what we hear this Society intends next year to hold a show on a much larger scale, and they would be well advised to spend a little on advertisements in CAGE BIRDS. Mr. G. Lingard, the secretary, and his assistant, Mr. H. Powell, were very courteous officials, and had everything well in hand. Mr. W. Thomas made a very capable show manager, and was ably assisted by Messrs. H. Davies, Byard, Haddrell, F. Nicholas, etc. Members' cup was won by Mr. W. Thomas. Mr. G. Watkins judged.

The Critique.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Davies, cl. yell. leading, good type, lovely col., followed by variegated buff, nice size and shape, latter good quality buff, well shown; 4, Rowlands, variegated. Crest, nice size; vhc, hc, c, McKiernon. YORKS: 1, East, yell., very slim, well up on legs, lovely quality, rather loose at thighs; 2, Chapman, variegated buff, good upright carriage, inclined to be a shade strong, shown in perfect fettle; 3, Thomas, grizzle mkd. yell., nice length, well up on legs, good back and tail and quality; 4, B. Powell, nice yell., rather badly staged; vhc, c, Byard and Powell; hc, Nicholas. YORKS, NON-FED: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Thomas and Son, nice team, winner cl. buff, well drawn, very stylish, good quality, 2nd yell., nice col., good length, 3rd and 4th both buffs, grand style, well put down; vhc, Byard and Powell; c, East. NOR. (NOVICE): 1, Thomas, cl. yell., grand type, good col., lovely quality, staged to perfection; 2, Williams, buff, nice quality, rather slim, followed closely by the 3rd, Evans, good bodied buff, lovely quality, could do with just a little more substance in head; 4, J. E. Thomas. HEN: 1, Thomas, variegated buff, good quality, nice size and shape; 2, Williams, cl. buff, good type, well shown. YORKS (NOVICE) CK.: 1, Chapman, variegated buff, lovely feather, grand length, neatly got up; 2, 3, 4, Curtis, nice team, non-fed yell. leading, good shape, lengthy, nice size, 3rd non-fed variegated buff, grand style, good back, wings and tail, latter yell., fine length, good style, lovely wing carriage, back, good pipe tail; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Haddrell; c, Rees. HEN: 1, 2, Nash, grand pair cinn. mkd., teeming with quality, fine position, good length, nice wing carriage; 3, hc, Nicholas, yell., good length, nice size and type, loses quality to leaders; 4, Rogers, nice style, good length, fails in finish; vhc, Curtis; c, Gay. A.O.V. CK.: 1, J. E. Thomas, variegated Crest, good quality, nice crest, could do with a little more substance, perhaps lucky to beat 2, Curtis, good yell. Yorks. green, beautiful quality, nice type, col. and size; 3, J. Davies, variegated buff Border, nice quality and condition; 4, Davies, variegated buff, good feather. SELL. (15s.): 1, J. T. Thomas; 2, Chapman; 3, 4, W. Thomas. GOLDIE-MULE: 1, cup best bird in show, Edwards, Goldie-Bullie, lovely blaze, nice shape, grand quality; 2, F. Nicholas, buff Siskin-Can., fine size and shape, in tip-top condition; 3, 4, Byard and Powell, variegated Goldie-Can., lovely quality and condition, wee bit on small side, latter jonque Goldie-Can., nice size and col.; vhc, Brimmer Bros.; hc, Thomas. LIN.: I, Davies, lovely shape, grand quality, col., well pencilled; 2, F. Nicholas, good size and markings, loses in shape to leader; 3, Byard and Powell, good size, nice col., not so profuse in markings; 4, Rogers, good shape and col., bit open in front; vhc, hc, Price. GOLDFINCH: 1, Edwards, good blaze, tans and buttons, nice size and condition; 2, c, Nicholas, not quite as good col. as winner, lovely shape and quality; 3, W. Thomas, good bars, nice tans, loses condition; 4, J. Thomas, good bars, size and shape; vhc, Davies; hc, Lewis. GREY-PATE: 1, F. Nicholas, easy win, good all round, nice size and shape; 2, 3, Morris, nice tans, bars, and buttons, loses only in blaze, latter good size, close up; 4, Rowlands; vhc, Maidment; hc, J. Davies; c, Rutley, some made an easy 2nd, good size, nice blaze, bars, buttons, quality and col. FIELDMOULTED LINNET: 1, hc, Tompkinson, nice size, good col and shape, well pencilled, grand one; 2, Davies, lovely col. and shape, loses only in markings; 3, Haddrell, nice size, shape and col.; 4, Pearce, fine col. and shape; vhc, Maidment; c, Outing. GREENFINCH: 1, sp best members, F. Nicholas, buff, good type, nice bars and col., wins well; 2, Knight, close up, good col. and size, loses head; 3, Tompkinson, buff, lovely shape, good quality and col. BRIT.: 1, Tompkinson, Yellowhammer, well mkd., good size and shape; 2, vhc, Thomas, good cobby Bullie, nice size and condition; 3, 4, Cogglns, Redpoll, nice size, good col., fails only in markings, some preferred same owner's Chaffinch, good size, nice col., well mkd., steady. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, 2, Heath, Songthrush, slightly blurred in spangling, otherwise capital, latter nice size Blackbird; 3, J. Thomas, Blackbird, deformed foot, otherwise good. LARK: 1, 2, Knight, two beauties, well mkd., grand size and col.; 3, Speed, well mkd., good col., loses only in condition; 4, Haddrell, loses only size and quality to leaders. A.O.S.: 1, Brimmer Bros., white Blackbird, beautiful exhibit, damaged tail, or would have run close for special best bird in show. FOR., LARGE: 1, Tucker, Rock Parrot, grand size, lovely condition, hand reared by owner seven years ago, a credit to you, Mr. T.; 2, Chapman, Green, good size and col., lovely condition; 3, W. Thomas, Green, better col. than 2nd, but loses condition; 4, George, nice Grey, in poor condition. FOR. GOLDIE: 1, Hardman, grand Finch, lovely square blaze, good tans, bars, and buttons, wins; 2, Thomas, nicely cut blaze, good size, tans, and buttons; 3, F. Nicholas, good size, nice shape, loses only in blaze.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Table show held Dec. 3rd, Mr. T. B. Tomlinson judge.

CK.: 1, 3, Tindale; 2, 4, Crawhall. HEN: 1, 2, Tindale; 3, 4, Crawhall. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Tindale; 2, Crawhall; 4, F. Johnson.—T. C. Crawhall, Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last show of the season, held Dec. 26th, headquarters, in the large club-room, Clarence Hotel. A splendid entry of 90 birds was staged for Mr. W. Brotherton (Rotherham), who judged, his awards giving every satisfaction. The quality throughout was exceptionally good, and many well known winners were staged, Mr. L. W. Wood's foreign birds finding many admirers. Winners for most points at this show were: Yorks. Section, Mr. F. Race. Nor., Messrs. Eyre and Taylor; Brit., Mr. R. Jackson.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, 3, Simmons; 2, Race. BUFF (6): 1, Springthorpe; 2, Simmons; 3, Race. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Race; 2, Sykes; 3, Simmons. BUFF (4): 1, Race; 2, 3, Simmons. UNFL. CK. (7): 1, Charlesworth; 2, Race; 3, Atherton. BUFF (7): 1, Charlesworth; 2, Race; 3, Simmons. YELL. UNFL. HEN (5): 1, Race; 2, Barnes; 3, Atherton. BUFF (5): 1, Race; 2, 3, Sykes. CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Eyre and Taylor. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Eyre and Taylor. YELL. HEN (2): 1, 2, Eyre and Taylor. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Eyre and Taylor. YELL. UNFL. CK. (3): 1, 3, Eyre and Taylor; 2, Smith. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Eyre and Taylor. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Eyre and Taylor; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, Eyre and Taylor. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Jackson; 2, Rapson; 3, Thorpe. BULLFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, 3, Jackson; 2, Rapson. SOFTBILL (2): 1, Simmons; 2, L. W. Wood. A.O.S. HARDBILL (2): 1, Jackson; 2, L. W. Wood. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, L. W. Wood.—F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Seventh members' show held Boxing Day, Horse and Groom Inn. The entry was a poor one, only 73 birds being staged in fourteen classes. Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) officiated as judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Most points were gained by Messrs. D. Sutcliffe, 24; J. Taylor, 24; G. Hudson, 19; B. Wilman, 19; D. Thornton, 14; W. Mann, 12. Most points in selling classes by Messrs. W. Hillas, 10; G. Mussen, 10; F. Hanson, 5; C. Bastow, 4. Special given for most points in Cinn. mkd. classes was won by D. Thornton, and that for most points in Green mkd. classes by D. Sutcliffe. The quality of the birds was excellent, some very fine birds being staged.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (3): 1, Lawson; 2, Hiley; 3, Mann. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Taylor; 2, Hudson; 3, Chapman and Bairstow. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Lawson; 4, Mann. BUFF (2): 1, Musseu; 2, Boocock. EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD. (10): 1, Hanson; 2, 3, 4, Sutcliffe. FOUL MKD. GREEN (6): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Hudson; 3, 4, Bastow. CINN. MKD. (2): 1, Thornton; 2, Hiley. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Mann. BUFF (7): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, B. Wilman; 3, Boocock; 4, Taylor; c, Mann. EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD. (9): 1, Wilman; 2, G. Hudson; 3, Thornton; 4, Mann. CINN. MKD. (4): 1, 2, 4, Thornton; 3, Wilman. A.O.V. (1): 1, Chapman and Bairstow. SELL., CK., £1 (4): 1, Mussen; 2, Hillas; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Bastow. HEN, 12/6 (6): 1, Mussen; 2, Hanson; 3, W. Hillas; 4, Bastow.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

GT. YARMOUTH (Perseverance.)

Third annual show, held Corn Hall, Howard Street, Dec. 26th and 27th. It was larger than previously; there were about 200 entries—an advance on last year's. And the quality of the exhibits was better. The strongest classes were the Linnet and Goldfinch classes. The competition was keener, and in future the classes will probably be prominent in the show. Councillor D. McCowan (the president) opened the show. He congratulated the chairman (Mr. S. Mobbs), the treasurer (Mr. G. Claxton), and the secretary (Mr. J. Marshall) on getting into the present improved building, and wished the society a prosperous time. Mr. J. Howard (Norwich) judged.

CL. YELL.: 1, spl, vhc, Claxton; 2, Thompson; 3, Barton. BUFF: 1, spl, hc, c, Claxton; 2, Whittleton; 3, Barton; vhc, Thompson. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, hc, c, Claxton; 3, Wilde; vhc, Barton. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Claxton; 3, Thompson; vhc, Barton; hc, Marshall. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, 2, vhc, c, Claxton; 3, Barton; hc, Marshall. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Claxton; 3, vhc, Whittleton; hc, Barton; c, Thompson. CREST: 1, spl, Barton; 2, Whittleton. C.B.: 1, spl, Barton; 2, Thompson; 3, Whittleton. YELL CINN.: 1, spl, Claxton; 2, Marshall; 3, Barton. Buff: 1, spl, South; 2, Marshall; 3, Whittleton; vhc, Barton. HEN: 1, spl, South; 2, Whittleton. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Claxton; 2, Whittleton; 3, Marshall. 15/- SELL: 1, spl, 3, Claxton; 2, Marshall; vhc, Barton. 10s.: 1, spl, Thompson; 2, vhc, c, Claxton; 3, Marshall; hc Gamble. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl Wildee; 2, Barton; 3, hc, Claxton; vhc, Thompson; c, South. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, vhc, c, Claxton; 3, Barton; hc, Gamble. LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, 3, Claxton; 2, Thompson; vhc, c, Hipgrave; hc, South. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, spl, 2, Claxton. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, spl, hc, c, South; 2, Claxton; 3, Hipgrave; vhc, Cubitt. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, Cubitt.

EASTERN COUNTIES C.B.S.

Members' annual show held at the Ipswich Social Settlement. The venture, which was the first on so large a scale, proved a decided success in every way. Entries were numerous and quality unusually good. Sir Daniel Goddard opened the show, and was afterwards presented with a Canary in a brass cage. Mr. Simpson judged, and his awards appeared to give every satisfaction. Mr. W. Barritt, the sec., had all the arrangements well in hand, and is to be congratulated on the successful issue of the show.

CL. YELL. NOR. (9): 1, Schofield; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Olle; vhc, Barham; hc, Baker. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Cook; 2, hc, Olle; 3, hc, Schofield; vhc, Barham. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Baker; 2, Olle; 3, Schofield. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Schofield; 2, 3, Olle; vhc, Cook (2). GREEN, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, J. Cole; 2, Baker; 3, Barham; hc, Harriss. NOR. BEN. YELL. (11): 1, vhc, Schofield; 2, Olle; 3, Barham; vhc, W. Cook; hc, Baker, Mouser, and Olle. BUFF (13): 1, Barham; 2, Cook; 3, hc, Olle; vhc, Clarke (2); hc, Baker, Schofield (2). NON-FED YELL. (7): 1, Olle; 2, 3, Schofield. BUFF (6): 1, Mouser; 2, Clarke; 3, Olle; vhc, hc, Schofield. NON-FLIG. NOR. (11): 1, Schofield; 2, vhc, Cook; 3, Olle; vhc, Mouser; hc, Baker, Olle. CINN. YELL (3): 1, 2, 3, W. Cook. BUFF (3): 1, 2, W. Cook. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, 2, 3, W. Gunn. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 3, Gunn; 2, Schofield. NOVICE NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Cole; 2, Finbow; 3, Gunn. BUFF (4): 1, hc, Gunn; 2, 3, Cole. HEN (6): 1, vhc, Gunn; 2, 3, vhc, Cole. LIGHT CAN. MULE (4): 1, 3, W. Cook; 2, Schofield; hc, Harriss. DARK (11): 1, 2, W. Cook; 3, Clarke; vhc, Barham, Schofield; hc, Schofield (3). BRIT., GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Gooderham; 2, W. Cook; 3, Barham; vhc, Cole; hc, Schofield. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Schofield; 2, Gooderham; 3, Harriss; vhc, Cook (2). LINNET (8): 1, 2, 3, Cook; vhc, Mouser; hc, Barham. A.O.S., HARDBILL (8): 1, vhc, W. Cook; 2, Gooderham; 3, Schofield; hc, Harriss, Mouser. SOFTBILL, BRIT. (3): 1, Carr. FOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, Harriss; vhc, Schofield. SELL., 10/6 (10): 1, Mouser; 2, hc, c, Cole; 3, hc, W. Cook; vhc, Schofield; c, Olle.

HALTWHISTLE.

First annual show, held Jan. 7th, in the spacious Mechanics' Hall, in close proximity to the railway station. Cage birds had sixteen open classes provided for them, and these were staged on the raised platform at the end of the hall, away from the door, and made a very creditable display. Entries came up moderately well, totalling 140, which was scarcely up to the expectations of the committee, and three classes had unfortunately to be cancelled owing to lack of entries, viz., Norwich Yellow bens, Yorkshires Yellow, and the Softbill class. What was lacking in numbers, however, was amply made up for in the quality of the exhibits, some of the sections being really good; this was especially the case in the Norwich and British bird sections. In Mr. Thomas Hedley the society possesses a most energetic and hard-working secretary, and we always found him most courteous and obliging, and under his careful management everything passed off without the slightest hitch. The stewards for our section were Messrs. W. Pape and J. Yeoman, and these two fanciers had everything in tip-top order ready for the judge; they in turn were ably assisted by Messrs. A. Makepeace, J. H. Bowerbank, and J. Nicholson. In the British and Mule sections Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle) had quite a field day, capturing all the firsts with his well known team, and also securing special for most points in show, while Mr. A. Makepeace secured the silver medal for most points in members'. Other special prize-winners were Messrs. G. Edwards, A. Holden, J. Armstrong, Jos. Graham, J. Ross, F. M. Dixon, and J. Maddison. Fine weather favoured the show, which was attended by a large number of people, our section coming in for a great deal of attention; in fact, during the latter part of the afternoon one had some difficulty in getting near the cage birds, so great was the crowd. We think the committee would be well advised to have the cage birds in a separate room another year, seeing they were so great an attraction. Mr. A. Brown judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, spl, Edwards, green right wing, nice shape, sweet head, wee shade long in flights and tail, clean cut under; 2, 3, Holden, leader, Cl., grand size and shape, rich col. and quality, nice thick head and neck, good carriage, just lacks lovely sheen of winner; 3rd, another grand cl., wee shade longer in body, nice size and shape; vhc, Smith; hc, Cranston; c, T. Dixon. BUFF (6): 1, spl, hc, Holden, grand shape, short and cobby, rare head and neck, good col. and quality, short well carried wings and tail; 2, 3, T. Dixon, leader nice size and shape, not quite so full in chest as winner, good head and neck, nice col.; 3rd, regular topper for shape, medium size, grand short cobby build, beautifully cut away, neat head and neck, some preferred for 2nd; vhc, Ellwood; c, Smith. BUFF HEN (7): 1, Smith, nice size and shape, full chest, neat head and neck, nice col. and quality, good carriage; 2, c, Cranston, dark capped, non-fed, grand shape, short, cobby body, rare chest, short wings and tail, nice col. and quality; 3, vhc, Holden, smaller, grand shape, nice chest, fine short flights and tail, neat head and neck; hc, Edwards. BORD. YELL. CK. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, John Armstrong, trio of gems, leader cl., grand shape, well rounded body, close, tight feather, rich col. and quality; 2nd, also cl., a trifle slimmer build, regular model, neat head and neck, grand carriage; 3rd, slightly tkd. on face, beauty all over; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Gilhome; c, T. Reed. HEN (6): 1, spl, hc, Jos. Graham, Uneven mkd., grand shape, sweetly moulded, well cut away, rich col. and quality, sweet head, grand wings and tail; 2, c, Nicholson, uneven mkd., trifle slimmer build, grand shape, good wings and tail, neat carriage; 3, Ross, var., nice shape, neat head and neck, fine col. and quality, well rounded, good carriage; vhc, Nicholson. BUFF CK. (9): 1, spl, 2, Jos. Graham, both clears, leader grand shape, tight as a bottle, fine head and neck, beautifully carried wings and tail, rich col. and quality; 2nd, another beauty for shape, well rounded, clean cut, good col. and quality; 3, vhc, neat head and neck; hc, Ross; c, Lindsay. HEN (10): 1, spl, Ross, regular lady, gem for shape, beautiful round body, grandly cut away, sweet head, nice col.; 2, Ellwood; fine shape, trifle weak in head and neck to winner, well cut under, grand wings and tail; 3, Lindsay, uneven mkd., grand shape, rich col. and quality, sweet round head and neck, beautifully carried wings and tail; vhc, c, Pape; hc, Peel. YORKS., BUFF (6): 1, spl, 2, F. M. Dixon, leader, lengthy, slim built, good position, neatly braced wings and tail, nice col. and quality; 2nd, shorter, nice position, col. and quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Ellwood, equal length to winner, beautifully rounded, grandly tapered, neat shoulders and waist, nicely braced wings; vhc, Gilhome; hc, Dodd; c, Moserop. SELL. (10/-) (8): 1, White; 2, Cranston; 3, Tomlinson; vhc, Ellwood; hc, Smith; c, Peel. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (11): A good class: 1, spl, 3, Maddison, leader Goldie, medium size, grand shape, large rich col. blaze, grand body col., splendid buttons, rare polish, Guisborough winner; 3rd, smaller than winner, fine shape, nice square cut blaze, good col., and polish; 2, Curry and Gardner, grand Bullie, well known winner, fine size and shape, dense col. cap, rich breast col.; vhc, Anderson; hc, Spark; c, Elliott. LINNET (9): 1, 2 Maddison, two beauties, leader. Newcastle winner, grand size, fine shape, rich nutty brown col., very distinct pencilling; 2nd, smaller, fine shape, rich tone of col., pencilling very profuse, but scarcely so distinct as winner, good whites; 3, vhc, Dunn, two more gems, leader fine size and shape, grandly pencilled, again shown in fine condition; hc, Bowerbank and Yeoman; c, Tomlinson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (8): 1, 3, Maddison, leader yell. Greenie, rare cobby shape, fine size, grand head, rich level tone of col., splendid depth of col. in wings; 3rd, Siskin, nice size and shape, good rich col., finely laced, nice col., bib; 2, Tomlinson, Bramble, good size, fine shape, rich body col., carried well down; vhc, Dodson, Hawfinch; hc, Edwards, Yellowhammer; c, Hodgson, Siskin. MULE, ETC. (11): 1, spl, 2, Maddison, brace of gems, leader well known cl. Goldie Mule, fine size and shape, nice finished face, grand wings, staged to perfection, Guisborough silver cup winner; 2nd, noted light Greenie Mule, green both cheeks, nice size and shape, good col., beautiful condition; 3, Edwards, var. yell. Goldie mule, nice size and col., good shape, not quite sound in tail; vhc, hc, Bowerbank and Yeoman; c, Makepeace, all good Dark Goldie Mules. MEMBERS' NOR. (4): 1, 2, 3, Makepeace; vhc, Bowerbank and Yeoman. BORD. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Nicholson; hc, c, Pape. BRIT. (7): 1, c, no name; 2, Hedley; 3, vhc, hc, Bowerbank and Yeoman. MULE, ETC. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Bowerbank and Yeoman; 3, Makepeace; hc, Joseph Bowerbank; No. 6, Hedley, wrong class. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, Makepeace; 3, Moserop.

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LIVERPOOL (Amalgamated.)

Fifth annual show of the Liverpool and Dist. Societies was held in St. Thomas's Schools, Upper Frederick Street, on Jan. 2. The committee representative of each society was:—Messrs. J. H. Isaac, J. Hunt, W. Mallinson, W. Young, J. Richardson, J. Morton, C. Scrimshaw, A. Wilkinson, and T. James. These are all known experts in the art of show management, and they carried out the show ably. A very extended classification was provided, and some sections turned up well, notably Yorkshires, Yorkshire Greens, Hybrids, and British birds, and selling classes. Norwich and Borders were in very small evidence. Was it that most of these had gone on tour Scotland way, along with Yorkshire Greens? It is a pity this show clashes with the Scottish National, with the Green Club specials offered there for competition. We think this show could be made a greater success by holding it a week or fortnight sooner, and on a Saturday. Some 220 entries, however, turned up, and a few very select teams did duty for their respective owners. There was lively friendly rivalry between members of the various societies, making a joviai re-union of fanciers. Mr. F. Eccleston was show secretary, and he faithfully did his duty in a meritorious manner. Mr. W. R. Knowles judged Yorkshires and Mr. Chas. Houlton all the remaining classes, and their awards appeared approved of. Some very good special prizes added to the interest in competitions.

The Critique.

CL., YELL., YORKS. (4): 1, Hawkes, very racy, clean through, finely drawn, well on legs, neat head, good carriage, wings and tail; 2, Alston, wee shade larger, rare wings and tail, good contour all over it; 3, Gregson, slim, A1 shape, position and condition; vhc, Malone. BUFF (8): 1, Alston, a gem for quality, carriage, and condition, very neat all over it; 2, Metcalfe, very fine, full of nerve, rare position, A1 quality, etc.; 3, Mullock, also very even all through, grand condition; vhc, Gregory, very smart indeed; he, McLean; c, Potter. TKD., YELL. (8): 1, Potter, tick cheek, full of quality, grand neat carriage and position; 2, Metcalfe, tick nape, lovely feather, position and carriage, nicely drawn, clean through; 3, Corbett, tick wing, very finely drawn, well on leg, rare feather and condition; vhc, he, Gregory, pair of good ones; c, Turner. BUFF (5): 1, Metcalfe, very smart indeed, a gem throughout, like a pencil; 2, Potter, tick wing, a gem for feather, bit heavier, all else fine; 3, Plunkett, nice quality, good position; vhc, Turner; he, Corbett. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, McLean, very racy and slim, good feather, well on leg; 2, Potter, tick wing, larger, but fine quality and condition; 3, Metcalfe, neck, bead and wing mkd., A1 quality, position, and style; vhc, missed the name; he, Corbett; c, Plunkett. BUFF (6): 1, McLean, very tight and neat, lovely feather and position; 2, Metcalfe, finer quality, grand shape, style, and position, capital bird; 3, Young, very full of breed, nice feather, etc.; vhc, Potter; he, Hawkes; c, Plunkett. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Gregory, tick head, grand shape and quality, neat carriage through; 2, McLean, cl., grand quality and style, very finely drawn, in tight condition; 3, Corbett, tick neck and shoulder, very neat and clean through, nice feather; vhc, Potter; he, Coffey; c, Alston. BUFFS (4): 1, McLean, wins well, tick wings, very smart in all points; 2, Alston, cl., shorter, but grand quality, etc.; 3, Potter, marked saddle, very fine feather and condition; vhc, Metcalfe. CINN. TKD. YELL.: 1, Young; 2, McLean, tkd. cinn. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Potter, tkd. nape, grand quality, style, and finish; 2, McLean, tick ear, nice shape and carriage, etc.; 3, Metcalfe, wing marked yell., bit off form to-day; vhc, Potter; he, Plunkett. YELL. GREEN YORKS. (2): 1, Brindle, long bird, good type, fine col. all through; 2, Mullock, beaten only in body shape. BUFF (7): 1, Gardener, lovely type and A1 quality feather, good level tone of soft colour and bloom; 2, Mullock, heavier built, fine col., good one; 3, McLean, very fine shape, col., and condition; vhc, Mullock; he, Abbott; c, Gore. FOUL YELL. (3): 1, Jones, foul wing and tail, rare col. and quality, fine type; 2, Moss, foul tail, thicker set, grand col; 3, Hughes, foul tail, not quite up in condition. BUFF (6): 1, Turner, foul tail, A1 for tightness, quality, level col. and condition; 2, Gore, thicker set, foul throat, thighs, wings and tail, nice ground col; 3, Brindle, foul wing, nice col.; vhc, he, Rumsley; c, Abbott. YELL HEN (8): 1, McDermott, foul tail, gem for col. shape, quality, and condition; 2, McLean, very fine drawn, A1 col.; 3, McMillan, foul body, nice col. and shape; vhc, Moss; he, Hughes; c, Abbott. BUFF (5): 1, Potter, grand bird all over; 2, Hughes, also very good, close up; 3, Edwards, grand level bird; vhc, he, Brindle. UNFLIG. YELL. (12): 1, McDermott, very fine col., quality, type, and condition; 2, McLean, thicker chest, nice col.; 3, Brindle, finer shape, rare good col.; vhc, Edwards; he, Hughes; c, Mullock. BUFF (9): 1, McDermott, some thought a bit lucky, heavy bird, not quite the usual winning type of to-day; 2, c, Hughes, 2nd better type, equal in col. to any other in class; 3, Gore, just a bit behind in condition only; vhc, Young; he, Potter. NAT. COL. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, Edwards; 2, Plunkett; 3, Malone; vhc, Jones; he, Mullock; c, Morton. HEN (3): 1, Mullock; 2, Edwards; 3, Jones. BORD. CINN., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, Woodman, grand cinn.; 2, Metcalfe, nice one, bit thicker body; 3, Young, drops tail a little, good otherwise. BUFF: 1, Young, nice Green; 2, 3, Woodman, foul tail and a self Cinn., in grand condition. NOR. (2): 1, Metcalfe, eye and wing mark, grand shape and col. HEN (3): 1, Mullock, lovely cl. buff, in grand bloom and condition; 2, McMillan, nice variег. yell., dark cap, beaten in feather and condition only; 3, Hawkes, grand headed buff, beaten just a bit underneath. NOR. GREEN YELL. (6): 1, Mullock, A1, cobby-shape buff, grand level col. and condition; 2, vhc, Metcalfe, neat shape and good col.; 3, Isaac, compact shape, foul wing; he, c, Nevitt. SELL., 30/- (5): 1, McLean; 2, Atherton; 3, Corbett; vhc, Metcalfe; he, Brindle. 15/ (8): 1, Atherton; 2, Horne; 3, Hawkes; vhc, Brindle; he, Metcalfe c, Gardner. 12/6 (3): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Horne; 3, Atherton. H/B. (7): 1, 3, Coffey, sixpoint buff Gold. Can., and a fine dark buff Linnet-Canary; 2, vhc, he, Horne, nice Goldie-Greenie leading this trio, in rare condition; c, Lloyd. BRIT. GOLDIE (9): 1, Lloyd, best all-round in finish today, lovely blaze, in A1 condition; 2, Coffey, nice blaze, good body brown, just beaten in breast condition; 3, Richardson, grand expanse of blaze, good body, beaten only in depth of col.; vhc, Bryant; he, Horne; c, Mullock. BULLIE (3): 1, Horne, good sound bird; 2, Woodman, fine chest, wee bit paler in col.; 3, Coffey, pale breast. LINNET (8): 1, he, Coffey, first best in all-round finish and condition, long bird; 2, Lloyd, very fine markings and condition; 3, Jones, fine head, beaten only in markings; vhc, c, Horne, good bird wants training. GREENFINCH (9). 1, Horne, best shape buff, fine all-round condition; 2, Rumsley, bright col., cobby, and in fine feather and condition; 3, Woodman, good one, falls about neck just a bit; vhc, c, Scrimshaw; he, Horne. BRAMBLE, ETC. (6): 1, c, Coffey, fine Bramble leading; 2, Rumsley, neat Chaffinch; 3, he, Horne, five Bramble and nice Chaffinch; vhc, Woodman. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, Coffey, grand Siskin leading, and a good Twite, latter beaten only in condition; 3, Richardson, fine bouncing Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Horne; he, Jones; c, Oliver. WILD LINNET (5): 1, Rumsley, fine body, wee bit narrow head, grand markings and condition; 2, Scrimshaw, very large Grey Linnet; 3, Richardson, fine shape and col., just beaten in condition; vhc, Jones; he, Lloyd. A.O.S.: 1, Horne, nice Yellow Bunting; 2, Jones, Snow Bunting; 3, Coffey, Reed Bunting, all in nice condition. NOVICE.—YORKS. GREEN, YELL. CK. (6): 1, 2, Alston, fine pair, former best finished type; 3, Malone, good one, paler in col. a trifle on sides and legs; vhc, Jones; he, Phythian; c, Marler. BUFF (4): 1, Phythian, foul, gem for col., feather, and condition; 2, 3, Marler; vhc, Alston. HEN (3): 1, Alston, self. A1 col. and type, long and slim; 2, Jones, nice col.; 3, Malone, good foul buff.

AWSWORTH.

First annual cage bird show held Jan. 6th and 7th, Assembly Rooms. The hall is a nice one for an exhibition of birds, and the light was good. The Secretary, Mr. J. R. Smith, is a capable official, and the arrangements were admirably carried out under his supervision. The birds were well looked after, and visitors to the show were pleased with the way in which everything was done. Mr. Fred Beardall (Huthwaite) judged.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL.: 1, 2, Vardy, two good ones, 1st Blackburn and Ilkeston winner, in fine form, 2nd nice head, good quality and col., not quite so stout as winner; 3, Brown. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy, 1st best in type and quality, 2nd larger, extra good head, beaten in quality and type; 3, Hurst, good size col. and quality, but a trifle too long in body. YELL. TICK: 1, Howe, noted "John Bull," looking well; 2, Hawksley, good size and col., a wee bit too long in body; 3, Vardy, good head, nice quality, but a bit loose at thighs. BUFF: 1, 2, Vardy, 1st noted gold medal winner at Liverpool, 2nd eye tick, good head, type, col., and quality, not quite so stout as winner; 3, Sims and Fox, another good stout bird, best of quality; vhc, Hurst; he, Smith. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Howe, 1st "British Queen," Liverpool gold medal winner, 2nd another good cl., fine head, short and cobby, best of quality; 3, Reeves, very nice cl.; vhc, Hawksley; he, Sims and Fox. BUFF: 1, Vardy, Blackburn and Leicester winner, grand hen; 2, Brown, a wee bit small, but good quality. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Vardy, cl., nice and cobby, good col. and quality; 2, Hurst, larger, fine type, col., and quality, a wee bit down at time of judging; 3, Hawkes, nice bird, but not quite the substance of leaders; vhc, Smith; he, Brown. BUFF: 1, Vardy, cl., nice type and quality; 2, Brown, good one. HEAV. MKD., ETC.: 1, Vardy, good yell. green, Leicester winner, large, extra good col; 2, Ball and Son, buff green, fine size, nice type and col., 3, Howe, another good buff green, close up; vhc, Smith. NOR. PAIRS: 1, Howe, var. yell. ck., large and extra good head, hen cl. buff, nice type, quality, and col.; 2, Hawksley, cl. buff ck., large, good head, nice quality and col., hen tick yell, cobby, nice head; 3, Vardy, variег. yell. ck. and cl. buff hen, nice pair, close up; vhc, Reeves. YORKS. BUFF CK.: 1, Hurst, extra good quality, well up on leg, wins; 2, Baxby, nice cl., beaten only in quality and condition; 3, Mear, close up; vhc, Athey. YELL. HEN: 1, Mear, cl., good quality; 2, Baxby; 3, Jones. BUFF: 1, Hurst, extra good cinn. mkd.; 2, Athey, another fine bird, tkd. on head, best of quality. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Hurst, extra good style, well up on leg. BUFF: 1, Athey, variег., good length, not quite so well shown; give them a tubbing, Mr. Athey, they will look much better. BUFF DARK CREST: 1, Borrows, large, extra good crest, nicely put down; 2, Holmes, another good bird. BUFF, LIGHT, ETC.: 1, Edwards, large crest of the best quality, wins well; 2, Bowers, well known birds; 3, Holmes, good one. BEN: 1, Holmes, good dk. C., extra good quality; 2, Brown, small crest. C.-B. CK.: 1, Edwards, large, extra good head feather, of the best quality, wins well; 2, Borrows, good, but not quite the feather of winner; 3, Sims and Fox, good green, close up; vhc, Holmes. HEN: 1, Bowers, extra large, good head, feather of the very best, will take some stopping; 2, vhc, Borrows, both good, 2nd best in head feather; 3, Sims and Fox, nice hen. STOCK PAIRS, CREST: 1, Burrows, good dark Crested cock, large, good crest, and variег. C.-B. hen, fine pair; 2, Holmes, green crested ck., good size, nice crest, hen variег. a trifle small; 3, Brown. LIGHT MULE: 1, Tams and Sons, nice cl. Goldfinch and Can., in good form; 2, Edwards, four-pointed yell. Goldfinch and Can., nice col. and markings; 3, vhc, Vardy, six-pointed yell., grand col., well mkd., vhc variег. yell., both Goldfinch and Can. cross. DARK.: 1, Wilson, Can.-Bullie, extra good col., not over large, but well put down; 2, Edwards, another Can.-Bullie, larger than winner, but not quite the col. and quality; 3, Haytor, Siskin and Can., nice col. and size; vhc, Bowers; he, Smith; c, Heaton. HYB.: 1, Wilson, Goldfinch Bullie, good size and col.; 2, Tams and Sons, nice Linnet-Bullie; 3, Haytor, Siskin-Redpoll, nice size and col., will make up with another moult. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Tams and Sons, large, extra good blaze, well shown, wins well; 2, Gladsby, another nice Finch; 3, Vardy, good col., very steady; vhc, Smith; he, c, Walsh, both good. BULLFINCH: 1, Walsh, large, extra good col., nice cap; 2, vhc, Ride, fine size, good col., very steady; 3, Henshaw, nice one; he, Davis Bros.; c, Hexton. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Walsh, both large, extra good col., stands well out; 3, Ride, fine bird, beaten in size; vhc, Tams and Sons; he, Smith; c, Hexton. LINNET: 1, 2, Walsh, both well mkd., large, in best of form; 3, Haytor, another good bird, not quite the col. of winners; vhc, c, Lockwood; he, Smith. SISKIN: 1, Hexton, nice col. and markings; 2, Walsh, good bird; 3, vhc, Booth and Smith, nice ones; he, Tams and Sons; c, Haytor. REDPOLL: 1, Henshaw, good size and col., nicely mkd.; 2, Hexton, lacking only in col. and markings to former; 3, Vardy, extra good col. and size, some thought should have won; vhc, Smith; he, Fatherland; c, Lockwood. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, he, Wilson, Waxwing, small but good col.; 2, c, Milne, Wagtail, in grand form; 3, Walsh, extra good Blackbird, large, good col., very steady; vhc, Hawksley. FOR.: 1, 2, Baxby; 3, Ballington. NOVICE CLASSES—C.B.: 1, Spencer; 2, Brown. NOR. YELL.: 1, Connah and Strange; 2, Booth and Smith. BUFF: 1, Connah and Strange; 2, he, Reeves; 3, Marriott; vhc, c, Smedley. UNFLIG NOR.: 1, Dolman and Sons; 2, Marriott; 3, vhc, Connah and Strange; he, Smedley; c, Davis Bros. YELL. YORKS: 1, vhc, Heaton; 2, Cockeram; 3, he, Williams. UNFLIG.: 1, Heaton; 2, Cockeram. CREST STOCK PAIRS: 1, Spencer; 2, Smith. 10s.. SELL.: 1, Holmes; 2, vhc, Dolman and Sons; 3, Cox; he, Ball and Sons. 30s.: 1, Borrows; 2, Spencer; 3, vhc, Holmes. GIFT: 1, Reeves; 2, 3, Holmes; vhc, he, Cox; c, Smedley.

QUEENSBURY.

Fourth annual open exhibition of the Queensbury C.B.S. held January 7th, Baptist School, under the rules of the Yorkshire Union and the patronages of the Y.C.C., C.M.Y.C.C., and the N.G.M.Y.C.C. The Society have a good room for their show, splendid light, lofty, and within a short distance of the trams, and the village is situated midway between Bradford and Halifax, and the show therefore should be well fed from two such important birdy centres. Mr. Wilton Jagger is an energetic and obliging secretary, and is assisted by Mr. A. Deighton, backed by a strong committee, including such well known fanciers as Messrs. Myers, Thomas, Gledhill, Brooke, Allen, Smith, Fowle, Briggs, Kirkbright, Heap and others. Mr. H. Sutcliffe officiated in the capacity of judge, his awards giving satisfaction generally.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, 4, Shackleton, leader good shape, very erect in position, lovely wings and tail, rattling fine feather, 4th typical, very stylish, rare long flights, nice quality; 2, Stebbings, neat and narrow at shoulders, very broody, well cut away, nice feather; 3, Thomas, good length and shape, very round, grand feather; vhc, Dykes; he, Tailey; c, Cruise. BUFF (10): 1, Horsfield, good shape, neat head, lovely quality, fails just a little in wing carriage; 2, he, Thornton and Bower, grand shape and position, nicely cut away, perfect feather, rich col.; 3, Thomas, grand size, good shape, stands well, rare feather; 4, Shackleton, grand length, rare shape, very erect in carriage, nice flights, smart feather; vhc, Ogden; c, Edmondson and Son. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Bailey, grand shape, extra nice position, lovely back, wings and tail, not a feather out of place; 2, Casey, tkd. cheek, grand length, good shape, very leggy, nice quality and col.; 3, c, Smith, neat type, nice style, good colour, a wee bit raky in feather at tail root; 4, Bailey, nice lengthy bird, shapely, splendid feather; vhc, Priestley; he, Cruise. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Bailey, tkd cheek leading, bonny type and style, nice quality, shows well, 3rd tkd. head, grand length, leggy, good shape, rich glossy feather; 2, Ogden Bros., tkd. wing, rare type, very wedgy shape, well up on leg, grand position, extra good col. and quality; 4, Radley, nice shape, good quality, neat wings; vhc, Thomas; he, Shackleton; c, Chew and Stokoe. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (12): 1, Thomas, grand shape, well cut away, straight as a pencil, nice position, feathered like wax; 2, Chapman and Bateman, nice length, very stylish, wonderful wings, exceptionally well carried, neat feather; 3, Robert Shaw, grand type, extra good position, lovely feather, close up; 4, Cruise, nice wedge shape, leggy; vhc, Bailey; he, Ogden Bros.; c, Edmondson and Son. BUFF (12): 1, Walsh, grand style, nice shape, good shoulders, neat head, smart feather; 2, vhc, Thomas, very neat shape, well up on leg, nice round head, full of col. and quality; 3, Cundall, tkd. wing, grand shape, extra nice position, lovely quality and col.; 4, Ogden Bros., good size, nice type, stylish, rich silky feather; he, Shackleton; c, Smith. GREEN MKD. YELL. (10): 1, Shackleton, even mkd., grand Yorkie type, rare length, shows a nice bit of leg, all there for feather; 2, Thornton and Bower, mkd. wings and eyes, grand shape, well cut away, rattling fine position, perfect feather; 3, Blackburn and Mitchell, four-pointed, slim, good shape, extra well up on leg, nice col. and quality; 4, Casey, mkd. wings and head, good long sided bird, nice type; vhc, Thomas; he, Dykes; c, Towers. BUFF (10): 1, vhc, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes and head, perfect type and style, well up in position, rattling good quality; 2, Dykes, four-pointed, nice shape, very straight, stylish, good feather; 3, Towers, four-pointed, nice shape, full of style, very rich in col. and quality; 4, Hill, mkd. wings and eye, plenty of length; he, Clegg; c, Robertshaw. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Thornton and Bower, four-pointed, grand type, extra nice position, leggy, neat head, lovely feather; 2, Shackleton, mkd. wings, head and cheek, lovely feathered lady, nice type and style, grand head and back; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings, nice shape, straight, good position, very close feather; 4, he, Chittenden, nice shape, stands well up, good quality; vhc, Dykes; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (8): 1, Priestley, mkd. wings and cheeks, nice shape and position, excellent col. and quality, well filled up all through; 3, Shackleton, mkd. wings, eyes and head, rather stronger, nice shape, stands cleverly, lovely quality; 3, Hall, nice type, good head, rattling fine feather, mkd. wings and cheeks; 4, Edmondson and Son, mkd. wing and eyes, nice cut from shoulders down, stylish, neat feathered; vhc, c, Towers; he, Ogden Bros. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. 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Members' final show, held Black Horse Hotel, Dec. 26th, when 103 birds were staged. Competition for the season's specials resulted as follows: 1st, Middleton Bros., 81 points; Addy and Stell, 76; S. Smith, 61; J. Duckworth, 59; F. Miles, 47; and T. White, 47, in the open; and J. Mitchell 70, C. Jeffery 67, W. Pickles 48, H. Spencer 33, in the novice classes. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

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SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Final members' show held Dec. 28th, Montgomery Hall. There was a very fine show, over 250 birds being staged. Much interest was centred in the event, as the winners of the points, specials, and the various cups were decided upon. The following are the winners of specials:—Young Birds—Best Yorkshire: 1, C. Tomlinson; 2, J. Bennett. Nor.: 1, T. Hemming; 2, A. Hobson. Crest: 1, T. Godfrey; 2, J. W. Crookes. Novice Yorks: 1, C. W. Bunting; 2, J. Crapper. Novice Nor.: 1, G. Wright; 2, E. Sissons. Old Birds—Best Yorks: W. H. Champion. Best Nor.: J. Woolhouse. Crest: J. W. Crookes. Brit.: P. Walsh. Best fed bird: J. Woolhouse. Hottest fed York: W. T. Furniss. Ditto, Nor.: G. Wright. Cup winners—Yorks: J. Bennett. Nor.: J. Woolhouse. Crest: J. W. Crookes. Brit: P. Walsh. Winners of points special prizes covering the three shows: Yorks: 1, F. Jones; 2, C. Tomlinson; 3, W. T. Furniss; 4, W. H. Champion. Nor.: 1, A. Hobson; 2, J. Woolhouse; 3, T. Hemming; 4, C. Scott. Crests: 1, T. Godfrey; 2, J. W. Crookes; 3, E. Moore; 4, J. H. Hodkin. Brit.: 1, P. Walsh; 2, A. Hobson; 3, J. W. Clarke; 4, J. Scott. The officials were: Mr. A. Hobson (secretary), J. Woolhouse (assistant sec.); stewards, Messrs. Drabble and Fletcher; judge, Mr. W. H. Battye, who carried out their duties in a very able way.

YOUNG BIRDS—YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, spl, 2, Bennett; 3, Drabble; 4, F. Jones. BUFF (19): 1, Tomlinson; 2, Champion; 3, F. Jones; 4, Drabble. UNEVEN MKD. (13): 1, F. Jones; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Champion; 4, Furniss. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Drabble; 2, Bennett; 3, F. Jones; 4, Furniss. BUFF (19): 1, Kent; 2, Bennett; 3, 4, Thorpe. NOR. CL., ETC. YELL. (7): 1, spl, 3, Hemming; 2, Tow; 4, Woolhouse. BUFF (8): 1, spl, Hobson; 2, Hemming; 3, 4, Oxley. UNEV. MKD. (8): 1, Hemming; 2, Porter; 3, Woolhouse; 4, Hobson. HEN, YELL. (5): 1 Hemming; 2, Woolhouse; 3, Hobson; 4, Tow. BUFF (7): 1, Woolhouse; 2, Tow; 3, Hobson; 4, Heming. CREST (7): 1, 3, Godfrey; 2, Crookes; 4, Hodkin. C.-B. (8): 1, 2, Crookes; 3, Hodkin; 4, Godfrey. GOLDIE, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Hobson; 2, 3, P. Walsh. LINNET (5): 1, 2, P. Walsh; 3, Clarke; 4, Hobson. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, spl, P. Walsh; 2, Fletcher; 3, Hobson; 4, Clarke. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, 2, 3, P. Walsh; 4, Lockwood. SOFTBILLS (8): 1, 2, 3, P. Walsh; 4, Fletcher. OLD BIRDS—YORKS, CL., ETC. YELL. (5): 1, spl, Champion; 2, 3, Furniss; 4, Thorpe. BUFF (5): 1, Furniss; 2, Sorsby; 3, Dutton; 4, Oxley. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Furniss; 2, 3, Hobson; 4, Bacon. BUFF (6): 1, Kent; 2, Sorsby; 3, Hobson; 4, Thorpe. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, A. Hobson; 2, C. Hobson; 3, 4, Oxley. BUFF (5): 1, A. Hobson; 2, Thorpe; 3, Woolhouse; 4, Oxley. UNEV. MKD. (5): 1, Woolhouse; c, Cowley; 3, Holt; 4, Taylor. BUFF Woolhouse; c, Cowley; 2, Porter. CREST (5): HEN (6): 1, 3, 4, Cowley; 2, Porter. 1, Crookes; 2, 3, Moore; 4, Hodkin. C.B. (6): 1, spl, Crookes; 2, 4, Hodkin; 3, Moore. SELF. PAIRS (25s.) (2): 2, Crapper; 4, Lockwood. 15s. (6): 1, Sorsby; 2, Jennett; 3, Crapper; 4, Lancaster. NOVICE SECTION—YORKS CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Sorsby, 2, 3, Maynard; 4, Bradshaw. BUFF (8): 1 spl, 4, Crapper; 2, 3, Bacon. YELL. HEN (5): 1, 4, Crapper; 2, Lockwood; 3, Dutton. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 2, Bunting; 3, Maynard; 4, Crapper. NOR. (6). 1 spl, 4, Wright; 2, spl, Sisson; 3, Maynard





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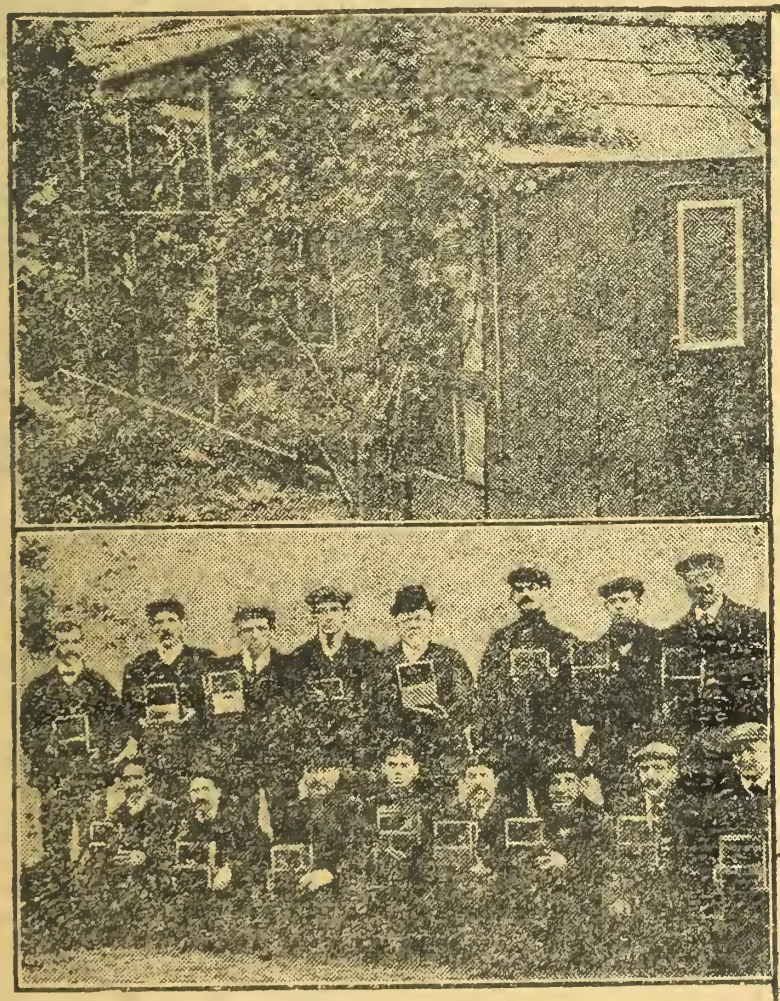
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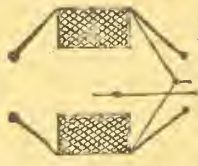
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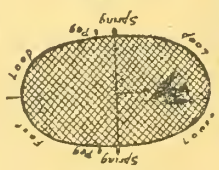
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MULING cock Goldfinches, 2/6; Bullfinches, cock, fit for exhibition only, 1/6, hens 1/-; Alcock, 52, Pearce-rd., Ipswich.

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HAWFINCHES, cock, grand colour and markings 7/6, hen 2/6, good healthy and feather: Harrison, 10, Penny-lane, Derby.

BRAMBLEFINCHES, warranted cocks, 2/6 dozen, no waiting, birds by return: John Bowers, Southery, Downham, Norfolk.

COCK Chaffinches, 3/6 dozen, large selected to moult, 1/- each; fine cock Hawfinch 6/-: Jupp, Stone-st., Maidstone

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GOLDFINCHES, warranted cocks, large birds, grand blazes, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each, no rubbish sent out: Bugg, Aviaries, Holbeach.

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EXTRAORDINARY large cock Linnet, well pencilled, grand shape and colour, 2/-; approval: Fred Allen, The Bird Specialist, Hull.

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SPLENDID cock Linnets, 1/-, three 2/-; cock Twites, 4/- dozen, three 1/6; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches, 4/-, three 1/6; cock Yellowhammers, 1/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, hens 1/-; all selected birds: Hobden, 6, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

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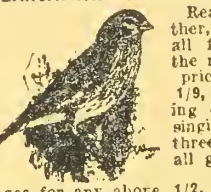
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PREVIOUS to removal, I will sell some good stock Crests and Crestbreds, pairs at 20/- (no odd hens), on approval, by depositing with editor; cold room, sound and healthy: Lilley, 5, Mysore-rd., Lavender-hill, London.

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H. HORTON, 16 years breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding, has some grand young Crests, Crestbreds to spare, from 10/- to 50/-; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

BARGAINS: 1910 clear body dark Crest cock, 20/6; 1909 big light crest Crest cock, 15/6; broken green Crestbred cock, big skull, heavy lashed, 30/-, worth 50/-; massivo clear, lashed to perfection, 1909, 35/6; approval: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, one of the best strains in England, 30 years breeder of high-class Crests; many winners, in best company sold by me; sent on approval and without deposit to any one I know: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

I HAVE for disposal the following Crest cocks: Yellow, heavily-varicgated round crest to beak end, 30/-; clear body dark Crest yellow, 20/-; two dark and wings yellows, 15/- each; also Crest-breds, good, healthy birds, cold-room; approval: Thomas Morley, Baldock, Herts.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 30/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Barnett's Palace winning strain, only 15/-; honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper and Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

BLACKPOOL Wonder and King of the North, without doubt the best strain of Crests in the Fancy. I can spare a few more properly matched pairs, cheap, 40/-, 60/-, and 80/-; single birds from 15/6, show birds cheap, state wants, approval (new address): C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

ARE you requiring a good healthy odd cock or hen to complete your breeding stock? I have some to suit, all heavily feathered, healthy and typical. Hens from 4/6, cocks from 7/6; specially selected pairs, properly matched for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, upwards; all cold room bred, on approval: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

WANTED a good 1910 pair for Crest breeding, value £3 10/-, in exchange for a good Liver and White Spaniel dog, age 1 year 10 months, handsome head and thorough houest worker; approval willingly, worth £5 honestly; also cash offers wanted for a lovely sable and white St. Bernard bitch, aged 14 months, faithful guard and companion: Jenner, The Mitre, Maidstone.

MONSTER exhibition dark crested cock, large drooping crest, immense body, and very heavily feathered, sure winner in good competition, only 35/-; honestly worth £4; also massive headed crestbred hen, large, and very heavily feathered, winner several prizes, only 25/-; honestly worth £2, or 50/- the pair, certain to breed winners in champion classes; Barnett's Palace winning strain; cold room bred, genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MASSIVE feathery crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 12/6; honestly worth 30/-; also choice exhibition dark crested cock, large, neat drooping crest, sure winner, only 17/6, cheap at £2; also massive feathery crestbred cock, plenty of feather and substance of body, only 15/-; recently cost 30/-; also choice dark crested hen, large neat drooping crest, only 17/6, bargain at £2; all above are Barnett's Palace winning strain, cold room bred, are strong, healthy, and vigorous, and genuine bargains; approval, cash, or deposit: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

PLEASE note following exceptional value in highest class Crests and cresthreds, Barnett's strain, monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, £1; monster wing marked dark Crest cock, 16/-; massive heavy feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 15/-, grand crest; monster green Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive feathery clear Crest hen, 12/6; monster green crestbred cock, grand head, 25/-; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand head, £1; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; monster variegated crestbred hen, nice head, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition, from my winners. Approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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Grand Crest cock, winner of many prizes, including cup at Falkirk, 1909, 40/-; also Crest son of above, 30/-; another grizzle Crest cock, 30/-, related to my winner Scottish National: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

NEAME'S EASY PAYMENT SYSTEM.

From 1/- per week; why delay? no such terms offered elsewhere; birds forwarded on receipt first payment; Crest, Plainhead, Norwich, Yorkshires, etc.; all secretaries should join my great bird club; you will save pounds; send for terms; stamp reply: 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

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by noting the following prices, which are very exceptional for the quality offered. The fact is, I have at the present time an enormous stock, the result of purchasing several breeders' (of repute) whole stocks, and consequently no one in Norwich, or out of Norwich, can give anything approaching the value, whatever the price selected.

Full particulars of any bird required can be given, simply because I hold them.

CRESTED HENS, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, to 100/-.

CREST-BRED HENS, 3/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6, to 40/-.

CRESTED-BRED COCKS, big, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, to 20/-.

CRESTED COCKS, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, to £10.

Amongst my collection are clear Buffs and Yellows, evenly-marked do., variegated do., and some very useful greens indeed. All on approval. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

A. MOIR,

Winners at Falkirk and Stirling, and other shows; Crests and crestbreds, cheap to clear, 20/- pair, upwards: Greenside-st., Alloa, N.B.

W. READ

York-rd., Guildford, Surrey, breeder and exhibitor, has a few good Crests and Crestbreds for sale, cheap; all own breeding; seen any time.

Gilbert's Winning Crests.

First and second Leicester, second and third Birmingham Crest Club show, first and second Stamford, first and second Sheffield, first Luton, first, second, and third Coventry; as I must reduce my stock, I can spare any of the above; I have also some grand stock birds, Crests, also crestbreds, with feather to end of beak, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each —pairs properly matched, from 20/-; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

Dutch Frills.

ANOTHER consignment of both Dutch and French Frills, cocks or hens, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; rare value; imported direct: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

BREEDER'S CARD.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

MAGNIFICENT Norwich Greens, Yellows and Buffs; approval: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

LARGE Norwich type yellows and buffs, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, worth double; exchange: Brown, 46, Arthur-st., Leith, N.B.

YORKSHIRE Greens, self, buffs, and yellows, single or pairs, reasonable: Cubbon, 40, Kinmel-st., Princes Park, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens that can win, same blood as Clayton of Halifax; cocks from 10/6 to 20/-: Sutcliffe, 62, Westgrove-st., Bradford, Yorks.

YORKSHIRE Greens, good type, colour, and size, single cocks from 7/6 to 20/-, hens 5/6 to 15/-: Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

GRAND stock of Yorkshire Greens, for immediate sale, including all winners, cheap: Geoff. Benson, 7, Sandhoys-rd., Upper Brighton, Liscard.

YORKSHIRE, Norwich and Border Greens, best strains, also few clears, pairs, or singles; prices reasonable: Walker, 197, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare good heavily marked stock birds, bred from his winning Norwich, suitable for Green breeders, 12/6 to 25/-.

I have purchased the whole of Mr. Benson's noted stock of Greens; I have his Manchester and Liverpool winners for sale: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-road, Liverpool.

Lancashires.

A few Lancashires for sale, price reasonable, young birds; approval: Arthur West, 80, Tweedale-street, Rochdale.

FEW pairs of Lancashires, 18/- pair, yellow and buff; healthy; giving up: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

SIXTEEN Lancashires, yellows and buffs, cheap, bred same as this year's champions: King, 118, Dale-st., Milnrow.

BUFF Coppy cocks, buff Coppy hens, yellow Plainhead hens, 1910 bred, approval, stamp reply: Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

LANCASHIRES for sale; a few Buff and Yellow Plainhead cocks, also a few Buff coppy cocks; stamp reply to: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

JOHN Garner has a few to spare, bred from the Championship Cup strain and Crystal Palace Diploma winner, none better; stamp reply: Lever-st., Hazel Grove.

SEVERAL buff and yellow Plainheads and Coppies, cocks and hens, which must be cleared at reduced prices; stamp reply, deposit: Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

YELLOW coppy cock, 10/-, ditto hen, 7/6; buff coppy cock, 10/-; P.H. hen 12/-, 1910 bred; approval; will exchange massive yellow coppy cock, winner, for buff coppy cock of equal merit, or sell 30/-: Minty, Stony-st., Frome.

J. Oldham, winner of the Lancashire and Lizards championship 1910, Lancashire section, has a few young birds for disposal; same strain as my winners at all the principal shows; approval; stamp reply: 207, Grimshaw-lane, Middleton Junction, Manchester.

Lizards.

REALLY good pair of 1909 Lizards on sale, 15/-, 3 days approval; deposit: Holt, 75, Osborne-st., Rochdale.

ONE pair of Lizards, 1909 birds, price 15/- pair; sent on approval anywhere: H. Middleton, Landbed, Delph, nr. Oldham.

WIN G Golden and Silver Lizards, cocks and hens, wanted Scotch Fancy hen, good: Arch. Newbigging, Currie-st., Duns.

THE Lizard Prince, champion exhibitor and breeder, 10 1sts, etc., last three shows novice; specially matched pairs from 15/- pair; approval, inspection invited: John Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

LARGEST collection of Lizards now in stock, quality right for all prices, which note: hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 up; cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; pairs 7/9, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, up, including some good show birds; no better blood in England, all pedigree stock; cages 1d. extra: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards, cocks from 8/6; hens, from 6/6; properly matched pairs, from 17/6; every bird bred from my champion diploma strain; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous challenge cups, can spare few choice specimens. Cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, ditto; few grand pairs, 40/-, 60/-; approval with every pleasure; inspection cordially invited; 20 years' standing strain.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of several championships. Good birds for sale. Prices low; approval: 6, Banuer-st., St. Luke's, Loudou, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale: approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

J. C. WILMOT, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford, winner of over 300 prizes, has a number of very choice Norwich for sale; all bred from winners; cheap; on approval; state wants.

WANTED, Norwich: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-av., London.

NORWICH, Plainheads, typical, good quality, from 7/6: Brooke, 102, Norfolk-rd., Bournemouth.

PAIR large evenly-marked Norwich Canaries, 12/6; approval: Ely, 83, Fortress-rd., Kentish Town, London.

FINE Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-, hens 2/6, matched pairs 7/-; approval: Timbrell Bros., Chipping, Lanes.

TWO pairs of Norwich, good stock birds, sell 10/6 a pair: F. Jones, Poplar, Bagsbaw-st., Pleasley Hill.

LARGE typical buff Norwich cock 9/-, large hen 3/-; Newman, 92, Hayday-rd., Barking-rd., Plaistow, Essex.

W. R. Dunn has a few cheap to clear, bred from my winners, from 20/- a pair: Station House, Portobello.

NORWICH cocks, a few for sale from 5/- each, apply: 4, Lonsdale-avenue, Boundary-rd., East Ham, E.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Sib.-red hens from 3/6; good yellow Norwich from 5/- each.

EIGHT Norwich cocks for sale, all colours, cheap to clear; approval: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

HENS, 30 large Norwich hens, sound, stroug birds, from 3/-, cocks from 6/-: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

FINE large Norwich cocks and hens, cheap, room wanted.—Smith, 41, Outram-st., Caledonian-rd., London, N.

FOUR Norwich bred cock Canaries, 18/- or 5/- each, one pure Norwich 7/6; approval: Castle, New Marston, Oxford.

LAST four Norwich cocks, from our winners, from 12/6 each: Lovegrove-Lovegrove, 43, Kings-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

DEALERS supplied with large healthy Norwich cocks in full song, also hens: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-road, Norwich.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens form, 3/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

FEW good Norwich for sale, moderate, inspection invited; approval, deposit: Hickling, 46, Village-st., Normanton, Derby.

WANTED, large Yellow or Yellow-Green hens, any quantity; good price given: Bowie, jun., Bothwell-place, Dunfermline.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, healthy breeding condition, cocks 10/-, hens 4/-: Miss Tanner, Great Brickhill, Bletchley.

HIGH-class Norwich for sale, not wasters; state wants; approval: James Barnes, Factory Row, Whalley, near Blackburn.

WALTON and Noakes offer hens from 5/-, cocks from 10/-; approval, cash or deposit: 14, Abney-st., Highfields, Leicester.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken: M'Keaud, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

GOOD bred Norwich; pairs from 7/6; also few good hens from 3/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Horwood, Lawson-avenue, Long Eaton.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, lovely singers, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs 6/6, 7/-; real bargains; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

PRIZE-bred matched pairs, variegated; Buff cock, Yellow hen, 10/-; typical Buff cocks, 7/6; approval, deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

TWENTY pairs Norwich, from 7/6 upwards, cocks, wing stamped and guaranteed; inspection invited: H. Gater, Jones-sq., Trocdyrhiw.

TWO Norwich cocks, good songsters, five hens, two large cock Bullfinches, 18/- lot: Thomas Alton, Holbrook-rd., Belper, Derbyshire.

TYPICAL unflighted ticked variegated and green Norwich yellow hens, also large variegated buff cock: Cooper, Croy, near Glasgow.

NORWICH, unflighted yellow cock 8/6, 1909 buff cock 8/6, another 6/-: Trevallion, 16, Higham-rd., The Avenue, Bruce Grove, Tottenham.

LARGE typical yellow Norwich Plainhead, fine stock bird, full song, vigorous condition, 8/6, for quick sale: Taylor, Elm-grove, Bideford.

SPLENDID typical Norwich Yellow and Buff cocks from 6/-; Buff hens from 5/-; cash or deposit: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

RETIRING from Fancy, few 1910 Norwich left, from my winners; cocks from 8/6, hens from 5/6; approval: Lunt, 21, Hope-st. West, Macclesfield.

LOWTHIAN, 33, Foster-st., Penrith, has some real typical buff Norwich cocks for sale, bred from winners, from 10/6 upwards; stamp reply.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries: cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

NORWICH and Crests, clears, variegated, and green, 1909 and 1910, cocks from 5/6, hens from 2/6: Shewan, 21, Oakley-pl., Old Kent-rd., London.

NORWICH Canaries, crestbred, 5 cocks, from winners, not rubbish, best cash offer; particulars, stamp: Smith, 14, Oak-st., York-rd., Leeds.

I have a few tip-top Norwich, which I had saved for my own use, some real good hens and cocks, fit to win: L. Castle, 36, High-st., Canterbury.

SPLENDID pair Norwich, 1910, properly matched for breeding, perfect condition, 10/6; good breeding cage, 2/- extra: Adcock, Boot Stores, Chatteris.

I have a grand lot of clear yellow Norwich cocks, 5/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also buffs, at 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; week's approval: deposit: A. Fiddament, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

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UNFLIGHTED yellows and buffs, good typical birds, will sell singly, or suitably paired, cocks 10/-, hens 7/6, pairs 15/-: Fildes, Rookfield-aven., Sale, Cheshire.

NORWICH hens, Yellow, Clear, and Variegated, right type and quality, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; two large dark Buff Variegated hens, 10/6 each: Davidson, Stationer, Montrose.

TYPICAL buffs. I have about 20 grand large buffs for sale, cocks or hens from 5/- to 40/- each, approval, deposit; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Lockton, Grantham.

I have a few grand Norwich to sell, very cheap to clear; mostly young; bred same as all my winners; stamp particulars: Smith, Stronvar, Balquhidder, Perthshire.

TWO pair good large Norwich, healthy, cold room bred, cheap, 12/6 pair; also pair, 14/6; approval, cash or deposit; room wanted: Smithers, 17, Chapel-grove, Addlestone.

STEPHEN TWEDDLE, Balaclava-st., Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich, has a few good birds for sale, single, or pairs; approval; stamp reply.

THREE pairs typical Norwich for sale, 20/- pair: also few good hens, winners and from winners, yellow and buff, colour fed, 5/-, 7/6 each: Hopson, 9, Durham-st., Cardiff.

MUST clear, unflighted buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; extra large stock buff cock, 1909, 15/-; matched pairs from 15/-; cold room; approval: Brown, Jeweller, Catrine, Ayrshire.

BEST blood obtainable. High class matched pairs from 15/- to £3. High prices having been paid to build the foundation of this strain: Kirk, Furnisher, Lowestoft.

I can still supply typical clear yellow hens, also variegated, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; also buffs at 4/-, 5/-; week's approval; deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

TYPICAL Norwich at low prices, sound and healthy, 1910 Buff cock, 1909 Yellow hen, 11/- pair; 1910 Buff cock, 1910 Yellow hen, 10/- pair: Jones and Chester, Princess-st., Chester.

BARGAIN, four pairs to clear, 6/6 pair, would exchange for good clear yellow hen, value 30/-; also variegated buff hen wanted: Wilson, North-rd., Gainford, Darlington.

BARGAIN, large-framed, thick-set, typical colour-fed buff Norwich cock, highly commended Spalding last week; accept 10/-; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH class Norwich cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

JUST a few champion-bred birds for disposal, either sex, unflighted, quality high, price low; state wants; letters only; approval: Richards, 137a, Wellingboro'-rd., Northampton.

GREAT sacrifice, several exceptionally short, thick-set, cobby, typical colour-fed Norwich hens, of grand type and quality, 5/- and 7/6 each: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

FINE Norwich Yorkie cock Canary, marked on left wing, good singer, 1910 bird, 10/6; also smart active hen, well marked, same brood, 5/6: M. Cohley, 69, High-lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

THOMAS Proctor, 80, Oswald-street, Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich, has a few extra good birds for sale, single or pairs; approval; state wants; stamp reply.

A few typical birds for sale, good heads, short wings and tail; cocks 7/6, 10/6; some lovely hens from 5/-; approval, deposit: F. Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

ROBERT HALL, Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare grand stock Norwich, bred from his winners; good chance to secure good strain; pairs, 15/- to 80/-; cocks, 12/6 to 25/-; hens, 7/6 to 25/-.

SILK'S champion strain, good cocks from 10/-, grand chubby hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; real good birds, half price to ensure quick sale; approval: Hand, Milton House, Station-road, Herne Bay.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, few real clinkers, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; from my winners; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads and Crests, large or small quantities; all cold-room bred; prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

MUST clear to make room for breeding stock, 20 buff and yellow cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, bred from winners, also few good hens, 3/-, 4/-; approval: Baker, Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs 15/-, 20/- upwards; state wants and price (about); approval; stamp: Geo. Harland, 62, Welbeck-st., Hull.

TWENTY pairs good Norwich, unfed, Yellows, Buffs, and Variegated, also two self Cinnamon hens; what offers; seen any time; all outdoor bred: 39, Warwick-st., Deptford, London, S.E. Stamp.

FORTY big, strong, healthy Norwich cocks, on full song; buff Yellow 8/6 each; hen to match, 1/6; 10 house-moulted cock Brown Linnets, full song, 1/- each: H. Highton, 43, Henry-st., Nottingham.

FOR disposal, 30 large typical Norwich, best blood in the Fancy, from Gill and Pethick's strain; hens from 5/-; cocks from 7/6; seen anytime, or sent approval: Symons, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

G. THOMAS has some grand pairs for sale, good type and quality from 17/6; also odd cocks and hens reasonable; bred from and related to my winners; seen any time: 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

HIGH-CLASS unflighted Norwich the buff cock, 10/-, he yellow cock 10/-, two variegated buff hens and one clear 7/6 each; exchange any for good yellow hen: approval: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby.

WINNING Norwich, typical, chubby, pedigree bred, yellows, buffs, cocks 8/6, hens 4/6, pairs 10/6 upwards, winners Kentish shows; high-class birds, cheap to reduce stock: Kew, 8, Queen-st., Margate.

TYPICAL Norwich. I can spare a few good pairs, splendid quality birds, 20/- to 30/-; also several of my winners (see show reports); approval willingly; stamp reply: William Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

TYPICAL buff cock, yellow hen, 1st, £2 limit, 35/-; buff cock, 3rd Portsmouth, the Newport, yellow hen, £2; 2 yellow cocks, 1 3rd Newport, 10/6 each; Baker's strain; approval: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

TICKED buff hen, 1910, very typical, 15/- only; two good thick-set 1909 buff hens, 20/- each; ticked yellow cock, 1909, excellent type, lovely quality, 20/-, very cheap: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

WINNERS: Clear buff Norwich cock, 1st Resolven, 30/-; grand clear buff hen, 12/6; clear yellow cock, 1st Llandrindod, 35/-; ticked buff hen, a gem, 15/-; bargains; approval willingly: Muscott, Boundary-ter., Llandrindod Wells.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, Bullfinch type, good heads, fine silky feather, many winners in best company sold by me; 30 years breeder of high-class Norwich; sent on approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly-matched high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 10/6, honestly worth 30/-; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

PALACE exhibitors; clear Yellow Norwich cock, £2; clear Buff cock, 35/-; both winners and fit to get in the money; ticked Yellow hen, winner, clinker, 25/-; clear Yellow hen, 20/-; approval: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

MONSTER exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 25/-, recently cost £2; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

FOR sale, Norwich and Norwich Cinnamon, winners Morpeth, Newsham, Bedlington, Choppington, only places shown; prices 10/- upwards; my own strain guaranteed: Thomas Dixon, Pioneer-ter., Bedlington Station, Northumberland.

REMOVING compels me to sell lot of my noted Norwich cheap for a quick sale, so state your wants and price you wish to give and have them on approval: New address, C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

SAVE half your money and have reliable birds, Norwich cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; all carriage paid, on approval; illustrated list; post free: Miss E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

GRAND big variegated cock, splendid stamp and style, 10/6; another, not so good, too small, but good songster, 5/6; grand large buff hen, 3/6; large dark Crest cock, 6/6; approval; bargains: J. Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

ABOUT 20 grand cocks left, unflighted and 1909: a few hens from 7/6, own breeding, from some of the best. I don't buy to sell again; must be cleared, half value; approval, stamp: Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Mere-rd., Leicester.

NORWICH Canaries, the best of blood, related to my winners, Morpeth, Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, Carlisle, Haltwhistle; hens from 6/6; cocks from 10/6; approval: Smith, 172, Prince Consort-rd., Gateshead-on-Tyne.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, stock birds, clear yellows, 6/- to 7/6, buffs 5/6 to 7/6, genuine stuff, warranted clean, healthy; cobby hens, warranted sound and reliable, 2/6 to 5/-; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

1909 clear yellow stock cock, good head and neck, winner, 25/-; unflighted variegated buff hen to match, 15/- or 35/- the pair; large unflighted buff cock, extra colour and quality, 12/6; approval: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

MASSIVE exhibition Yellow cock, large head and neck, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 25/-; honestly worth 50/-; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

TYPICAL stock birds, direct from winners, splendid heads and necks, perfect feather, must breed winners; cocks from 7/- to 20/-; specially good hens from 5/-; own breeding only; approval, deposit: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North-aven., Ramsgate.

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THESE words are definite. Consequent on increasing age, my stock of champion Norwich must be reduced; every bird for sale; pairs from 20/-; single birds from 15/-; write me; state wants; compelled to reduce my stock; inspection invited: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

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CHAMPION Norwich: large clear Buff cock, only 10/6; large marked Buff cock, only 8/6; smart typical clear Yellow cock, only 10/6; grand marked Yellow cock, only 8/6; good clear Yellow hen, only 8/6; choice marked Yellow hen, only 6/0; large clear Buff hen, only 7/6; large marked Buff hen, only 6/6; all the above are rare type and quality, strong, healthy and vigorous, and cold-room bred; also many others at reasonable prices; genuine bargains; approval, cash or deposit: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich for disposal; few real gems, cocks and hens, 7/6 to 30/-; some slashing buff hens, that can win; birds we sold won Newcastle, Halifax, Bradford, Morecambe, Scottish National; no better blood in the Fancy: Messrs. Amblers, 29, Sefton-rd., Morecambe.

GEORGE Weller has eight pairs of 1910 Norwich Canaries for disposal, good, large, healthy birds, in breeding condition, cold-room bred, 10/6 and 12/6 pair; single hens, 3/6 and 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed; travelling cages, 3d. extra; stamp reply: Sheffield-English, Romsey, Hants.

H. Doxey has for disposal 20 pure-bred Norwich, 10 Buff cocks, 5 Buff hens, 5 Yellow hens; cocks from 7/6 upwards; hens from 5/- upwards; pairs from 10/- upwards; all own breeding; a good chance for novices; all on approval; 30 years breeder, deposit: Address, Pease-hill, Ripley, Derbyshire.

ARE you requiring an odd hen or cock to complete your breeding stock? I can guarantee you every satisfaction. Hens from 3/-, cocks from 5/6, selected breeding pairs 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards. All cold room bred, and on approval anywhere; travelling cage free: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

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HAVING selected my breeding stock I find I have a few really good prize-bred Norwich for disposal very cheap; grand Buff cocks, 6/6 to 12/6 each; lovely typical hens, 6/- to 12/6 each; birds bred by me won at York, Bradford, Preston, Lancaster, and Morecambe, etc.; I will deal generously with novices; approval willingly: Walker, 50, Regent-rd., Morecambe.

EXTRA choice exhibition Yellow hen, rare type and quality, grand colour and depth of chest, sure winner in good company, only 21/-, honestly worth £2; also grand exhibition Buff hen, large head and neck, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, sure winner, a gem only, 15/-, cheap at 35/-; genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

NOTICE. It will pay you to give me a visit and see these. 50 pairs stout cobby Norwich in all colours, coldroom bred at workingmen's prices: cocks in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; a few special for show or stock birds, cocks 10/-, hens 5/- each; Inspection invited; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days' approval, cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

FORTY pairs of high-class Norwich, from £1 per pair, 35/-, 40/-, 50/-, to £3 a pair; 2 variegated unflighted buff cock, 50/- each; 2 yellow cocks, 30/-; 2 yellow greens, 35/- and £3; 2 clear yellow hens, £1 each; 2 yellow variegated hens, 1 at 30/-, and 1 at 35/-; 2 clear yellow hens, 7/6 each; a few buff hens, at 10/-, 15/-, and £1 1/-; all the same strain as our winners; birds before cash, if not approved carriage to pay: W. H. Lindley and Sons, 5, Edward-st., Wombwell, near Barnsley.

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For sale, the following champion exhibition and stock Norwich: 1910 bred, extra large, big-headed, clear yellow cock, wonderful type, bold chest, one of the kind that takes all the prizes, price £3; 1910 bred, slashing ticked yellow cock, better cannot be had, price 50/-; 1910 bred, monster clear buff cock, deep chest, grand wings, big, broad head, real gem, 50/-; marked buff cock, truly a wonder, and can win anywhere, price £2; 1909 bred, large, typical, clear buff cock, lovely wings, and chest, price 15/-, the largest, marked yellow hen ever seen, 1910 bred, immense substance, massive head, and thick neck, certain Palace winner, lowest price 50/-; 1909 bred, clear yellow hen, large, stout, good head, and wings, bred last season, four birds, I recently sold for £15 10s., accept 25/- for her, champion 1910 bred, exhibition clear yellow hen, ideal specimen, price 50/-, wonderful, stout monster, clear buff hen, 1910 bred, the best yet offered, price £2, extra large marked buff hen, rare stock hens, 21/-; also several slashing yellow and buff hens, 1910 bred, price 10/6, 15/- each. Note.—I challenge any fancier to offer better birds at the prices; over 20 different first prize winners (in open champion classes), sold by me, during last four months; approval: cash or deposit; send early: George Cubley, Sutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

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Very large stout variegated unflighted buff cock, grand stock birds, 15/-; clear unfl. buff cock, 10/-; another ditto, extra nice bird, 15/-; monster clear buff 1909 cock, 20/-; can match above cocks to yellow hens, 7/6 and 10/- each; clear 1909 yellow cock, good head, nice type, extra colour and quality, 20/-; unflighted clear yellow cock, 10/-; splendid variegated 1909 cock, 15/-; ticked 1909 yellow cock, 15/-; buff hens to match, 7/6 upwards; see reports Burnley, Wellingborough, Bolton, Rochdale, Hucknall, Rochdale Good Intent, Liverpool, Eccles; approval: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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TYPICAL Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-, matched pairs from 15/-; see reports, Clapham, Battersea, Southend, Wimbledon, Horticultural: Foxen, 8, Aberdeen-bldgs., Brmnley, Kent.

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WANTED 1910 cocks and hens, mostly hens wanted, yellow and buff, must be good quality, in exchange for Edison Gem phonograph, with 80 records, as good as new, also large horn; approval; yours first: address: C. Carter, 68, Elthorne Park-rd., Hanwell, London.

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A Pleasure to Have, etc.

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IT PAYS ME TO GIVE



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Owing to ill-health must give up all my stock of Yorkshires, length, type, and quality, they don't need any puff; stamp for particulars: 202, King James-st., Sheffield.

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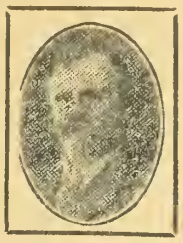
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1.—Clear Yellow.
2.—Clear Buff.
3.—Ticked or Unevenly Marked Yellow.
4.—Ticked or Unevenly Marked Buff.
5.—1910 Unflighted, Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Marked Yellow.
6.—1910 Unflighted, Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Marked Buff.
7.—Hens, Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Marked Yellow.
8.—Hens, Clear, Ticked, or Unevenly Marked Buff.
9.—Green, Yellow, Self, non-colour fed.
10.—Green, Buff, Self, non-colour fed.
11.—Green, Yellow, Foul, non-colour fed.
12.—Green, Buff, Foul, non-colour fed.
13.—Buff Crested Cock.
14.—Buff Crested Hen.
15.—Buff Crest Bred Cock.
16.—Buff Crest Bred Hen.
17.—Yellow Crested.
18.—Yellow Crest Bred.
19.—Current Year Crest.
20.—Current Year Crest Bred.

YORKSHIRE CLASSES.

21.—Clear Yellow.
22.—Clear Buff.
23.—Ticked Yellow.
24.—Ticked Buff.
25.—Hen, Clear, or Ticked Yellow.
26.—Hen, Clear, or Ticked Buff.
27.—Clear, Ticked, or Variegated Yellow, unflighted.
28.—Clear, Ticked, or Variegated Buff, unflighted.

GREEN MARKED YORKSHIRE CLASSES.

29.—Even, Uneven, or Heavily Variegated Yellow Cock.
30.—Even, Uneven, or Heavily Variegated Buff Cock.
31.—Even, Uneven, or Heavily Variegated Yellow Hen.
32.—Even, Uneven, or Heavily Variegated Buff Hen.

CINNAMON MARKED YORKSHIRE CLASSES.

33.—Ticked or Variegated Yellow Cock.
34.—Ticked or Variegated Buff Cock.
35.—Ticked or Variegated Yellow Hen.
36.—Ticked or Variegated Buff Hen.

GREEN YORKSHIRE CLASSES.

37.—Yellow, Self, non-colour fed.
38.—Buff, Self, non-colour fed.
39.—Yellow, Foul, non-colour fed.
40.—Buff, Foul, non-colour fed.
41.—Cinnamons, Yellow.
42.—Cinnamons, Buff.
43.—Cinnamons, Unflighted, Yellow or Buff.
44.—Cinnamons, Hens.
45.—Lancashire Coppy.
46.—Lancashire Plainhead.
47.—Lizard, Gold, Clear, or Broken Cap.
48.—Lizard, Silver, Clear, or Broken Cap.

BORDER FANCY, NON-COLOUR FED.

49.—Clear or Ticked Yellow Cock.
50.—Clear or Ticked Yellow Hen.
51.—Clear or Ticked Buff Cock.
52.—Clear or Ticked Buff Hen.
53.—Even Marked Yellow or Buff Cock or Hen.
54.—Unevenly Marked Yellow or Buff Cock or Hen.
55.—Cinnamon, Self or Foul, Cock or Hen.
56.—Green, Self or Foul Yellow Cock.
[illegible] or Foul Buff Cock.
58.—Green, Self or Foul Yellow Hen.
59.—Green, Self or Foul Buff Hen.
60.—Scotch Fancy Cock, any Variety.
61.—Scotch Fancy, Hen, any Variety.
62.—Belgians, Yellow, any variety.
63.—Belgians, Buff, any Variety.
64.—Belgians, Bred 1910, any Variety.
65.—Any Variety of Frilled Canary.
66.—Any other Variety of Canary, not previously mentioned, including colour-fed Borders and colour-fed Green Canaries.

NOVICE CLASSES.

67.—Norwich, Clear Yellow.
68.—Norwich, Clear Buff.
69.—Norwich, Ticked or Unevenly-marked Yellow.
70.—Norwich, Ticked or Unevenly marked Buff.
71.—Norwich, Hens, any Variety.
72.—1910 Unflighted Norwich, any Variety.
73.—Crest, any Variety.
74.—Crest-Bred, any Variety.

YORKSHIRES.

75.—Cock, Yellow, Clear or Ticked.
76.—Cock, Buff, Clear or Ticked.
77.—Cock, Yellow or Buff, Marked or Variegated.
78.—1910 Unflighted, Yellow, Clear, Ticked, Marked or Var.
79.—1910 Unflighted, Buff, Clear, Ticked, Marked or Var.
80.—Hen, Yellow, any Variety.
81.—Hen, Buff, any Variety.
82.—Any other Variety of Canary or Mule not previously mentioned.

OPEN LIMIT CLASSES.

83.—Norwich Cock, price not to exceed 30s.
84.—Norwich Hen, price not to exceed 20s.
85.—Crested Norwich, any Variety, price not to exceed £3.
86.—Crested Bred, any Variety, price not to exceed 30s.
87.—Yorkshire, any Variety, price not to exceed 30s.
88.—Any other Variety of Canary or Mule not previously mentioned in the Limit Sections, price not to exceed 30s.
89.—Pairs of Canaries, matched for Plainhead breeding, Yellow Buff, price not to exceed 35s.

CHAMPION MULES AND HYBRIDS.

90.—Clear, Lightly Ticked, or Evenly-marked Canary Hybrid.
91.—Unevenly-marked or Variegated Goldfinch and Canary Hybrid.
92.—Linnet and Canary or Greenfinch and Canary, Unevenly-marked or Variegated.
93.—Dark Yellow Goldfinch and Canary.
94.—Dark Buff Goldfinch and Canary.
95.—Dark Greenfinch and Canary.
96.—Dark Linnet and Canary.
97.—Dark Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, and Canary Hybrid.
98.—Any other Variety of Canary Hybrid.
99.—Any Variety of Bullfinch Hybrid, except Canary Bullfinch.
100.—Any other Variety of Hybrid bred from two British Birds.

BRITISH BIRDS.

101.—Bullfinch Cock.
102.—Bullfinch Hen.
103.—Goldfinch, Cock or Hen.
104.—Linnet, Cock or Hen.
105.—Chaffinch, Cock or Hen.
106.—Redpoll, Cock or Hen.
107.—Twite, Cock or Hen.
108.—Siskin, Cock or Hen.
109.—Bramblefinch, Cock or Hen.
110.—Greenfinch, Cock or Hen.
111.—Hawfinch, Cock or Hen.
112.—Yellowhammer.
113.—Bunting, any Species of, except Yellowhammer.
114.—Blackbird.
115.—Song Thrush.
116.—Starling.
117.—Magpie, Jackdaw, Jay, Chough.
118.—Pied, Albino, or Rare-feathered Speciman of British Bird, not being a Hybrid.
119.—Hens, any Species of British Finch, except Bullfinch.
120.—Nightingale or Blackcap.
121.—Skylark.
122.—Any other Species, Resident, Insectivorous, or Seed-eating Bird, not larger than and including the Grey Wagtail.
123.—Any other Species, Insectivorous or Seedeating Migratory Bird, not larger than and including the Wheatear.
124.—Any other Species, Insectivorous, or Seed-eating, Resident or Migratory Bird, larger than a Grey Wagtail and Wheatear.
125.—Any Finch, any Nationality, Cock or Hen. Price not to exceed 20s.

NOVICE CLASSES, BRITISH.

126.—Bullfinch or Goldfinch.
127.—Linnet, Siskin, or Redpoll.
128.—Any other Species Finch or Bunting.
129.—Any Species of Insectivorous Bird.
130.—Any Variety Light or Variegated Canary Hybrid.
131.—Any Variety Dark Canary Hybrid.
132.—Any Variety of Hybrid bred from two British Birds.

CHAMPION FOREIGN.

133.—Budgerigars, and all Species of Love Birds and Hanging Parrots.
134.—All Species of Parrakeets (other than Budgerigars, including Kings and Broadtails, Lorikeets, and Lories.
135.—All Species of Parrots not included in the above, Cockatoos and Macaws.
136.—Common and Green Avadavats, St. Helena, Grey, Orange-Cheeked and Golden-Breasted (or Zebra) Waxbills, Parson Finches, Diamond Ribbon, and Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Spicebirds, Java Sparrows, Black-Headed, White-Headed, and Bronze Mannikins, Common Orange and Napoleon Weavers, and Common Combassous.
137.—All Species of Waxbills, Grassfinches, Weavers, and Mannikins, not comprised in the above (including the Parrot, Finch, Pin-Tailed Nonpariel, Gouldian Finch, Red-Headed Finch, Bicheno'a Finch, Cherry Finch, and Whydahs).
138.—All Species of Grosbeaks, True Finches and Buntings (including the Cuba Finches and the Cardinals), Gold and Bullfinches excepted.
139.—All Species of Tanagers.
140.—All Species of Sugar Birds, Honeyeaters, Zosterops, Bulbuls, and Sun Birds.
141.—All Species not comprised in the above, smaller than the King Bird of Paradise.
142.—All Species not comprised in the above, larger and including the King Bird of Paradise.
143.—Foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches.
144.—Birds for Sale only may be entered in this Class—Singly or Pairs. Entry Fee, 1/- per Cage. No prize money.
145.—Any Variety of Cage.

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Entries close January 21st, to—J. W. RAMSDEN, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.

WALKLEY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held January 12, St. Philips Schoolrooms, Westmoreland-street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, chairman Mr. Ridal. Decided, to have a judging competition February 9. Judge, Mr. Woolhouse, and a question night by ballot on March 9. We also enrolled seven new members in Messrs. H. Carnell, J. Rose, J. Smith, W. T. Furniss, J. G. Cowley, J. Thorpe, and J. Kelsey. New members invited.—J. Scott, Sec.

WOOD GREEN F.F.A.

Meeting held January 10, 40 members being present to hear a lecture on "Incubation," by Mr. S. Benyon, which proved highly instructive and interesting. A vote of thanks was accorded him. The pair show which was to have been held next month has been abandoned, as we cannot get a suitable place on that date. We intend holding instead a big table show at headquarters on the ordinary meeting night, February 14, for Canary and muling pairs, also British birds, the latter, of course, being single exhibits. Entry fee 6d. per cage, 2d. off each towards "exes." Prize money as usual. Specials will be given, and a lecture by Mr. Robson. Members absent from last meeting please note. Birds staged by 8 o'clock p.m. Will members please note that any proposed alteration of rules at our annual meeting in March must be notified one month beforehand.—T. Callegari, Assist. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 10, a good assembly of members being present. Mr. W. Blakey (vice-present) presided. Mr. J. Farrar gave the treasurer's report, showing the society to be in a sound financial position, with an increased balance on the year's working. This was passed unanimously. Mr. G. White (auditor) gave his report. This, too, was unanimously adopted, as was also the secretary's report later, in which he referred to the fact that in the society's accounts for the past year, two annual open shows were included; he felt compelled to congratulate the society, he said, on being able to show a small balance on both shows. I wish to refer especially to the help which my colleague, Mr. W. Cruise, has given during the past year, and to the whole of the officials for their self sacrificing labours. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with: Mr. E. Suddards (president), Messrs. L. Briggs, W. Blakey, C. Cowgill, G. R. Rushworth, J. Stobart, and G. White as (vice-presidents), Mr. J. Farrar (treasurer), Mr. W. Cruise (asst. secretary), Mr. A. Wilkinson and Mr. G. White (auditors), and H. Hill (secretary) were unanimously elected. The society is to be complimented on being able to retain the services of its officials year by year, and it appears evident the members believe in letting well alone for the time being. In Mr. E. Suddards the society has a capable leader, whose interest in its welfare never diminishes. We are one and all well pleased with his leadership, and hope he may lead us for many years to come. The officials are looking forward to a most successful year, and seeing they have promised their next annual show date to the Bradford Cinderella Club Committee, the society unanimously decided to give it every support, and also allow the Bradford East Rose Bowl to be competed for at this show. Any fancier wishing to join us should notify me as soon as possible.—H. Hill, Sec., 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

PRESTON O.S.

General meeting, held Jan. 12th, Tokio Cafe. Election of officers for 1911: Chairman, T. H. Dent; vice-chairman, A. Burrows; hon. auditors, N. Peak and R. Anderton; committee, Clemenson, Waring, Marsh, Mapp, Anderton, Brewer, Issott, and Watson; assistant sec. T. Leeming; sec. and treas., J. P. Leeming. It was greatly regretted that owing to pressure of business Mr. R. Taylor was compelled to give up the post of sec., and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the good work during the time he has been sec. It was resolved to hold annual members' show Jan. 20th, and Mr. P. Waring was appointed judge. Votes of thanks to the chairman and treasurer concluded the meeting.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

WARRINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S

The society have commenced the New Year auspiciously, having been provided with a much better club room, in which a very successful members' show was held Jan 12. There were over 90 entries. Mr. Thornton (Egremont) placed the awards, and seemed to give entire satisfaction. A goodly number of specials were competed for. Points scored: Knowles, 41; Nelson, 27; Weston, 21½; Hampson, 20½; Harper, 19; Dukes, 18; Emmett, 18; Walters, 15½; Leech, 11; Barnett, 9; Hardy, 6; and Mort, 6. After the show a special meeting was held to elect officers. Mr. F. W. Walters (chair). Officers elected: Mr. J. Emmett, chairman; Mr. W. W. Walters, vice-chair; Mr. W. R. Knowles, treasurer; G. M. Nelson, re-elected sec. It was decided to hold a table show at next meeting, Jan. 26—Pairs, Mules, and British. Mr. Knowles judge. He has kindly promised a special for most points. A judging competition will be held on the Norwich section. Several new members have been proposed, so we are looking forward to a prosperous year, and, if possible, no open show.—G. M. Nelson, Hon. Sec.

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J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

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J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

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Twitterings.

We regret to hear that Mr. T. Hone, the well-known Northampton fancier, is laid up with a cold.

The 56th annual show of the Aberdeen O.S. has been fixed for December 15th and 16th next, writes J. Bryson, the secretary.

We are holding our annual show on December 6th and 7th next, writes Mr. J. W. Sergeant, hon. secretary of the Canterbury F.S.

Wishaw show report should state that I took 3rd prize in the yellow variegated Border Fancy cock class, and not Mr. Lea, writes Mr. R. Free (Overtown).

Dunfermline show report credits Mr. Dunsmore with 1st in the Border Fancy yellow hen class, whereas I was awarded 1st prize.—J. S. Wilson (Workington).

Dunfermline show report credits Mr. McConville with 1st in the Nor. Yell. cock class; it was, however, I who won that honour.—Thos. Adamson (Kirkcaldy).

The Jig-Saw puzzle is an undoubtedly interesting addition to the Birthday Number, already full of interest.—G. Atkinson (Guisborough).

All correspondence concerning the Leeds C.B.S. should in future be addressed to me, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, the hon. secretary, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.

Mr. Robt. Taylor having resigned his position as secretary of the Preston O.S., for business reasons, I have been elected in his place, writes Mr. J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff, Preston.

Guisborough show report credits Mr. Teasdale with 2nd in dark Mule class, whereas I had the honour of being 2nd with the same bird that won last year.—W. Howe (Wellingborough).

I have been reading CAGE BIRDS now for a few years. I am going on reading it, as there is not a better paper, with more valuable reading in it and knowledge for the price.—James Pease (Leeds).

I am going to Westport, New Zealand, and all my stock and cages are advertised this week in CAGE BIRDS for sale, and must be cleared out before April next, writes Mr. W. H. Lindley (Wombwell).

All prize money won at the recent L.C.B.A. show, writes Mr. W. H. Mugford, the hon. secretary, has long since been paid. If anyone has been overlooked, I should be glad to hear of same at once.

The Sheffield O.S. have arranged to hold their open show on November 3rd and 4th, in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, with Messrs. J. H. Roe and Chas. Houlton as judges, writes Mr. T. Bishop, hon. secretary of the Sheffield O.S.

The North Manchester C.B.S. have fixed the following dates for their shows, writes Mr. John Davey, the hon. secretary: Nest Feather Show, June 24th, 1911; Annual Show, November 11th, 1911; judges to be appointed later.

I have resigned my position as secretary of the Admiral Duncan (Nottingham) O.S., writes Mr. W. Healey. All further business in connection with the society should be addressed to the "Admiral Duncan," Coalpit-lane, Nottingham.

I have had a lot of applications for my winning Redstart (1st at the Scottish National, besides 14 other prizes, including 2nd at the L.C.B.A.); but I have sold it to Mr. Theodore Martin (Huddersfield), for five guineas.—Edmund Taylor (Glasgow).

I have just recently sent off another consignment of high-class Norwich Plainheads to a gentleman in Bombay, India. The birds were dispatched per the P. and O. steamer "Persia," which sailed from Tilbury Docks on January 5th.—W. Reid (Sunderland).

Will fanciers and secretaries please take note that I have been elected hon. secretary for the Cumnock and Dis. C.B.S., so that all communications regarding this society should in future be addressed to me, writes Mr. Joseph Nutt, 73, Highhouse, Auchinleck.

Haltwhistle show report credits Mr. A. Makepeace with winning silver medal for most points among members; this should have read Bowerbank and Yeoman. We also won in the British bird class members; report had "no name."—Bowerbank and Yeoman (Haltwhistle).

Would you kindly allow me on behalf of my wife and myself to thank in your next issue the writers of the letters of sympathy which we received respecting the death of our dear daughter, as they were too numerous to reply individually, writes Mr. A. W. Hart (Waltham Green).

Will all members who have not already done so kindly return all unsold tickets, also cash for those sold as we wish to get the accounts made up, and to present the balance-sheet at our next general meeting, write Messrs. Dibley and Meades, hon. secretaries of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

The annual dinner of the L.C.B.A. will be held in the Throne Room (capable of seating 250), at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, February 6th next, write Messrs. Tyson and Trower. As usual, a high-class entertainment will be provided, and tickets, 4s. each, can be had from us at 169, Sloane-street, S.W.

The Green Border classes at the forthcoming Palace Show are under the patronage of the Green Canary Association, writes Mr. Geo Green, the secretary, and are guaranteed by the secretary. It is hoped that fanciers will take full advantage of the liberal classification, this being the first time that the Greens have been catered for at the Palace.

I received the bound copy of "Cage-Bird Hybrids" safely, and must congratulate you on bringing before the Fancy such a magnificent work. The illustrations are such as will gladden the heart of any lover of birds, whilst the information contained in the book is of great value, both to the novice and expert.—T. Pope, hon. secretary, Western Counties (Plymouth) O.S.

I would just like to let you know with what interest I read your weekly CAGE BIRDS, and I wish it Many Happy Returns of the Day. Being a fancier in a small way, I always find something in it worth knowing concerning bird life. Also, CAGE BIRDS makes one love the birds more. By it "Dark days are made bright, and hearts are made light." So please accept my good wishes.—William Feddon (Wortley).

The secretary of the North London C.B.A. (Mr. R. P. Harper) and his fellow officials, are to be congratulated on the excellent credit balance (£9 2s. 7d.) shown on the balance-sheet for the year ended December, 1910. This amount is £2 15s. in advance of the carry-forward from the previous year's accounts. Other assets (cups, badges, etc.), are valued at over £14.

I have been requested by Mr. Malcolmson to write and let you know that through the advertisement in CAGE BIRDS his stock was cleared out in one week, and at good prices; his noted light Goldie Mule "Prince Charlie," went to Mr. C. Pearce, High-street, Abingdon-on-Thames, for double figures; not as stated by "Scotch Fancier," in your last issue.—T. Drysdale (Glasgow).

OBITUARY.

Mr. A. NELSON (Carlisle).

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. W. H. Wright, Hon Sec. of the Carlisle and Dis. C.B.S., of the death of one of our most valuable members—Mr. Andrew Nelson. He was a great lover of a good Yorkshire and a true fancier. He was always ready to give help in any time of need, which he always gave with a good heart, and he was to be admired for his unassuming character. The sympathy of all our members and fanciers who knew him goes out to his daughter and sons in their sad bereavement.

Mr. JAMES REID (Kilmarnock).

On behalf of the members of the Kilmarnock C.B.F.C., writes Mr. R. McCaw, the secretary, allow me to express our sympathy with the widow and family of our late member, Mr. James Reid, who passed away suddenly on January 15th. Mr. Reid was practically one of the founders, and was one of the hardest workers for upwards of 30 years. We all tender Mrs. Reid and family our most sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Judge of our surprise upon opening the grand Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS to find our unflighted clear yellow cock given a place of honour in your popular journal. The bird was bred by us, and up to the present time has won eight 1sts, one 2nd, and twelve special prizes, and he has had to compete with old birds where classes have not been provided for unflighted birds. We also thank your artist, Mr. Norman, for such a life-like portrait.—Lovegrove and Lovegrove (Henley-on-Thames).

R. A. Newley, of 24, Stockwell Green, S.W., is entrusted with the disposal of stock of three well-known breeders of Norwich Plainheads, consisting of Buffs, Yellows, Clears, and Variegated ditto, prices 20s., 30s., and 40s. a pair, or pairs can be separated. All birds are from winners, and carry good blood, and those commencing a stud or wishing to infuse new blood should write at once stating requirements. Also some good songsters, 8s. 6d. and 10s. 6d. each. Send particulars and price asked to 24, Stockwell-green, London, S.W.—Advt.

The Crystal Palace Bird Show, February 3rd to 7th, is held by the L.P.O.S., under the full support and patronage of the Yorkshire Canary Club, Green Canary Association, Crested Canary Club, Belgian Canary Association, Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Club, Green Marked Yorkshire Club, Southern Norwich Club, Foreign Bird Club, N. British Bird and Mule Club, and Cinnamon Canary Club. The show is open to all. The full classification, also entry form is published in the show advertisement columns of this issue, as the schedules are now out of print. Enter to-day. Entries close Saturday, January 21st.—Advt.

The illustrated idea of mine in the Christmas Number is not the first of mine which you have thought good enough to use, but it is the first I have had appear in a double number, which I look upon as an extra honour. I may as well say that, although I did not show any of my birds last year, I am still as keen as ever, only I have not been getting home from business till after 10 o'clock at night for months. But all being well I shall try to support some of the shows this next season, with, I think, a good chance of helping myself to a few prizes at the same time.—Arthur M. Rees (East Dulwich).

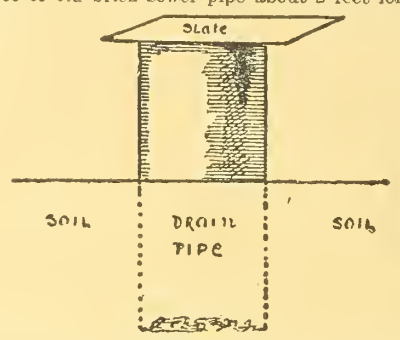
Illustrated Ideas

No. 476.

A Receptacle for Snails, etc.

Sent by Mr. S. T. Perrin, 26, Garfield Street, Kettering.

Enclosed sketch is of a useful article for keepers of Softbills. All that is required is a piece of old brick sewer pipe about 2 feet long.



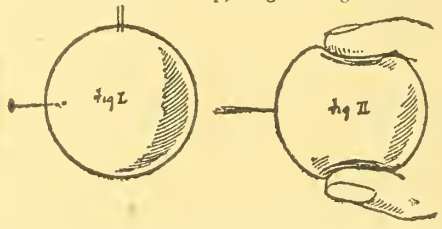
Half of this should be embedded in a damp soil to make a kind of pit, as per illustration. This makes a fine place for breeding or storing snails, etc. The bottom should be covered with dead leaves. A slate on the top makes a good covering.—S. T. Perrin.

No. 477.

An Easily-made Bird Spray.

Sent by Mr. L. Clifford, Lower Tuffley, near Gloucester.

I enclose a sketch of what I consider a cheap and easily made bird spray. First get a common india-rubber ball (costing about 3d.), and get a borer or large round nail red-hot, and burn a hole in the top, large enough to allow



the ball to be filled with water; then get a hat-pin and bore a small hole in the side. Then by filling it, and placing the thumb over the large hole and pressing it, a very fine spray of water will be seen to come out, going a distance of from three to four feet, thus answering the purpose admirably.—L. Clifford.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Will those members of the Norwich Plainhead Club who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1910, kindly let me have same at once, or I shall be reluctantly compelled to strike their names off the list, as per rule?—Jno. Hopkins, Hon. Sec.

A Mule Sensation.

A great sensation was created at Bathgate Show, writes our representative, when it became known that the judge, Mr. McCaw (Kilmarnock) had passed the noted clear yellow Linnet Mule belonging to Messrs. Duncan and Logan (Coldstream) as being a Canary. Mr. McCaw said he failed to trace the Linnet parentage in the bird which, we may say, has won the highest honours at the leading English and Scottish shows for several seasons past.

Linnet Club for Seaham Harbour.

A meeting of Linnet fanciers took place on January 7th, at Mr. Lewis's ("Londonderry Arms Hotel") for the purpose of forming a Linnet club. I am glad to say that we enrolled fourteen members, all paid. We have included Murton, Dawdon, and Seaham Colliery, and we invite intending members to join us at our next meeting, at the above-named hotel, at 7 o'clock on January 21st. I hope now that we have made a start, we will go a step further, and form a Canary club.—John Watson, secretary, 39, Stavodale-street, Dawdon.

Poor Polly!

A tradesman in the neighbourhood of Birmingham, who for years has been yearning to possess a good talking Parrot, has just discovered, to his cost (says the "Birmingham Daily Mail"), that however innocent one's ambitions may be in themselves, the realisation of them may be attended by serious consequences. He bought a bird, and it turned out a first-class talker. Like most Parrots, it had its pet phrases and exclamations, one of which was "It's in the cellar, mother." This, I may explain, is a remark which the tradesman has been in the habit of using playfully to his wife, as the outcome of a domestic incident into which I need not enter. Well, one day recently an inspector of weights and measures called at the shop and asked to be allowed to test the scales and weights. Whether or no he had heard anything to excite his suspicion I cannot say, but having applied the test and found the weights to be correct, the official asked whether he had any others. The reply was a blunt "No." Just at that moment the Parrot in the sitting-room adjoining yelled out, "It's in the cellar, mother!" and the inspector, catching the word "cellar," opened the door close at hand, and disclosed to view a second set of weights, which proved on examination to be against the purchaser. The tradesman was prosecuted and fined.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.)
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke.)
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 22, Leicester Street.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.)
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road).
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)

Scotland.

Jan. 20 & 21.—**Glasgow and Dis.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park View, Tollcross). A.C., A.Wr., J.B.P., J.F.D., and C.H.
Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whitefort, 81, Hill St.).
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Nov. 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

Allow me, in the name of the officials, committee and members, to thank you for your kind and able report of our annual show, writes Mr. W. Nisbet, hon. secretary Musselburgh Ornithological Society, which was a great success. Intending members should make haste to have their names added; full particulars will be found in the pages of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, of this year's issue.

Scottish National Points Specials.

I make the following the winners of "Points Specials" at the Scottish National Show, in the Norwich section: Yellow cock, G. Mitchell, 19; do hen, A. Watson, 14; buff cock, W. Bishop, 12; do hens, G. Mitchell, 23, writes Mr. William Aitchison (Edinburgh).

SPALDING.

Last year the C.B. section of Spalding F.A. show was a complete failure, and it is pleasing to know that though the show resulted in a deficit of £25, all the prize money was paid within a week, and, undaunted by last year's failure, the committee gave fanciers another chance and their confidence was not misplaced, as the entry came up well, with splendid quality in the Canary classes, although only one of the three British classes filled. Messrs. Mouncy, Elviss, and Anton, made most excellent secretaries, and all the arrangements worked well under their direction, the committee one and all doing their level best to make things go smoothly. Amongst those who were prominent in the work were Messrs. H. Facer, W. R. Murrell, A. J. Auton, W. Thimbleby, and A. G. Auton. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Keech and Son, lovely cl. and head tkd., splendid col and feather, winner the best chest and head; 2, Young, grand quality, sound colour, nice shaped wing tkd., needed a wash; 2, Handley and Son; vhc, Hobson; he, Fish; c, Bielby. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Allen, buff, grizzled tail and chest, grand shape and feather, nice even col.; 2, Handley and Son, lovely quality yell., neat and shapely, bit patchy on head, grand body colour; 3, Miss Flemons, wing mkd. yell., grand col. and quality, trifle longer; res, Keech and Son; vhc, Dayseley; he, Hobson; c, Brown. HEN (9): 1, Moore and Son, most lovely little yell., a real gem, full of quality, sound, level col.; 2, Handley and Son, bold chested yell., longer in tail, grand col., nice feather; 3, c, Brown, bonny buff, nicely feathered, very stylish; 2, Allen; vhc, Keech and Son; he, Brotherhood. YORKS YELL. (15): 1, Harrison, sweet, stylish cl., grand shape and quality, stands well; 2, c, Mole, smart racy, well drawn, wing tkd., full of style, grand wings and tail; 3, Brotherhood, rare shaped cl., not quite so long, lovely style of feather; res, Murrell; vhc, Ross; he, Towers. BUFF (10): 1, Ellis, a regular little picture, as sleek as a mole, full of style, rare shape; 2fi, Shaw Bros., rare shape nice length, well up on legs, not quite so tight; 3, Mole, nice shape, capital wings, good carriage and feather; res, Ross; vhc, Clark; he, Fancourt; c, Brotherhood. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Ross, smart, racy, close feathered yell., neat head, grand wings and tail; 2, Towers, sweet four-marked buff, lovely silky feather, stands like a soldier; 3, Plowright, capital shaped buff, full of style; res, A. Harrison; vhc, E. Harrison; he, Auton Bros.; c, Brown. HEN (13): 1, Shaw Bros., very neat, racy, stylish, close feathered yell.; 2, Towers, head and wing mkd. buff, long and well tapered, nice feather; 3, Auton Bros., very nice shapely buff, not in quite such good form; res, Ross; vhc, Murrell; he, Clark; c, Harrison. MULES (14): 1, Andrews, nicely mkd. Goldie-Bullie, rich col., grand shape and feather; 2, res, Fysh, big varieg. buff of rare col. and quality, and another nice Goldie-Bullie; 3, Harper, large well-marked Siskin-Can., nice feather; vhc, Bielby; he, Thompson; c, Redman. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (18): 1, c, Jupe, magnificent Goldie, rare shape, grand col. and feather, splendid bars and back; 2, Wark, very rich coloured Bullie, large, deep cnt, glossy cap, nice back and bars; 3, Rouse, brighter coloured Bullie, splendid breast, very glossy cap, grandly finished right through; 2, Lindell; vhc, Belcher; he, Andrews. SELF... 20s. (13): 1, Mole; 2, Ellis; 3, Keech and Son; 2, Auton Bros.; vhc, Murrell; he, Harold; c, Taylor. 12s. 6d. (21): 1, Mole; 2, Allen; 3, Riley; res, Kenworthy; vhc, Clark Harold; vhc, he, Handley and Son; he, Brotherhood, Hawkes, Auton Bros.

The Nightingale at Home and in Captivity.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(*Continued from page 18*).

A day or two later I found that "No. 3" had shifted to a new location, which he was vigorously contesting with a new arrival; there was much skirmishing, loud cries of "chack, chack," and shrill notes which sounded very like swear words. When "No. 3" found a mate the situation became still more involved, and fighting was almost continuous. Poor "No. 4" was born under an unlucky star; he arrived late, failed to find a partner, and something—never mind what—happened to him.

The Nest of the Nightingale.

Searching for a Nightingale's nest before the eggs are hatched, in such a locality as I have described, is much like looking for a needle in a bundle of hay. Some years ago I spent a whole day in the attempt with an assistant. We waded through water, covered ourselves with black mud, tore our clothes in the brambles, and dripped with perspiration and all in vain. This is quite the wrong way to go about it. By making so much noise you put the sitting bird off the nest long before you get close to the latter. The best way is to mark down a pair of birds breeding in a spot where the undergrowth is not too extensive, and you have a fair chance of success. Look the place over carefully, and note if there is a dry bank which faces south. If



Map showing the approximate summer (shaded) and winter (black) quarters of the Nightingale (vide page 18 last week).

so, walk quietly along the top of the bank and push a long stick very gently into the thickest places, especially where there are dead oak leaves and growing nettles. Do not trouble to look into bushes, but keep your eyes fixed on the ground. When the sitting bird flies from the nest mark the exact place she rises from. It was in this way that I found "No. 3's" nest on the 24th May, after less than half an hour's search (see photo). It was cleverly hidden under a bramble bush, deeply bedded in oak leaves, and neatly lined with root fibres.

The situation of the nest varies a good deal in different countries. I was shown a nest in a garden at Mentone, in the South of France. It was a typical Riviera garden—some closely mown grass plots, a few clumps of bamboos, and many aloes, palms, and orange trees, but no cover whatever nor anything resembling a hedge. The nest was in the box border of one of the paths, which was less than a foot high, barely thick enough to contain the nest, and constantly brushed by the feet of passers-by.

On the 11th June "No. 3's" nest contained five young, which were already showing greyish feathers on their wings, though their heads were still covered with black down. The hen bird came boldly up to within a couple of yards of me. The attachment of the Nightingale to its young was noted as long ago as the days of Virgil.

On the 12th I came across "No. 2" and his better-half feeding a fine brood which they had escorted to a very safe spot—a clump of bushes entirely surrounded by water. On the 17th "No. 3's" five youngsters flew, and this was the last visit I paid to "Nightingale-land."

The Song of the Nightingale.

We all know the paragraph in the local paper which describes how crowds of people have been flocking to hear the Nightingale sing in such and such a place. We also know that "Nightingale," how it generally proves to be a Wood-lark or a Thrush. I can never understand how these mistakes occur. There is only one British bird which sings "jug, jug, jug," and, if you hear that tour, you may be quite sure that you have heard the veritable Philomel. On the other hand, if, after listening some time, you do not hear this phrase you may be equally sure that the songster is not Philomel.

Much has been written about Philomel's habit of singing at night, but I have not yet seen any explanation that quite goes to the root of the matter. In a state of liberty we may note that he sings a little in the morning, more in the afternoon, and most of all at night.

Now, if we study the habits of a caged Nightingale, we shall remark that the bird is a little dull in the morning, more lively in the afternoon, and very lively in the evening, after the lamps are lighted. I have a Sprosser now in my sitting-room which refuses to take any exercise in the day-time, but every evening, although his cage is partly covered up, may be heard shuffling about, bathing, feeding, and apparently enjoying life. Here it seems to me we have the explanation of the matter: Philomel sings when he is liveliest. Though it may sound a bold thing to say, I am convinced that the wild Nightingale does not sleep at all during the breeding season. Competition is the very essence and keynote of the Nightingale's song, and for this reason I cannot help smiling when people tell me that the bird sings at night because he dislikes the competition of other birds. A caged Nightingale will generally sing only in the daytime, chiefly, I think, because he is usually kept totally in the dark by night, and has no occupation to stir him up.

It is curious that many writers have dwelt upon the sadness of Philomel's song, and mediaeval poets have even gone so far as to tell us that the bird sings with a thorn piercing its breast. Thus Fletcher speaks of:

"The bird forlorn,
"That singeth with her breast against a thorn."

To my mind there is only one tone in the song which is really sad and that is the "tee, tee, tee," which is sung with a singularly lingering and melting pathos.

(*To be continued.*)

YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES' PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AND DINNER.

First committee meeting to make the necessary arrangements for this great event, was held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, January 12. Mr. D. Sunderland was unanimously elected chairman of the committee, with H. Hill as secretary. The statement of accounts for the last prize distribution and dinner was presented and unanimously adopted. Decided, to hold the event on Saturday, March 11, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, this being the most suitable place that could be found by the committee, and seeing that several improvements have been made since the last dinner, it is hoped these will be the means of giving more comfort to the visitors. The price for dinner was arranged as last year, namely, 1s. 6d. per head, and it is desirous that all who wish to attend should give their names to the secretary or members of the committee in good time, so that all arrangements can be satisfactorily carried out. The committee decided to engage musical talent, and to arrange a social evening in conjunction with the prize distribution; and excellent talent will be provided, thereby ensuring a most successful event. The time for the dinner was fixed for 4 o'clock prompt, and the social evening will commence at 6 o'clock. Will all who desire to attend please make a note? It was decided that the secretaries of the specialist clubs should attend at 2.30 p.m. to arrange prizes in proper order. Another recommendation which was unanimously carried, and which it was hoped all the specialist club secretaries would fall into line with, was that all money specials or money prizes be distributed by them apart from this meeting in order that much valuable time may thus be saved. The order of presentation was balloted for, and resulted as follows: 1st, Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.; 2nd, National Green Marked Y.C.C.; 3rd, CAGE BIRDS prizes; 4th, Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.; 5th, Open Norwich Plainhead Club; 6th, Yorks County British Bird and Mule Club; 7th, Yorkshire Canary Club. Mr. D. Sunderland was again unanimously elected chairman for the dinner and prize distribution, and the committee decided to issue invitations to the following as guests for the event: Mr. and Mrs. Comyns Lewer (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ramsden (London), Mr. and Mrs. F. Carl (London), Mr. J. Bladon and Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, of the Cage Bird Union (Manchester), and Mr. R. L. Crisp, and Mr. P. Adamthwaite, of the London Federation of C.B.S. (London). The committee decided to ask the Yorkshire Union to renew their grant of last year towards defraying the expenses. Expressions of regret were tendered that illness prevented Mr. Thompson Ogden and Mr. H. H. Towers from attending, and the secretary was instructed to write conveying to them the wishes of the prize distribution committee for their speedy recovery. This closed the business, and the chairman thanked the committee for their attendance.
H. Hill, Sec., 15, Settle-terrace, Thornton-lane, Bradford.

A Good Custom.

In Norway the farmers save some of the corn from the Autumn harvest, and form it into a sheaf, which is put upon a pole, and hoisted above the snow in the depth of winter for the birds to feed upon. The idea is a good one, and might be copied in this country during severe weather.

How I Breed My Yorkshire Canaries.

ALBERT BURTENSHAW (Worthing).

I hope this essay on the Yorkshire Canary will give some of the younger breeders some idea of what is wanted, also what there is to do, if they wish to be in the prize list should they exhibit Yorkshire Canaries. The exhibition of Yorkshires is to-day a fine art, and nothing should be wanting in the would-be successful exhibitor.

The Cages.

The first thing and most important of all to consider is the cage. There are many different sizes and patterns, but there is nothing I like better than cage making. There is something about it that makes you the more interested in your Fancy. My ideal cage for a breeder is one that is 24ins. long, 15ins. high, and 12ins. wide, with a movable wire front; this makes a nice roomy and suitable cage. It should possess a good sand tray, a drawer (not less than one inch deep at front), with a half-inch bead round the inner edge, so that it will hold a good supply of sand. One perch should run from end to end, in front of the water and seed; this should be half-inch square, with the top edge just rounded off; also give two or three similar perches from back to front arranged to suit the position of the nest pan; the latter is best, in my way of thinking, when it comes half-way above the perch. The cage should be painted, as it can then be easily washed out when necessary; the cage should on no account be neglected when dirty.

Avoid birds having broad shoulders, flat skulls, or that are short on legs, also that have large beaks. These are faults that you cannot easily get rid of. The cock bird I like to breed from is a bird two years old, one that is a bit on the strong side, well up on his legs, having a nice oval head, with a small beak. A most important thing is the beak. I see that the bird is good in wing carriage and tail, not less than 6½ inches in length, of fine feather, standing on pair of nice legs, a good distance apart when standing, showing plenty daylight through them. Also the bird must be nicely cleaned out behind to top of tail.

The hen should be two years old; my experience teaches me that this is best. She must be "all there," as the hen is the one we look to for quality. Therefore she must be as true to type as possible. The hen must have a small head, neat and oval on top, with a small beak, nice length, and good wing carriage. The body should be nicely rounded, and the build slim and upstanding. The bird should possess close and fine feather and should stand well upright on a good pair of legs. Such stock birds will give you a good start, and they should breed and give you nice results.

Breeding for Colour.

Colour is not so important as in other varieties, but it must not be forgotten that if you keep breeding from yellow and buff you will soon have your birds what is known as mealy in colour—something, I should say, between a pale yellow and buff.

I am in favour of green blood—a heavily-marked (grass green) yellow—and introduce this on the hen side. Should you from this mating get any clear birds, they are sure to be of a good colour, but as a rule they are a little coarse in feather, and to improve this I introduce cinnamon blood. Cinnamon ticked birds improve the quality of feather, and produce young which always hold their own when colour fed.

"Where am I to get stock birds?" is a question often asked. My advice to those who can do so is, breed your own. It is far the best and safest plan to adopt, which I know from experience. The next best thing to do is to buy from a breeder of long standing—a man who breeds all the birds he exhibits and wins with, not a man of one year's standing, and who buys the prize birds that he wins with. Buy from a real breeder. State the price you are prepared to pay, and he will know just what to send you. But do not expect a pair of birds for a few shillings, or you are sure to be disappointed. Good stock birds will cost from 20s. to 60s. per pair. Have them on approval, and if you are not able to tell a good bird from a waster, get some fancier who can to do it for you. This is where a beginner in the Fancy goes astray, as the saying is, because he cannot select his stock birds; and this is just where he wants help.

Breeding the Birds.

We will assume that you have cage and stock pairs according to the depth of your pocket, and are ready to pair the latter up. I like to put one or two pairs together about February 14, if it should be mild; but as a rule it is a case of "more haste less speed," so to be safe it is much better to wait till well on in March before pairing the birds up.



MR. W. ADAMS (Rochdale).
With some of the trophies his Lancashire Canaries have won at the leading shows.

Give them the usual egg food with a little maw seed sprinkled over it every other day, and a little niger seed two or three times a week until the hen has laid her first egg; then do not give her any more of the niger seed. When the hen has laid her third egg I take the cock away and leave the hen to hatch. The eggs are removed each morning as laid, and a dummy egg placed in the nest. When the third is laid, in the evening I put all of them back into the nest again, and give them a good sprinkling of Keatings insect powder.

I just shade the hen from sight with a piece of paper, while she is sitting, also until the young are five days old; then take it from the cage front. Keep the hen, when she has hatched her young, well supplied with fresh egg-food, good Canary seed, hemp, and rape, and also plenty of sharp sea-sand, if you can get it. A piece of old brick mortar stuck between the wires is valuable during the breeding season.

When the young are five days old I supply them with plenty of chick-weed, which is well ripe and well seeded. I think this is the best green food to give a hen when she is rearing her young. When the young are sixteen or seventeen days old I take them out of the breeding cage for safety, and put them in a small cage to hang on the front of the breeding cage. The door of the latter should be left open. Use a Yorkshire show cage, and slip a piece of cardboard through the wires at the bottom, about two inches high, so that it keeps the hen from pecking out the breast feathers and tails of her progeny when she is thinking of going to nest again. The young birds hold their heads over the top of the cardboard to be fed, and are safe. I let them remain in the "nursery" until they can feed themselves, when they are removed to larger cages. Feed them with egg-food, crushed hemp, and Canary, but no green food.

The Stud Book.

It is necessary that you should keep a stud register and not trust too much to your head. You are sure in time to get in a tangle with your stock. When I remove the young from their parents, I use the Canary marking rings, and make an entry of each bird in a stud book—noting down the number, also what pair it was bred from. You do not, at this point, want to lose the run of how your birds are bred. The information is most useful when you want to pair your stock up the following year, or to know what they have done when the breeding season is over. In several other little ways also it is useful to ring the birds.

I might say that I do not remove any of my rings from the stock birds, and they do not do any harm to either eggs or young.

(*To be continued.*)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Paraffin and Red-mite.

Anxious Enquirer.—There seems to be a dangerous impression abroad concerning the use of paraffin for the destruction of red mites. When used freely on the cages during a general overhaul, when the birds are not in them, or in a sparing way to touch the joints of doors, ends of perches, etc., whilst the birds are in them, it is a very good mite destroyer, but to apply it freely to the skin of a bird, or to spray a bird with it, is positive cruelty, and the only wonder is, in the case of the bird you have, that it survived the operation—or rather recovered from the effects of it. Having so far recovered, there is no reason at all why it should not breed successfully if it becomes sufficiently healthy and active to wish to breed. Your feeding, however, is very faulty. Give a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days give once a week a small teaspoonful of egg food, or an equivalent amount of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and one other day each week similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Stop all other foods, and cease giving drugs in water as a practice. As regards preparing for breeding, you should get the handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from this office, or get the early parts of "Our Canaries," where you will find the fullest details set forth, which space prevents giving in this column.

Waxwing (E. W.).—Your query should not have been marked "Canary." It caused it to be misent to me, instead of the proper authority, thus causing delay. See Mr. Weston's replies—possibly next week.

To Obtain Cinnamon Borders (Rax).—You must mate the hen in question to a buff cinnamon cock, a self for preference, to attain your object of breeding cinnamons. Certainly, a buff green cock with no cinnamon blood will not do at all. On the contrary, it would wholly defeat the object you have in view.

Still Moulting (J. E. A.).—See reply to "Torromont," and treat your bird as there advised. Also examine cage carefully for presence of red mites, and if any are found thoroughly overhaul the cage and eradicate them. If any panting continues after the first fortnight's treatment, give it the medicine advised to "E. R." for another week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

Not Answered. A query concerning an aviary and the best time to obtain fresh birds for stock which should have been answered in our last issue was, I regret, accidentally mislaid. The full details of query I have forgotten. If the writer will kindly repeat it, I will do my best to rectify the error. Meantime, I may say, the purchase of fresh stock should now be concluded as early as is convenient.

Not Finished Moulting (Torromont).—Your best plan is to move the bird at once to a fairly warm room in order to get the moult re-started and complete as early as you can. See it is in no cold draughts, and place a light cover over its cage. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with a small pinch of maw seed. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw separately, and in the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece, and a few shreds of saffron. At the end of the fortnight the moult should be well started, and then you may dispense with this drug treatment; stop the sponge cake, and give instead a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with cayenne and soft sugar, and trust to this and the warmth to keep the moult going until completed. The bird may be fit for breeding by April, but do not mate him until a month or so after moult is finished.

Cost of Roller (V.A.G.).—A Seifort-trained bird would undoubtedly give you most satisfaction. You could get a very nice performer for 10s., but "one that would sing all the different notes," if by that you mean one of the highest trained birds, it would certainly run to double that amount at least.

Breeding in Aviary (W. E. Sturley).—See reply to "E.B., Oldham," which applies equally to your case. You may put in one cock as you suggest, but not more. Put in three or four nesting sites. The young 4½ months is certainly very young for breeding, and I would not advise you to start with her before the first week in April at the earliest; and to take not more than two nests from her this year in any case.

A Prolific Hen (F. T., Margate).—There are exceptional instances in which this frequent laying does not seem to have much, if any, bad effect. Your hen may be one of these exceptions, but on the other hand you must not be surprised if you find her reproductive powers wane when they should in the normal order of things come into activity. Limit her diet solely to canary seed, with a little green food when obtainable, or ripe fruit for the next month, and add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water three times a week for a fortnight. You should also remove her, if possible, quite out of sight and ear-shot of all males.

Continuous Laying (Canlin).—In your case, if the hen is fairly young, I should say the continued laying will have little or no bad effect, and you may reasonably expect average good results from her next season. It would, however, be a wise precaution to endeavour to have a pair or two of feeders available in case their services were required, as some of these free-laying hens produce eggs too rapidly for them to hatch and rear them all themselves. You may with advantage treat her as advised to "F. T., Margate," for a week or two if she shows signs of continuing laying, and keep her out of sight and hearing of males until near the time you wish to mate her. Then only allow her to see and hear the cock you mate her to, if possible.

Bird Dying and Seed Sample (R. Clements).—I would still advise you to get a post-mortem if another bird dies to clear up matters, although the further details you now send point in the direction of an apoplectic seizure, which may be wholly due to excessive excitement; on the other hand, it may just as likely be of bacterial origin. Do not introduce any fresh birds until you have satisfied yourself this trouble is not contagious. Continue the treatment advised in last reply. Give six drops

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of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. The sample of seed sent consists solely of canary, summer rape, and hemp. The two former are very fair all-round seeds, but the hemp is thoroughly bad and unfit for use. Also, if the hemp were of good quality, there is too much of it, and it is always best to give it separately, and not mix it with the staple diet, which causes far too much waste.

Bald Headed, etc. (E. H.).—I cannot tell what may be the cause of the baldness without some idea as to how the birds are fed and treated generally, and whether old or young birds. But you may rest assured it is not "married life." It is far more likely to be the result of advancing age, mismanagement, or the effect of red mites. Examine the cages carefully for this pest, and if any are found thoroughly eradicate them without delay. You will not be able to make much improvement now, I fear, as treatment should have coincided with the normal moulting season, but you should keep them in a fairly comfortable place, free from all cold draughts, and smear the bare places three times a week for a month with carbolised vaseline. Feed and treat as advised to "F. T., Margate," to keep them from getting too forward, and afterwards treat generally as described in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say you have. You will also see from this book that it is yet much too early to mate them.

Straining (E. R.).—The effect is due to constipation. Limit diet to a mixture of three parts canary and one part summer rape for a fortnight, and give a little groundsel, chickweed, or watercress daily, if these can be obtained in good condition. Otherwise give him a grape, broken open, two or three times a week, until actions are normal. For the first two days you may also add to his drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a small pinch of Epsom salts. To remove the rattle in the voice follow up the rhubarb and salts with twenty drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. The most important point, however, is to remove the cause, which is doubtless the bird's position in the window. You should move him at once to a more comfortable and less fluctuating place further in the room, and quite out of cold draughts.

Hen Mopy (E.V.C.D.).—Feed on a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of summer rape, and on each alternate day for a week give a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar. Twice a week give a morsel of banana, or boiled carrot. Limit the diet to this for a month, of course omitting the bread and milk after the first week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece every second day for a week, and during the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Bad Plumage and Paraffin (Mancestrian).—See reply under "Paraffin and Red Mites." Even with the addition of olive oil this article is not suited for application to the skin of small birds. I doubt whether the hen will be of any further use. See cage is quite free from red mites; keep it out of reach of draughts, and in a comfortable, but not over-heated, temperature. Allow it to bathe freely in mild weather. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Three times a week for a month give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, dusted lightly with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed; twice a week on other days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle and millet, and twice a week a morsel of raw carrot or banana. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, then miss a week, and repeat it again for another week. Smear the bare places slightly with Lanocylin if available, otherwise with carbolised vaseline.

Feeding Norwich (Working Lad).—At this season no particular feeding should be necessary to make a healthy cock Canary sing out at his best. For a staple diet give plain Canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape; and on alternate days twice each week give a similar quantity of a mixture of hemp, inga, and teazle, and once a week a small teaspoonful of egg food, crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk—one or the other, but not all of them. A little green food when available in fit condition for use, or at other times a scrap of sweet fruit, two or three times a week, may also be given. About the beginning of March begin to give a little egg food twice a week, and first one and later on two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. This should be all that is necessary to bring it into good breeding condition.

The Moaning (F.J.K.).—You ask how to breed from "one cock and hens," by which I conclude you inadvertently omitted a word and want to know how to manage running one cock with two hens. Here you are. Put up each hen separately in a breeding cage. Mate the cock with the one that is most forward when ready, and when she has gone to nest, laid, and commenced to sit, remove him, and mate with hen No. 2, leaving No. 1 to batch and rear the young by herself. When No. 2 has gone to nest and commenced sitting, remove the cock, and keep him in a cage by himself until hen No. 1 is again ready for him for the second round, when you will repeat the same method again with both hens. As this is your first season, you would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from our manager, 7d., post free, or take up the parts of "Our Canaries" already issued, which will keep you from going wrong.

Rollers and Temperature (Bower).—You are probably treating the Rollers a little too liberally, and if they are in no draught the variations in heat you name are certainly the cause of the continued moulting. See that they are quite free from draughts, and keep them well away from the fire when one is being kept going, so that they will be as little as possible affected by the fluctuations. In addition to the staple diet give a small teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of hemp and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give 6 drops syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day until the moulting is stopped. They will not come in full song until the moult is quite over.

Breeding in Aviary (E. B., Oldham).—Six hens and two cocks will be quite sufficient to breed with in your aviary, and for this number you should hang about in different places nine or ten nesting receptacles. The small wicker German travelling cages, with the short bars removed, make excellent nesting sites for this kind of work. It is no great rarity for Canaries breeding under these conditions to make more or less a hash of things, but it is not invariably the case by any means, and sometimes most excellent results are obtained, in point of numbers. If you wish to keep in the Finch, why not add another and try for mules only? Ho, or they, would be far more reliable in this aviary than in a cage. But I would not advise you to try for both mules and Canaries. You would probably be led into thinking your clear or ticked Canaries were a fine galaxy of valuable mules.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Treatment of Virginian Cardinal.

J. Reed.—Supply two seed mixtures in separate tins—one to consist of equal parts of Canary and white millet seeds, and the other of equal parts of hemp, oats, paddy, rice, and sunflower seeds. In addition, supply soft food (several good ones are advertised in our columns), ripe fruit liberally, and about a dozen mealworms per diem. Also, when available, a leaf of tender lettuce. If you prefer to mix your own soft food, equal parts of ants' "eggs," crushed Osborne biscuit, and crumbled sponge cake, made crumbly moist with boiling water, will about meet the case. As regards fruit, apple, pear, grapes, banana, and all English fruit in season may be given. As it is a new purchase and probably newly imported, a mild laxative occasionally will be helpful, nothing excels Dinneford's magnesia, 3 parts water to one of magnesia—the voiding should not be allowed to remain watery loose, however. A course of Parrish's Chemical Food will help to tone it up afterwards.

Aviary Details (A. S. P.).—Your aviary, even with the extension, is but small; the extension will certainly greatly add to its usefulness. With an aviary of this size it would be a great gain to have some kind of hinged shutters (either a combination of wood, felt and glass, or merely wood and glass), to enclose the open flight during winter's nights and the worst of its days. Do not overcrowd. It will comfortably accommodate a score to two dozen small foreign Finches and Waxbills, or twelve to fifteen birds the size of a Norwich Canary. Hope you'll have luck with them.

Sexing Black-faced Lovebirds (F. H. Wright).—Much more remains to be ascertained yet upon the point with this species; at any rate, so far as immature birds are concerned. When mating adult birds, if you choose a specimen with a dark iris, and one with a lighter one, you will, so far as present knowledge goes, have a pair, always providing both birds are adult. This distinction appears to be constant, but can only be considered as applicable to birds in their second year. For younger birds, all one can do is to observe them, and choose one with an effeminate appearance, and mate it with a large, bold, masculine looking bird—the eye soon gets trained to this. The demeanour of the birds to each other, even in a crowd, tells one much.

Nonpareils (W. Knight).—You do not say which species you refer to—the Nonpareil Bunting or the Pintail Nonpariel. The first, I fear, you possess but little chance of obtaining, and the latter mostly arrives in a very unsatisfactory condition, and losses are numerous with fresh purchases. A liberal supply of paddy rice should be kept up, and they must not be put out of doors before May. The predominating colours are blue, red, and green, the first-named being the brightest in colour, but the latter is a beautiful bird. Neither species have proved free breeders, quite the reverse; but if you succeed in establishing a pair there is no reason why, with a little luck, success should not come your way. I cannot, however, advise the keeping of either species with Budgerigars, as you already have Parrakeets, pairs of Blue-winged Lovebirds and Rosella Parrakeets would be the better purchase, and would bring plenty of colour into the aviary.

Shrubs for Aviary (P.T.O.).—(1) I don't like the ribes, and advise you not to use them. Euonymus, common laurel, box, willow, barberis, fir, Austrian pine, rambler roses, wild clematis, everlasting peas, perennial sunflowers, Michaelmas daisies, nasturtiums, mignouette, and marigolds are all good and wholesome shrubs and plants for the outdoor aviary. (2) I think the Waxhill is a St. Helena. (3) I have never found the Red-beaked or Madagascar Weavers to interfere with small Finches save in very much overcrowded aviaries, and save for an occasional spar the above Weavers agree fairly well together. (3) You can safely leave in the Montana clematis.

Treatment for Grey Parrot (B.G.).—The only way to check this annoying habit is to keep the grating over cage tray and to cover it with small half-inch mesh netting, promptly cleaning away any droppings that adhere. Such arrangements persevered in for a time should prove effective. It might also assist if you gave the bird a piece of plain biscuit twice a day, well moistening it in a mixture of Parrish's Chemical Food and water in equal parts. I should advise continuing the use of netting and grating for three months at least, and during this period mingle a little grit with the daily supply of seed mixture.

Keeping a Pekin Robin (F.A.G.).—You will not get a good cock Pekin Robin under 7s. 6d. If you can see a number of adult birds together, pick out the brightest and largest, one with fiery red beak, yellow cheeks, deep red wing bars, and rich saffron chest, and you can be almost sure it is a cock. The diet is soft food, ripe fruit and half a dozen mealworms per bird daily, with any spiders, smooth caterpillars, small beetles, etc., you can capture for it. Once it has got over the hardships of importation, it is hardy and robust. They are also fond of a piece of sponge cake sopped in milk, and this can be given occasionally. They of course require water for drinking and bathing; they are great bathers.

Parrot with Weak Eye (Chin-Chin).—Bathe the eye with a diluted zinc and rosewater eye solution, which can be obtained from any chemist. Keep the bird warm, yet where it will get fresh air and at the same time be free from draught. For the next month well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, but every fifth day in lieu of the chemical food put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water. Its dietary should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits, with cuttlebone and grit. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Amazon Pulling Feathers (L.M.).—Stop the tea sops and all similar things at once; confine the dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts and plain biscuits; a piece of dry potato may be given occasionally if the bird cares for it, and the biscuit may be moistened in Parrish's Chemical Food and water (equal parts)—this will take the place of the tea sop. A little celery or lettuce can also be given. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into its drinking water (ordinary sized drinker), and repeat this every fifth day; and on the other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Also spray twice weekly with quassia solution, keeping the bird carefully out of draught till dry.

Waxbills.—(Dad).—The usual preening of the head and neck feathers with these birds includes feather picking and pulling. Lightly dust their sleeping places with sulphur, and if there is no sign of improvement a fortnight hence, you will have to cage the bald birds up separately till they are in decent plumage again. Half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia to the usual sized drinker of water twice weekly would probably be helpful; otherwise I can suggest no addition to your diet, which is a liberal and wholesome one. You might also keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and if you are not giving it, keep a mille sprayer or two in the cage; the latter will keep them occupied picking out the seeds.

Parrot Losing its Plumage (E. Piper).—I have not your former query by me, but I cannot at this stage do more than advise you to continue the treatment advised in our previous reply—it is a slow and tiresome task improving the condition of Parrots when they reach this stage. Carry out the former instructions, which may be summed up as follows:—Confine the dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, with of course cuttlebone, grit and water. Continue to use Parrish's Chemical Food with an occasional laxative (Dinneford's Magnesia) to keep the bowels moving freely, but not really loose. Keep the bird warm, but yet where the air is fresh and it will be out of draught, it will then take no hurt while the plumage is being renewed. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk slops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Magpie or Jackdaw.

Rue.—As a pet I should certainly give the Magpie preference to the Jackdaw. It is best to buy a young bird, but you will not be able to obtain one, of course, for two or three months yet. If you advertised your wants in our columns, however, no doubt you would be able to get a tame Magpie for from 10/- to 20/-; if a talker, its price will naturally be a higher one. Young ones (nestlings) are to be had in season for a few shillings. The only points to note when buying are health and sprightliness (that is, if wanted merely for a pet). If you were to cut the flight feathers of both wings (say the first four or five on each) the bird could safely be left to run about the garden, though any evil-minded pussy-cat might try to make a meal of it. I have had cats come after my own Magpie; but I have always received them "most politely," as Fragson's song puts it. The cage must be a very big one—about 5 feet long by 3 feet high by 2 feet wide would be an excellent size.

"German" cock Linnets (Stultus).—I do not know that the "German" Linnet differs either in colour, size, markings or song from our English Linnet—they are one and the same species. The cage and the feeding should be the same. I have seen hundreds of Continental (German and otherwise) Linnets reach the various importers here. What led you think there was a difference?

Thrush and Bad Feather (No Nom-de-Plume).—You do not give sufficient information to guide me in forming a definite opinion. If the bird does not bathe regularly, this alone may induce a bad state of plumage. Red mite, if present in any quantity; absence of vegetable ingredients in the food; lack of variety in the food line; keeping in a hot stuffy room—these are other possible causes. A perusal of the "Nutshell" booklet on the Thrush (post free 2½d.) might help you to put matters to rights.

In an Aviary (C. A. C.).—If the aviary is a small one, containing but few birds, it becomes hardly worth while giving each seed in a separate vessel. Even then, however, considerable economy can be effected by giving the hemp seed separately and, above all, the niger seed (if this latter be used). Almost any kind of bird (the Buntings are notable exceptions) will throw out the other seeds in a mixture, searching for the hemp and niger it contains. The birds will sing when all together, but there is certain to be some quarrelling when the breeding season gets a little nearer.

A Trio (Lark).—(1) As regards the steadying of the bird, follow the advice given to J. M. Williams last week. (2) Half fill the tin with alternate layers of dry sacking and a mixture (equal parts) of bran and middlings. Then turn in either one or two pints of mealworms (according to the depth of your pocket). Beetles are only obtainable at all freely in the summer. See that some holes for ventilation are bored round the top of the tin. Store the tin in a warm place (this is highly important). (3) A breeding tin of mealworms does not smell at all.

Linnets and a Goldie (Lillie).—(1) The local treatment alone is likely to be of avail. Anoint the part twice daily for 4 or 5 days with just a touch of a mild sulphur ointment, with which any chemist will supply you. (2) The cock Linnet should be mated with a hen Canary (a stoutly-built yellow hen for preference, either clear or marked). (3) This "picking of the feet" is a habit acquired by some Goldfinches (quite a number, in fact), and signifies nothing—that is to say, it does not necessarily indicate that something is the matter with its feet. If the latter are swollen and look inflamed, it is, of course, different, but you do not speak of anything of this nature. Many Goldies like something to tear to bits. I have one now to which I give a soft wood perch, and this is soon picked to bits, the Finch tearing away splinters of quite considerable size. This bird will "pick its feet" if nothing better offers in the plaything line.

A Jackdaw (P. J. Jamieson).—Note the remarks on caging, etc., given this week in the reply to an enquiry about a Magpie. They apply equally to your own bird. I have a punch-bar front in my own Magpie cage; it is strong enough for anything in the bird line. The wire needs to be stout, of course. Any guage round about 1½ and 2 inches will be suitable. The food should consist largely of table-scraps (a fair proportion of meat, greens, and the like) which can be mixed into scalded "Melox" (a biscuit dog food, sold at most hay and corn stores); any good brand of dog food would answer.

A Great Tit (W. R. Everett).—A long and very practical article on the management of Tits was given quite recently by CAGE BIRDS. You should get a copy of the number containing it. I give brief directions for feeding in another reply this week.

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The Great Tit likes a little hemp seed and a few sunflowers frequently. There are no special dimensions for the cage, which should be as reasonably large as you can find space for—say, 2ft. by 16in. by 9in. A suitable small branch of a tree (with twigs) fixed upright in the centre, is appreciated much more than the usual style of perch.

An Ailing Goldfinch (Puzzled).—Give this bird hemp, teazle, and canary in the stock mixture; lightly crack the hemp if he is weak. In a separate dish give freely a mixture of thistle, sesame, and niger seeds (equal parts). Get from a chemist one ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphites B.P. (Fellow's syrup) and stir half a teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. This is a strong tonic and building-up medicine, and soon puts birds "on their feed." Its use has saved me many a bird. I am afraid, however, that your own Finch may be too far gone for any treatment to be of avail. Ailing birds need prompt treatment

An Exhibition Goldie (J. Polkinghorne).—You could try the remedy mentioned by Mr. Yates, viz., make the bird's drinking water taste fairly strongly with ordinary table salt. It is quite possible, however, that the trouble is due to some irritant in the food. Are you sure the seed supplied is of first-rate quality and thoroughly cleaned? Bad hemp seed, for instance, will kill any Goldfinch, and it is more common than many fanciers suppose.

A Linnet Mule's Trouble (Quandrum).—Stir three or four drops of Condy's fluid into the bird's drinking water (sufficient to tint it light-red). Give in a glass or earthenware vessel only Change the water 2 or 3 times daily. Keep this up for several days. Fancy waiting 12 months before asking for advice!

A Quintette (H. Boddy).—(1) "Soft moult" means the actual loss of feathers (a moult out of season, in fact). Probably your bird does not bathe. Spray the plumage daily for a time, and see if this causes the "rough look" to disappear. You are sure the bird is not pestered with red mite? (2) "Thin" Goldfinch Mules stand no chance on the show-bench in competition with stoutly-built birds equal in other points. It does not matter what hens Mules are bred from so long as they are well built; and, naturally, a well-built hen is the most likely mother to produce well-built progeny. A "mongrel" hen Canary may be quite as good for the purpose as any blue-blooded prize winner. (3) You could try covering the cages for part of the day. (4) Many exhibition Mules have been bred from big British cock Goldfinches. (5) A good insectile mixture must be the staple food of Robins and Blue Tits, and some live food must be given frequently (mealworms, flies, smooth caterpillars, various grubs, etc., according to season). Tits like a few small seeds and a little suet or fat meat now and again, while Robins enjoy a little coarse oatmeal.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed this too will be the sender's.

PARK AND LAKE AVICULTURE.

Answered by FRANK FINN, B.A., F.Z.S.

Feeding of Snakes, Lizards, and Frogs (One of Many Readers).—These generally need live food—insects, including mealworms and gentles, in the case of lizards and frogs; small frogs and fish in the case of snakes. Snakes and lizards need a dry sunny place, a bath being required for the snakes. Frogs should have a shadier place, with water always accessible. You will find full particulars of treatment in my book, "Pets and How to Keep Them." (We can send you a copy for 3s. 10d., post free; it contains many coloured plates and other illustrations.—ED.)

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Framed Plate (A. H. C. Legg).—Many thanks for your kindly letter.

A Hot-water Device (E. H. Williams).—Thanks; we will have a drawing done, and publish the letter and sketch next week.

Young Naturalist (W. Watson).—We do not care for this kind of anecdote. It is laughably untrue, of course, but it has its repulsive side.

An Error in Address (W. Stevens).—Have made the correction; and much regret the error.

Cuttings (C. R. Hampshire, W. Gunn, and others).—We are much obliged to you for your kindness.

My First Lizard (W. H. R.).—We shall be very pleased to publish the promised article; many thanks.

A Poem (Bert).—Your sentiments are admirable, but you must really excuse us for not tackling your poetry—we are afraid we should have all our correspondents dropping into verse.

The Case of a Cup (City Sparrow).—As the matter of this cup has already been the subject of legal action, we should only be involving ourselves (and you, too) in the risk of action at law by publishing your letter, and we must beg to be excused.

Particulars for Annual (W. Hopwood).—The particulars of your society's officials are in good time. The absolute latest date for receiving same is Monday next, January 23rd; anything arriving after this cannot possibly be dealt with.

Allegations of Staining, etc. ("Apprentice," "Natural Colour and Nationality," etc.).—If birds are stained, they must be protested against at the shows and tested there. This seems to us far more to the point than writing to the Press afterwards. Further, no paper can publish letters such as those you send us, as they are libellous in the eye of the law, and would land both ourselves and the writers into expensive legal actions.

LLANELLY.

Sixth annual show of the Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S. held January 17th, Market Hall. This is a grand building for a show—so commodious that two or three thousand exhibits could easily be staged. There was a very good entry in all sections, so the exhibits made quite an imposing exhibition in the roomy building. Although confined to a one-day show, there was from the first no confusion; the birds were staged early, and re-arranged after judging, the cards were quickly placed, and everything was cleared up and tidy in capital time. Mr. Daniel John makes a good secretary, and was at his duties early and late. He was ably assisted by Mr. S. Jones. We noticed Mr. D. R. Jones, the chairman, among the willing band of workers, which also included such well known fanciers as Messrs. S. Jones, Gower Thomas, T. Jenkins, J. Gregory, jun., J. Gregory, sen., Ben Evans, S. Lewis, E. H. Williams, T. Bennett, and W. J. Harry, also D. Jenkins and D. A. S. Longden from Swansea; consequently there was no lack of assistance. The British bird section was a good one, and the birds far above the average seen at most shows. As was to be expected in Wales, the Goldfinches were real gems. The two leaders were well known birds, put down by that enthusiastic Finch fancier, Mr. Richards (Narberth). For quality the surprise of the show was the extraordinary class of Field-moulted Linnets. To sort these out was a "teaser," there being so many good birds of equal merit. The leader, put down by Mr. S. J. Nicholas, quite deserved his position, as he is something far beyond the usual, and was undoubtedly the best Linnet in the show. The cup for best Britisher went to Mr. D. A. S. Longden, who won it with his lovely Bullfinch, a bird of most marvellous richness of colour. Mr. J. H. Payne judged the Canaries, and Mr. H. Norman the Hybrids and British and Foreign birds.

Norwich Plainheads, although not numerically strong, were good in quality, several well known winners being staged. Mr. W. Davies captured the special with the winning clear yellow. Yorkshires made a grand display, the competition being very hot, several exhibitors from the Broad-nered County sending teams, with which they did well. Special for best went to gallant little Wales, Messrs. Morgan and Wilcox taking this with their well known unlighted yellow. Borders were good classes, and the quality was of the best. Mr. D. Jenkins put down a good team and took most of the prizes. The two local classes contained some nice exhibits, and the selling classes had a few bargains in them.

Mr. J. H. Payne's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Davies, lovely col., well carried down flights and tail, good shape, full of quality, nice flights and tail; 2, Joe Thomas, good head, full neck, nice back, good col.; 3, Dan Thomas, nice shape, feather and quality, well up in col.; 4, Edwards, good shape, nice head and neck, loses in col.; hc, Mabbett. BUFF (4): 1, Joe Thomas, good shape, substance and col., nice flights and tail, neat head; 2, Thomas, grand quality and col., nice back and chest, not quite so cobby; 3, Davies, nice shape, lovely col. and quality; 4, Dummett, capital shaped body, nice feather and quality. MKD., ETC. (6): 1, Thomas, saddle and head mkd. yell., capital shape, full neck and head, nice wide back, short flights and tail, good col. and quality; 2, Edwards, wing tkd. yell., capital shape, rare col., nice flights and tail, good quality; 3, D. Jenkins, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, nice shape and quality, good back; 4, r, W. Davies, nice quality yell.; vhc, McKiernon. HEN (7): 1, Jenkins, good shaped buff, nice feather and well frosted, neat head and tail, good flights; 2, 3, Edwards, cl. buff, nice shape and quality; 3rd, mkd. eyes and wings, good shape and substance; Nos. 3 and 4, both cocks, an error in labelling, so we heard. ENFLG. (9): 1, W. Davies, grand shaped cl. buff, full head and neck, short flights and tail, grand col. and quality; 2, Dummett, buff, splendid shape and close-fitting jacket of good quality, nice flights and tail, neat head; 3, W. Davies, yell., rare head and neck, nice flights and tail, beaten only in quality; 4, Jenkins, grand quality and full of col., nice back, wings and tail; r, Wasley; vhc, E. Thomas; hc, Joe Thomas; c, Price. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (19): 1, Dykes, straight as a rush, good position, lovely feather and quality, nice col., wings well braced and pipe tail; 2, Ogden Bros., nice length, slim built, long flights and tail, grand col. and quality; 3, Mock, good position, nice feather and quality, well braced wings, not quite the length; 4, Joe Thomas, good length and stand, nice quality, long flights and tail, good col.; r, Prichard, vhc, c, Morris; hc, East. BUFF (9): 1, Dykes, grand position, straight as a pencil, lovely col., full of quality, well braced wings, neat tail; 2, Joe Thomas, grand position, nice length, well on leg, good flights and tail; 3, Ogden Bros., nice feather, position and style, well up in col., not quite so neat in wing carriage; 4, Morris, well on leg, nice position, good feather, nice pipe tail; r, vhc, Pritchard; hc, Negus; c, Clark. MKD. (16): 1, 3, Dykes, checks, wings and head mkd. yell., lovely quality of feather, slim built, good position, neat tail, and good flights; 3rd, buff, mkd. chest, wings and eyes, good length and position, grand col. and feather, nice long flights and tail; 2, Joe Thomas, mkd. wings, well drawn out, hot col., nice position, wings and tail; 4, Negus, variegated yell., lovely quality feather, nice length, position and style; r, Mock; vhc, Morris; hc, Gregory; c, Ogden Bros. HEN (18): 1, vhc, Joe Thomas, lengthy and stylish yell., grand position and beautifully feathered, well up on leg, nice long flights and pipe tail; 2, Negus, tkd. yell., lovely quality of feather, well drawn out, nice position, good flights and tail; 3, Taylor, buff, beautiful boxey feather, nice position, well on leg, nice tail and wings; 4, r, Morris, yell., lovely feather, well on leg, good position; hc Williams; c, Gregory. UNFLG. (18): 1, spl, Morgan and Wilcox, wing tkd. yell. a gem for position, length, style, and finish, well on leg, grand flights and tail; 2, vhc, Dykes, hot col. buff, lovely feather and quality, grand position, well packed flights and nice piped tail; 3, Joe Thomas, yell., nice length, good col. and quality, nice long flights and tail, well on leg; 4, Ogden Bros., wing tkd. buff, good length and stand, hot col., nice tail; hc, Lovell; c, Phillips. NON-FED (12): 1, Keegan, cl. yell., grand feather, capital position, nice length, well packed wings and neat tail; 2, vhc, East, variegated yell., good length, nice position, col. and quality; 3, E. H. Williams, eyes and wing mkd. buff, nice feather and position; 4, T. Williams, buff, mkd. eyes and wings, nice position; res, hc, Thomas and Son; c, Gregory. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 3, Jenkins, two gems, lovely colour and feather, neat wings and tails, good shape and nice carriage; 2, Simpson, beautiful feather and quality, neat head, wings, and tail, smart carriage; 4, Longden, nice shape, good col. and quality; res Evans; vhc, Hocking; hc, Harry; c, Thomas, W. C. HEN (7): 1, Jenkins, a sweet little lady right through, grand shape, beautifully clothed, nice jaunty carriage and put down as fit as a fiddle, takes spl. over yell. cock; 2, Evans, lovely col., nice shape and style; 3, Hocking, nice shape and feather, neat wing and tail; 4, Harry, nice shape, neat feather; res, Sampson; vhc, Ford; c, Dooly. BUFF CK. (16): 1, 2, Jenkins, brace of clinkers, lovely shape and style, grand feather and col., put down in the pink; 3, 4, Mugford, lovely feathered brace, neat tail and wings, jaunty carriage; res, Richards; vbc, Evans; hc, Harry; c, Sampson. HEN (9): 1, Jenkins, little model, grand feather, nice wings and tail, capital carriage; 2, 3, Evans, both grand in feather, neat beads, wings, and tails, close together; 4, c, Mugford, nice shape and feather, good action; vbc, Harry; hc, Sampson. UNEV. MKD. (11): 1, 3, Sampson, mkd. neck, wings, and eye, lovely feather, col. and quality, neat wings and tail, good shape, yell., 3rd yell, mkd eyes and wings, sweet shape, lovely close fitting jacket, neat tail and wings; 2, D. Williams, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, close-fitting jacket, sweet shape, neat wings and tail, good carriage, close up; 4, Longden, even wing mkd. buff, grand feather, neat wings and tail, nice col.; res, Hocking; vhc, c, Thomas, w.c. GRENN, ETC. (7): 1, Richards, yell. green, rich sound col. right through, nice shape and feather, good carriage; 2, 4, Hocking, yell. cinnamon and buff cinnamon, both grand in feather, good shape, neat wings and tails, sound colour; 3, Sampson, yell. green, good shape and feather, nice colour, capital wings and tail; res, Ford; vhc, Williams; hc, Harry. A.O.V. CAN. (6): 1, 2, 4, Edwards, winner green crest, rare length of frontal, good droop and raffiation, 2nd grizzle crest, nice formation, good droop and neat centre, 4th Crestbred, rare shaped skull, good entrance, well feathered; 3, res, Minty, buff pied Frill, rare mantle and breast feather. SELL. (15s.) (9): 1, Jenkins; 2, Dummett; 3, Wasley; 4, Dan Thomas; res, Sampson; vhc, c, McKierhon; hc, Bradford. 10s. (12): 1, Dummett; 2, Lang; 3, Jenkins; 4, Wasley; res, Jones; vhc, Morgan and Wilcox; hc, Dan Thomas; c, Bradford. LOCAL—NOR. (10): 1, 2, Sam Jones, good shaped variegated buff, nice feather and col., good wings and tail, wins well. 2nd yell, good quality and col.; 3, res, D. H. Davies, buff, mkd. saddle and cheeks, good shape, nice col. and quality, deep chest; 4, Williams, nice feathered tkd. buff; vhc, Lewis; hc, Clement; c, Saunders. YORKS. (15): 1, 3, Harry, yell., mkd. eyes and wings, good position, nice quality, grand col., 3rd buff, good position, nice feather; 2, E. H. Williams, yell., good length and slim built, nice quality; 4, Saunders, thigh tkd. yell, finely drawn, good feather and position; res, hc, Bennett; vhc, Davies; c, T. Williams.

Mr. Norman's Classes.

A.O.V. MULE: 1, Jenkins, nice size and shape, good quality feather, lovely col.; 2, vhc, Gower, capital dark Goldie, very shapely, well mkd. wing, A1 col.; 3, Jones, romping big buff Goldie, good blaze, very shapely, in fine fettle; 4, Hoskin, dark Linnet, rare size, not shown, in quite the best of order; r, Davies; hc, Evans; c, Gregory. BRIT.: 1, Lewis; 2, 4, Jones; 3, Gower; r, Reynolds; vhc, hc, c, Evans. HYB.: 1, Longden, lovely quality, eye tkd. buff, very shapely, good size, grand col. for a buff; 2, Pearce, fine big yellow, mkd. wings, good col. and shape, just lacks the polish; 3, Shellam, big bold cl. Greenie, very shapely; 4, vhc, Edwards, another good one, fine shape and size; r, Davies; hc, Jones. DARK GOLDIE: 1, Jeffreys, fine quality yell., very shapely, A1 col., good dense markings; 2, Gower, bold buff, good blaze, nice wing bars, capital shape; 3, Scrine, another fine sized yell., lovely quality; 4, Longden, splendid quality bull, just beaten for size and density of markings; r, Bowen. DK. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Longden, grand bold Linnet, rare chest and body, lovely col. and quality; 2, Shellam, another Linnet, well proportioned, A1 shape and col.; 3, Longden, good Siskin, nice col. and size, clean cut markings; 4, Nicholas, another Siskin, good size and shape; r, Price; vhc, Bradford. A.O.V.: 1, Shellam, capital Can. Bullie, beautiful contour, A1 col., fine quality feather; 2, Longden, fine bold Cinn. Greenie, often described, still looking bonny; 3, Pearce, capital Goldie Bullie, nice full head, good rich blaze, shapely; 4, r, Davies, another Goldie-Bullie, same size, just as shapely; vhc, Pinnell; hc, Edwards; c, Oakes. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 4, Richards, leaders two grand Finches, in wonderful colour, capital size, nicely proportioned, full rich deep blazes; 3, Herbert, another good one, good shape head, capital blaze; r, Griffiths and Evans, good, ought to win in most classes; vhc, Capt. Jones; hc, Edward; c, no name. GOLDIE ('PATE): 1, Evans, fine bold bird, good shape, well up in tanning and blaze, grand wings; 2, 3, Richards, two real good ones, not far behind, nice full blazes of grand col., in fine condition; 4, Edward, not quite so good in blaze as leaders, but capital size; r, Russell; vhc, Herbert; hc, Capt. Jones; c, Griffiths and Evans. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Longden, leader a wonder for richness of col., not over big, but very shapely, with good cap, 2nd bigger bird, stands well, good front, sound col.; 3, Capt. Jones, grand bird, good Bullie shape, capital col. and cap; 4, Hocking, nice shape, not quite the shape of leaders, but good col. and cap; r, Price; vhc, S. Jones; hc, Scrine; c, Mrs. Cole. BULLIE HEN: 1, Bowen, stands well, good front, nice full cap, carries wonderful depth of col.; 2, Lovell, very shapely, nice size, good col., not quite so deep as winner; 3, Scrine, big, bold bird, in perfect feather, good col. and wings. 4, Capt. Jones, another good one, capital shape, good wings; r, Evans; vhc, Holbrow; hc, S. Jones; c, Alway and Pearce. LINNET: 1, no name, good size and shape, perfect position, well furnished head, nicely pencilled; 2, Longden, another good one, nicely proportioned, good pencilling, capital head; 3, Nicholas, fine bold bird, grand shape and col., nice, distinct pencilling; 4, Lewis, another topper, very steady, nice full front; r, Ford; vhc, W. Jones; hc, Reynolds. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Nicholas, a real gem, wonderful size, stands like a soldier, beautifully proportioned; 2, Jenkins, another good one, grand size and shape, beautifully pencilled; 3, Longden, bonny bird, nice size and shape, good col. and markings; 4, r, c, Gay, two real toppers for size and markings, leader in a little the better condition; vhc, Bancroft; hc, Hurst. GREENIE: 1, Hurst, good bold bird, nice shape, well proportioned, grand feather; 2, Capt. Jones, equally as good in every point, perhaps a little better in col, wet when judged; 3, Jeffreys, nice size and shape, good wings, capital sound col.; 4, Russell, bold bird, nice size and shape; vhc, Holbrow; vhc, Wilkins; hc, Hughes; c, Scrines. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, Hurst, capital Chaffie, beautifully proportioned, nice full head, grand col. and cap; 2, Bancroft, good Bramble, shapely, not the largest in class, but grand col. and quality; 3, Cadman, another good Chaffie, almost as good as leader, barely so full in head; 4, Capt. Jones, bonny Bramble, beautifully spangled; r, Ford. YELL. BUNTING: 1, Nicholas, a beauty for shape and size, capital head properties, good col. throughout; 2, Chivers, smart bird, good size and shape, well mkd., head, grand yell.; 3, Edwards, another good one, A1 shape, stands well; 4, Ford, bonny bird, A1 contour, well marked head; r, Steer; vhc, Messer. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Nicholas, grand mealy, wonderful size and shape, perfect cap, grand lacing, Scottish National winner; 2, Longden, bonny Siskin, very shapely, A1 colour and quality, perfect wings; 3, Capt. Jones, Lesser Redpoll, a little beauty for shape and quality, grand bib; 4, Thomas, another Lesser, good size and shape. A.O.S.: 1, Hurst, capital Hawfinch, nice size and shape, good bib, fine rich col.; 2, Hughes, capital Cornbunting, nice size, very shapely, well mkd.; 3, Ray, another Hawfinch, in A1 condition, very little behind first; vbc, Longden; hc, Edwards. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, Ford, perfect Blackbird, in grand fettle, full of polish, capital size and shape, good position; 2, 3, hc, Longden, two bonny Thrushes, leader bold Missel, grand size and shape; 4, r, Hughes, another good Blackbird, capital shape, good sound col.; vhc, Button. HEN: 1, Longden, nice Corn Bunting, very shapely, good col., well mkd.; 2, Chivers, good yell., capital size, sound in col., A1 condition; 3, Bancroft, hot col., Bramble, nice shape and size; 4, Ford, big Hawfinch, nice col. and quality; vhc, Scrine. FOR., LARGE: 1, Davies, fine, bold King, grand col. and size, full of bloom; 2, Davies and Co., topping Jay Thrush, grand size, good crest, in perfect feather; 3, Morgan, bold Port Lincoln, rare size and shape, A1 col. and quality; 4, Price, another King, little to choose between it and leader; r, Davies; vhc, Thorne. SMALL: 1, Thorne, leader lovely Trouplal, beautiful shape and col., grand condition; 3, Tanager, well shown; 2, Hughes, lovely superb Tanager, nice size and shape, good col.; 4, Steer, nice pair of Lovebirds, good size and col.; r, Huxtable.

LINGFIELD.

Seven classes were scheduled at this show, held in the Victoria Institute, on January 18th, and of these two—Crests and Borders—were cancelled, the other five contained only twenty-one entries, a great falling off from recent years. Some nice quality exhibits put in an appearance, and it is a pity competition was not more extended. Mr. J. Stone once more acted as secretary, and made a most careful and courteous official; he was assisted by a good committee, and all the arrangements worked well. Mr. M. Crust judged.

CAN., NOR. YELL. (2): 1, vhc, Kilby, very smart variegated and a nice tkd. checked, both very shapely, nice size, grand col. and quality. BUFF (4): 1, Dunford, rich col., well mealed, capital feather and style; 2, Little, good shaped, nicely feathered cl., capital col.; vhc, hc, Kilby. MULES (2): 1, Haslett, dark buff Goldie; small, fair col.; vhc, Gunnell, four-ptd. yell., nice col., shape, and feather. A.O.V. (4): 1, vhc, Dunford, rich col. yell. and buff clinks., capital shape and feather, nice size, in good form; 2, vhc, Newman, cinn. mkd. buff, and yell. Yorks., two nice, stylish, close feathered birds. BRIT. (9): 1, hc, Gunnell, large, well mkd., nice col. Hawfinch; 2, Jupe, grand little Goldie, lovely rich col., rare feather, capital back, bars, and buttons, in nice form; 3, Kilby, well mkd., nice shaped, well feathered Yell. Bunting; vhc, Plummer, Davis.

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All advertisements and other matter for our forthcoming ANNUAL, MUST reach us by first post Monday next, January 23rd, or same cannot be dealt with. Will secretaries who have not yet supplied particulars of their societies, kindly note this? Post at once.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

At the moment of going to press we receive a letter from Mr. Lythgoe, from which we extract the following: "In your review of the schedule of the Crystal Palace Show, you state all fanciers, whether affiliated members of the C.B.U. or not, are equally eligible to exhibit. There is nothing in the schedule stating that the show is under C.B.U. licence, and Mr. Ramsden writes me that he was not responsible for the paragraph. The Palace authorities have up to date not taken advantage of the offer to license the show. Nominations for the positions of President and Secretary should be sent in to me not later than the 25th inst."

Under the White Rose.

THE list of the season's shows arranged under the rules of the Yorkshire Union will draw to a close at Skelmanthorpo to-day, with Mr. C. A. House as Judge, and it is hoped that the venture will be a success, and as the Skelmanthorpeites are all good exhibitors. their show should be a grand final for the Union's competitions.

MOST of the Specialist clubs extend their patronage to the Crystal Palace show, and the result of their competitions will be decided at that fixture; therefore the report of the judging will be looked forward to with interest, though in one or two cases the runners-up will have all on to oust the present leaders.

THE other day I had the pleasure of a nice little chat with one of the prominent fanciers of the Hull Society, Mr. J. Calam. The day found me stranded in Hull for a couple of hours in the evening waiting my train home. I therefore made my way to George Street, and was fortunate to find Mr. Calam at home, and at liberty; and I was thus able to pass away the time in congenial company, chatting about birds, societies, and general matters in connection with the Fancy, though I was unfortunate in not being able to stay a short time longer; then I should have had the pleasure of meeting another well-known member, Mr. Geo. Harland, who had arranged to meet Mr. Calam only 20 minutes after my time to leave. Bettor luck next time! I was glad to hear that the society is in good circumstances and that their secretary, Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, is the right man in the right place.

MANY of the societies in this district are making arrangements for lectures, members' shows, rambles, washing exhibitions, etc., for the year, and the outlook is very promising. New members are fairly numerous and prospects are encouraging.

A FEW enquiries are already being made as to the prospects of there being trips to the Palace Show, and in due course I will make it known what arrangements are to be made for this annual outing, so that fanciers can undertake the journey together.

"STRAIGHT 'UN.'

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*"Hullo, 'Orkie."

We have a Yorkshire cock Canary which is very tame. When it hears the baby crying he will sing at the top of his voice; then, when the baby hears the bird singing, it will stop crying, and will go up to the cage and say, "Hullo, 'Orkie!'"—Sent by Harry Palmer, 8, Bridge-street, Hakin, Milford Haven.

**Calling Canaries By Name.

A lady was one day surprised to see a Canary fly through the window into her room. It was slightly injured, and seemed glad to find a shelter. Before long it became a perfect friend to the lady, who was an invalid. The bird would perch on the bed, or on the armchair to keep her company. It would eat out of her hand. After a while a mate was purchased for the bird, and now it has a good family—32 descendants, all of whom are as tame as the original bird. They come out of the cage when it is opened, they fly over to the lady at the slightest beck or call, and they all know their names, so that if one is called that one only will come to her.—Maud Haskins, 51, Seneca-street, St. George, Bristol. Age 12.

*A Clever Little Bird.

The Tom-Tit is the most amusing of English birds. In the autumn, some years ago, a young woman secured a cock Tom-Tit. She tited a bit of red silk around his leg, and turned him loose again. The following April the bird reappeared, bringing with him a mate having a bit of blue ribbon tied around her leg. The pair took up their abode in a big oak tree, soon swinging a nest, and bringing forth a brood. The lady watched the movements of the beribboned couple very eagerly, and what was her astonishment one day soon after they left the nest, to behold the young birds in a line, while the parents, with deft beaks and feet, tied a bit of bright cloth about the leg of each. The ingenuity of the Tom-Tit is well known, and it is probable that the first bird became so pleased with his decoration that he tied a blue ribbon to the leg of his mate, and wished to hand down the custom to his progeny.—Sent by W. Webster, 27, Boyer Street, Derby.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Home of the Ptarmigan.

Seeing in a poulterer's shop rows of fluffy white birds, having curiously feathered feet, makes one's thoughts wander northwards to the sloping moors and heather-clad hills—the home of the Red Grouse. The white birds are the smallest of our British Grouse—the Ptarmigans—in their white winter dress—one of the most striking instances of protective colouration we have in our Islands. In the early Spring months the plumage of this bird is a speckly grey, with dark brown mottlings; this, again, is changing all the Summer, until in the Autumn it commences to get lighter, and eventually is clothed with white, excepting for the outer tail feathers, which are black. This gradual change of plumage harmonises perfectly with the bird's surroundings at each season of the year. The general tone of colour on the hills, when the hot Summer sun has scorched and dried up the rough grass and mosses, is totally different to what it is in the Spring, when the heather twigs and lichens are fresh in tone, and the blades of the young grass are forcing their way up from the old roots. When winter comes, and the hills are sheeted with snow, only the keen-eyed Eagle can detect the moving specks of white-bird life on its surface, and even he is at times deceived by the Ptarmigan's protective dress. If it were not so, the species would soon be exterminated. If white was its all-the-year-round colour, a single Summer would probably see an end of them. Or if, on the other hand, the Summer dress was retained, it would be impossible for the bird to exist on the eternal snow; its enemies would find it at once, for the Ptarmigan is essentially a ground bird, seldom using its wings from choice. This bird lives higher up on the mountain-side than the Red Grouse, and although seldom disturbed in its solitude, it is none the less exceedingly shy and wary. The intruder is detected long before he reaches the spot where a few are basking in the Summer sunshine, and possibly the only sight of these interesting birds he will get is a glimpse of their skimming over the rocks, silent and swift as an arrow; wheeling round the wind-swept slope, and across the barren hills, they are gone—vanished absolutely—and the observer is left to the solitude of the hills.

Singing Contests.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. usual contest held January 14. 1, McMillan; 2, Pullin; 3, McKay. Judge, Mr. Moulden; timekeeper, Mr. Mackay. Contest next Saturday 4 p.m.—W. Ross.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge-street, there being a record number present to hear 29 birds sing for 3 good prizes. After a very close finish (4secs. only between the first 3 birds), the result was: 1, B. Nelson; 2, W. Dobson; 3, O. Potter. On January 29th there will be a lecture (George and Dragon Hotel) at 7 p.m., prepared by Mr. C. Hunt (Leeds) on "Linnets: How to prepare them for exhibition or song; also the proper way to feed and moult them." Anyone who is a lover of birds will be welcomed.—Walter Dobson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held January 15th, when 16 birds entered for 3 special prizes. 1, Thompson, 85sec.; 2, Brown, 48sec.; 3, Cole, 44sec.; Cole, 35sec.; Rodgers, 30sec.—J. Grundy.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club open race held January 15th, when five pairs were hung—10 minutes singing. 1st, J. Raper, 3.17; 2nd, J. Baker, 3.10; 3rd, H. Beacham, 2.7; 4th, D. Wildas, 2.2; 5th, S. Barnett, 1.17. Meeting held; D. Humble (Dartford) elected a member.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club (for quality and time) open-to-all-England contest, held at above house Jan. 14th. There was a great entry of 52, which we consider a record for a club contest; not only that, but there was a great gathering considering it was our first open contest, and I am pleased to say there was not a fault to find with the management. Four prizes for each class. 1st, for time, Topping (Blackburn); also set for first prize in quality, but as our conditions were that no one bird could win two prizes he decided to take the first for time, and give Mr. Randle (Warrington) 1st for quality. Quality: Mr. J. Randle (Warrington), 1st; J. W. Jones (Leigh) and Barnes (Wigan), 2nd and 3rd; and R. Hayburst (Blackburn), 4th. Time: W. H. Topping (Blackburn), 1st; J. Mather (Warrington), 2nd; R. Statham (Leigh), 3rd; McFarline (Wigan), 4th. Judges for quality: T. Gibbins (Leigh) and W. H. Topping (Blackburn); for time, J. Ellison (Leigh) and A. Parker (Wigan); timekeeper, T. Hardman (Leigh); birdkeeper, J. Marsh (Leigh).—J. McAllister, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, January 15th, when 12 birds sang for 3 good prizes. 1, 2, Chip; 3, Hayes. Judges, Messrs. A. Binner and J. Smith.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

Skinner's Arms Linnet F.A., usual quality singing contest held January 15. Result:—1, Green; 2, Ward; 3, Hullen. Judges, Messrs, Grainger and Read. Also on the above date open Canary contest; only eight birds competed. Result:—1, Ward; 2, Simmons. Judges, Messrs. Renton and Read.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. (King's Head) usual quality Linnet contest King's Head, Shannon-street, Jan. 14th. 1st and 2nd, Butler; 3rd, Stead. Judges, Messrs. P. Maddam and W. Naylor. Also Jan. 15th, when 16 birds entered. 1st, Butler; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Whitfield. Judges, Messrs. Cooper, Melia, and W. Naylor. On Jan. 22nd grand Canary contest, when three good prizes will be given; first birds up 7.30.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

Training a Redpoll.

SIR,—I should be very glad if any of your readers would please tell me the best way to train a Redpoll to draw up its seed and water.

REEDING.

The Late Sheringham Show.

SIR,—Can anyone enlighten me as to the whereabouts of the officials of the late Sheringham Show, as I think it high time they paid prize money and specials, and I have written to the sec., but have received no reply. I should like to know if any other fanciers are "in the same boat." I think it very discouraging to young beginners like myself.

H. WATSON.

The Radcliffe and Dist. C.B.S.

SIR,—A meeting of the above-named society was held at the headquarters, Bridge Inn, on January 10th, when it was decided to have a six miles radius from Radcliffe Market Place. Will all the local fanciers please attend the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, January 24th, at 8 o'clock, when we shall be pleased to enrol as members all those who wish to join us.

GEO. T. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.
3, Bolton Street,
Radcliffe.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Guisborough Show.

SIR,—I made four entries in the Yorkshire classes at the above show, but never received my cage tickets, so did not send my birds, as I did not know whether the classes were cancelled or not. I also sent money for a marked catalogue, but have not yet received this. Perhaps they have not got them marked yet. I wrote the secretary; he replied saying, "You will have no money back." I may say they will have no more entries from me.

E. RADLEY.

The Crested Canary Club Patronage.

SIR,—As secretary to one of the shows (Plymouth) to which the C.C.C. patronage was given, I should like to express my regret that the splendid sporting spirit shown by Messrs, Rhodes and Ley in guaranteeing prize money has caused such a loss as pointed out by Mr. Clarke in your last issue. Without doubt, the entries in the Crest section at Plymouth and other shows have greatly increased, and I believe lasting good will be found to have been done for the Crest Fancy by the action of Messrs. Rhodes and Ley. But the weakness of the scheme is, in my opinion, the Yellow classes. Take Plymouth show as an instance, the loss on the two Yellow classes amounted to £1 10s. 6d., the whole loss £2 11s., and allowing for the £1 paid to the C.C.C. by the Plymouth Society, this would have cleared the two guarantors except for the Yellow classes. I have not the figures of other shows by me, but I believe the same would apply to most of them. I understood it was with the express idea of encouraging Yellow Crests that the scheme of guarantees was put forward, but apparently this colour has been so neglected from a show point of view that it will need very great effort to raise it to the same standard as the Buffs.

THOS. POPE,
Hon. Sec. W.C.O.S., Plymouth.

The Mystery of Siberian Goldfinches Dying.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to answer "Hybrid," re Siberian Goldfinches dying. I have had two Russian or Siberian Goldfinches, the same as "Hybrid," but I can claim to have cured them. The way I treated mine was as follows: As soon as I saw them go soft (or thick), I at once get twopennyworth of essence of senna and twopennyworth of castor oil. I mix half-a-teaspoonful of these two. I take the bird carefully in my hand, after reversing a pen-nib that is clean, and I take up a little at a time of the mixture in the nib, and force it into the bird's mouth. I keep the sick ones in a warm room. I make a milk sop and I feed the birds with this out of my hand. I also crush a few hemp seeds through a mill, and a few sunflower seeds. I add a little linseed to these, and give them in a small pot (so that I can change it twice a day, as I don't like to leave crushed hemp too long. As soon as I find they are getting better I give them a little inga seed. I take the birds in my haud and give them two mealworms, if they don't take them off a pin. Now in the drinking water I give 20 drops of the following mixture: Tincture of gentian one ounce, tincture of rhubarb one ounce. After the first day I change their water, and I add for the next day a piece of rock fuller's earth, well stirring it up, and I continue changing the water every day until the birds are recovered. I use boiled water for all my birds. I shall be pleased to answer "Hybrid" any questions he wishes to ask, as far as my experience goes. I would also have written a line or two on the Siberian or Russian hen Bully and German hen Bully, but am feeling unwell. I may, Mr. Editor, if you will allow me, in the near future. I trust that "Hybrid" will find these few simple remedies useful, and that he may still have his birds left and breed a few real good Hybrids.

W. LLOYD.

[We shall be glad to hear from Mr. Lloyd at any time.—EDITOR.]

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Chester-le-Street and Dis.

SIR,—A few fanciers here are desirous of forming a society. Will anyone thinking of joining, kindly communicate with me? I shall be pleased to arrange a meeting place and date.

E. J. HEDLEY.
2, Hemel Street, Chester-le-Street.

Wire-work Fly-traps.

SIR,—In a very interesting letter last week, a "Lover of British Birds" says he procures plenty of flies in summer by putting wire-work catchers all over his place. As I have never seen nor heard of any of these fly traps, and am greatly interested in keeping softbills, any information as to how they are made, or where they can be bought, would greatly oblige.

ANOTHER BRITISH BIRD LOVER.

Alleged Borrowing of Show Birds at Chester.

SIR,—It has come to my knowledge that a member of the Chester C.B.S., a day or so before the show on Dec. 27th, had a consignment of birds sent him, which he exhibited, and which won many prizes. If this is correct, and it seems to me to be, as it came from a good quarter, it must be very disheartening to other members, who show their own birds, and more especially so to the novices. I am sure if the subscribers get to know things like this they will stop their subscriptions. It is a pity members cannot show their own birds at a members' show without importing someone else's.

SUBSCRIBER.

The Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—Schedules being out of print, I shall be obliged if you will allow me to refer applicants to the show advertisement appearing in this issue of CAGE BIRDS, which contains the full classification, also an entry form. Since the schedule was published I have received the patronage of the Cinnamon Canary Club, with usual specials; also two valuable medals from the Toronto Society, per Mr. J. S. Clarke, for members of the Crested Canary Society; also a piece of plate from a friend for most points in Mr. Dewar's Border classes. Specials Nos. 123 and 124 should read classes 90 to 92; 125, 126, and 128, classes 90 to 100. To save needless correspondence at the show, I hope all exhibitors will price their exhibits at the lowest price they are prepared to accept for same

J. W. RAMSDEN,
Show Manager.

A Goldfinch Problem.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to ask some of your readers, if they can tell me wherein lies the fault of my treatment of Goldfinches, for I cannot manage to keep them in proper health? I keep each bird singly in a cage 14 ins. by 10 ins. by 14 ins. high, with food and water vessels inside. The cages are cleaned every day, and I feed the birds as follows: Canary, teazle, hemp, and linseed, with occasionally a little thistle seed or gold of pleasure, etc. But they all of them, simply "gorge." I have had several this past year, and nearly all of them from well-known dealers, both country and London. I have tried house-moulted birds and field-moulted ones. I have been careful to ascertain what food they have been accustomed to, and have fed them accordingly; and when that seemed to fail, I have put them on the seeds mentioned above. I have bought them out of large cages and small cages, but do what I will, they are always eating. They will hop backwards and forwards on their top perches a few times, and then they begin at their seed. Needless to say, they do not sing. They get puffy, but do not die. I must own that they all appear in good health when I buy them, so the fault must be mine. But what is it? I might mention that I can keep delicate Foreign birds, and British Softbilled birds in perfect health, taking prizes with them at Shows. But Goldfinches are a failure with me.

"MARCHPANE."

The Fancy at Warrington.

SIR,—The Fancy in the Warrington district seems to be again taking a turn in the right direction. The membership of the local society is increasing at almost every meeting, and we hear that the Fancy is being taken up in quite unexpected quarters, so we may look forward to an open show next winter. The headquarters of the society having been rebuilt, has placed at our disposal one of the best rooms in Lancashire for the staging of from 300 to 400 birds. The place has excellent light, and is fitted with the latest ventilating and heating appliances, easy of access from both stations, and in every way suitable for show purposes. Mr. J. D. Leigh, who, owing to business pressure, has been quiet for two show seasons, is again with us. In the organising of shows his many years' experience will be helpful. We are fortunate in the possession of a hardworking and energetic secretary (Mr. G. Nelson), who, if supported by the fanciers in the district, will bring Warrington to the front again. We are holding a Pair Show on February 2nd, at which Mr. W. R. Knowles, of Earlestown, will judge. Novices in the district should never miss a show of this sort, as birds which never appear on the show bench at ordinary shows, are brought out, and much good information is to be obtained as to the methods of pairing to produce the show specimen. The criticisms of the old fanciers, the opinions of the judge, and the viewing of the specimens in question, form the golden opportunity of the novice. Two fine specimens of the Bramblefinch were caught here last week; it is very rare that these birds get so near to manufacturing centres.

C. DUKES.

Proposed New Society for Edinburgh and District.

SIR,—Fanciers and friends are reminded that a meeting will be held this Saturday (January 21st), in Cairn's Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie-road, at 7.30 p.m., when it is hoped there will be a large turn-out.

J. I. MACKIE.

Birds as Excess Luggage.

SIR,—Please draw your readers' attention to the fact that all lists of names must be either returned to me, or sent direct to Mr. Colley, 10, Stanley-street, Oat-street, Moston, Manchester, by Thursday, the 26th of January. Let me urge all to have their lists as full as possible—every name will count in having this grievance mitigated. There is little doubt but that the high rate charged is killing the Fancy; to my mind it is the cause of short entries at our shows.

J. PATTERSON.

The Inside of a Birdroom.

SIR,—Re Mr. A. Wright's request for information as to the best material to colour the inside of his bird-room, I strongly advise him to use nothing else but best quality washable water paint (not distemper), one of the best is "Duresco," which can only be obtained from painters' shops. As to colour, may I suggest to him to do the top white, and the sides and ends apple green (or any other tint that he likes better), I should like to say that the reason I advise "Duresco" is, that it is non-poisonous and non-injurious to birds; and it also renders woodwork non-inflammable and fire-proof (so far as any paint can). I use "Duresco" myself for my aviaries and cages. Another advantage of this material is, that you can wash it or varnish it, if required, which cannot be done with distempers.

JOHN ENGLAND.

Are Birds Fruit-eaters?

SIR,—I see Mr. John Canning states that the Starling is not a fruit-eater. I have seen them eating both pears and apples. I have seen from 20 to 30 in one pear tree near my door. We had to get them, or there would not have been any pears left, as the Starlings were making a clean job of them. These must have been fruit-eaters, any way.

MACK.

SIR,—I notice in CAGE BIRDS of January 7th that a correspondent, who signs himself John Canning, champions the cause of the Starling, Thrush, and Blackbird. They need a champion when I am in the orchard with my gun at cherry time, just before the fruit is ready to pick. There is, to my way of thinking, no more destructive bird than the Starling as regards cherries. The Thrush and Blackbird attack the whiteheart cherries voraciously, but do not play such havoc with the black varieties. But here Mr. Starling comes in; he revels in them, dyeing his head and throat purple with the juice, which may be seen when he is shot, and for further proof, he often falls when shot with a cherry half-way down his throat. The currants, strawberries, and plums suffer more than the cherries at the beaks of the Thrush and Blackbird, and this year the apples and pears, too, which fruit the Starling never touches. I have shot as many as 150 birds of these three species in a week, not on the ground, but on the trees, pecking the cherries as they are shot. Now, how can your correspondent truthfully assert that these birds do not eat fruit? I may say that when the cherry buyers purchase our crop, which they do when it is still on the trees, they employ a man to do nothing else but shoot the three species I mention, for a fortnight or three weeks before the fruit is ripe, as the trees, being altogether too big to net, they can protect their crop in no other way. I am a lover of cage birds, and keep over a score of Britishers, but at the same time, I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that Blackbirds, Thrushes, and Starlings are a scourge at fruit time if they do good all the rest of the year. I think your correspondent must have got hold of some funny fruit farmers, who do not "cuss" vividly at the Starling, if they grow cherries.

G. GREGORY.

The Disqualified Yellowhammer at the Scottish National Show.

SIR,—Yes, "Bath Fancier," this is (as you know without going into print) the same bird that was at your local show under Mr. Bull, and, as you say, he was protested against, and disqualified. But it was through you and your little clique that this was brought about. However, at the general (committee), after my explanation, they decided in my favour. Mr. Bull, whom you admire (and I also) and uphold as an expert judge of British birds, when judging gave the bird 1st and three specials, and it was not until late in the afternoon, after the bird had been pulled to pieces by you for upwards of three hours, that the protest was made. I was at the show between 2 and 3 o'clock, and was congratulated by the judge on winning. Why did you not open out then? It is not, then, singular that such an expert and experienced judge as Mr. J. H. Payne should give the bird 1st prize at Bournemouth, for Mr. J. Robson put him in the money at Battersea, and Mr. J. H. Roe at Torbay, also Mr. Battye, at Cardiff. How many of these judges have eyesight which is failing? Why should you think that I require to trim a bird which won last season 2 cups, 4th in a class of 19, at the Palace, besides winning about 10 1st prizes? Surely Mr. A. Silver or Mr. R. J. Howe would have found out whether the bird had been faked; or perhaps both these gentlemen have eyesight failing? I know how the bird's head feathers got damaged, and I did not keep it a secret. But why should I walk round and tell Dick, Tom and Harry that the feathers were damaged? As a matter of fact, I myself was ignorant of there being anything the matter with its head at the Bath Show, and could not understand it. But getting it home, I carefully watched the bird, and found out the cause, which I have made well known, and do not wish to explain to you. Now, "Bath Fancier," to prove my bird requires no faking whatever, as you allege was done, I am quite willing to challenge you by depositing £1 to £5, and the bird to be sent under one of the expert judges whose eyesight is not failing, and if be proves that the feathers which you say were cut for the purpose of making a clear yellow centre, is not a clear yellow feather without any black tints, I will forfeit the money to any charitable institution, provided you forfeit the same amount if it is decided in my favour. I am very fond of winning, and am also a good loser, but always lose with a good heart, and do not get together a little clique to find a way of securing prizes by meanness. Have you ever in your experience faked a bird for the show bench?

F. RUSSELL.

Proposed New C.B.S. for Carnarvon.

SIR,—I am desired by a large number of local fanciers to convene a meeting for next Thursday, Jan. 26, at Mr. Oliver's Hairdressing Saloon, Bridge Street, at 8 p.m. sharp, with the view of forming a new Cage Bird Society. Will all local fanciers endeavour to attend?

J. W. JONES,
40, Williams Street, Carnarvon.

Proposed New C.B.S. for Ashington.

SIR,—A number of fanciers in this large and rapidly growing district have decided to start a Cage Bird Society in connection with the various working-men's social clubs. We have decided to hold a meeting at the Universal Social Club, Hirst, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 7 p.m. Will those fanciers wishing to join kindly attend; or if unable to do so, if they will send their names to me we will be pleased to enrol them.

R. MIDDLETON,
3, Wellbeck Terrace, Hirst, Ashington.

The Late Bangor Show (Co. Down).

SIR,—I appeal through the columns of your widely circulated journal to the Hon. Sec. of this show, in the interests of the society and its members, to pay the prize money and specials won on the 17th Dec. The specials were on view on the day of the show.

HYBRID BREEDER.

The Recent Lancashire Colliery Disaster.

SIR,—The subscription list is still open for the widows of Mr. P. Green and his brother (better known as "Lady Green") killed in the recent colliery disaster. I have much pleasure in announcing that I have received the following: Globe Inn Linnet Club (Leigh), 11s. 6d.; James Birchall (Skelmersdale), 1s.; Mr. W. H. Topping and Family (Blackburn), 5s.; total 17s. 6d.

J. MCALLISTER,
Secretary.
1, Brunswick Street, Leigh.

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

SIR,—After all that has been said and written on this subject there will still probably be misgivings in the minds of those faddists as to the question of whether it is cruel to catch or cage British birds. Every week one reads in the papers of heavy fines being imposed upon persons having in their possession recently caught birds, on the lame excuse of having a live decoy bird which is cruelly used. I would like to point out to these sentimentalists that from my own observations bird catchers are most humane, and it is not likely they would cruelly ill-use a decoy or brace bird which it has taken them time and patience to train to mount the stick at the slightest pull of the cord. If they insist (which evidently they are trying to do) upon abolishing and making it a crime to catch or cage British birds, then why not abolish the practice (which is cruelly carried to the extreme) of trapping animals or the shooting down of game, some to escape by being maimed with stray shot, only to die a lingering death? But that, presumably, is sport! These sceptics should have a look round at some bird fanciers' rooms or aviaries and note the happy little inmates, well fed, provided against cold weather and tended with loving care; they could then judge for themselves. Nature cannot look after them in their wild state; they have to fend for themselves, and in severe cold weather, through exposure and want of food, they perish by the hundred, and their little bodies remain on the ground to rot.

G MARGARITIS.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

I wish to thank all fanciers who replied to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," re exchange of Norwich, as the applicants are too numerous for me to answer individually.—W. Roberts (Derby).

Kindly thank the numerous inquirers I have received in reply to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS." I would say to anyone, whatever they have got for disposal, that yours, "CAGE BIRDS," is THE advertising medium for it.—F. C. Carter (Wyke Regis, near Weymouth).

Kindly thank the many enquirers for the Norwich I advertised in "CAGE BIRDS." I have been a reader of your valuable paper from No. 1.—H. Jowett (Bradford).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Jan. 26, at Temperance Hotel, 8. General meeting, bal. sheet, election of officers enrollment of new members.—R. Forster.

Ashington C.B.S.—Jan. 28, at Rowley's, Station rd., 6.30. Mr. J. Graham (Newbiggen) will read paper on the Border Fcy. Intending new members invited.—F. Barron.

Armley Wortley C.B.S.—Jan. 21, at Station-rd. Adult School, Armley, 7. General meeting.—A. H. Craven.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 24, at Bankfoot School, 8. Diagram competition, bal. sheet, tea and concert.—F. Gelder.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 24, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Members' washing competition, entry free, 2 money prizes, Yorks. Union business, and arrangement for yearly members' shows. Intending members invited.—H. Hill.

Brighton C.B.A.—Jan. 23, at headquarters, 8. Committee meeting, election of chairman and vice-chairman of com. classes for February table show, judge ditto, members' rule book, etc.—W. H. Gibb.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Jan. 26, at Albert Restaurant, 8. Ann. gen. meeting, sec.'s report and presentation of bal. sheet, election of officers and committee, 1911.—W. O. Brooke.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Jan. 28, at Gymnasium, Elder Yard, entrance under lamp, 7.30. Special meeting (general), business important, subs. due, new members heartily welcomed.—C. H. Naylor.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 23, at Church Institute, 60, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W., 8. Draw of "Questions to be answered." Interested visitors cordially welcomed.—V. Wyun.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—Jan. 28, at headquarters, 7. Washing Exhibition, and other special business. Friends invited.—J. H. Mitchell.

Crewe O.S.—Jan. 25 Members' show business also table show of Brit., Mules, and Hyb., and a washing exhibition by Mr. T. Crimes. Entry for table show 3d. per cage. Please bring plenty of birds.—T. Hancocks.

Clapham C.B.A.—Jan. 30, Avondale Hotel, 8. Ann. gen. meeting. Bal. sheet, election of officers. It is hoped all members will attend; urgent appeal. —A. C. Askew.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Jan. 21, at Sydney Arms Hotel, 5. Cinn. pair show.—A. S. Treasure.

Derby C.B.S.—Jan. 28, at Derwent Hotel, 7. Ann. meeting. Election of officers and bal. sheet.—W. Stevens.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Jan. 21, at Savile Hotel, Savile Town. Show birds staged at 3 o'c. Judge, Mr. Milton Peel (Skelmanthorpe). Fanciers invited.—W. Hinchliffe.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Jan. 28, at Co-op. Hall, 7. Judging competition. Referee, Mr. W. Cullen.—R. T. Campbell.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 21, at headquarters, 6.30. Election of officers, social, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Denton C.B.S.—Jan. 23, at Brotherhood Inst., 8. Paying out prize money and election of officers for 1911.—W. Hopwood.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 23, at Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield-st., 8. Ann. gen. meeting. Adjourned bus. —H. Rutter.

Earlestown C.B.S.—Feb. 2, at Oxford-st. Cocoa Rooms, 8. To reform society; old and new members welcome.—T. H. Mort.

East Ham C.B.S.—Jan. 26, at Hartley Avenue Schools (cookery room), 8.30. Gen. meeting. All fanciers welcome.—B. C. Smith.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 21, at White Hart Inn, 8. Ann. gen. meeting. Election of officers, bal. sheet, etc.—W. Nettleton.

Green C.A.—Jan. 26, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Table show, Yorks., Nor., Bord. (cl.), A.O.V.; birds staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe.—G. Green.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Jan. 25, Clareudon Hall, 8. Ann. gen. meeting. Financial statement, etc.—W. Proudfoot.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Jan. 28, Church Schools, Southfield-lane. 7.30. Ann. gen. meeting. Bal. sheet, prize distribution, election of officers, Yorks. Union rules.—H. Chubb.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 23, at White Hart Hotel, 8.—R. Greensmith.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Jan. 26, at Spencer Hall, 8. Ann. gen. meeting. Elect officers for year.—C. W. Law.

Hanley C.B.S.—Jan. 25, at Albion Hotel, 8. Judge and lecture on "The Lizard Canary and its general management." Open to public at 8.30.—G. Lawton.

Heywood O.S.—Jan. 24, at Rechabite Hall, Pinest., 7.30. Election of officers, afterwards impromptu speaking. A. B. Meadowcroft.

Inverness O.A.—Jan. 25, at Crown Hall, Pinington Court, 8.15. Ann. gen. meeting.—A. Urquhart.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Jan. 24, at headquarters, 6. Election of judges, schedule, offers for printing.—A. Dickson.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 25, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Nor. yell. hen, open and novice classes, ditto buff hens, open and novice classes: all invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 28, Miner's Hall, 6.30. Table show F.M. Linnets. Mr. Clark, judge.—J. Pollock.

Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 21, Railway Hotel, 5. Annual "Knife and Fork" Tea, and presentation of prizes; a grand array of talent.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancs. C.A.—Jan. 21, Duke of Edinburgh, Oldham, 7.30. Ann. meeting, bal. sheet, sps., etc.; resignation of secretary.—C. Whitehead.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Earl Grey, 7.30. To elect judges for forthcoming show.—J. Nichol.

Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S. — Jan. 28, Crown Hotel, 7. Gen. meeting, election of officers for ensuing year.—A. Wake.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. Classification of matched pair show, etc.—A. H. C. Legg.

Midland Roller C.C.—Jan. 26, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Ann. gen. meeting, election of officials, etc.—J. H. Willows.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Jan. 25, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Ann. gen. meeting and pair show, Champ. 2 classes, Nov. 2; judge, T. C. Crawhall.—T. C. Crawhall.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Jan. 25, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Table show, Linnet; A.O.S. Brit. field-moulted; A.S. For.—J. Bertram.

National Brit. B. and M.C.—Jan. 26, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Suggestions for the revision of classification should be sent in for this meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 24, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Nomination of officers for 1911.—J. Davey.

North Shields C.B.C.—Feb. 1, 37, Hadon Road, North Shields, 7.30. Table show for Brit. birds; members please note.—R. P. Fox.

Oldham C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Gen. bus., etc.—J. Cope.

Pentre C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Queen's Hotel, 7. Members, evening show, 21 classes, Can., Mules, Brit. and For.—G. Lingard.

Poplar C.B.S.—Jan. 20, 147, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson.—H. W. Cook.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Jan. 20, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Adjourned gen. meeting.—J. C. Birch.

Queen's Park (Glasgow). — Jan. 27, Mare Street Hall, Crosshill, 7.30. Table show and election of new office bearers.—R. Heggie.

Reading C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Can. pair show, election of judge and show date; fanciers welcome.—W. H. Pyke.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Jolly Carter, Ashton Old Road, 8.30. Bal. sheet and to make arrangement for table show.—F. Washbourne.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 23, Commercial, 7.30. Prize distribution, concert and supper.—J. Lewis.

Swansea C.B.A.—Jan. 24, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Adjourned meeting; judges' replies; rules, arrangements for match pair show.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Holme Lane Sunday School, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford); meeting, Y.U. rules, etc.—J. Smith.

Wandsworth F.A.—Jan. 26, "Red Lion," York Road, 8. 1910 report and bal. sheet; election of officials; addition to, and revision of, rules.—W. Lightfoot.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Council business.—H. C. Crossley.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Feb. 24, headquarters, 8.30. Committee. — T. Callegari. (Possibly Jan. 24 is meant.—Ed.)

Wigan C.B.S.—Jan. 21, "Legs of Man" Hotel. Business very important.—W. Ridge.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 26, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Bal. sheet, pair show, prize money, members' show judging competition, syllabus for coming year.—G. M. Nelson.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Dalmellington.—Jan. 28th, Public Schools. Judge, Mr. Gavin Alston. 10 open classes: Can. 2, Brit. 7, Sell. 1. Prizes, 5/-, 3/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Entries close Jan. 23rd to M. M'Knight, Rose Cottage, Dalmellington.

Nantwich.—Feb. 3rd and 4th, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. H. Tams. 12 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 3, Gift 1. Prizes, 9/-, 4/6, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close Jan. 23rd to F. Powell, 38, Welsh-row, Nantwich.

City and Suburban.—January 28, Church Institute, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W.—Judge, Mr. J. Robson. 52 members' classes; 5 champ. pairs, 5 amat. pairs, 5 novice pair, Mule 8 (2 for novices), Brit. 18, For. 6, Sell. 5. Entries close January 23, to V. Wynn, 22, Park Lane, London, W.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 21.—**Crystal Palace.**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, S.W.

Jan. 23.—**Dalmellington.**—M. M'Knight, Rose Cottage.

Jan. 23.—**Nantwich.**—F. Powell, 38, Welsh Row.

PRIZE MONEY PAID.

Plumstead and Woolwich (open section): Provincial Roller C.C.; Dunfermline and West of Fife.

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

The following are the results of this season's competitions: Ten guinea challenge cup, J. W. Rennie, (90) points; runners-up, Hawes Bros, (43); trophies, £3 3s., W. H. Knight (80); £1 1s., J. W. Rennie (60); 15s., W. R. Rorke (55); 10s., Messrs. Hawes Bros. (53); 5s., W. F. Easterling (51). 10s. 6d. special: (Bristol) W. H. Knight; (Swansea) void. Diplomas, best cock: (Clapham) J. W. Rennie; (Cheltenham) Mr. A. E. Pattrick; (L.C.B.A.) J. W. Rennie; (Battersea) Mr. H. W. Cook; (Southend) Hawes Bros.; (Wimbledon) Mr. C. W. Mabey; (Cardiff) J. W. Rennie; (Swansea) W. Taylor; and (Bristol) J. Barton. Best hens: (Clapham) Hawes Bros.; (Plymouth) J. W. Rennie; (Cheltenham) Hawes Bros.; (L.C.B.A.) Mr. H. Knight; (Battersea) Mr. P. Rorke; (Southend) Mr. H. Knight; (Wimbledon) Mr. H. W. Cook; (Cardiff) J. W. Rennie; and (Swansea) Mr. H. Lohr. Best v.h.c's: (Clapham) Mr. F. Wraight; (Plymouth) Mr. A. E. Pattrick; (Cheltenham) J. W. Rennie; (L.C.B.A.) Mr. R. L. Crisp; (Battersea) Mr. H. Knight; (Southend) Mr. H. Knight; (Wimbledon) Mrs. Owen; and (Cardiff) Mr. E. A. Lovell. Mr. Easterling's cup, Howes Bros.; runner-up, Mr. A. E. Pattrick; Mr. G. J. Warley's cup, Mr. E. J. Whittome. Novice Section: Teapots: (Battersea) Mr. E. J. Whittome; (Hastings) Mr. T. Yeo; (Southend) Mr. J. Lee; (Wimbledon) Mr. E. J. Atkins; and (L.C.B.A.) Mr. Penton. Medals: (Battersea) Mrs. Owen; (Hastings) Mr. L. G. Owen; (Southend) Mr. J. Quiller; (Wimbledon) Mr. T. Yeo; and (L.C.B.A.) Mr. F. W. Ayres. Diplomas, best cock: (Battersea) Mr. Penton; (Hastings) Mr. T. Yeo; (Southend) Mr. H. Bousfield; (Wimbledon) Mr. T. Yeo; (L.C.B.A.) Mr. Penton; and (Swansea) Mr. G. Thomson. Best hens: (Battersea) Mr. J. R. Morgan; (Hastings) Mrs. Owen; (Southend) Mr. J. Lee; (Wimbledon) Mr. Atkins; (L.C.B.A.) Mr. Penton; and (Swansea) Mr. S. Date. Mr. Easterling's medals: (Battersea) Mr. E. J. Whittome; (Hastings) Mr. T. Yeo; and (Southend) Mr. J. Lee.—J. W. Rennie, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 14th, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow. Mr. G. Smart presided in the unavoidable absence of the president. Secretary's and treasurer's financial reports were submitted, and considered very satisfactory. Election of office bearers, 1911: President, Mr. P. Thom; vice president, Messrs. Quail and Montgomery; auditors, Messrs. Hunter and Gunion; sec. and treas., Wm. Hutchinson; committee, Messrs. H. P. Hutchinson, Lennie, Laurie, Lappin, Webb, Rennie, Wood, Pacing, Cooper, Thomson, M. Nicol, Haddow, Pearce, and Cougan. Rules and classification for annual show were revised. During the evening Mr. C. Hunter, in a few well-chosen words, handed over a handsome gold medal, subscribed by the members, to Mr. G. Smart, in recognition of his services as sec. The recipient suitably replied. It was agreed to hold table show of matched pairs on Feb. 4th, at 7.30 p.m. The following gentlemen were duly proposed and accepted to membership: Messrs. Powell, Jardine, Moffat, Owen, Smith, Tweedie, and McDonald. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to the chairman. Wm. Hutchinson Sec.

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HETTON-LE-HOLE & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 14, headquarters, "Crown Inn," Mr. M. Dixon presiding. Following officials elected: Chairman, Mr. H. Wilson; vice-chairman, Mr. R Lawson; treasurer, Mr. R. Allen; auditors, Messrs. M. Dixon and H. Kilner; secretary, Mr. A. J. Notley. Decided, to postpone "smoker" until later date, owing to Mr. A. Brown being unable to attend on original date. Also decided, to hold a series of table shows, the first to be held Jan. 28, at "The Brewery Inn." The following classes are provided for: 1 class each Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., and pairs for breeding purposes (A.V. Can.); entry fee 3d. per cage; birds to be on tables at 6 p.m. prompt.—A. J. Notley, Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, January 11, when a good number of members were in attendance. In the absence of chairman, Mr. Cook was voted to the chair. The balance-sheet for the past year was brought forward by the show manager, Mr. Peake, and was passed. A fair amount of business arising from the minutes was discussed. CAGE BIRDS offer to supply copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL at a reduced rate was read and accepted, the profits to go to the society's funds. Also decided to hold annual open show October 19. Mr. Cook has kindly consented to lecture on "The Lizard Canary and its General Management," the meeting to be held January 25, 8 o'clock, for members, to be thrown open to the public at 8.30. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Peake for his services through the past year, after which he ably responded. I hope all members will be present, and if possible bring their friends. G. Lawton, Gen. Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held December 27th. Following gentlemen elected officers, and I have no doubt they will do their best for the benefit of our society. President, Mr. J. Sharples; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. T. Young, Ackroyd, and J. W. Dalziel; Committee, Messrs. E. Lowe, G. Fitton, J. W. Cocker, E. Downes, J. S. Addison, W. Marshall, and J. Jewitt; Treasurer, Mr. Hardy; Auditors, Messrs. J. Hampshire and A. Martin. Decided, to have annual party on the last Saturday in January, and that all names be given in by January 24th; so, fanciers, rally up! Mr. Steeple gave notice that at our next meeting he should make a proposal to form a fund so as to enable any member to take up cases of fraud. Mr. A. Martin also gave notice that at our next meeting he should make a proposal to raise the subscriptions from 4s. to 6s. per year. We have finished up the year 1910 with a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £11 12s. 0½d., which has given great satisfaction; let us continue to work together for the good of our society, as unity is strength. I thank every member for my re-election as secretary; I shall try to the best of my abilities to fill the office creditably and to do my utmost for the society.—Jas. Cope, 28, Monmouth Street, Werneth, Oldham, Hon. Sec.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual general meeting held Corn Exchange Buildings, Edinburgh, Jan. 2, Mr. Richardson presiding over a large attendance. Sec. intimated eight extra medals had been granted this year, and there was a decrease in membership of eight. Result of contest at Hawick: Points for English and Welsh club, 20; for B.F.C.C., 217. The balance-sheet for 1910 was brought forward. The income for year with balance from 1909 was £51 17s. 9½d; expenditure £42 7s. 2½d.; leaving a balance of £9 10s. 7d., compared with £12 16s. 10½d. for 1909. This was considered satisfactory, and was passed. All the office-bearers were re-elected, also the following new delegates: Messrs. Arnot (Kirkcaldy), Hocking (Swansea), Deacon (Cockermouth), Dixon (Wigton), Phillips (Selkirk), Pearson (Musselburgh), Mossie (Ayr), and Peters (Buckhaven). The first motion was that no society get club patronage unless they have a club member as judge; seconded and agreed to. "That birds with rings on their legs be not allowed to compete at any show, either open or confined, if held under B.F.C.C. rules; an amendment that they be allowed was made, and after some discussion, the motion was carried. A motion that perches in show cages be put in all the same way was moved, and after some discussion was allowed to drop. A letter was read from a member in Ayrshire asking judges to pay more attention to club standard when judging; also a complaint about exhibitors putting cage Nos upside down on show cages. A few of the members expressed their views on these complaints, after which the letter was allowed to drop. The next motion was that the B.F.C.C. adopt the Green Canary Association's standard of points for colour and markings, and that the same standard of points stand for Clunamons. Considerable discussion took place. It was moved that a committee be appointed to meet, and go into this business; the following were appointed: Messrs. D. Hamiltou, J. Johnson, T. Arnot, H. Bennet, S. Bughass, J. Patterson, and Mr. Richardsou (president). The next general meeting will be had at Carlisle.—M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec., 3, Green Terrace, Hawick, N.B.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual general meeting at headquarters Jan. 9, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Letters were read from Mrs. Barker, Miss Shephard, F. Pullinger, G. H. Neal, A. S. Wheller, G. Gardner, G. T. Pill, sec. of Toronto C.B.S., and sec. of New Hall. Result election of council: C. Prior (being elected auditor, he was already a member), W. Shepherd, J. Burton, A. W. Hart, H. Davis, W. Page, F. Knight, H. Dickinson, W. Sanders, E. C. Offord, G. E. Weston, and J. Pooley. Election for judge for pair and Finch show combined, J. Robson. The following candidates were nominated: G. H. Thurley (Hoddesdon), F. Lingley (East Sheen), A. Crockett (West Ealing), S. Fuller (Harrow), and A. G. Rodley (Chelsea). Letters were directed to be sent to Messrs. G. Saytch and G. T. Pile upon their leaving England for Canada and Australia respectively. A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. A. W. Hart upon the death of his daughter, and a subscription made for the purpose of sending a suitable wreath. It was unanimously agreed to repeat the yearly advertisement in the CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Through a prior subscription, the Old Folks' Fund was held over till the next meeting. The annual show balance-sheet, (showing a balance of £17 7s. 1d.) also the Commemoration Benefit Fund showing a balance of £5 12s. 11d., were read, and confirmed, the secretary giving numerous statistics, amongst them being the fact that the special prizes given by the Association and the postage amounted to more than the members' subscriptions of £25 12s. 6d. The auditor (Mr. C. Prior) reported that the Association still maintained its sound financial position. Amendments to the rules were made by J. Chard, J. Pooley, and C. Prior. The show dates for the ensuing year were as follows: Pair and Finches combined, Jan. 28; young bird, July 1; annual show, Nov. 17 and 18. A schedule of classes consisting of 52 was drawn up for the Pair and Finch show. Nominations for judges for the shows: J. Robson and R. L. Crisp for the Y.L.S.; Jacob Mackley, and J. Robson (Canary section), and C Prior and A. Silver, the British section of the annual show, were elected to be submitted to a final vote of the whole of the membership. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Weston for presenting two silver-plated cups, and to the secretary for another cup. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND DIST. C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Jan. 10, Market Coffee Tavern, Mr. A. E. Taylor presiding over a splendid meeting. Balance-sheet for last year was read by the auditor, Mr. G. Balsh, and was adopted. Election of officers: President, J. Rocke, Esq., J.P.; chairman, Mr. J. W. Ford; vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Bancroft; committee, Messrs. J. Hocking, J. Steers, D. Jenkins, W. J. Jenkins, J. Gay, R. W. Taylor, A. E. Taylor, D. Williams, and Phil Jenkins; show managers, Messrs. D. A. S. Longden and J. H. Ford; auditor, Mr. G. Balsh; secretary, S. H. George; assistant sec., Mr. F. Heal. Date of next open show fixed for Nov. 8 and 9, but the question of judges for same caused some friendly discussion. Resolved that the secretary write the two decided on with a view to engaging them. An adjourned meeting will be held Jan. 24, when judges' replies will be read; also arrangements for the match pair show.—S. H. George, Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Meetiug of the Council held Rawson Hotel, Bradford, January 14. Mr. F. Hammond (president) presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read, and correspondence dealing with Mr. P. Imeson's claim against the railway company for alleged damage to birds during transit, also a letter from the Shipley Society, saying they did not intend holding an open show next year, were submitted and accepted. The question as to whether it would be in order if Bradford City O.S. (who follow after Shipley in the list of Union shows) move up to the date vacated by Shipley, providing they arrange with the judge appointed by the Union, was discussed; and it was unanimously decided to allow them to do so. A letter from Mr. W. E. Fergusson, of Harrogate, with regard to alleged ill-treatment of exhibitiou stock by the railway company was read, and the reply written by the secretary was considered the only feasible thing that could be done at present. The consideration of a complaint by a member of Manningham C.B.S. against the Huddersfield O.S. for not sending his class ticket at their last show, was deferred until next meeting in order to allow Huddersfield to defend the charge. The order for the supply of novice gold medals was given to Messrs. Fattorini and Sons, Bradford. A grant of £1 was made to the committee of the Yorkshire prize distribution in order to defray part expenses incurred at the annual dinner and prize distribution. The action of the Bradford East Society, in allowing their show date next year to be acquired by the Cinderella Club Committee, in order that they may run an open show in Bradford for the benefit of the club's funds, was unanimously endorsed. The secretary expressed his desire that the matter sent in by the Union societies for placing on the annual ballot paper be gone through by the Union sub-committee, instead of by the usual method of placing each recommendation on the ballot paper as received; it was decided unanimously that the sub-committee go through all recommendations as sent in before same are placed on the ballot papers. Members of the Union will greatly oblige by signifying changes of addresses to the Union secretary.—H Hill.

MID-RHONDDA AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Parry's Temperance Bar, Tonypandy (late Danix), Mr. Hy. Jelly in the chair. The Secretary suggested that those members who had not paid up their arrears for 1910 be not asked to do so unless they wished to, and should they wish to continue their membership for 1911 they be expected to rejoin and pay the usual entrance fee of 1s. The Secretary sympathised with those members who could not pay up owing to the strike. Proposed by Mr. Legg, and seconded by Mr. D. Thomas, that the following become members: Messrs. J. T. Lloyd (Tonypandy), J. Ancock, W. Gambould (Tonypandy), J. Griffiths (Treelaw), and T. Nash (Glifach Goch), making 5 new members, which we feel proud of; and several more have promised to join us. The statement of accounts was given by the Secretary. It came as a surprise to those present to hear that we had over £5 in hand. Mr. Kinstby complimented the members upon having the true fanciers' spirit, and said it required men of grit to stick to the ship when almost sinking and to bring her safely into harbour. Mr. Legg was thanked heartily for taking over the office of secretary when the late secretary (Mr. Yeo) left for Canada. Mr. Legg consented to keep on as secretary, with Mr. J. T. Lloyd as assistant secretary. All office-bearers for 1910 were heartily thanked for their services. The society thanks the Treasurer, Mr. Kinstby (Tonypandy) for the cup offered for competition at our members 'show, who said that he gave the cup with a free heart and would give other specials. Will all members kindly make a point of attending next general meeting, January 26th, when the schedule for the matched pair show will be drawn up? The Auditors' report was given by Messrs. Lloyd and D. Thomas. The Secretary was instructed to send every donor of cash or specials their heartiest thanks, and especial thanks to the Editor of CAGE BIRDS for the handsome framed plate presented. The election of officers: Mr. H. Jelby, Chairman; Messrs. W. Morris and J. Griffiths, Vice-Chairmen; committee, all members (23 in all). Treasurer, Mr. J. Kinstby (Tonybandy); Hon. Sec., Arthur H. C. Legg, 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwyncelyn Porth, Rhondda Valley, Glam.; Hon. Assist. Sec., J. T. Lloyd.—A. H. C. Legg, Sec.

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CLYDEBANK AND DIST. C.B.C.

Usual meeting held Diniug Rooms, 118, Glasgow-road, January 12th, Mr. Sheriden presiding. A letter was read from the secretary resigning office owing to business preventing him from attending. It was moved and carried to appoint J. Hart to fill vacancy for ensuing year. A show of pairs, viz., Canaries, Muling pairs, and Hybrids, was arranged for next meeting, when a number of specials will be competed for. The following gentlemen were proposed: Messrs. G. McGown, W. Greer, and S. Braglou. It is hoped there will he a good entry at show on 9th February, 7.30 p.m.—James Hart, Sec.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

General meeting, held Jan. 11th, headquarters, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, when a good muster of members were present. All the retiring officers were elected again for 1911. After a good discussion it was proposed by J. Jeffrey and seconded by Mr. Tilling that the annual subscription be 2s. 6d. Instead of 4s., as with this small subscription the society is bound to make great headway. No society in South London looks after the interest of the novices as the S.W.L. does, so novices, don't be afraid to come forward—we will help you to become champions. British bird fanciers are well catered for; the quality of the exhibits at our annual show speaks for itself. As the Border Fancy Canaries are beginning to get very popular in the south, we shall have special classes for them; so, fanciers, send me your names.—John Jeffrey, Hon. Sec., 209, York Road, Battersea, S.W.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

Annual meeting, held Jan. 14th, the Grapes Inn. The members expressed the unanimous opinion that the special prizes awarded on pomts last year were the best ever seen at any local show. Decided, to extend radius to the County of Notts., the subscription to be 3s. per annum. First table show open to all will be held Feb. 11th, entrance fee 6d. per cage. Five classes will be provided—2 Norwich, 2 Crests, and 3 Brit. A good special will be given for most points in each sectiou; prize money on sliding scale. The society is getting stronger, having obtained several new members from the Hucknall district, thanks to the efforts of Mr. J. Smedley, who was successful in carrying off the premier special prize (a grand marble clock) last year. T. H. V. Hayter, Esq., was elected president, the new secretary being Mr. J. Bunn, 80, Westwood Road, Nottingham. The society expressed regret at the resignation of Mr. J. Walmsley, who has been compelled to give up the post owing to business pressure. However, our new pilot is a thorough fancier, and will no doubt fill the post to everyone's satisfaction.—J. Walmsley, late sec.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting January 10. Mr. F. A. Lester was unanimously voted to the chair. Arising out of the minutes was the proposition to hold a show in London. The secretary reported that he had been unable to find a suitable hall. Messrs. Lester, Neugebauer, and himself had been to inspect the hall suggested, and it was agreed to be an ideal place, but, unfortunately, was too large; and as time is short, the committee have no other option but to leave it alone this year. As several country members have expressed a wish to be present at the annual general meeting, it was decided to hold same at headquarters on Saturday, February 4, at 6 p.m., so that members can avail themselves of the cheap excursions running to Loudon on that day. Two new members were elected—Messrs. W. T. Buffin and T. H. Taylor. This concluded the business part of the meeting. The members, who turned up in large numbers, proceeded to give their attention to the 20 birds that were preseut—some excellent birds, also a few having faulty notes, the idea being that members should hear faulty as well as good tours, so as to improve their knowledge of the song. Unfortunately, the Roller birds that were present proved shy, and did not sing, though we had the pleasure of hearing them sing the Koller tour at the previous meeting. At that time it struck us as being a double note tour, and in the song of the birds owned by some of the members years ago, and, if memory serves us right, was judged as a fault. We were given to uuderstand by Mr. Neugebauer that the Koller tour was being described at present, by the leading German breeders in Germany, as a combination of hollow roll, bass, and glucke, making a triple note of the tour. As the birds did not sing, the members could not form any definite opinion, but the general impression seemed to be that the tour was a combination of hollow roll and water glucke only. However, the other birds sang, and numerous questions were asked by the novices, and answered by the experts present. A vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Lester, Neugebauer, Randall, Roehl, and T. Slade for their kindness in bringing birds to the meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very enjoyable evening.—J. W. Norris, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

First monthly meeting held Norfolk Hotel Cafe, January 10th, when a very large and enthusiastic number of fanciers assembled. Mr. T. Dawn occupied the chair. He pointed out that the great importance of that meeting, in his opinion, was really the foundation of what he hoped would prove one of the most successful societies in the British Isles. It was really the first meeting since the formation of the society. The rules with which they had to deal were really the foundation, as without good rules they could not have an up-to-date and progressive society. The suggested rules were then submitted by the Secretary. Each was dealt with separately. They were passed practically as read. The programme for the year was passed as follows: Feb., table show for matched pairs of Canaries; judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. March, lecture on "The Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. W. Mundell. April, table show of Brit., 2 classes; judge, Mr. E. Smith; also paper on Brit. birds. May, arrangements for nest feather show. June, table show of For. birds, 2 classes; also lecture on Foreign birds by Mr. E. Smith. July, lecture on "The Norwich Canary," by Mr J. Woodall. August, lecture, "Preparing birds for exhibition." Sept., arrangements for all-England show. October, to commence at 7 p.m., washing exhibition by Mr. J. Bailey. November, question night. December, annual general meeting; election of officers, etc. On Sunday, June 18th, a ramble will take place in the Worksop district, which is one of the prettiest in England, and nowhere does bird life abound more. July 15th has been decided upon for the nest feather show. We are hoping for a big entry, as we are giving fixed prize money, 4s., 2s., 1s. (no sliding scale this time, boys!). On Sunday, July 16th, another ramble will take place, and friend Fletcher is going to take us into Derbyshire. November 3rd and 4th is the date of the great event of the year—the All-England Show, to be held in the Cutler's Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and C. Houlton. Although the society is only one month old, we have got the promise of 3 silver cups to be won by members, one given by Mr. Mennott, one by Messrs. T. and H. Bishop, and one by D. Mullins, Esq., ex-Mayor of Rotherham. A lengthy discussion re our headquarters ended eventually in our deciding upon the Rose and Crown Hotel, Wingate. Two rooms are placed at our disposal, one for committee meetings and the large clubroom for monthly meetings, table shows, etc., and by special arrangement no refreshments have to be served in the clubroom on meeting nights. Don't forget, meetings are held the first Tuesday in each month. February 7th is the next meeting night—pair show of Canaries. Fanciers, bring your birds with you and pay your subscriptions. You will be proposed same night and allowed to compete for all prizes.—John A. T. Woodall, Correspondent.

SHETTLESTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Houston's Restaurant Jan. 14, Mr. Marr presiding over a good turnout. Office bearers elected: President, Mr. D. McFarlane; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. Henderson and M. Semple; committee, Messrs. Mackay, Duncan, Christie, Hendric, McGuiness, Cougan, and Marr; secretary and treasurer, A. Berry. The balance-sheet was submitted by the auditors, Messrs. Mackay and Christie, showing a good balance in hand. Agreed, to hold a table show of British birds, two classes, Goldfinch and Lesser Redpoll, Feb. 11, Houston's Restaurant, 6 o'clock. The secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Lennie to act as judge. Fanciers in the district wishing to compete can have full particulars from me.—Andrew Berry, Sec.

BIGGAR AND DISTRICT.

Meeting held Mrs. Wilson's Hall, West End, January 11th, to arrange a club show, duly fixed for February 1st. The following were elected office-bearers: President, Mr. J. Shand; vice-president, Mr. R. Murray; secretary, Mr. Wm. Ormiston, jun.; treasurer, Mr. G. Mitchell; committee, Messrs. J. Dobbie, F. Anderson, A. Campbell, A. Selkirk, and T. Renwick. Last year's balance-sheet was read and was considered satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of 4s. 3d. Nine classes were added to the schedule, making 14 in all—8 for Brit., 2 fed, and 1 non-fed Nor., and 3 for the "wee gems." Mr. J. Mason (Peebles) will judge the Britishers, and Mr. McFadzen (Lanark) the Canaries. Biggar is making rapid and most satisfactory strides towards the pinnacle of success. Many new fanciers have "sprung up" in the district. Membership is confined to a radius of five miles.—Alexander Bryden.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) O.S.

Annual meeting held January 4th, when we had a grand muster of members. In the unavoidable absence of our President, our Vice-President (Mr. W. T. Banks) presided. A review of the year's work was given, but I am sorry to say that we had a slight loss on our open show. The Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were passed as satisfactory. Election of officers: Our respected President (Mr. T. H. Collinge) was again elected; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Gashell, G. Adams, W. T. Banks, J. Battye, J. Lord, R. Brown, and C. Pleasance; Committee, Messrs. Lees, Newill, Coupe, Holt, and Faulkner; Auditors, Messrs. Pleasance and T. Holt; Treasurer, W. Adams; Secretary, Mr. E. Hartley, 3, Rock Cottages, Dyehouse Lane, Smallbridge. We had the pleasure of adding five new members to our books. We arranged two inter-club shows with Heyworth, which are now in progress, and are arousing great interest in the district owing to some well-known open winners being in the possession of the members who have bred them. Decided, that we await further news re the Cage Bird Union, it being left in the hands of our C.B.U. delegate to deal with the matter and report later when the subject of the open show will come under discussion also; and we hope all the members will rally round and attend the meeting. On account of ill-health, I have had to give up practically all my birds and all else for a time.—Wm. Adams, Late Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Third annual meeting, held Jan. 14th. The president, Mr. W. R. Dunn, occupied the chair. Balance sheet read and passed, and the prize money was paid. The election of office bearers for the year 1911-12: Mr. Dunn, in a neat little speech, said he felt he could not again accept office, for business reasons. Mr. Dunn was urged to reconsider his decision, and accept office, but declined. The following were appointed: President, Mr. J. Pearson; vice-president, A. Hoyle; treasurer, Mr. T. Storie; committee, Messrs. W. R. Dunn, J. Barr, T. Taylor, C. Watt, A. Moffat, D. Moffat, G. Storie, and J. Little; Messrs. J. Smeaton and J. Lawson were appointed auditors. The following motions were tabled for meeting, Feb. 28th.—No. 1, J. Barr: "That a membership fee of 2s. 6d. per annum, and 6d. per entry, be charged." No. 2: J. Smeaton: "That joint members, paying as one member, be abolished, and each pay as a separate member." No. 3, Mr. Dunn: "That a canvasser be appointed to collect donations and specials—someone not connected with the society." Members who are unable to attend the next meeting, please note that votes by post will be accepted, providing the voting papers are in the hands of the secretary not later than Feb. 24th. Agreed, to hold a smoking concert, the date, place, etc., to be settled later. The following new members were admitted: Messrs. R. Hay, S. Stewart, Crearer and Hume. Date of annual show, Nov. 25th.—Wm. Nisbet, Sec.

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THE SHOWS.

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SLIGO.

Sligo C.B.S. tenth annual show, held Gillooly Memorial Hall Jan. 11th and 12th. The hall in one of the finest in the British Isles, for an exhibition of cage birds, being very lofty and well lighted all round. The birds were nicely staged by the show manager (Mr. E. J. Tighe) and his staff, and they deserve great praise for the manner in which they carried out their work. The birds were fed and watered, and to keep the public from handling them, a wire railing was placed round the room to protect the exhibits. Mr. C. J. Mulligan, the hon. sec., was in attendance both days, and he stuck to his work like a Trojan. The committee, who were all willing workers, are as follows: Major Pollock, Verdon, Reilly, Smitb, Gallagher, Devins, Richardson, Howley, O'Reilly, Osborne, Lambert, Williamson, Ross, M'Cormick. There was here a collection of the best representatives in the whole of Ireland, birds coming from both the north and south. The Norwich were a fine lot, some grand birds being exhibited by fanciers living in Belfast. The Yorkshires were small in number, but the quality was well represented. Mr. Devins's old yellow was special for best in show. We also liked Mr. Hawkins' cinnamon marked yellow. The Britishers turned up well, but we think we have seen better quality here. The Linnets and Goldfinches did not come up to our expectations. The following gentlemen were the winners of specials: Messrs. Devins, Connell, Faith, Valse, Gallagher, Hawkins, Mulligan, Williamson, Dawson, O'Hara, Tighe, Mulcahy, J. Lavery, and Arnstein. The attendance during the two days the exhibition was open was very good, and nothing but praise can be given to the hard-working committee in their endeavour to make the show a success. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) made the awards.

The Critique.

BELG. (2): 1, 2, J. Lavery, full of nerve, nice position. SCOT CK. (5): 1, 2, J. Lavery, yell., good size and reach; 2nd, var., full of nerve, depth and reach; 3, 4, vhc, Birch, 3rd, buff, nervy, not quite so long as winner. HEN (5): 1, 2, J. Lavery, yell., very nervy, good reach and depth; 2nd, buff, close up, very showy; 3, 4, vhc, Bireh, nice vein, shade on the small side. CRESTS AND C.B. cancelled. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (13): 1, 3, Thompson, 1st, bead marked, rich col., clean on chest, good bead and neck, nice type, full of quality; 3rd, good head, rich col., boxcy feather, grand wing carriage; 2, Faith, full of quality, good head, neck, and reach, well placed wings, very chubby; 4, Osborne, cap on head, nice type and quality; vhc, Stewart; hc, Mulligan; c, Carson. BUFF (13): 1, Faith, blaze of col., good head and neck, grand type, compact wings and tail, lovely quality, wins special; 2, Osborne, very showy, full of quality, nicely fed, good head and clean on breast, well braced wings, we liked well during the afternoon; 3, vhc, Thompson, good head, splendid quality, nice wing, short and cobby; 4, Connell, nice type and quality; hc, Mrs. W. S. Taylor; c, Osborne. VARIEG. (14): 1, Carson, variegs., grand head and neck, clean on breast, short and chubby, full of quality; 2, Stewart, close up to winner, good head, nice quality, very chubby; 3, hc, Verdon, 3rd, ycll., ticked, nice head, good wings, full of quality; 4, Forrest, buff variegs., rich col., boxey featber, nice type; vhc, Faith; c, Mulligan. HEN, CL., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, Carson, rich colour, good head and neck, clear on breast, nice wings and tail, full of quality, chubby; 2, Mrs. W. S. Taylor, very typical, lovely quality, rich colour, good wings, nice head; 3, Stewart, very short, boxcy feather, good head, nice wing carriage; 4, Forrest, clean on chest, good head and neck, boxcy feather; vhc, Faith; hc, Thompson; c, Osborne. BUFF (9): 1, 3, 4, good head and chest, wins special; 3rd, wee bit down, nice head, full of quality; 4th, good head, boxcy feather, very chubby, nice team; 2, Carson, rich col., good head and chest, full of quality, big hen; vhc, Mrs. W. S. Taylor; bc, Mulligan; c, Thompson. VARIEG. (5): 1, Stewart, yell. variegs., rich col., full of quality, good head, fine chest, nice wings and tail, very short and chubby; 2, Tighe, buff vari., good head, boxey feather, nice type, compact wings, chubby, rich col.; 3, Osborne, yell. variegs., clean on chest, good neck, nice wings and tail, rich col.; 4, Forrest, buff var.. type and quality, chubby; rich col.; vhc Forrest. NON-FED NOR. (5): 1, O'Reilly, Buff, boxey feather, good head and clean on breast, grand wings, short, and very chubby; 2, Verdon, buff, grand type and quality; 3, Anderson, hen, yellow, good head, boxey feather, fine wings, very chubby; 4, Stewart; vhc, O'Hara. NOVICE. YELL., CK. (5): 1, Kelso, type and quality; 2, McLoghry, good head, boxcy feather; 3, Mahoney; 4, Black. BUFF (6): 1, Kelson, ticked, rich col., boxey feather; 2, Williamson, rich col. and quality; 3, Smith; 4, Gallagher; vhc, Mahoney; hc, McLoghry. HEN, YELL. (1): 2, Williamson. BUFF 1, Gallagher, good head, boxcy feather, nice type; 2, O'Reilly, grand wings, full of quality, neat head, clean on breast; 3, Williamson, very true to type, nice head and breast; 4, Smith; vhc, Mahoney; hc, McLoghry. YORKS. CINN. MKD. (6): 1, Hawkins, yell. mkd., wings and head, lovely type, boxey feather, rich col., fine position and nerve, wins special; 2, Devins, ycll., mkd., lovely quality, rich col., position A1; 3, vhc, Mulligan, buff marked, boxey feather, rich col., grand wing carriage, well up on leg; 4, Keatings, buff mkd., boxey feather and position; hc, Loane. CL. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Devine, wins 3 spls, also best bird, lovely quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail, looking at his best; 2, Mulligan, nice type and quality, rich col., neat head; 3, hc, Neville, nice position, well braced wings, lovely quality; 4, hc, Hawkins, rich col., nice type. BUFF (8): 1, c, C. A. O'Reilly, 1st, blaze of col., nice position, lovely quality; 2, Dr. J. P. Lavery, nice quality, good head and wing carriage, well up on leg, wee bit soft when we saw it; 3, Tighe, pale col., nice type, good wings and tail; 4, Devins, fine quality and position, good wings, piped tail: vhc, hc, Hawkins. TICK., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Devine, thigh tick, pale col., lovely quality and position, good head, nicely braced wings and piped tail; 2, Birse, wing marked, rich col., good head, splendid quality, nice position; 3, hc, Keatings, 3rd, blaze of col., boxey feather, nice type; 4, Mulligan, pale col., full of quality, nice type, a wee bit on the small side; vhc, Forrest; c, Tighe. BUFF (7): 1, Devins, eye marked, pale col., full of quality, good head, nice position; 2, Tighe, rich col., eye marked, full of quality, position A1; 3, Keatings, eye marked, pale col., boxey feather, good wing carriage, piped tail; 4, vhc, Mulligan, thigh tkd. rich col., teeming with quality, neat head; hc, Dr. J. P. Lavery; c, Buckley. CINN. MKD., HEN (8): 1, vhc, Hawkins, eye and wing marked yellow, lovely condition, position A1; 2, Neville, yell., ticked on wiugs, nice quality; 3, Loane, marked wing, yellow, grand type and quality; 4, Devins, vari., yellow, boxey feather, rich col., nice wings and tail, fine hred hen; hc, Dr. J. P. Lavery; c, Mulligan. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Devins, grand length and position, full of quality, rich col., well placed wings, and piped tail; 2, C. A. O'Reilly, position A1, nice quality feather, good head, clean on breast, grand piped tail; 3, Hawkins, very stylish, neat head, grand wings and tail, rich col., lovely quality; 4, Tighe, position, neat head, nice wings and tail, rich col., vhc, Buckley; hc, c, Forrest. BUFF (10): 1, Mulligan, good head, boxcy feather, rare length, rich col., wee bit wild, which makes her cross wing at times; 2, Devins, very slim and stylish, full of quality, neat head, grand wings and piped tail; 3, Keatings, typical, lovely quality, good head and tail; 4, Devins, rich col., boxey feather, nice type; vhc, Dr. J. P. Lavery; hc, c, Hawkins. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, C. A. O'Reilly, ticked on neck, rich col., boxey feather, grand wings and tail, stands well; 2, Keatings, grizzled on back, full of quality, nice lype, well placed wings, piped tail; 3, Hawkins, unevenly mkd., lovely quality feather, nice position; 4, Mulligau, unevenly mkd., good position, piped tail; vhc, Birse; hc, Devins; c, Tighe. BUFF (6): 1, Mulligan, breast and wings mkd., nice type, good head, pipe tail, splendid quality; 2, 3, Forrest, 2nd, neck ticked, fine position, good wings and tail, boxey feather; 3, thigh tick, nice position, good head and wings, lovely quality; 4, Tighe, unevenly marked, boxey feather, piped tail, good wings; vhc, Keatings; hc, Dr. J. P. Lavery. NON-FED CK. (5): 1, Buckley, buff, unevenly mkd., boxey feather, nice position, good head and wings; 2, Hawkins, cl. yell., grand quality, neat head, well braced wings, piped tail, fine positiou; 3, S. O'Reilly, cl. buff, boxey feather, long flights and tail, grand position, very steady; 4, Devins; vhc, McPartland. HEN (8): 1, Devins, buff, long, nice position and feather, good head, piped tail; 2, Mulligan, buff, boxey feather, good wings and tail, position A1, we liked; 3, vhc, Hawkins, 3rd varieg., lovely quality feather, neat bead, clean on breast, nice position; 4, c, Buckley, 4th einn. mkd., quality A1; hc, S. O'Reilly. NOVICE, YELL. CK. (7): 1, Carroll, one of the best Yorkies in show; 2, Rooney, another good one; 3, Lea; 4, Mills; vhc, c, S. O'Reilly; hc, Bro. J. Ryan. BUFF (6): 1, Gaskin, pale col., nice position; 2, Entegart, close up, very typical; 3, Carroll; 4, Miles; vhc, Mahoney; hc, Lea. TICK, ETC., CK. (5): 1, Lea, capital specimen; 2, Winkup; 3, Rooney, grand one; 4, Carroll; vhc, Gaskin. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Rooney, good head, nice type and quality; 2, vhc, Mills, fine Yorkie, close up; 3, Lea; 4, hc, Entegart. BUFF (11): 1, J. P. Rooney, nice type and quality, long flights and tail, good head, rich col.; 2, Mills, boxey feather, well up on leg, very breedy; 3, Winkup, stylish, boxey feather, long flights and tail; 4, Lea; vhc, Carroll; hc, S. O'Reilly; c, Mahoney. TKD., ETC. (10): 1, Entegart, buff tick, nice quality, long flights and tail; 2, Gaskin, yell., rich col., full of quality, nice position; 3, 4, hc, J. P. O'Rooney; c, Entegart; vhc, Lea. HYBRIDS, LIGHT CAN. MULE (4): 1, 2, 4, Dawson, Goldie-Can., nice team, all grandly put down; 3, Tighe, Grecnie-Can., good one. DARK GOLDFINCH, ETC., CAN. (8): 1, vhc, O'Hara, 1st Goldie-Can., in grand condition, very smart; 2, Kennedy, Linnet-Can., shown well, close up; 3, 4, Birse, Goldie-Can. and Linnet-Can., good ones; hc, Geddis; c, Harvey. A.O.V., DARK (3): 1, Dawson, Siskin-Can.; 2, O'Hara, Siskin-Can., both of high merit; 3, Tighe, Greenie-Cau. A.V. (between two Brit.) (4): 1, Black, really nice Goldie-Siskin; 2, Alexander, grand Goldie-Bullie, well shown; 3, 4, Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Goldie-Greenie. MATCHED PAIR (for Mule breeding) (9): 1, Mulcahy, Goldie-Bullfinch hen, grand pair, in first-rate condition; 2, Lavery, splendid Goldie-Can. hen, well shown; 3, Alexander, nice Goldie-Bullie hen; 4, Geddis, good Greenfineh-Can.; vbc, Dawson; hc, c, Verdon. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, 2, 3, Lavery, 1st good blaze, bars and buttons, shown well; 2nd, not quite so large in blaze, but nice bars and buttons; 3rd, nice size, blaze, tan and buttons, in grand condition; 4, c, Tighe; vhc, Lambert; hc, Mulcahy. GOLDIE (PATE) CK. (8): 1, Lavery, fine blaze, bars, and buttons, well staged; 2, Mulcahy; 3, O'Hara; 4, c, E. Verdon; bc, O. Verdon. BULLFINCH (11): 1, 3, Dawson, 1st good dark cap, rich breast, grand condition and size; 3rd, nice cap, rich col., nice bars, in excellent condition; 2, Ross, good cap and bars, rich breast, in nice condition; 4, Mulligan, nice Finch, good bars, rich eol., fine cap; vhc, Birse; c, Mulcahy; hc, O'Hara. LINNET (8): 1, Owens and Magee, rich col., in fine condition, nicely pencilled; 2, Carson, col., well pencilled; 3, hc, Lavery, 3rd nut brown, nice pencil; 4, Mulcahy; vhc, Kennedy; c, Arnstein. LINNET (1910) (11): 1, Kennedy, very steady, nicely pencilled, rich col.; 2, O'Hara, rich col. and marking; 3, Harvey, steady, nicely pencilled, rich col.; 4, Scanlon; vhc, Arnstein; hc, Dawson; c, T. Connolly, M.B. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Carson, good large head, rich col. and sheen, fine size, shown well; 2, Arnstein, good head, nice sheen; 3, Hart; 4, S. O'Reilly; vhc, Ross. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Lambert, Redpoll, shown in lovely condition, very rich col. and distinct marking; 2, vhc, Mulcahy, Twite, rich col., nicely pencilled; 3, Owens and Magee, Siskin, rich col., nicely mkd.; 4, Dawson, Twite; hc, Kennedy; c, Verdon. A.O.S. SEED-EATING (9): 1, Mulcahy, Hawfinch, good bib, rich col., well staged; 2, vhc, Alexander, 2nd Chaffinch, very steady, in the pink of condition; 3, Black, Yellowhammer; 4, Mulcahy, nice Bramble; hc, Owens and Magee; c, Arnstein. BRIT. HEN (8): 1, Mulcahy, excellent Bullie, well shown; 2, Birse, another good Bullie; 3, Dawson; 4, Mulligan; vhc, Devins; hc, Alexander; c, Dawson. INSECTIV. (2): 1, 2, Arnstein, Nightingale and White-headed Tit. THRUSH, ETC. (5): 1, Birse, good Starling, in lovely condition; 2, Finan, lovely Thrush; 3, Anderson, another good Thrush; 4, Arnstein, Starling; vhc, M'Cormack. A.O.S. (3): 1, Birse, good Waxwing, in lovely condition; 2, W. Reilly, good Magpie; 3, Arnstein, Hoopoe. WORKMAN'S CLASSES.—CAN. CK. (4): 1, M'Morrow, Yorkshire; 2, 4, M'Cormack, Norwich; 3, Kivleham, Yorkshire. HEN (3): 1, 2, M'Cormack, Norwich; 3, Loftus, Yorkshire. BRIT. (6): 1, 4, Flood, Linnet and Goldfinch; 2, 3, M'Cormack, Goldfinch and Linnet; vhc, hc, Mulligan. CAN. CK. (3): 1, M'Morrow; 2, George; 3, M'Partland. HEN (1): 2, M'Partland. BRIT. (4): 1, Hande; 2, M'Loughlin; 3, Verdon; 4, O'Rorke. SELL., 12/6 (8): 1, Mulligan; 2, Osborne; 3, M'Partland; 4, Mrs. W. S. Taylor; vhc, c, Tighe; hc, Smith. YORKS., SELL., 20/- (7): 1, O'Hara; 2, Buckley; 3, Mulligan; 4, Devins; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Carroll; c, Tighe. A.O.V., 20/- (3): 1, Geddis, Nor.; 2, Tighe, Nor.; 3, Osborne, Nor. HEN, 15/- (6): 1, Devins; 2, Mulligan; 3, O'Hara; 4, Osborne; vhc, hc, Tighe. FOR.: Cancelled. GIFT (6). 1, Mulligan; 2, Partland; 3, Devins; 4, Tighe.

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WEST AUCKLAND.

Third annual show held January 14th, Assembly Rooms, a spacious, well lighted place. Entries were not so numerous as the officials would have liked, but the quality was very good. Mr. Gill carried out the secretarial duties in an efficient and courteous manner, and was ably assisted by his committee. Mr. J. Wilcock judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Wilson, good pair, rare quality and shape, rich col., nice type; 3, Lawson, grand quality and col., good size and shape; hc, M. and J. Winn; c, Cook and Gray. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Wilson, grand cobby shape, rare size and col., well carried wiugs, neat tails; 3, Lane, good type, neat head and chest; vhc, c, Johnson; hc, Campbell. CREST: 1 2, Hands, good quality feather, neat centre, well spread; 3, vhc, Hamblin, beaten only in size, good feather; hc, Hann. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Cuthbertson, grand quality, neat wings, well up on leg; 2, Campling, lengthy, A1 quality, nice pipe tail, good shape; vhc, Elwood; bc, Cotton; c, Lane. BUFF: 1, c, Campling, rare length, neat wings, good type, A1 quality; 2, Cuthbertson lovely quality, rich col., nice position; 3, Elwood, rare shape and quality, good position; vhc, Robson and Larkman; hc, Cuthbertson. UNFLIG.: 1, Campling, grand quality and shape, good col., well up on leg; 2, Messenger, nice quality, neat head, close feather; 3, vhc, Cuthbertson, plenty of length, good legs, close fitting wings, A1 quality; hc, Lane; c, Elwood. SELL., 20s.: 1, 2, Burdett; 3, Hands; vhc, Wilson; c, Lawson. 7s. 6d.: 1, Hands; 2, Lawson; 3, Foster; vhc, Burdett; c, Wilcock. LINNET: 1, Henderson, good shape and size rich nutty col., nice pencillings; 2, Noble and Pearson, good col. and shape, well mkd.; 3, Walters, well pencilled; vbc, Noble and Pearson; hc, Foster; c, Boyd. A.O.S.: 1, Wilcock, Hawfinch, grand size, shape and quality, good cut bib; 2, Hogg, grand col., good head; 3, Milburn, Goldie, rare shape, good blaze; vhc, Wildsmitb and Hawkins; hc, Sanders and Hutchinson; c, Handley. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Wbeatley, cl. sweep, nice team, well staged; vhc, Browu; hc, Raine; c, Cotton. MULE: 1, 2, Dr. Wilson, two grand Mules, lovely featber in the pink of condition; 3, vhc, Wilcock, nice bird, rare col. and quality; hc, Sanders and Hutchinson; c, Deighton. SOFTBILL: 1, c, Foster, grand bird, well known; 2, vhc, Dr. Wilson; 3, Boyd; hc, Lawson and Burlison. MEMBERS' NOR.: 1, c, Brown; 2, vhc, Parker; 3, Winn; hc, Emerson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, T. Wheatley; vhc, bc, Bell. BRIT.: 1, hc, Walters; 2, c, Sanders and Hutchinson; 3, vhc, Messenger.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Third annual open singing contest held Textile Hall, Bury, January 13th and 14th. The show was a record, there being more entries than at any previous contest held in England, whilst the quality was of the best. Mr. A. Percival, the secretary, had all the arrangements well in hand. The hall is all that can be desired for a contest, being very well lighted and nicely heated. The judges were Messrs. Massey (Bolton), Lyons (Blackburn), and Walton (Leeds).

Visitors turned up very fairly (considering the damp and foggy weather), and amongst them we noticed Messrs F. Barnett, T. W. Walton, and several others from Leeds, Messrs. Groves and Ives, from Grimsby, Messrs. Wirth and Smalley, from Liverpool, and others from Crewe, Southport, Blackburn, Wigan, etc. Mr. A. Foulds has the honour of holding the P.R.C.C. trophy, a valuable silver cup; Mr. T. Twigg won the cup presented by Mr. Lester for best bird in Class 4, and Mr. Iver Hanbury the cup presented by Mr. R. Kremner for best bird in Class 2. A good number of the birds were taken away by the owners on the Saturday; those left over were dispatched on the Monday shortly after noon. The prize money has, we understaud, all been paid, and the winners of cups, medals, etc., will receive same in the course of a few days.

The Scores.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRDS: 1, Dr. Read, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 4, schockel 2, flute notes 1, water roll 2, deep bubbling water tour 1, bell roll 2, general effect 5, total 24; 2, Dr. Read, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 1, bass roll 2, schockel 4, flute notes 1, water roll 1, deep bubbling water tour 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, general effect 5, total 23; 3, Foulds, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, schockel 2, water roll 2, bell tour 2, general effect 5, total 22; 4, Willows, holl, roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 4, schockel 1, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, general effect 4, total 21; vhc, Percival, holl. roll 4, hol bell 3, bass roll 3, schockel 1, water roll 2, deep bubbling water tour 1, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. effect 4, sharp bell tour 1, total 21; hc, Dr. Read, total 21; c, Kilshaw, total 20; c, North, total 20; OPEN: 1, Hanbnry, holl. roll 6, koller 4, holl. bell 2, bass roll 7, schockel 2, general effect 7, total 28; 2, Wirth, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass roll 2, schockel 4, glucke 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, general effect 5, total 24; 3, Turpin, holl. roll 5, bass roll 4, schockel 3, glucke 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, general effect 5, total 23; 4, Wardleworth, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, bass roll 5, schockel 3, flute notes 3, general effect 5, total 23; vhc, Kremner, total 22; hc, Dr. Read, total 22; c, Kremner, total 21. AMAT.: 1, Pilling, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass roll 4, schockel 3, glucke 2, flute notes 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 24; 2, Williams, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, hass roll 4, schockel 3, glucke 2, flute notes 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 3, total 23; 3, Turner, holl. roll 4, holl. hell 2, bass roll 2, schockel 4, glucke 2, flute notes 2, hell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 22; 4, Turner, holl. roll 4, holl. hell 2, bass roll 3, schockel 4, glucke 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 4, hard flute note 1, total 22; vhc, Twigg, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, hass roll 3, schockel 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, general effect 3, total 21; hc, Hanbury, total 21; c, Neugebauer, total 21. NOVICE: 1, Twigg, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schockel 3, flute notes 2, water roll 2, general effect 5 total 22; 2, Best, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, hass roll 3, schockel 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, hell roll 2, general effect 4, sharp flute note 1, hard schwirre 1, deducted 2, total 22; 3, Smalley, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 3, bass roll 4, schockel 2, flute notes 3, water roll 2, general effect 4, total 21; 4, Evans, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 3, hass roll 3, glucke 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1 general effect 4, total 20; vhc, Webster, holl. roll 4, holl. hell 3, hass roll 3, glucke 2, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 4, total 20; hc, Webster, total 20; c, Foulds, total 20. MEMBERS: 1, Percival, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, schocked 3, bell tour 2, hell roll 1, general effect 3, total 16; 2, Jones, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 2, bass roll 2, schockel 3 flute notes 2, general effect 2, total 15; 3, Jones, holl. roll 3, holl. bell 2, bass roll 2, schocked 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, general effect 2, hard anfzug, deducted 1, total 15. SELL., £2 LIMIT: 1, Gostling, holl. roll 4, holl. hell 4, bass roll 3, schockel 3, flute notes 2, bell tour 2, hell roll 2, general effect 5, sharp bell tour, deducted 1, total 24; 2, Wareing, holl. roll 4, holl. bell 4, bass roll 1, schockel 3, flute notes 1, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, general effect 5, total 22; 3, Kremner, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 2, schock 1 3, flute notes 1, deep bubbling water tour 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, general effect 5, total 22; 4, Foulkes, holl. roll 2, holl. bell 3, bass roll 3, schockel 3, flute notes 2, water roll 1, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, general effect 4, total 20; vhc, Kremner, total 21; hc, Foulds, total 19; c, Wirth, total 19.

STAVELEY.

Second annual show held January 14th. The large club-room attached to the Speedwell Inn provided capital accommodation for the staging of the exhibits. Entries came up well. The President is Mr. T. Kay, and the Vice-President Mr. S. Bunting; both are enthusiastic well-wishers of the Society. The committee consists of a band of well-known and willing workers, praise being due to Messrs. H. Smith, A. Dodd, J. H. Weeks, J. Askew, W. Lancaster, J. Lancaster, W. Bradley, H. Holden, and H. Gregory; each and everyone gave useful assistance. The stewards were Messrs. H. Gregory, J. H. Weeks, J. Lancaster, T. Kay, A. Dodd, and J. Askew. The management throughout was most excellent, and the staging was of a very neat description. Cards were displayed quickly as each class was adjudicated upon. A truer set of fanciers it would be a difficult task to locate. Mr. C. Brammall, the worthy secretary, is the right man in the right place, and under his tuition Staveley Society is bound to progress. Mr. G. Dodd (the host) is heart and soul in the affairs of the Society. Specials were as follows: Handsome challenge cup (members only), captured by Mr. A. Dodd, with a very fine trio of Norwich; same owner claiming special for best Nor. in show, with a lovely cl. yell. cock. Best Yorks (a magnificent mkd. yell. cock), Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell. H. Sheldon, standing 1st in the variety class, took the special; best Brit. (a very choice Linnet), Mr. J. Lockwood; best member's Yorks, Mr. R. Wilson; Nor., Mr. A. Dodd; For. (open), Mr. W. Baxby. The judge was Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and his placings were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS, YELL. (8): 1, Bottomley, very lengthy cl., slim and upstanding, feather like glass, clever legs; 2, Thomas, cl., capital quality, colour, and position, nice length, very close up; 3, Trueman, cl, good position and feather, lengthy; vhc, Cockeram; hc, Durston; c, Barber. BUFF (9): 1, Shaw Bros., cl., feathered to perfection, straight as a gun barrel, lengthy and leggy; 2, Rhodes, eye tick, shade longer, A1 quality and colour, stands well, very bonny; 3, Spencer, marked head, good length and position, good 3rd; vhc, Thomas; hc, Trueman; c, Lanckman. TKD. (6): 1, spl, Blackburn and Mitchell, yell. mkd., wings and eyes, wonderful colour, feather, length, and position, neat and narrow; 2 Shaw Bros, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, smooth as a bottle, straight as a rush, well worth a 1st; 3, Mountain, buff, mkd. wings any eyes, very similar to 2nd, little separates them; vhc, Thomas; hc, Jowett; c, Raybould. HEN (8): 1, Mountain, buff, einn. mkd., A1 col. and feather, stands finely, good length, beautiful back flights and tail; 2, Thomas, very lengthy cl. yell., superb colour and quality, bit down in condition or would bave won; 3, Shaw Bros., cl. buff, tight as a Java, splendid col. and position, beaten in length only, capital 3rd; vhc, Spencer; hc, Blackburn and Mitchell; c, Rhodes. YELL. UNFLIG. (14), rare class: 1, Simpson, cl., lovely position, beautifully filled in, rare length, true Yorkie, a beauty with a good moult; 2, Jowett, cl., red-hot, very lengthy, A1 quality, soft at judging time, or would have stood at the head; 3, Thomas, cl., warmly fed, good position and length, bit loose around thighs, yet very promising; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Rhodes; c, Mountain. BUFF (15) good lot: 1, Blackburn and Mitchell, red-hot cl., straight up, smooth as wax, good length, A1 back, wings tail, and legs; 2, Spencer, einn. variegs., lovely quality and colour, not a feather misplaced, true position; 3, spl, Wilson, marked cheek, stands well, capital colour, feather, and frosting; vhc, Rayhould; hc, Durston; c, Thomas; No. 12 Bunting, w.c., a yell. variegs. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, vhc, A. Dodd, with a fine trio, former cl., rare substance and shape, A1 col. and feather, jaunty carriage, in the pink, 2nd cl., lovely quality and colour, fine head and neck, not quite so full fronted, yet we liked; 3, Thomas, cl., ablaze with colour, silky leather, nice size; hc, Muscott; c, Jepson. BUFF (2): 1, 2, A. Dodd, both capital specimens all through, leader has it in size. TKD. (4): 1, Johnson, buff, mkd. wings and head, cobby and of good substance, nicely clothed, rich col., clean cut; 2, vhc, Dodd, yell. variegs., nice feather and shape, good carriage, useful for stock; 3, Dallman and Sons, buff variegs., rare feather, grand shaped body. HEN (10): 1, 2, vhc, Dodd, ehubby cl. buff leading, round as a ball, rattling fine feather, capital carriage, 2nd bull. lightly variegs., rich quality and col., true type; 3, Johnson, yell., mkd. back, good in colour and feather, nice shape; hc, Thomas; c, Weeks. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Bagnall, cl., very shapely silky feather, nice size, moves well; 2, Thomas, cl., warmly fed, A1 quality, good shape and size, wee bit soft to-day; 3, hc, c, Dodd, cl., rattling fine col., nice quality and size, beaten just a little in shape; vhc, Dallman and Son. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Dodd, very hot cl., short and thick set, leather like marble, rare carriage, should make up well; 2, Thomss, cl., shade more substance, capital quality and col., not quite so good in shape, yet likely youngster; 3, Drabble, cl., tight as wax, rich mealing; vhc, c, Bagnall. A.O.V. (10): 1, sp, c, Sheldon, buff, mkd. wings, D.C., heaps of feather, good substance, crest of capital radiation, A1 droop. 2, Barker, buff variegs. C.B., abundance of feather, rare size, delightful skull and brow; 3 Muscott, buff, cl. body, grizzled crest, very shapely, nice size crest, thickly packed, round, but lifts a shade in centre; vhc, E. Smith; hc, Simpson; c, H. Smith. LINNET, ETC. (18) rattling good class: 1, 3, spl, Lockwood, brace of most charming Linnets, winner one of the best we have seen for many a day, rich col., magnificent pencilling, rattling fine shape and size, steady as a top, 3rd very close up, not quite so good in neck; 2, Houlston, very fine Redpoll, great size, nice col., well mkd. shapely; vhc, Elkes; hc, Durston; c, Marsden. A.O.S. (16): 1, 2, hc, Durston, Hawfinch and Goldie, both of capital merit, and shown for all they were worth; 3, Brailsford, Crossbill, in A1 condition, put down in fine style; vhc, Simpson; hc, c, Harrison. FOR. (5): 1, 2, Baxby, couple of beautifully conditioned Parrakeets; 3, hc, Pitchford and Stocker, Fruit Sucker, in absolutely best possible trim; vhc, Brailsford.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table show held Jan. 10th for Norwich Plainheads, when our most esteemed friend and President, Mr. Sharples, judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. We had a good display, although there was room for plenty more, for visitors also.

NOR YELL.: 1, 3, Steeple; 2, Whyatt; 4, Dalzell. BUFF: 1, 4, Sims; 2, Dalzell; 3, Cope. Mr Steeple was winner of pts. spl. with 15 points. Mr. Dalzell 2nd with 14 points.—Jas. Cope, Sec.

BATHGATE.

Bathgate and Dist. C.B.S. 17th annual show held January 14th in the old venue, viz., the Corn Exchange—a hall which in all respects it would be hard to beat, possessing as it does a high and lofty roof with plenty of light couing therefrom, and allowing all the exhibits to be seen without any inconvenience The staging was neatly arranged round the three sides of room in three tiers, with a stretch of same pattern running down the centre of the floor, leaving plenty of floor space for the visitors who generally patronise this event in large numbers. We were disappointed to learn that the entries had not come forward as usual, the total mustering 500 in all, or something like 200 down on last year's. Of this deficit 100 is accounted for by the heavy snowstorms experienced during the past week in the North of Scotland, not one entry being received from that quarter. The Crest section was a failure, a total entry of 7 being received over the 4 classes provided for them, and the executive were forced to amalgamate them into one class Norwich Plainheads, although down on last year's total, were a very good all-round lot, the pick of the lot being the winning unflighted hen staged by Mr. R. Martin (Kirkintilloch), and the winning buff cock belonging to Mr. W. R. Finnie (Edinburgh). Mr. A. McFarlane (Glasgow) also had a grand team forward. In point of numbers the Border Fancy section was the worst in the show, but the quality of the birds was very good, the cream of this variety being present; and there was not one bad one in the lot. A large share of the prizes crossed the border, all accounted for by Mr. J. S. Wilson (Workington). The Mules, British, and Foreign birds all over were a good collection, although we have seen larger displays at Bathgate in many of the classes. Messrs. McCaw and Sykes judged these sections, the former taking the even numbers, and the latter the odd. In the Clear Ticked and Variegated Mule class Mr. McCaw passed the well-known clear Linuet-Canary Mule ("Perfection"), the property of Messrs. Duncan and Logan, as a Canary, and this caused quite a sensation among the exhibitors. However, the judge, after carefully examining it, failed to see the cross and passed it as stated. The classes throughout were well contested, many well-known winners again doing battle. Possibly the Glasgow show of next week would tend to reduce the entries a shade, but taken all over, they were good, and the awards of the judges were, on the whole, well received. On counting the points gained for the Bald challenge cup, for most points over the show, we make Mr. Hoyle the winner with 55 points, being hotly chased by Messrs. Patterson (Chirnside) who totalled 54 points, while P. McQuiston, who had also a grand team of Britishers forward, and Mr. A. McFarlane, followed with 52 and 51 points respectively. We were pleased to note that the two classes for Foreign birds had been reinstated, and would like to have seen them a bit better supported, as they are no doubt the centre of attraction. We found some of the old faces still to the fore among the officials, these doing their best for their society. We also noted some new faces; and all were anxious to do what they could to help. The President is just Jas. Livingstone, and nothing more. It was he who wrote to the Press at the beginning of the season bidding good-bye to all bird shows; but still here we find him the same, as diligent and as enthusiastic as ever, which he is likely to be to the end of the chapter. The Vice-President, Mr. E. Cain, is also well known, and lends a willing hand. In Mr. Alex. Nicol the society has found a worthy successor to Bob Bald in the secretarial way, and he had a good grip of all matters connected with his onerous duties, being ably assisted by Mr. J. Nicholson, an earnest recruit. We were sorry to learn that the worthy Treasurer and late Secretary, Mr. Robert Bald, had been laid up with Influenza, and we were more than delighted to meet the redoubtable Robert in the afternoon, although he was even then hardly himself. The judges were: For Norwich, Mr. J. Dick (Kirkintilloch); for Border Fancies and Yorkshires, Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream); for Mules, British, and Foreign birds, Messrs. R. McCaw (Kilmarnock) and Crossley Sykes (Musselburgh), all of whom succeeded in pleasing the majority, grumbling being practically at a discount.

The Canary Classes.

CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, Howie, noted winner, splendidly radinted crest of great density, lovely droop, wins with a bit in hand; 2, vhc, McLaughlan, fine, big bodied C.B., grand skull, and lashing; 3, Lindsay, D.C., nice size and condition, fails a trifle in frontal; 4, Baxter, C.B., well up in size, good quality feather; Nos. 1 and 4 absent. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Smart, splendid size and depth, bold head, hot col., in lovely condition; 2, McFarlane, rare col. and quality, falls only in head, looking a bit soft when we were noting; 3, Martin, rare substance of body, in lovely condition, a wee bit flat on skull; 4, Cathcart, fine type, falling only in finish; vhc, Hooper; hc, c, Sharp. HEN (8): 1, McFarlane, very stylish model, best of type, rich quality; 2, Cathcart, another taking lady, always ready, full of quality, not far behind; 3, Smeaton, nice quality hen, grand frontal, a wee bit narrower on top; 4, Reid, grand depth of chest, just lacking the polish of leaders; vhc, Smith; hc, no name; c, Sharp. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Finnie, splendid model, rare size and substance, moulded to perfection, staged in best of order, real good one; 2, 4, McFarlane, a pair of typical Nor., 2nd short and cobby, bold head, wide front, inclined to cross wings at times, 4th very shapely, neat head and wings, well deserves place; 3, Martin, another grand Nor., failing only in substance; vhc, Gardiner; hc, Bishop; c, Smeaton. HEN (5): 1, Smeaton, typical hen, short and cobby, grand wings, best of condition; 2, Cathcart, grand size, bold head, not quite so well finished; 3, 4, McFarlane, 3rd very typical, rare depth of chest, presses, 4th smaller than leaders, but very typical, fine quality; vhc, Campbell. UNFLIG. CK. (14): 1, Martin, cap and wing mkd. buff, rare type, lovely polish; 2, Gardiner, lovely quality yell., splendid frontal and wings, must have pressed; 3, vhc, McFarlane, shapely yell., fine size and substance, fails only in quality; 4, Traill, cl. buff, fine type, follows well; hc, Miller and Alcorn; c, Wildridge. HEN (10): 1, Martin, noted cl. yell., best of type, shining like satin; 2, Smenton, cl. buff, fine size and shape, pressed hard by 3, Gardiner, buff, neatly rounded chest, well packed wings, grand quality; 4, vhc, McFarlane, full fronted yell., nice quality; hc, Leach and Leckie; c, Simpson. A.O.V. PH. (13): 1, 4, McFarlane, leading with eye-mkd. buff, in grand condition, crosses wings badly, 4th cl. buff, grand frontal, neatly rounded; 2, hc, Bishop, varieg. yell., rare substance, best of wing carriage in tip-top condition; 3, c, Smeaton, buff varieg., grand size nnd depth, bold head and neat flights; vhc, Aitken; No. 11, Gardiner, we greatly liked, NON-FED CK. (8): 1, Campbell, neatly got up yell. varieg., not a big one, but all there for col. and quality; 2, Bishop, very shapely buff, grand size and depth, best of condition, some thought might have won; 3, Smart, cl. buff, nice size and substance, follows well; 4, Miller and Alcorn; vhc, Simpson; hc, Taylor; c, Reid. HEN (4): 1, Wildridge, very typical yell. green, sweetly moulded, grand flights and tail; 2, McCubbin, buff green, fine type and quality; 3, Millar, nice shape and quality, would be improved with a wash; 4, Rodger, nice quality buff green. CINN. (8): 1, 2, 4, bc, Cruickshanks, nice team, leading with a splendid buff, rare size and depth, grand quality feather, 2nd Jonque, of grand col. and condition, 4th good one pressing hard; 3, c, Lambie, best of col. and quality, failing only in substance to leaders. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (10): 1, Bennet, grand shape, neat head. neck nicely filled in, well tapered frontal, put down in spanking fine order, hotly pursued by 2, Patterson, marvel for col., feather like wax, neat, jaunty action; 3, Wilson, grand model, wee bit slack in wing carriage; 4, Thomson, neatly got up, grand wings, follows well; vhc, Cairns; hc, Arnott; c, Kerr. HEN (8): 1, Wilson, very taking ben, well moulded and tapered, in grand condition; 2, Patterson, well-known winner, shown in perfect order, must have pressed; 3, Duncan and Logan, sweetly got up, neat head and neck, well packed wings and tail; 4, Smith, neat model, follows well; vhc, Arnott; hc, Dunsmore; c, Keltie. BUFF CK. (5): 1, Duncan and Logan, full frontal, nicely rounded and tapered; 2, Patterson, splendid type, lovely condition, fails only in wing carriage; 3, Bennet, we greatly admired, grand model, in A1 condition; 4, Miller and Alcorn, nice type and quality; vhc, Craft. HEN (4): 1, Patterson, foul wing splendid type, jaunty action, put down in rare bloom; 2, Bruce, typical hen, best of wings and tail; 3, Dunsmore, neat head and front, well tapered, lovely quality feather; 4, Dods, correct type, good quality, follows well. EVENLY MKD. (5): 1, Duncan and Logan, neat shape, well balanced markings, in rare bloom; 2, Carmichael, neat type and quality, eyes and wings neatly mkd., not far behind; 3, Wilson, another teaser, hard to separate, put down in spanking fine order; 4, Patterson, grand markings, in lovely condition; vhc, Sharp. GREEN (10): 1, Thomson, well-known face, excelling in pencillings; 2, Lambie, another tried one, following well, grand body col.; 3, Patterson, neat type and col., nicely pencilled, well placed; 4, Bennet, neat model, rare col and quality, must have pressed; vhc, hc, Johnston; c, Kerr. CINN. (3): 1, Patterson, grand stamp, rich shade of col., lovely pencilling; 2, Lambie, neatly got up Jonque, just lacks the finish of leaders; 3, Gentleman, very shapely buff, nice shade of col., follows well. A.O.V. (8): 1, Patterson, uneven buff, rare stamp of a Border, grand wings, staged in faultless order; 2, Wilson, another buff, right good one, too, jaunty action, looked like a bit of wax; 3, Bennet, very shapely well., splendid wing carriage, put down in the usual fashion; 4, Duncan and Logan, buff of sterling good quality, very typical, not far behind; vhc, Miller and Alcorn; hc, Dods; c, Richmond. SELL. CK., 7/6 (7): 1, Duncan and Logau; 2, Carmichael; 3, Patterson; 4, Brown; vhc, Cairus; hc, no name; c, Crichton. HEN, 5/6 (7): 1, Bruce; 2, Patterson; 3, Bennet; 4, Crichton; vhc, no name; hc, Cairns; c, Richmond. YORKS. CK. (5): 1, Webster, cl. yell., fine position, long drawn out, neatly modelled, hot fed; 2, Martin, cl. buff, fine length, neat head and shoulders, rare length of side; 3, Reilly, yell., plenty of length, just lacks the style and finish of leaders; 4, McDougal, not quite so big as leaders, but very typical, and shows best of quality; vhc, Mackenzie. HEN (4): 1, McDougall, grand length of side, stands well up on legs, neat head; 2, Martin, stylish yell., of true Yorkie proportions, lovely quality, presses hard; 3, Webster, hot fed buff, well up on legs, neat head and shoulders, in lovely condition; 4, Mackenzie, buff, nice type and quality, follows well. YORKS., SELL. (6): 1, vbc, Martin; 2, 4, bc, Wood; 3, McDougall.

The Mules, British and Foreign.

CL., ETC., MULE (10): 1, Duncan and Logan, var. greenie, very lightly mkd., grand shape, good col. flights, shown in lovely order; 2, Bond, good 5-pointed yell. greenie, dense col., nice blaze and markings, well up in size, put down in grand trim; 3, Watson, var. buff Goldie, well up in size, good flush face, grand shape, in full bloom; 4, Patterson, var. buff Goldie, better in face than 3rd, but heavier mkd., good size, in full bloom; vhc, Jamieson; bc, Patterson; c, Fleming. Passed No. 5, clear Linnet, "Perfection" as a Canary. HYB. (including Can. Bullfinch) (3): 1, Boud, nice sized Can. Bullie, warm in col., and well laced, in very good featber, nicely staged; 2, Jamieson, Goldie greenie, well up in size, good wing flights and bars, staged in lovely order; 3, Robertson, sweet Linnet-Bullie, good cap and wings, fails a weo shade in breast col., well up in size. DARK GOLDFINCH ETC., MULE (16): 1, Gilchrist, grand Jonque-Can., plenty of size, demon for col., rare deep expansive blaze, grand nap, shown in fine order; 2, vbc, Duncan and Logan, good Jonque, if anything stronger in body, but fails a bit in density and expansion of blaze, rare shape, nice tone of col.; 3, Taylor, well fed Jonque Linnet, grand size and shape, well pencilled, sweet exhibit, hard lines to meet two such stars; 4, Bald, romping Buff Goldie, large face, of great density, plenty of body, in lovely order; hc, Jamieson; c, Colley. DARK, A.O.V. (13): 1, McQuiston, romping buff Greenie, rare size, grand col., enormous head and chest, very smooth in feather, well fed, staged to perfection; 2, McDougall, large Twite, beautifully laced, tight as wax, staged to perfection, rare size and shape; 3, Watson, sweet Greenio, also buff, bold head, fails a wee shade in size, in lovely order; 4, Patterson, good Jonque Siskin, grand size, well laced, slightly broken in body col.; vhc, Jamieson; bc, Bond; c, Walsh. MULE OR HYB., SELL. (7/6) (8): 1, McQulston; 2, Bell; 3, Fleming; 4, hc, Strachan; vbc, Irvine; c, Campbell. BULLFINCH CK. (7): 1, 2, Brown, 1, marvel for col., dense breast, grand broad cap and bib, lovely bars, tight as wax in feather, a clear win; 2nd, very nice shape, not quite so broad in head, and a shade duller in body col., good all round, well placed; 3, Curry and Gardiner, nice chubby bird, neat cap and breast col., looked a shade soft when we were taking notes; 4, Sharp, well cut Bullie, good quality feather, well up in col.; vhc, Aitken; hc, Colville; c, Christie. HEN (20): 1, McGavin, good cap, bib and col., fine depth on body, grand style, enormous cap, tight as wax, wins; 2, c, McLean, and Nicol, nice one, close up, not so dark in body col. as winner, good wing bars, sweet size and shape; 3, Jnmieson, large, good body and col., very tight in feather, not quite so deep in bib as winners, all there otherwise; 4, Curry and Gardner, good size, lovely col. throughout, good shape; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Arnott. SISKIN (14): 1, 3, vhc, Hoyle, 1, nice size, and well fed, grandly laced, level in col., neat cap, small bib, tight as wax, steady; 3rd, sweet feather and finish, good size and shape, neat cap, well laced; 2, McLean and Nicol, good cap and bib, tight in feather, good bars and flights, grand shape, well shown; 4, Walsh, sweet little chap, in full bloom, neat cap and bib, good body col. and lacing, fails a wee shade in size; hc, Leech and Leckie; c, Miller and Eadie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, McCubbin, good one again, nice tone of col., fine face, grand wing bars, neat cut checks, correct size well staged; 2, Anderson, good all-round, fine dense face, good size and shape, larger in blaze than winner; 3, Mackie, good one, nice face, grand quality feather, rare finish, fails a wee shade in size of blaze; 4, Brown, taking bird, nice col., good shape, well finished off; vhc, Small; hc, Sharp; c, Hoyle. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (13): 1, 3, McQuiston, clear win, grand size, pencilled to perfection, rare head and front, grand tone of col., steady, very showy; 3rd, good shape, nicely laced in front, nice tone of col.; 2, Brown, darker in col., good flights, and nicely laced, grand breast work, and rare shape, nicely staged, a good one; 4, G. Brown, rattling fine all-round bird, nice shape, good flights; vhc, Hodge; hc, McCulloch; c, Brash. FIELD-MOULTED (13): 1, Bald, good shape, a marvel for spangle, grand size, bold in appearance, very nicely staged; 2, 4, Allen, 2nd, well pencilled bird, not quite so prominent in front as winner, but plenty of size and good quality of feather and finish; 4th, good one, fine tone of col., nicely laced, well staged, in grand bloom; 3, McGavin, grand front, very dense in lacing, well defined, beautiful col., grand flights; vhc, Leech and Leckie; hc, Craig; c, Gray. GREENFINCH, COL. FED (7): 1, McLean and Nicol, well fed, a gem for shape and finish, bold head, good Nor. type, shown in perfect order; 2, McVay, grand size and shape, lovely quality feather, rare wing flights, very stylish, fails just a little in front and head to winner; 3, Haldane, good one, in full bloom, plenty of size, good tone of col., not quite so shapely; 4, Peel, small, but grand tone of col., tight as wax, real good Finch, in full bloom; vhc, Christie; hc, Messer; c, Aitken. NON-FED (14): 1, Sharp, in grand bloom, rare shape and size, lovely quality feather, fine wing flights, nice, bold head and front; 2, McMillan, good tone of col. throughout, nice shape, not quite so hold in head as winner, grand size; 3, Paterson, smaller than winners, but grand tone of col., and lovely feather, nice wing flights; 4, Walsh, large body, good col., grand wing flights, rare back and tone of col.; vhc, Pickles; hc, c, Bald. FIELD-MOULTED (18): 1, Swan, nice size, staved in wing a little, good front, fine tone of col., in grand feather; 2, Hoyle, good shape and steady, nice wing flights, hold head and front, looks a likely bird for next year; 3, Adamson, close up, good jonque, shade smaller, but grand shape, steady; 4, Flood, grand size, neat shape, good tone of col.; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Brash; c, Gentleman. HEN GREENFINCH (7): 1, Martin, good one, rare order, very shapely, nice size, bold in head and front, tight as wax, in full bloom; 2, Allau, slim in front, compared to winner, but lovely tone of col., grand flights, very neat in head, well placed; 3, Hoyle, smaller than winners, hut a gem for finish, as tight as wax, good quality, nice level tone of col.; 4, Laing, romper for size, fails a wee shade in finish to winners,, bold head; vhc, Irvine; hc, no name; c, McGillivray Bros. MEALY 'POLL, ETC. (17): 1, Leech and Leckie, good laced Twite, romper for size, well pencilled, bold head and front, warm level tone of col., shown to perfection; 2, Bell, grand mealy, fine hib and cap, nicely mealed, in tip top form, grand size and quality of feather, well worth place; 3, McQuiston, nice Twite, fails a wee shade in size to winner, deep tone of col.; 4, McMillan, mealy, inclined to be a shade soft, but nicely laced, and plenty of size, will improve; vhc, Buchanan; hc, Finnie; c, Cain. LESSER REDPOLL, MOULTED (7): 1, Bruce, good one, grand col., shape and size, enormous bib, nicely laced on tbighs, shown in grand bloom; 2, McGillivray Bros., nice 'Poll, fails to winner only in col., good shape; 3, Hoyle, sweet wee 'Poll, good shape, nice cap and lacing, well shown; 4, Bell, fine size and shape; vhc, Souturn; hc, Ford; c, Gentleman. Nice class throughout. FIELD-MOULTED (18): 1, c, Gentleman, good col., throughout, nice cap and bib, well laced on flanks, good size, must have been hard pressed by 2, Lambie, grand one, rare bib, well up in size, beautifully laced, grand shape and col., hot one, should do some winning yet; 3, Flood, fails in finish only to winners, neat cap and bib, nicely laced; 4, Jamieson, good stamp, grand bib, lovely quality feather, shade thinner than winners; vhc, Ford; hc, McGillivray Bros. BUNTING (11): 1, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, grand size, splendidly marked, steady as a Rock, well staged, good one; 2, vhc, Watson, Meadow S.N. winner in full bloom, lovely exhibit, steady, well shown, sweet bird all over; 3, Pickles, Yellowhammer, grand size, finely toned on breast, nicely marked on eyes and head; 4, Messer, Snow Bunting, in full bloom, grand size and col., steady as possible, real good one; hc, Kirkwood; c, Flood. CHAFFINCH (7): 1, Hoyle, wins, grand size and shape, good dense col. throughout, neat wing flights, lovely head, correct bluish shade; 2, Patterson, good col. on body, dense throughout, fails only in weight to winner; 3, Finlay, darker tone throughout, but good wing flights, neat head and front; 4, McVay, sweet shape and finish, very steady, all round good one; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Strachan; c, Allan. BRAMBLE-FINCH (10): 1, 2, Hoyle, nice shape, good col., throughout, well up in size, very neatly spangled, pure in whites, steady as a rock; 2nd, fails in breast only to winner, good depth of col., neatly spangled, in grand feather; 3, Arnott, dense lacing and cap, well up in size, good tone of col. throughout, steady; 4, Patterson, good shape, nicely cut below, well spangled on head and back; vhc, Walsh; hc, Sharp; c, Miller and Eadie. BRIT. SMALL (3): 1, Lawson, Wheatear, nice size and col., good shape, steady, well shown; 2, Shields, Bearded Tit, good one, nice face, good wings, well staged; 3, Ford, Blackcap, good one, a wee shade thin in body, but perfect in cap and feather, very steady. LARGE (9): 1, Kirkwood, Waxwing, in full bloom, grand shape and col., splendidly staged, sweet exhibit; 2, McQuiston, Chough, large one, good bill and legs and dense raven colour, jet black throughout, staged in this exhibitor's faultless style; 3, 4, Brown, 3rd, Fieldfare, a clinker, grand size, and a gem for shape and markings, perfect specimen, and worthy of first place; 4th, Missel Thrush, old stormer, looking as well as ever, in grand bloom; vhc, Miller and Eadie; hc, Gardiner; c, Pollock. A.O.S. HEN, BRIT. (7): 1, Bruce, Thrush ("Border Queen"), looking in extra good order, nicely staged, grandly marked, well known; 2, Miller, Corn Bunting, ("Queen of the East"), good one, fine size, grand col. and markings, well put down; 3, Miller and Eadie, Bramblefinch, well up in size and markings, steady, well shown; 4, McQuiston, Corn Bunting, well known winner, but showing signs of age now; vhc, Kirkwood; hc, Bald; c, Hoyle; very interesting class. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (7): 1, Miller and Eadie, neat one, fine tone of col. throughout, good square blnze, nice nap and cheeks, deep body colour, good flights; 2, Howie, dense face, of good extension, solid in col., grandly marked on wings, and front, again in full bloom; 3, McLennan, large Finch, just slightly gathered on bottom of blaze, but enormous size, grand shape, real good one; 4, Geddes, lovely Finch, in grand bloom, nice face, good finish; vhc, Stevens; hc, Shields; c, Murray. FOR. SMALL (12): 1, Webster, Black-faced Love Birds, in full bloom, nicely staged, Paisley winners; 2, Bruce, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, in full bloom, grand size and shape, well put down; 3, Brown, Bullie, good one, grand eye, rare breast col., broad cap and bib, in full bloom; 4, Young, Blue Sugar Bird, in very nice order, well staged; vhc, Irvine; hc, Young; c, Arnott. LARGE (3): 1, Hoyle, Toucan, Green-billed, in full bloom, well staged; 2, Leech and Leckie, Cockatoo, in full bloom, grandly staged in lovely order; 3, Smith, Long-tailed Australlan Parrot, nice quality feather, well put down.

BUCKIE.

With the exception of Keith, the show season in the North of Scotland was drawn to a close at Buckie off January 11th, when the thirteenth annual show of the Buckie Association was held in the Fishermen's Hall. Considering the show is late in the season, there was a fairly good entry in the Canary section, some really fine exhibits being shown. Great praise is due to the secretary, Mr. A. L. B. Melvin, along with an energetic committee, under the guidance of Mr. N. Robertson, for the manner in which everything was conducted. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) judged.

The Critique.

SCOT FCY.: Cancelled. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Craig, grand col. and quality, nice type, good head and neck, fine wing carriage, well shown; 2, Connachie, nice col. yell., good quality, fine head and neck, fails only wing carriage; 3, Merson, good col. and quality, nice style; 4, Craigen. HEN (3): 1, Craig, nice typical yell. hen, grand col. and quality, good head and neck, shown in nice condition; 2, Blackie, sweet little hen, good type, col. and quality, presses winner hard; 3, Merson, nice head and neck, good quality. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Connachie, good head and neck, fine col. and quality, well shown; 2, Craig, another nice one, a trifle heavier; 3, Merson, good head and neck, nice quality, fails a wee bit in col.; 4, Blackie, fine col. buff, good type and quality. HEN (4): 1, Craig, best bird in show, grand typical buff, rare col. and quality, nice head and neck, shown in tip-top order; 2, Connachie, another nice one; 3, Blackie, good col. and quality, presses winner hard; 4, Merson. VARIEG. BUFF (5): 1, Blackie, the 2nd Edinburgh winner, good col. hen, nice type and quality, wins; 2, Craig, fine col. and quality; 3, Merson, good head and neck, nice col. and type, some preferred for 2nd. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Blackie, nice couple, 1st grand col. and quanty, nice wing carriage and type; 2, Craig, another good exhibit, nice col., type and quanty. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, Connachie, nice yell. green, good col. and quality, well shown; 2, Blackie, another good buff green, close up. SELL., 7s. 6d. (3): 1, Merson; 2, Stewart and Sons; 3, Blackie. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Hird, good head and neck, grand col., nice type and quality. HEN (2): 1, Grant, good bodied hen, nice head and neck, fine col. and quality; No. 2, Craigen, empty. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Chalmers, fine bodied buff, good type, col., and quality, nice head and neck; 2, Elrick, grand head and neck, nice col.; 3, Hird, another nice buff, good col. and quality. HEN: Cancelled. VARIEG. CK. (3): 1, Elrick, good col. and quality, nice bead and neck; Nos. 2 and 3, Rosie, empty. HEN (2): 1, Hendry, nice col. buff, good quality; 2, Douglas, grand bodied buff, good type, head and neck, fine col. and quality. CREST CK.: Cancelled. HEN (2): Hendry, nice bodied buff varieg. D.C., well made crest, nice length of feather; 2, Shand, another buff, fails only a bit in crest. C.-B. CK. (1): 1, Shand. HEN: Cancelled. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (colour fed) (3): 1, Stracban, nice large yell., good body and type, fine col. and quality, rare head and neck, some preferred for best in show; 2, Hird, good bead and neck, rare quality; 3, Craigen, good quality. HEN (1): 1, Strachan, sweet yell. hen, good col., type and quality, nice bead and neck, well staged. BUFF (2): 1, Stracban, grand bodied bird, good type, col., and quality, nice bead and neck, wins; 2, Hird, another nice one, fails only in col. HEN (1): 1, Strachan, nice typical hen, good head and neck, fine body and quality. NOR., A.O.C., CK.: Cancelled. HEN (1): 1, Elrick, nice col. cinn. varieg., good body, fine quality, nice head and neck. PAIR CAN. (4): 1, Blackie, nice balanced pair of Bord., yell. varieg. and cl. buff, grand col. and quality, nice type, good heads and necks, wins; 2, Craigen, good Crest and C.-B.; 2, Blackie, nice pair of green Borders, good col. and quality, fine type, presses hard; 4, Sutherland, nice pair of Nor. CAN., SELL., 10s. (9): 1, 2, 3, vbc, Stewart and Sons; 4, Hendry; hc, Livingstone; Nos. 6 and 7, empty. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, Clark, 1st grand col. Mealy Redpoll, good size, nice mkd., well staged, 2nd nice col. Siskin, good cap and bib, well mkd. 3rd another good Siskin, not so steady; 4, Smitb; vhc, Dolman; hc, Blackie. BULLFINCH BRIT. (6): 1, Arnott, nice Bullie hen, good cap and bars; 2, 3, Clark, 2nd good col. ck., fine size, rare cap and bars, some preferred for 1st, 3rd grand hen, good col., well shown, presses winner hard; 4, Craigen; vbc, Baxter, jun. GOLD., BRIT. (5): 1, Langlands, grand col., nice size, good blaze, well mkd., beautifully barred, shown in grand condition; 2, Livingstone, another good one, not quite so well shown; 3, Chalmers, nice body and markings, fails only in col. to winners; 4, Baxter, jun. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Chalmers, nice col. Linnet, good size, well mkd., and well shown; 2, Livingstone, another really nice Linnet; 3, Grant, grand sized Twite, well mkd., good col.; 4, Adam; vhc, Langlands; hc, Blackie. BUNTING (not larger than a Corn) (1): 1, Grant, Yellowhammer, grand col., nicely mkd., good size, well staged. GREENFINCH, BRIT. (3): 1, Merson, good col. and quality, nice body, wins well; 2, Adam, another good one, fine size, fails only in col.; 3, Johnstone, grand col., well mkd., falls only in size to winners. FINCH, A.O.S., BRIT. (1): 1, Clark, Hawfinch, nicely mkd., good size. MULE OR HYB., DARK (5): 1, Hendry, nice dark Goldie-Can., fine size and col.; 2, Simpson, grand bodied Siskin-Mule, good col., well mkd.; 3, Hird nice size, good col. and quality; 4, Johnstone; vhc, Stewart and Sons. LIGHT (1): 1, Hendry, Goldie-Can., nice shape, good style, well shown, Huntly winner. SOFTBILLED BRIT., SMALL (5): 1, Lewis, Waxwing, grand col., well mkd., nice plumage, shown to perfection, wins; 2, Merson, Thrush, nice size, well mkd., good col.; 3, Langlands, another fine Waxwing, fails only in col.; 4, Stewart and Sons; vhc, Anderson. BRIT., COL.-FED: Cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, Craigen, good bodied Cinn., nice col. and quality. GOLDFINCH, ETC., FOR.: (1): 1, Longlands, grand col. Goldie, good size, well mkd. FOR., A.O.S. (5): 1, 3, Irvine, nice pair of Gouldian Finches, well mkd., good col., shown in fine condition; 2, Merson, grand col. yell. Budgerigar; 4, Craigen. SELL., 10s. (2): 1, Irvine; 2, Merson. 5s. (9): 1, Arnott; 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, Stewart and Sons; 3, Grant. 2s. 6d. (4): 1, 2, 4, Stewart and Sons; 3, Blackie. GIFT (5): 1, 2, Stewart and Sons; 3, Blackie; 4, Merson; vhc, Chalmers.

PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. fourth annual show held the Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, January 12 and 13. Thanks to the efforts of the secretaries, Messrs. Dibley and Meades, there was a capital cutry, and the big room was nicely filled with exhibits. The chubby Norwich were very well represeuted. Mr. T. Irons (Northamptou) secured special for best bird iu this section. The quality was outstandingly good. Mr. Rennle put down his two unfighted Yorkies that have been so much admired this season. Several men from the North gave their charmers another run before the Palace Show. Mr. H. H. Tower's yellow hen was much admired, her position and type being about perfect. The two classes for Borders filled fairly well. If the southern breeders are so strong as to require a club, they should certainly show it in a more practical form by supporting classes when provided. Fourteen Borders in two classes is not at all encouraging. The British bird section was undoubtedly a good one, some really high-class birds being on view. The management was all that could be desired, and was in the capable hands of Messrs. Dibley and Meades, the secretaries, who were ably assisted by Messrs. Macmillan, Woolyar, G. Smith, Allen Hazell, Hall, jun., and J. Smith. The Hall was clean and tidy, free from draught, and comfortably warm, and the birds carefully attended to. Mr. Robson judged the Canaries, and Mr. Silver the British and foreign birds and Mules.

The Canary Section.

NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Irons, hot col., well filled head, bold, well rounded front, very typical; 2, Kilby, grand type, well filled head, not quite so hot in col., but lovely quality; 3, Marshall, well furnished, grand head, sound, rich col., 4, Richardson, typical specimen; vhc, Inglis; hc, Marley; c, Gibbs. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Irons, fine, bold bird, rare shape and style, grand, well filled head, lovely quality and col., 3rd similar; 2, Hazell, just beaten in width of skull to first, but equal in all other points; 4, Inglis, smart, sweet head, beaten only in substance; vhc, Taylor. MKD. (9): 1, Irons, grand type, good head and neck, bold front, nice short flights and tail, where is the visible tick?; 2, Marshall, head and shoulder mkd., of grand size, well rounded front, stands well; 3, Gibbs, eye and wing mkd., nice type and substance; 4, Hazell, nice exhibit, wee shade fat; vhc, Harding; hc, Aclaud; c, Taylor. HEN (10): 1, Marley, big, bouncing bird, good quality, some thought too fat for show purposes; 2, Rennie, lovely quality buff, nice head, short, thick set body, capital wings and tail; 3, vhc, Lack, smart yell, nice shape, good col. and quality; 4, Gooding, big, bold buff, well filled head and back; vhc, Richardson; hc, Mrs. Thynne; c, Gibbs. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Irons, good yell., nice type, capital head and neck, very hot col.; 2, Richardson, very close up, quite as good on points, but just beaten for depth of col.; 3, Kilby, smart, bold fronted specimen, well filled head and neck, rounded back and front; 4, Gooding, good size, very shapely, lovely quality feather, wants a wash; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Marley. BUFF (8): 1, Kilby, typical, nice substauce, beautifully rounded, wonderful quality; 2, vhc, Irons, shade bigger and bolder, grand head, but hardly the finish of winner; 3, Harding, neat and chubby, nice head aud neck, grand back; 4, Richardson, short thickset bird, grand col. aud feather; hc, Gibbs; c, Marley. YORK. YELL (9): 1, Rennie, smart clean cut bird, grand position, rare shoulders, capital flights and tail; 2, Easterling, another smart one, grand type, good head and back, not quite the polish of winner; 3, Ogden Bros., big upstanding bird, nice head, well rounded front; 4, Towers, grand position, very slim, nice shoulders, well up on leg; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Coombs; c, Owen. BUFF (7): 1, Ogden, capital length, slim, grand head and shoulders, well filled back, A1 quality; 2, Gibbs, grand type, stands well, lovely quality; 3, Rennie, smart raking specimen, good head and shoulders, beautifully rounded; 4, Easterling, stylish, good head aud shoulders, A1 tail; vhc, C. Owen; hc, Dykes. MKD. (10): 1, 2, Dykes; 1, smart cheek, breast, and wing mkd. buff, lovely quality, grand back and wings; 2, smart long sided yell., good shouldered; 3, 4, Towers; 3, nice length, good head, grand position, very clean run; 4, heavily mkd. yell., grand type, good shoulders, well drawn; vhc, Atkins; hc, c, Owen. HEN, YELL. (10): 1, Towers, Cinn. mkd., grand position, slim build, very clean run, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, Easterling; 2, smart, nice length, capital shoulders and back, good wings; 3, another good one, grand positiou, fine head, back, and wings, a wee bit small; 4, Whittome, another smart lady, nice slim type, clean cut; vhc, Leaver; hc, Owen; c, Mrs. Gill. BUFF (10): 1, Rennie, good upstanding bird, nice length beautifully moulded, grand, long, well-braced wings; 2, Towers, a wee shade stouter, good head, grand shoulders, nice quality; 3, 4, Atkins; 3, nice position, good head, well rounded body; 4, grand position, well up on leg; vhc, Turner; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Owen. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Ogden, rare length, grand type, showing nice bit shoulders, well up on leg; 2, Whittome, another smart one, nice position, good back, capital legs and tail; 3, Atkins, good as any on points, but just beaten for quality of feather; 4, c, Gibbs, another good one, close up; vhc, Owen; hc, Easterling. BUFF (10): 1, Turner, good shoulders, wings, and tail, inclined to be a wee bit fat; 2, Towers, smart, not quite so rich in col., but grand type and quality, must have pressed; 3, Mrs. Gill, good position, nicely drawn, smart tail; 4, Rennie, fine hold bird, wee bit stout; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Owen; c, Armstrong. BORD. CK. (6): 1, 2, Owen; 1, smart grand position, lovely head and wings, grand quality; 2, taking bird, mkd. yell., full of swagger, lovely type; 3, Weaver, grand cl. yell., we liked immensely, A1 position, plenty of nerve; 4, Montague, another good one, very close up; vhc, Hooper; hc, Smith. HEN (8): 1, Smith, grand buff, good position, beautifully rounded, perfect wings and tail; 2, c, Mrs. Thynne, another good one, grand type, A1 head, good back; 3, Montague, very smart yell., full of swagger, lovely type; 4, vhc, Owens, wing mkd yell., nicely rounded; hc, Weaver. CREST. (2): 1, Mrs. Thynne, wing mkd. D.C., good size and formation, well veined, good quality; 3, Harris, another big bird, nice neat Crest, good substance. CK. (4): 2, Harris, big, good head, nicely packed, well lashed, grand size; 4, Mrs. Thynne, not quite so big, but good broad skull, well furnished; vhc, Stevens; hc, McLellan. A.O.V. cancelled. NOVICE, NOR. CL. (6): 1, Parr, bold bird, good type, capital head and chest, A1 col.; 2, Wickham, another good one, must have pressed; 3, Woolgar, rare typical Buff, capital head and neck, nice quality; 4, hc, Dibley, good substance, grand quality; vhc, Hall. MKD (3): 1, Inglis, good typical yell., grand grizzled head, good head, capital col.; 2, Hollands, even mkd., good size, capital head and back; 3, Parr, very typical buff, good head and chest. HEN (7): 1, Billingsley, bold bird, good head and neck, nicely rounded front; 2, Inglis, another good buff, not quite the substance of winner, grand quality; 3, Hall, nice typical yell., close up; 4, Machell, yet another bull, nice quality feather; vhc, Wickham; hc, c, Dibley. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Billingsley, good bold bird, neat head, well filled neck, good wings and tail; 2, Little, typical, not quite the substance of winner, still good quality; 3, Hollands, big and bold, rare stamp to breed from; 4, Shrivall, smart yell., neat head, capital col.; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Parr; c, Fleetwood. YORK., CL. (3): 1, Barton, smart upstanding bird, nicely drawn, good head and wings, neat tail; 2, Hudson, long raking bird, good shoulders, neat head and neck, A1 wings, bot col.; 3, Lampard, wonderful col., nice position, well up on legs. MKD. (5): 1, 3, Merritt; 1, heavily mkd yell., grand shoulders and back, neat wings and tail; 3, big bird, good head, nicely rounded front; 2, Bousfield, smart long bird, nice clean run, capital shoulders; 4, Fleet, long, good type, neat wings; vhc, Busbridge. HEN (5): 1, 2, Montgomery; 1, smart and long, good shoulders, back, and wings, wonderful quality; 2, smart yell., must have pressed, neat, close fitting wings; 3, Hutson, cap mkd. bird, nice style, very straight, perfect wings; 4, Fleet, capital head and quality; vhc, Busbridge. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Lampard, very smart var. yell., nice position, good type, capital shoulders, neat tail; 2, Montgomery, cl., good size and position, neat head and neck; 3, 4, Merritt; 3, another good one, capital col. and quality; 4, smart, real Yorkie type. BORD. CK. (9): 1 hc, c, Lathbury, neat cap and wing, mkd. yell., nice type, good quality; 2, Montague, smart cl., very neat type, good head and wings; 3, Lawrence, another cl., a wee shade heavy in head and neck, but lovely quality; 4, Ellwood, good position, capital wings; vhc, Hooper. HEN (17): 1, c, Lathbury, very smart and neat headed, nice type, clean cut, good quality; 2, Ellwood, grand green, stands well, good back pencilling, capital quality; 3, Lawrence, smart cinn., typical and neat; 4, Montague, neat yell., very racy; vhc, Miss Dooly; hc, Hooper.

The Remaining Sections.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, bc, Jordan, smart Finch, well up in col., nice broad top, good wings and tanning; 2, Arnold, big bird, very deep rich col., nice sq. blaze, well buttoned wings; 3, Casemore, nice blaze, shapely, well tanned, stands well; 4, Andrews, big, good square blaze, of rich col; No. 9, Herbert, read topper, some said was wet when judged; vbc, Blackett; bc, Wickham; c, Fleetwood. BULLFINCH (13): 1, Lawrence, grand shape, good deep col., nice back, grand cap; 2, Hinds, very Bullie type, not quite so deep in col., grand wings, good cap, A1 quality; 3, hc, Francis, bold, good head, nice full neck and chest, capital col.; 4, Andrews, smart, grand cap, A1 wings; vhc, Harris, Bousfield; c, Minnit. LINNET (11): 1, 2, 3, Marley, three well-known birds, near thing between them, some preferred one, some the others; 4, Gunnell, capital shape and col., nicely pencilled; vhc, Blackett; hc, Carter; c, Harris, Francis. REDPOLL (12): 1, 2, 3, c, Marley, three good birds, nice size and col., leader the largest; 4, Andrews, fine bold mealy, grand flush of col., capital, distinct; vhc, Acland, very shapely bird, wonderful bib and lacing; hc, Brighty. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Coffey, fine bold Twite, good shape, well mkd. throughout, sound col.; 2, c, Francis, smart Siskin, shapely, nicely laced, good cap and bib; 3, Marley, another Twite, grand col. and markings; vhc, bc, Harris; hc, Marley. GREENFINCH (10): 1, Coffey, fine bold bird, wonderful shape, good wings, grand quality and condition; 2, Marley, another good one, not quite so big, but nice type; 3, Harris, big one, well proportioned, good wings, nice quality; 4, Andrews, one of the best, rare for quality; vhc, Francis; hc, Gunnel; 3, Botting. CHAFFIE, ETC. (10): 1, Coffey, smart, rich col. Bramble, well spangled, good wings, stands well; 2, 3, Francis; 2, a grand Chaffie, perfect shape, nice rich breast; 3, storming good Bramble, rare size and col., beautifully spangled, some thought should have won; 4, Cadman, fine big Chaffie, nice col.; vhc, Lawrence; hc, Botting; c, Jordon, Carter. A.O.S. (14): 1, Harris, grand Hawfinch rare size, good bib, wonderful col. throughout; 2, Bousfield, another good one, beaten only in depth of col., grand quality; 3, Francis, well known Laplaud Bunting, looking as well as ever; 4, Lawrence, smart Hawfinch, a wee bit on the small side; vhc, Botting, Brett; hc, Acland; c, Marley. INSECTIV (5): 1, Graham, real good Waxwing, nice size, beautifully mkd., marvellous col. and quality; 2, Brett, good Shorelark, nice size, well mkd., lovely quality, steady as a rock; 3, 4, Francis; 3, sweet little Lesser Whitethroat, in grand condition; 4 big Waxwing, a beauty. LIGHT MULE (7): 1, Aruold, grand rich col. yell., very shapely, nice size, well rounded, lovely quality feather; 2, 4, Harding; 2, another good one, wing mkd., nice size and shape; 4, fine big bird, grand col. and quality; 3, Coffey, smart buff, eye and wing mkd.; vhc, Lamb; hc, Morris. DK. MULE (19): 1, Lawrence, smart Goldie, wonderful col. and quality, nicely mkd.; 2, ex 4, Somerfield; col. and quality, nicely mkd.; 2, ex 4, Somerfield; col. and quality, nicely mkd.; 2, ex 4, Somerfield; 2, good Siskin, nice size, grandly mkd. and laced, good sound col.; 3, hc, Lamb, good bold Redpoll, nice size and col.; 4, vhc, Pope, big Greenie, very shapely, sound col.; vhc (2), Coffey; c, Marshall. HYB. (4): 1, 2, Lamb; 1, good Redpoll-Goldie, very shapely, good col., capital wing and bars; 2, nice Siskin-Goldie, good size and shape, capital wings; 3, Waldock, Goldie-Bullie, rich col., nice quality; 4, Brett another Goldie-Greenie, nice size. FOR. (1): 1, 2, Howe, two nice Finches in grand feather, good specimens of their species, Melba and Crimson; 3, Kilby, topping Red-headed Gouldian, in grand col., tight as wax; vhc, Read; hc, Leacock. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, sp, Marshall; 3, Hazell. BUFF (4): 1 Hazell; 2, Worth; 3, Inglis; 4, Maclellan. TKD. (2): 1, Richardson; 2, Harriss. HEN (5): 1, 3, Richardson; 2, Hazell; 4, Worth; vhc, Ingles. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Daniel; 2, Maclellan; 3, Hazell; 4, Harris. BUFF (2): 1, Richardson; 2 Hazell. BORD. CK. (1): 1, Weaver. HEN (1): 1, Weaver. CREST. (3): 1, Allen; 2, Maclellan; 3, Harris. NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Smith; 2, 4, Wood; 3, Weygang; vhc, Hartland. BUFF (1): 1, Shrivell. TKD ETC. (7): 1, Smith; 2, Miller; 3, c, Brett; 4 vhc, Wood; hc, Hartland. HEN (4): 1, Shrivell; 2, Hall; 3, Woolgar; 4, Wood. UNFLIG. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Shrivell; 3, Newsham. BUFF (8): 1, Dibley; 2, c, Woolgar; 3, Smith; 4 Denham; vhc, Shrivell; hc, Hall. YORKS. YELL. (1): 1, Burton. BUFF (1): Burton. TKD. (1):1, sp, Newnham. HEN (3) 1 2, Burton; 3, Newnham. UNFLIG. (1): 1, Burton BUFF (1): 1, Newnham CREST (1): 1, Harding NAT. COL. (2): 1, sp, 2, Wood. MULES (5): 1, Worth; 2, Miller; 3, Simant; 4, vhc, Marshall. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Allen; 2, vhc, Worth; 3, Ingles; 4, Smith; hc, Frostick. BULLFINCH (7) 1 Ingles 2, Brett; 3, Dibley; 4, Daniells; vhc, Meade; hc, Swift; c, Miller. LINNET, ETC. (10) 1, Miller; 2, Worth; 3, Barton; 4, Hartland; vhc, Allen; hc, Smith; c, Simants. A.O.S. (4): 1, Miller; 2, Daniells; 3, Hartland; 4, Meades. INSECTIV (1): 1, Allen. FOR. (10): 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, c, White; 3, Meades.

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IRVINE.

The recently reconstructed Irvine and District O.S. brought off their second annual show, 14th January. This was really the best of the smaller shows, if we may be allowed to call it by that description, we have had the pleasure of attending for some time. They have been extremely fortunate in their choice of office bearers, the popular Provost of the Ancient Burgh (Provost Borland) taking a deep interest in their welfare; he personally supervised the arrangements and welcomed exhibitors and visitors. The hon. secretaries and treasurers, Messrs J. Borland junr., and A. Black, junr., were particularly hard working and obliging in the performance of their arduous duties, and so successful were they in their endeavours that we could not find a single fault with their arrangements. They had the assistance of a committee of experienced fanciers, and we hope their labours met with the financial success they so well deserved. The show was held in the New Drill Hall, which is admirably adapted for the purpose. The British bird classes were above the average in both quantity and quality, and rarely have we seen such outstanding competition. Mr. Mossie adjudicated in the Border Fancy classes; he is evidently a master hand and has nothing to learn in this particular variety. Mr. C. Campbell judged all other classes, and, like his brother judge, made no mistakes.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK., YELL (5): 1, Pearson, cl., hard up, fine shoulders, and action, well modelled, grand worker; 2, Campbell, var., hard up, prominent shoulders, head well down, rare reach; 3, Hunter, large, splendid drive, prominent shoulders, rare sides, well placed legs; 4, Burgess; No. 3 absent. HEN (5): 1, 4, Hunter; 1, good one, rare size, grand shoulders, great substance, fine droop; 2, Reid, cl., close up, just a wee shade thin in rib, but sweetly moulded, fine drive and action; 3, Cameron, cl., fails a fee bit in size and substance, good drive and action; 5, Pearson. BUFF CK., cancelled. HEN (4): 1, Hunter, green var., good one, grand drive, rare shoulders, head well down, grand thickness through; 2, Reid, cl., rare head, another good one, much the same stamp; 3, Burgess, good size, fine shoulders, nice length of neck; 4, Murdoch. BRED 1910 (4): 1, 3, 2 spls, Hunter; 1, var. buff green, hard up, decided driver, rattling good shoulders, well filled head, always down, nice nerve, substance, and sides; 3, all there, but a shade small; 2, Burgess, cl. yell., good one, rare heavy shoulders, good length of reach; 4, Briggs, jun. CREST. CK. (5): 1, sp, Adamson, grand all-round green, fine head and feather, beautifully centred, carried well down at sides, splendid length; 2, Edwards, self green, grand headpiece, lovely front; 3, Cram, good Crest, fails to-day in front only, grand top-piece, well brushed down; 4, Graham; 5, O'Hare. HEN, C.-B. CK., and HEN, cancelled. NOR. CK., YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, Hutchison, grand size and substauce, hot col., staged to perfection; 2, Candlish, splendid substance, grand flights, neat head and neck, even col., fails only in condition; 3, Edwards, wing mkd., very typical, lovely quality feather, neat head and neck; 4, Paling; 5, Cairns; 6, Jeffrey. HEN (4): 1, Watson, bold head, neatly rounded chest, well tapered, nice wing carriage, A1 condition; 2, Jeffrey, very shapely, hot fed, nice quality feather, chubby type; 3, Dickie, short and chubby, nice bead, lovely wings and tail; 4, Melville; all cleans. CK., BUFF (6): 1, Candlish, cl., splendid model, grand head and neck, fine clean cut under, short flights; 2, Jeffrey, neck mkd., rare size and col., nicely rounded chest, grand condition; 3, Devoy, cl., neat type, lovely quality; 4, Guthrie and Son; 5, Melville; 6, Dickie. HEN (5): 1, Cairns, neck mkd., nice size, deep chest, well rounded, put down in grand order; 2, Paling, cl., grand stamp of a hen, fine depth of chest, feather like wax, nice wings and tail; 3, Watson cl., fine size and quality, neatly rounded head, well filled in neck; 4, Edwards; 5, Hutchison. CK., VARIEG. (4): 1, Herd, yell., rare size, bold head, expansive chest, neatly tapered, grand flights and tail; 2, Calderwood, almost self-green, very typical, grand col. and quality; 3, Cairns, wing and eye mkd., fine size, very shapely, grand flights and tail; 4, Devoy. HEN, cancelled. CK., BUFF, cancelled. HEN (5): 1, sp, Watson, variegated, green, grand Nor. type, lovely hot col., smooth as wax, staged in lovely bloom, wins easy; 2, Calderwood, very typical, grand col. and quality, neat wings and tail; 3, Edwards, almost even mkd., grand size, lovely chest, nice short wings and tail; 4 Paling; 5, Hutchison. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, Parker, cl. yell., splendid type, neatly rounded and finished, rich col., grand quality feather; 2, Paling, nice size and col., neat head and wings; 3, Burgess, self green, very shapely, short and chubby; 4, Young; 5, Murdoch; 6, Dunlop. HEN (6): 1, Calderwood, var. yell., splendid type, neat head and deep chest, shown in the best of condition; 2, Candlish, short and chubby, neat head, not quite so well finished as leader; 3, Herd, cl. yell., neat type, lovely quality, best of wing carriage; 4, Burgess; 5, Edwards; 6, Minnis. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, Heggie, leader cl. yell., grand all over, rare length, slim drawn, nice taper; 2, buff cl., grand length, well drawn, fine wing carriage, grand quality feather; 3, cl. yell., lengthy bird, rare sides and wings, graud head; 4, no name; 5, Hunter; 6, Sloan. HEN, cancelled. BORD. FCY. CK., YELL., CL., ETC. (11): 1, sp, Clark, fine feather, nice texture, graceful head, grand neck, good back, charming col.; 2, Craig, another good one, fine head and neck, lovely wings and tail carriage; 3, Willison, grand type, lovely mover; 4, Graham; 5, Hamilton Bros.; 6, Fraser. HEN (10): 1, Willison, fine shape, col., and quality, grand wing carriage; 2, Gilchrist, rare good one, splendid shape, grand head, and jaunty carriage, fine back, wings, and tail, col. A1; 3, Craig, another well-known winner, looks shade plain to-day, fine shape; 4, Murray; 5, Lawrie; 6, Clark. CK., BUFF (9): 1, Gilchrist, wing mkd., graceful little gem, fine head, quality, and finish; 2, Holden, lovely cl., nice carriage, feather like wax, well staged; 3, Steel, another very good Bord., very neat wings, nicely moulded; 4, Craig; 5, Fergusson; 6, no name. HEN (11): 1, sp for best Bord., Gilchrist, charmer, well worth its place, splendid head and neck, well moulded, grand wings and tail; 2, Craig, bonnie bird, teeming with Bord. properties very smart; 3, Willison, beautiful quality Bord., very neat, good wings and tail, staged in lovely bloom; 4, Shields; 5, Hamilton Bros.; 6, Thomson. EVEN MKD., cancelled. EVENLY MKD. YELL., GREEN, ETC. (9): 1, Clark, almost even mkd. cinn., rare type and quality, nicely finished, fine pipe tail, a grand worker; 2, Holden, self yell. cin., full of quality, beautiful col., lovely carriage; 3 Bryden and Smith, self green, lovely grand col. and lacing, glossy col; 4, Steel; 5, Wright; 6, Shields. BUFF VARIEG. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, Willison, fine head, good back, grand col. and quality, good finish; 2, Clark, cinn. mkd., splendid type and quality, good head and fine neck, must have pressed; 3, Holden, both eyes and one wing mkd., rare good one all over; 4, Thomson; 5, Gilchrist, a bit soft when we were taking notes; 6, Gillies. SELL., 7/6, cancelled. 15/- (5): 1, Minnis; 2, Cram; 3, Paton; 4, Pearson; Nisbet abs. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 6, Edwards; 1, yell. variegated mule, grand size, rich col.; 6, Can.-Bullie, wants a rest; 2, Buchanan, Greenie-Bullie, grand size and lovely col., splendid cap, extra good breast col.; 3, McQuiston, 4-pointed buff Goldie mule, grand size, lovely quality; 4, Mills, Goldie-Bullie; 5, Hopkins. DARK CAN. MULE (4): 1, McQuiston, jonque Goldfinch mule, grand face and body col., plenty of size and quality; 2, Parker, Buff Linnet mule, grand size, fine big head, massive frame; 3, Buchanan Buff Goldfinch mule, grand size, lovely big head; 4, Elliott, Linnet mule. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): 1, Kirk, grand square cut blaze, nice bars and buttons, in grand bloom; 2, Elliott, very nice Finch, good face, lovely quality, warm col. all through; 3, Livingstone, again very good Finch, grand blaze of a nice shade of col.; 4, Hillier; 5, Guthrie and Son; 6, Graham. BRIT. BULLFINCH: 1, Gibson, grand shape, good bars and breast col.; 2, McQuiston, close up, lovely chubby bird, fine breast col.; 3, Dunsmuir, hen, grand size, lovely cap, shining like a bit of silk; 4, Raeside. GREENFINCH (9): 1, McQuiston, grand big yell., beautiful self col., grand big head, chubby type, lovely staging; 2, J. Morton, another good yell., lovely head, nice quality feather; 3, Morton and Davidson, grand size, very rough in feather; 4, Parker; 5, Pirrie; 6, Arnott. LINNET, H.M. (8): 1, 6, McQuistou; 1, one of his well-known winners, wins well; 2, Livingstone, beautiful bird, of good shape, with nicely defined markings, staged in lovely bloom; 3, Morton and Davidson, beaten only in size, nice feather, grand col.; 4, Doolan; 5, Nairn. LINNET, F.-M. (9): 1, Rooke, big, grand col. and markings, very steady; 2, Morton and Davidson, a shade smaller, grand col. and markings, again very steady; 3, McKay, fine size, lovely breast work, big head, very steady; 4, Crosbie; 5, Campbell; 6, Wason. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, 5, 2, sps, McQuiston, 1st Siskin, Scottish Nat. winner; 3rd large mealy 'Poll, grand size, lovely bib; 2, Morton and Davidson, Twite, fine size, great col., well staged; 4, Weir, Siskin, Kilmarnock winner; 6, Crosbie. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, A. and W. Allan, grand size, bouse-moulted, rare rich breast col.; 2, Hopkins, grand head and chest, very nicely marked, in fine bloom; 3, Morton and Davidson, field-moulted, grand type, very hot col., nice pencilling; 4, Parker; 5, Crosbie; 6, Doolan.. SOFT-BILL (SMALL) cancelled. BRIT. HEN (5): 1, sp, McQuiston, well-known Corn Bunting; 2, Dale, Bramble Finch, grand size, in lovely bloom, very steady; 3, Smith, Greenfinch, good big one, grand head and lovely col.; 4, Dunsmuir; 5, Fergusson. BRIT., SELL., 7/6, cancelled. FOR., SMALL (5): 1, Reid, Goldfinch, field-moulted, fine size and build, grand col. and markings; 2, Duncan, pair yellow Budgerigars, in lovely bloom; 3, Graham, Goldfinch, fine size, beaten only in face by winner; 4, Morrison; 5, Stevenson. LARGE, cancelled.

LUDLOW.

Show held Town Hall, January 12th. Owing to the two previous open shows proving failures, the executive decided to curtail the open classes this year, which they did, only providing four. These were poorly filled. The local classes, however, were well filled, and contained some nice exhibits. The president (R. de Courcy Peele, Esq.) kindly provided a silver cup for competition among the members for best Canary; this was secured by the secretary, Mr. Woof, with a good Yell. Norwich shown in nice trim, being closely pressed by the winning Yorks. shown by Mr. Hughes. The secretary, Mr. Woof, discharged his duties well, and had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood judged.

The Critique.

OPEN CLASSES.—NOR. (8): 1, 3, Edwards, leader wing tkd. yell., nice size, rattling fine type and substance, good head, nice col. and quality, big winner, followed by a cl. yell., good size and shape, fails only a wee bit in col.; 2, r, vhc, Guest, wing tkd. unflig. yell., grand type and quality, wet when judged, which told against it; r, nice quality uneven yell.; hc, Muscott; abs., 1 and 2, Williams. YORKS. (3): 3, Muscott, nice yell., looking rather soft; abs., 1 and 2, Williams. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, r, Edwards, leader Can.-Bullie, grand size and shape, nice col. and feather, shows cross well; r, really good lightly mkd. yell. Goldie-Can.; 2, 3, Tams and Son, well known cl. buff Gold.-Can., wears well; 3rd, fine Linnet-Bullie, good col., size and feather; vhc, Oakes, nice Goldie-Bullie, will improve. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, Tams and Son, rare size and shape, grand bars and tanning, rare width of face with blaze of great brilliancy, steady; 2, r, Edwards, 2nd grand face and wing bars, good buttons; 3, Castle, fine size, nice depth of tan, rich blaze. LOCAL CLASSES. —NOR. (13): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, c, Woof, leader good cl. yell., nice type and quality, takes cup for best members' Can., followed by nat. col. mkd. buff, rare type and substance; 3rd, tkd. buff, grand quality and col., loses only in shape to winners; r, nice buff, hen, fine type; vhc, Groom; hc, Tomkins. YORKS. (12): 1, Hughes, cl. yell., rare length, good head, wings and position, runner-up for cup; 2, 3, Tomkins, buff, nice length and feather, not quite so typical as winner; 3rd, variegated yell., nice shape, wee bit patchy in col.; r, vhc, hc, Banks; vhc, Randles; c, Nash. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, Oakes, Goldie-Can., uneven buff, nice size, good feather, well shown; 2nd, dark Linnet-Can., splendid size, col. and bloom; 3, Worrall, dark Goldie-Can., nice size, good flush; r, Tomkins; vhc, Davies; hc, Banks; c, Sheldon. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (12): 1, Woof, nice depth of blaze, good body col., very steady; 2, Groom, fine size, rich face and wings, unsteady or might have won; 3, hc, Mrs. Banks, fine size, grand blaze, looking a wee bit down; r, Tomkins; vhc, c, Bridges; hc, Carter. A.O.S. BRIT. (15): 1, Tomkins, Bullfinch, good shape and breast col., nicely cut cap; 2, Groom, very decent Chaffinch, in good feather; 3, Bridges, good Bullie, not quite so thick set as winner; r, Hughes; vhc, Groom; vhc, hc, Symonds; c, Morgan. SELL., 10s. (17): 1, Groom; 2, 3, c, Tomkins; r, Bridges; vhc, Davies; hc, Beeston, Hughes.

WISBECH F. AND F.S.

Show held Jan. 11th. To the hon. sec., Mr. H. B. Teasle, and the chairman and vice-chairman, Messrs. H. F. Long and J. T. Elsom, is due most of the credit for the successful arrangements made. Mr. H. Osbourn judged the cage birds.

NOR. COL. FED: 1, spl. best Can. in show, vhc, hc, Handley and Son; 2, F. Bielby; 3, Harper. NAT. COL.: 1, vhc Handley and Son; 2, T. Bielby; 3, Harper. A.O.V.: 1, Harrold; 2, hc, F. Bielby; 3, Harper; vhc, Handley and Son. CAN. HEN: 1, 3, Handley and Son; 2, Ramsdale; vhc, F. Bielby. YORKS.: 1, 2, vhc, Harrold; 3, Harper. BRIT. BIRD: 1, spl. Handley and Son; Harper. BRIT. BIRD: 1, spl. Handley and Son; Harper. FOR.: 2, hc, Winterbone; 3, F. Bielby; vhc, Harper. FOR.: 1, Martin; 2, 3, vhc, Hipwell. SELL.: 1, 2, Harper; 3, hc, Ramsdale; vhc, J. Harrold. A.V. NOVICE: 1, Skoyles; 2, vhc, Elam; 3, Elms. GIFT: 1, Harrold; 2, Handley and Son.

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WANTED, good yellow Norwich hen, give two hens, Canaries, and H.M. hen Bullfinch: G. Jones, Whitford Bridge, Bromsgrove.

GRAMOPHONE, or offers for ½-plate double extension "M.B." camera, complete, as new: Legget, 18, Almorah-rd., Islington, London.

WANTED a good big 1910 yellow Norwich hen, exchange Goldfinch Mule in song; yours first: Brimnier, Scott-st., Treherbert, Rhondda.

WANTED cock Bluewing Lovebird and Budgerigar, exchange British or small foreign, acclimatised: F. Child, The Downs, Luton, Beds.

WANTED Canaries in exchange for hand-reared and house-moulted Bullfinches, Hebrew Bible, old dictionary: H. Piggott, Wantage.

YORKSHIRE cock, buff, well drawn, good length, 15/-; exchange Hawfinch, common hens, anything: J. Stratton, Oakly-rd., Redditch.

WANTED hen Mules, Canaries and Goldfinches; state lowest price; stamp for reply: Nelsons, 19, King-Queen-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED cash offers for 4 hens, 1 cock Canaries, Norwich cross-bred, sell 15/-, or offers: Apply, Chambers, 62, Green-lane, Whitwick.

WANTED offers Canaries, exchange Scotch blankets, 25/-, silver English lever watch, £3: Leckie, 12, Graeme-st., City, Glasgow.

WANTED Yorkshire cock Canary and cage, song, exchange six new double disc records; sell 10/-; offers: H. Barker, "Bellevue," Reigate.

WANTED a pair of Silver Lizards, also pair of Cinnamons, pink eyes, bright colour, cheap, to breed from: C. Y. Radclyffe, Hyde, Wareham.

WANTED, any quantity Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, also Canaries and Mules, etc.; please state price: Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED smart Goldfinch Mule, pure Finch song, exchange left-off dark suit; bird first; only letters answered: Occupier, 23, Alfred-st, Shrewsbury.

WANTED lady's silver watch in exchange for English concertina, Lachenal, 48 keys, cost £7 10s.: Hall, Sunnyside, Westhorpe, Southwell, Notts.

WANTED 2 unflighted Yorkshire hens, buff and yellow, give cock Goldfinch Mule, grand Schoolmaster, or sell 12/6: Cuffis, Summerleigh, Warminster.

WANTED offers in cock Goldfinches for white bitch ferret and six punce nets, new: Charles Marriott, 74, Water-lane, Southnormanton, Alfreton.

WANTED, hen Canaries, any kind; small or large quantities; also colour-fed cocks; state prices; cages bought: Aviaries, 47, Wood-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

GOLDFINCHES, any quantity, required from catchers, state price, saves time; all cards answered: George Vanner, Bird Dealer, Gateshead.

WANTED, cock and hens, Canaries, large or small quantities, cheap for cash; will deposit cash with Editor: Carter, 45, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED first-class Roller cock in exchange for nice Pomeranian dog, orange, white chest; no rubbish wanted, or sell 20/-: Hopson, 9, Durham-st., Cardiff.

WANTED pair of good Norwich Crests, will give in exchange, gold medal, double centre, cost 25/-; stamp reply: J. W. Harker, 7, Springkell, Aspatria, Cumberland.

WANTED offers useful exchange, 2 dozen purse nets, new: Johnstone, Jubilee-cot., Holly-rd., Aldershot.

GENT'S boots, size 8, in exchange for good Crestbred cock, or sell 8/6: 36, Church-st., Whitby, Yorkshire.

WANTED 7/6 for pair of Seifert Rollers, also 5/6 for pair off same: Hy. Green, 98, Fentou-st., Priterley Hill.

WANTED two plain Buff Norwich hens and 1 ticked buff Yorkshire hen; exchange fishing tackle, cost £2: Collison, Rosslyn Villa, Midland-rd., Peterborough.

WANTED disc record, good condition, for cash, or will exchange 9 double-sided ones, almost new; yours first: Swainston, Rose-cot., Middleton-on-Teesdale, Durham.

WANTED to exchange Canaries from outdoor aviary for Zebra Finches, from outdoors, or others foreigners, aviary bred: Geo. Griffin, School House, Redditch.

WANTED cock buff Norwich or yellow hen Budgerigar, exchange Yorkshire hen and h.m. cock Chaffinch: Westhaven, Shoot-up-Hill, Brondesbury, London, N.W.

NOTICE.—Will give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, 10/- for Crests; also wanted Scotch Fancies: McKeand, 15, Queen-st., Castle-Douglas.

BLACKFACED Lovebirds, wanted a guaranteed true breeding pair, from outside aviary, also guaranteed cock Crested Cardinal; no dealers: Dean, Clifton-st., Wolverhampton.

WANTED 3 feeding yellow Roller hens or cock Goldfinches for 1910 green and yellow marked Norwich cock; offers: E. Carroll, 8, Joule-st., Mostonla., Manchester.

WANTED exhibition Bullfinch (on approval) and Twite, cocks, large birds; state lowest price and winnings, by letter: S., 33, Prestonave., Highamspark, Chingford.

WANTED large Green Norwich hen, unflighted, exchange grand house-moulted cock Goldfinch, proved Muler, or sell 10/-; approval: Robinson, Bootmaker, Winsford, Cheshire.

WANTED 2 Seifert Roller cocks, unflighted, exchange set of 5 volumes Dr. Andrew Wilson's Modern Physician, in case, perfectly new, sell 30/-; approval: Dobby, Queen-st., Redcar.

WANTED Mule (Goldfinch song), Goldfinches or Canary singing, exchange Blackbird, exhibition cage, with case complete; no postcards answered: Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury.

WANTED Goldfinches; will give 1/6 cocks, 8d. each hens; Bullfinches, Squirrels, Jackdaws bought; damaged and second-hand cages bought: Aviaries, 47, Wood-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

WANTED pair of young Canaries, Norwich or Crest, for good Belgian buck, King's, or offer, other variety; sell 12/6; no rubbish wanted: Charles Brown, 36, Park-st., Kirkby-on-Ashfield, Notts.

ONE pair inverted wall gas brackets, complete, ladies or gent's umbrella, or Pom bitch pup, will give in exchange prize Borders or Cinnamon Norwich: Young's Aviaries, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WANTED unflighted buff Norwich cock, must be good, for fashionable frock coat, 40in. chest, silk hat, 6 7-8, worn three times, sell 25/-; approval: Hocking, 128, Grosvenor-ter., Camberwell-rd., London.

YORKSHIRES, wanted two real good yellow and buff-marked hens, unflighted, must be breedy, and excell. wing carriage and position; deposit, price, description, stamp reply: Paterson, 84, Prescot-st., Darlington.

WANTED young Amazon Parrot, talking, exchange silver Lever watch, in good order, and heavy silver Albert, will also give some cash for good bird; approval; particulars: Andrew Anderson, 653, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, from cold aviary, cock Rosella, also pairs Pennants, mealy Rosellas, Cockatiels, Red-rumps, cash, or exchange Grey Parrot and cage, splendid whistler and talker, or sell: Graham, Rainbow Hotel, Kendal.

WANTED good pair gent.'s light walking boots, size 7, fittings 4, black or chrome, will give one white-legged muling Goldie and two watches, by John Forrest, London; the lot, 25/-: D. Davidson, Fortrose, Ross-shire.

WANTED, Yorkshire Toy bitch, man's overcoat, phonograph, exchange 5-string banjo, plated, stamped Sam Payne, Lewisham; 3 singing cock Skylarks and cages, 3 pairs of flying Homers, R.P. rung, genuine: T. Maloney, 1, Lower-grove, Wandsworth.

WANTED, a really good Mule or British Hardbill, will give cash and first class pen of poultry white Wyandotte cockerels, Barred Rock, and Black Leghorn pullets, each can win, and should breed some first class winter layers; approval, both pullets laying: Andrews, Weston, Olney, Bucks.

WANTED, cock Canaries, in full song, state prices, will give 1/- each, small hens, 1/3 to 1/6 pair; Norwich and Yorkshire hens, best prices given for Linnets, Larks, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, must be healthy, for shop in main thoroughfare, doing about best trade in Yorkshire, talking Parrots, monkeys bought: Manager, Bird and Seed Stores, Kirgate, Wakefield.

WANTED Canaries for songsters; exchange eight pure-bred Black Leghorn 1909 pullets, one cockerel, some laying, value 30/-; Lachenal 30-key concertina, nearly new, sell 23/-; magnificent ½ folding camera, value 70/-; good half-plate stand camera, instantaneous shutter, value 26/-; gent's strong cycle, value 30/-; pair good clap nets, 30 ft. long, 8 ft. deep, sell 21/-; birds first: Owen, 91, Ash-rd., Saltley, Birmingham.

OWING TO REMOVAL.

Wanted cash offers for 15 pairs prize-bred Yorkshires, colour fed, or sell separate 7/6 pair upwards; inspection invited: Webster, 39, Moss-st., Grimesthorpe, Sheffield.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore Windley, Derby.

BIRDS, fish, and animals preserved and mounted, Canary size, 1/6; workmanship guaranteed: Salt, Taxidermist, Waterloo-st., Lynn, Norfolk.

BRITISH and tropical butterflies, humming birds, mounted for ornamental purposes. Nature study cases; lists: Ford, Naturalist, Stourfield, Bournemouth.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

WHAT offer in exchange for 2 Greenfinches?: H. Balderstone, Surfleet Station, Spalding.

EXCHANGE good ½-plate magazine hand camera for cock Mule, Linnet preferred: Jones, Park-st., New Park, Harrogate.

COCK Goldfinches, 2/6; Bullfinch cocks, 1/-; 5 hens, 4/-; Siskins, 2/-, healthy; exchange: Reg. Dallman, Melbourne, Derby.

TWO cock Greenfinches, 2 cock Linnets, exchange for good cock, Norwich: F. Bonney, Cliff Park, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

FINE cock Siskin, 5/-; Siberian cock Goldfinch, gem, 10/6, moult out winners; exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

PAIR hand-reared Bullfinches, 2 cock Redpolls, exchange seed, hen Canaries; sell, 8/-: Blanchard, 46, Shelley-rd., Bournemouth.

ONE cock, 3 hen Bullfinches, pair Linnets, exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshires, offers: W. Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

TWO large cocks, Greenfinch Canary Mules, for sale, 15/-, or exchange for Canaries: H. J. Cole, 18, Ouse-avenue, King's Lynn.

GRAND cock Goldfinch, large blaze, richly tanned, prize, 5/-, exchange, cock Canary preferred: Paker, Hairdresser, City-rd., Cardiff.

GRAND cock Hawfinches, 5/- each, exchange pair new Dunlop or Clincher tyres and tubes, 28 x 1½: Braddy, Hairdresser, Colchester.

SIX selected brown Linnets, full song, clean moulted, 2/- each; exchange offers, anything useful: Geo. Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE good cock Siskin, grand cap and bib, for winning Goldfinch or Linnet; apply: MacCallum, Armadale-buildings, Fort William.

EXCHANGE cock Bramblefinch, second prize, mixed class, for three steady Bully hens, yours first: Southern, Uphall-st., Uphall.

FOR sale, good blaze cock Goldfinch, will exchange for two good singing cock Canaries (Canaries first): Newsagent, 15, Church-yard, Hitchin.

SIX selected cock Linnets, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, exchange exhibition Goldfinch or Siskin, or sell cheap: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

PEKIN Nightingale, in perfect show condition, full song, 4/6; exchange large Norwich hen, or songster: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

EXCHANGE, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Hybrid, great pet, for good large unflighted Norwich hen; yours first: Smithers, Decorators, Hadlow, Kent.

EXTRA large cock Brown Linnets, full song, suit mulers, 2/-; exchange Canaries, disc records, anything: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

GRAND Yellowhammer, picked from scores for size, markings, colour, beauty; exchange feeding hens: Johnson, 111, Heyshaw-rd., Southport.

EXCHANGE exhibition large cock Goldfinches or cock Linnets, in full song, for Canaries, or anything: Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

BEAUTIFUL cock and 2 hen Bullfinches, and hen Goldfinch Mule, exchange for good singing cock Canary: Bishop, Norton, Malmesbury, Wilts.

HANDSOME moulted Goldfinches for Canaries, provisions, left-off clothing; stamp, reply: established 51 years: Miles, Pump-st., Nottingham.

WILL exchange Goldfinch, winner, for buff hen (Yorkshire), or sell 7/-, 2 H.M., or exchange anything; approval: Thornton, Gold-st., Boothtown, Halifax.

EXCHANGE 2 breeding Goldfinches, warranted, for good typical yellow unflighted Norwich cock or good buff cock, approval: Stephens, Castle Green, Helston, Cornwall.

THREE grand Greenfinch Mules, make show birds, 30/-, or exchange young Crest-bred cock, fit show no rubbish offered; on approval: Calam, Brunswick-st., Whitby.

DARK Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, cocks, winners, with show cages, 10/-; exchange either square Parrot cage, Hardbill, offers: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire.

FOR sale, large grand Siberian cock Goldfinch, on full song, price 12/-, or exchange for three good singing cock Canaries: Newsagent, 15, Church-yard, Hitchin (yours first).

COCK Greenfinch Mule, 6/-; cock Greenfinch, hen Canary, parents of above, 6/-; exchange stuffed decoys, brace birds, Britishers, etc.; approval: William Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire.

TWO splendid cock Linnets for muling, caged since September, 1/9 each; or exchange for Yellow Norwich hen, large; approval: F. Cockerill, Roche House, Atherton-st., Stockport.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, colour fed, 7/6 each; also yellow cock Siskin, house-moulted, 3/-; or exchange good Norwich or Siberian cock Goldfinches: Cuthbertson, Cross-rd., Peebles.

WHAT offers? 5 pairs Yorkshires, 3 pairs Norwich, 1 hand-reared Bullfinch cock, nothing reasonable refused; or exchange for good suit length to value: Moore, Alfred-st., Wells, Somerset.

COCKS, h.m. Goldfinch, h.m. Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, 6 Chaffinches, hens, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch, from aviary; good feather, healthy; exchange: Smith, 92, Eldon-st., Preston.

SALE, 2 Greenfinch Mules, 1 Goldfinch Mule, healthy, 12/6 the lot, or exchange for pair Borders; also 2 house-moulted cock Goldfinches, healthy, 7/6 the 2: Rutherford Stables, Belmont, Dalkeith.

THREE splendid English cock Goldfinches, in the pink of condition and health; exchange for young unflighted Yorkshire Buff hens; no rubbish wanted or offered; on approval both sides: Grant, 13, Northbar, Banbury.

EXHIBITORS; cock Bullfinch, 3rd prize Over, 7/6; cock Brown Linuet, 1st prize Manchester, 10/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 7/6; Sib.-bred hen, 6/-; approval; Robinson, Boot Maker, Winsford, Cheshire.

SPLENDID 1910 bred Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid, dark yellow Greenfinch-Canary, and Redpoll-Canary Mules, in grand feather, all cocks; exchange for good bred, lengthy 1910 yellow Yorkshire cock: Nicholas, 26, Poplar Drive, Trafalgar, Bebington, Cheshire.

GOLDFINCHES, large Siberian cocks, 6 6, 7 6 each; few extra special ones for muling, full song, 10/6; large Siberian hen Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each; large Russian cock Linnets and Greenfinches for muling, 1/-, 1/6 each; exchange Canaries, Goldfinch Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE 4 cocks, 2 Rollers, 2 Borders, for a good Crested cock and hen: Kerr, Langton, Kennels, Duns.

SCOTCH Fancies, clear cock, marked hen, 1910, £1, exchange cross bred songsters: Harrington, 45, Croft-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE 2 yellow Norwich hens, Baker's strain, for stout yellow or buff cock; 5 Sandhurst-rd., Southampton.

WOULD exchange pair Cinnamons for heavy variegated or Buff Green Norwich cock: Fyfe, 46a, Mount-st., Aberdeen.

BUFF Norwich hen, show specimen, 15/-, exchange British Rollers: offers: Muscott, Boundary-ter, Llandrindod Wells.

EXCHANGE 3 Yorkshire and 1 Norwich hen, for cock Goldfinches, or offers: 25, Hartington-rd., Custom House, E.

FIVE cocks, 7 hens, Seifert Rollers, high-class strain, sacrifice £2 10/- lot, or would part; useful exchange entertained: Jewes, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill.

ONE ticked hen, pair cinnamon hens, exchange for good variegated York hen: Graham, South Union-st., Cupar, Fife.

HENS, Norwich Roller cross, 2/- each, 3 5/-; exchange h.-m. Goldfinch: G. Goode, Woburn, Bucks.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cock, 2 hen Goldfinch Mules, 4 Redpolls, for cock Goldfinches: Wade, 3, New-st., Halfway, Sheffield.

WILL exchange five Norwich cross hens for yellow ticked cock or anything useful: Varnham, 15, Seymour-st., Deptford.

H.M. Siberian Goldfinch, hen Canary, 8/6; Siskin, hen Canary 6/6; offers exchange: Hutson, Alma-ter., Arthur-rd., Windsor.

A LARGE buff Norwich cock, 8/6, or exchange for large yellow Norwich or Yorkshire: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth.

GOOD bred Norwich cock, 7/-, or exchange for two Buff or Cinnamon typical Yorkshire hens: Young, Confectioner, Whitby.

WILL exchange grand buff cock Border for yellow hen, must be good; yours first; approval: John Bulman, Cockermouth.

EXCHANGE pair good Norwich for pair men's heavy boots, size 8's: Marshall, Wierton, Bromleycres., Shortlands, Kent.

EXCHANGE good pair of Norwich Canaries for good Italian mandoline and case, or offers: Griffiths, 81, Ynysllwyd-st., Aberdare.

FOR sale, 11 flying Homers, for 20/-, or exchange for Canaries or cage birds: Mr. F. Pautony, Upper Boxley-rd., Maidstone, Kent.

TEN typical 1910 buff and yellow Yorkshire cocks for sale, 7/- to 10/- each, or exchange: Graut, 111, Millbank-street, Southampton.

BUFF cinn-marked Yorkshire cock, winner 3 lots, 25/-, exchange typical upstanding yellow hen to value: 13, Soppett-st., Redcar.

TWO good 1910 Norwich hens, exchange for Goldfinches and Linnets to the value, 10/-: J. Brown, The Green, Brassington, Wirksworth.

EXCHANGE 3 Yorkshire show cages and 2 cock Goldfinches for carpenter's tools, or anything useful: Elliott, Sunnyside, Bideford.

FOUR 1910 Roller hens, Randall's strain, will sell or exchange for good Roller cock, Schoolmaster: Spinks, 13, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon.

EXCHANGE, Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries for real Seifert Rollers or talking Parrot: F. Morley, Victoria-terr., Outwood, Wakefield.

WHAT offers in good Rollers for pair high-class Yorkshires; no rubbish wanted or offered; approval: Parker, The Weir, Hessle, nr. Hull.

EXCHANGE high-class Norwich or Borders for English concertina, or Edison records; approval: Davies, Steel Green, Millom, Cumberland.

TEN pairs of high-class Yorkshires, from 10/- pair; or exchange blankets, sheets, drapery, anything useful: Middletons, Croft, Thwaites, Keighley.

PRIZE Borders, five pairs clears and marked, 12/6 a pair, or would exchange some for a good pair of Scotch Fancies: Russell, Whitelegg, Ayton.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

SEVERAL pairs high-class Norwich, at low prices, exchange good air or small bore breech-loading rifle: Fildes, Rookfield-aven., Sale, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE marked Yorkshires, 1 cock, 2 hens, for long clear buff Yorkshire cock, or sell 15/-; approval both ways: Nettleton, Rudstone, Bridlington.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire Canaries, spaniel dog and good muzzle gun, for good double breech-loader: W. Alderson, Greenfield-view, Skipton, Yorkshire.

HANDSOME Yorkshire terrier bitch, also dog; exchange Canaries, drag net, hand-reared Larks; offers: Higgins, 36, Clapton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

SIX pairs, splendid Yorkshire, 9/- pair; seven cocks, 6/- each, or exchange blankets, sheets, quilts, stamp: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley, Yorkshire.

YELLOW or buff Yorkshire hen, exchange for yellow hen, change of blood, no rubbish; approval both ways: Waters, 4, Argyle-square, Pulteneytown, Wick.

FEW pairs good Yorkshires and 2 Muling Goldies, exchange scrap metal, waste rubber, cloth cuttings, or what offers; stamp reply: F. Green, Bridge-st., Dover.

SIX typical 1910 buff and yellow Border hens, 3/- each, or exchange yellow Norwich cock and hen, or Siberian cock Goldfinches: Cuthbertson, Cross-rd., Peebles.

FIVE first-class cock Canaries, 3 hens, exchange lot for young parrot, breechloader, or anything useful; yours first: Dawson, 5, Cateliffe-rd., Darnall, Sheffield.

GEO. Pennington has some of the best Crest blood in England for sale; pairs, 25/- to 80/-; exchange; these are no little rubbish: 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

TWO true pair of typical Yorkshires and double breeding cage, complete, 30/-, or useful exchange phonograph and records preferred: Kimm, 25, Ada-st., Burnley.

EXCHANGE 3 1910 bred hen Canaries for large clear Norwich hen, or sell 6/-, or offers in field-moulted Goldfinches: Bryce, Johnsfield, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire.

ONE Siberian bred clear yellow Yorkshire cock, buff Yorkshire cock, 99 copies "Modern Man," exchange for big Norwich cock: Spofforth, Mechanic-st., Todmorden

GRAND Yellow Yorkshire cock Canary, winner 1st, 10/6; looks like wax; approval; or exchange good singing Roller or Crested cock: F. Cornforth, Bilton Park, Knaresboro'.

ONE Crest hen, two variegated Crest-bred hens, for Crest cock and Crest-bred cock, or sale, 7/6 to 12/6, Dobson and Son's strain: John Crass, 8, Back-st., Winlaton.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshire Canaries, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; useful exchange; no cards; seen by appointment only: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

SALE or exchange for good Bullfinch shape large Norwich or Crests, must be good birds, for 2 Yorkshire pups, or sell £2 each: W. Brown, Principal Billposter, Crook, Durham.

PAIR Norwich yellow hen, buff marked cock, pair Borders, green hen, yellow cock, exchange trained Seifert Roller cocks; yours first: R. Perry, Springwell House, Farm, Sunderland.

PURE Seifert Rollers, Rohel's and Freeman's strains; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; exchange gramophone, hand camera, or offers: Walton, 19, Park-lane, Aston, Birmingham.

YORKS.' show case, to hold four cages, and 1 Roller hen, for a buff Yorks. cock, unflighted, good position, plenty of leg and standard sized bird: Denby Bros., Bradley View, Keighley.

CANARIES, 4 cocks, 6 hens, 2 sex unknown, Bullie hen, laid eggs to cock Canary, cock Linnet; exchange pedigree birds, any breed, or Roller cocks; offers: Berriman, 28, Roker-st., West Hartlepool.

YELLOW Norwich hen, 5/-; Buff hen, 7/6; Buff cock, 10/-; Cockatoo and cage; exchange good Yellow Norwich hen or good British, or offers: J. Spofforth, 8, Upper Raglan-st., Todmorden.

THREE grand Norwich Plainhead cocks, 1 clear yellow, 1 buff, 1 variegated, all grand birds, fit to show, exchange common pullets or rabbits; no dealers: Burrows, Newsagent, Belvedere, Kent.

TWO Goldfinches, 1 Greenfinch Canary, Mules, Norwich cock, 6/6 each, full song; 6 Norwich hens, 2/6 each, 12/- lot; exchange Toy Pom bitch, poultry: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

LONG, slim, clear buff Yorkshire cock, full song, 10/-; St. Andreasburg Roller, full song day or gaslight, with good cage, 10/-, 1910 birds; exchange hen Canaries: Roper, Chester-rd., Seven Kings, Essex.

YELLOW Border cock and Buff hen, clinking feeders, two hens from same; Border Fancy show cage, lot 12/6; or exchange pair of good stock Norwich: Pollock, 30, Marshall-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

HIGH-class Crest and Crestbreds, no rubbish, 4 pairs, £20; also a few odds birds, cheap, or exchange anything useful to value, engineer's tools, scrap metals, etc.: Fletcher, 216, Wilford-rd., Nottingham.

TWO good 1910 Yorkshire hens, one cinnamon, one foul green, 6/- each; good twice house-moulted Goldfinch, 7/6, exchange good Yorkshire cocks (offers); approval: Watson, Rose Cottage, Wrightington, near Wigan.

YORKSHIRES, 8 stock pairs, including winners this season, £5; exchange solid gold albert, or sell 15/- pair. Jones boot repairing machine, perfect working order, as new; exchange solid gold ring, value 25/-; approval, deposit: Sleaford, 2, Leeds-rd., Windhill, Shipley.

GREEN Norwich cock, 1909 (reared 14 young last season), grand bird for increasing feather and colour, 25/-; also varicgated Norwich cock, grand stock bird, 20/-; or would exchange for yellow cocks, Norwich or Yorkshires; no rubbish offered or entertained, as reason for selling is change of blood: Perks, "Welbeck," Kineton-rd., Olton.

Mainly Foreign.

HANDSOME pair Chinese Nightingales, brilliant plumage; offers: Vernum, 16, Reporton, Fulham.

WANTED to exchange cock Zebra Finch for a hen ditto, acclimatised, or sell 3/-: R. Riley, Glusburn, Keighley.

PAIR Paradise Whydahs, winners, exchange yellow Norwich cock, or sell 12/6: 25, Hafors-ter., Carnarvon, North Wales.

GOOD young Magpie, talk and whistle, real good one, 10/6, or exchange Canaries: A. Bradley, Station-rd., Shipston-on-Stour.

STRONG healthy Budgerigars, 5/- pair, outdoor aviary, offers, exchange, wanted Zebra Finches: Copperwaite, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

SIX outdoor aviary-bred Cockatiels, also Baner's Parrakeet, perfect condition, exchange other foreigners: Lyndhurst, Blackpool-rd., Ansdell.

Miscellaneous.

FIVE Golden Agaity Cavies, 4/6, offers, anything: E. Watson, Kirbymooreside, Yorks.

LARGE pure-bred Airedale dog, 10 months, 12/6, exchange: Butler, Quarter, Staplehurst, Kent.

SELL or exchange tame fox, birds, or reasonable offers: Browner, Ivy-cott., Train-rd., Merthyr.

EXCHANGE 3 new Norwich show cages for a good cock Goldfinch: F. Miles, Watergate, I. of W.

EXCHANGE set of top boot trees for good Rollers or offers: Berriman, 28, Roker-st., West Hartlepool.

HOLBORN stamp camera, cost 14/-, also hand sewing machine; offers: Vernum, 16, Reporton, Fulham.

1910 Golden Pheasant cock, very tame, 15/-, near offer, no hens: Green, Great Bowden, Market Harborough.

POMS, black dog and black bitch, sell or exchange anything useful; stamp reply: Warren, 42, King-st., Ardwick.

EXCHANGE Parrot, good condition, for Norwich cock Canary: Jas. Pace, Ely Terrace, West Stanley, Durham.

SELL or exchange for canarics, or offers, Dutch rabbits, black and blue bred: Jamieson, Union-st. East, Arbroath.

PAIR good carvers, ivorine handles, silver ferrules, for singing cock Canary: Fletcher, Broom Close, Sheffield.

PAIR new clap nets, 7 yards 6 feet, hand-made, fittings, sell 10/-, or exchange; stamp: Miles, Pumpst., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE 3 double-sided 10in. records for 1 Seaforth Roller cock: Charles Whitehead, 4, Cross North-st., Goole.

FOR sale, Fox Terrier dog, 2½ years, or exchange sable and white Collie pup, accept 10/-: Oates, 4, Mold-st., Oldham.

SIXTY incubator, with drying box, perfect working order, 30/-, or exchange Canaries: Penfold, 76, Hoest., Walthamstow

WHAT offers in Norwich Plainheads for over 600 foreign stamps in book; approval both ways: N. Finch, Hunstanton.

DOGS, Canaries, puppies, prize pigeons, Parrots, etc., given in exchange for other fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE Bull Terrier bitch, 16 months, for Canaries, or sell 20/-: Heptenstall, I, Rich-lane, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION bred Fox Terrier bitch; exchange for good Roller and cage, or £1: Murfell, Avondale, Manor-rd., Richmond.

EXCHANGE, 30 cylinder records, sound, clear yellow Norwich cock, full song preferred: F. Platt, 24a, Armada-st., Deptford.

EXCHANGE piccolo, with flageolette head, as new, for good Norwich hens: H. Watson, Cherry Tree-lane, North Walsham.

BOX, saw, vice, picture clamps, etc., exchange singing Canary and cage: Thurlbourne, 1, Henry-yard, Sneinton, Nottingham.

NEW cylinder records, exchange birds, or anything: offers invited, letters only: Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

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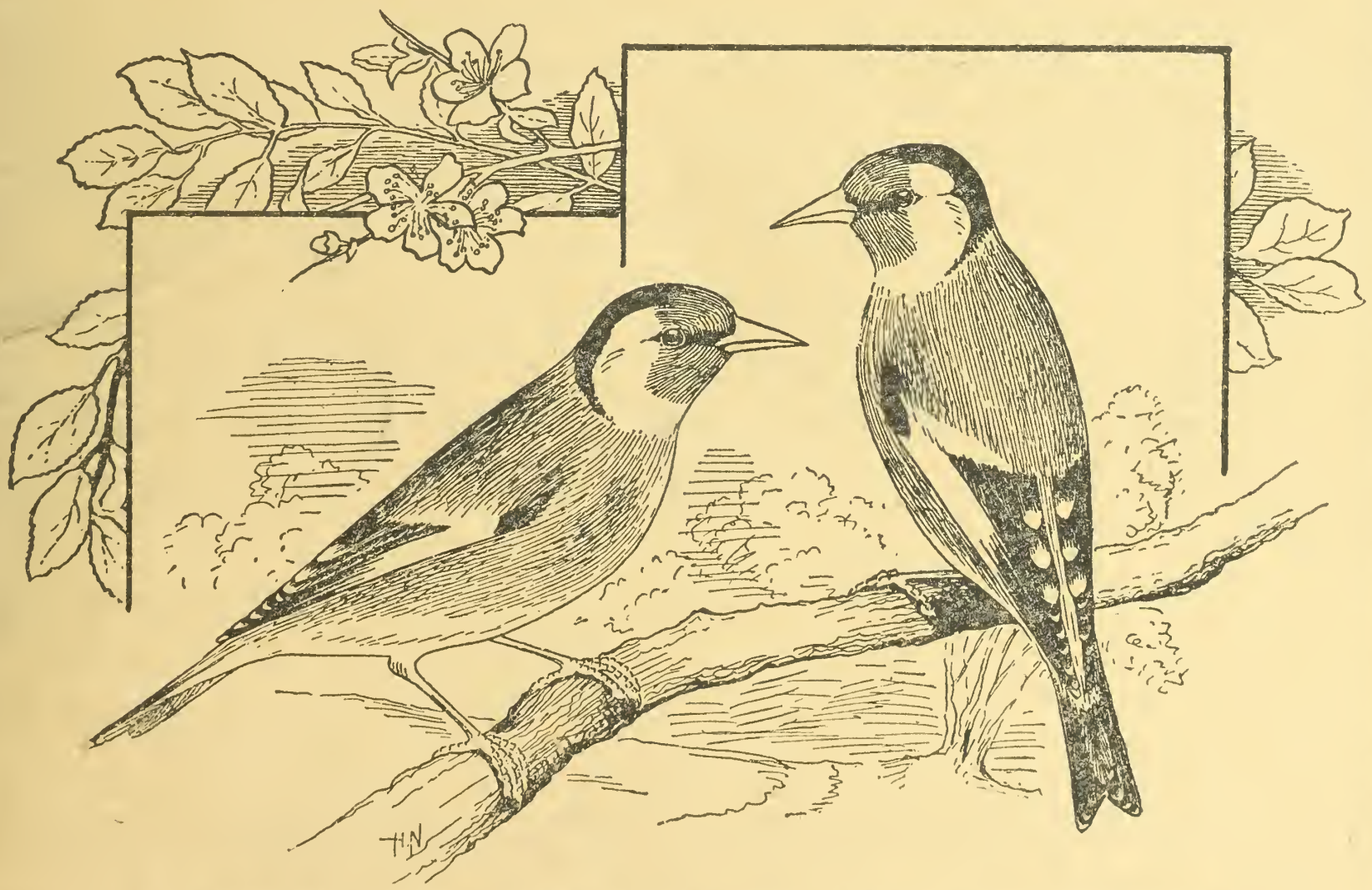
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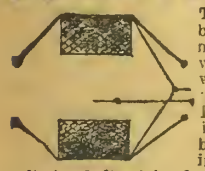
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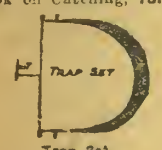
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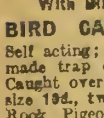
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THREE pair matched Borders, 7/6 pair; 6 hens, yellow, buff, clears, 3/- each; approval: Pape, Clogger, Haltwhistle.

CINNAMON or green marked, bred from my winning even marks, state wants, cheap: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

YOUNG Borders, prize strain, 5 cocks, 7 hens, accept 30s. lot to clear: Howell, Traquair Park, Murrayfield, Midlothian.

NOW the show season is over, cup-winning Borders can be had reasonable at: Lambie's Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

BORDERS for sale, cocks and hens, cheap to clear; stamp reply; approval: Miller, 3, Stephen-terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

PRIZE-bred Borders, 10 young hens, 2/6 each, £1 the lot; approval.—G. Barker, Hockly-rd., Wikecote, near Tamworth.

PRIZE Borders, clear, yellows, buffs, and variegated, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-: Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, prize-bred cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-, good type and quality; approval, deposit: Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

BORDERS, yellows, buffs, clears, marks; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; cold-room bred; approval: Crabb and Finlayson, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BORDER Canaries, 8 cocks, 7 hens, marked, buffs, and yellows; also 3 double breeding cages; what offers for lot? Allison, Chemist, Cockermouth.

BORDERS, 6 pr., properly matched; Borders, clears or marks, 8/6 per pair, worth 20/- per pair; approval: Alex. Cormack, 68, Castle-st., Duns, N.B.

HIGH-CLASS Borders from Craig and McKenzie's winning strains, grand type, colour, and quality, cheap to clear, approval: Thomson, 16, Bridge-st., Kelso.

BREEDER'S surplus prize stock; cocks, hens, all colours, matched or single; few even marked, 3/6 to 8/6; worth double; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

GIVING up Borders; some good yellow green hens from 4/6 up; buff green cock, 10/6; few good clears; approval anywhere: Leach, Westhank Place, Portobello, N.B.

W. BAYLEY has a few of his well-known winning Borders for disposal; clears, marks, and greens; prices reasonable, and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

BORDERS, winning strain, 3-pointed buff cock, 4th Forfar, 6/6; yellow var. cock, 5/-; 2 buff-marked hens, 3/- each; clear yellow hen, 3/-; approval: Irons, Viewbank, Brechin.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class Border Fancies, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each, hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each, all carriage paid, on seven days' approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

MY Borders won this season 33 firsts, 29 seconds, 24 thirds, etc., 30 specials, 5 medals, and 2 cups; 100 to dispose of, own breeding; cocks from 5s. 6d.; hens, 3/- upwards; pairs, 7/6 upwards: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

FEW selected young Borders, closely related to my Sale, Frome, Birmingham, Caterham winners, including marked yellow cock, 3rd Swansea, Cardiff; buff cocks, 4th Birmingham; prices nominal: Sampson, Pontardulais.

EXCHANGE two of my Palace strain hens for breeding grass green exhibition stock, for 1910 buff Border cock, must be AI, a few hens same strain for sale, approval: Clinch, 74, St. John's-rd, Waterloo, Liverpool.

CHAMPION Borders, 15 years a breeder of Borders, have bred and shown some of the best seen on the bench, have some nice young birds, properly mated to breed winners, at lowest prices: McCredie, Terregles-st., Dumfries.

CHAMPION Borders, the strain that wins year after year; see reports Cardiff, Swansea, Frome, Llanelly, last week; can spare some clinkers, stock pairs from 8/6 to £3; approval; stamp: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea.

STILL a few superior Borders for disposal, buff cocks and hens, yellow hens, buff even marked and uneven marked cock, buff cinnamon hen, 5 yellow green cocks; all good reliable birds; cheap; approval: Jas. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries.

HAVING selected my breeding stock have some splendid stock birds for sale, in greens, cinnamons, and marks, all related to my winners at Newcastle, Manchester, Swansea, Berwick, etc.; reasonable: Young, 177, Wharton-ter., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PRIZE Borders for sale; clears, marks, cinnamons (Self's), 7/6 to 12/- pair; grand opportunity for beginners to breed their own winners; see reports my winnings Clapham, Cheltenham, Swansea, Cambridge, Hawick; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, North Wales.

PRIZE-bred Borders for sale, clear and marked, some good yell. hens, same as my winners, all on approval; stamped reply: J. H. Pearson, 24, Longthwaite Road, Wigton, Cumberland.

STYLISH eye ticked buff cock 10s. 6d., clear yellow cock 8s. 6d., Patterson, Bennet's strains, both 1910, grand colour and carriage, cheap, approval: Rea, Orchard House, Embleton, Cockermouth.

HAVING had a most successful show season (see reports of all the leading East and West shows), have a few spare cocks and hens, and also matched pairs for disposal, cheap to clear; a splendid chance for beginners to secure the best blood in the Fancy; apply: A. Gilchrist, Coldstream.

Cinnamons.

GRAND Cinnamons, including some big stuff at right prices; list free: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

GRAND Yellow cinamon cock, from prize stock, 15/6, in fine condition: Kirton Bland, Hosier, Sydenham, S. E.

TWO large buff Cinnamon cocks, 1909, good stock birds, King's strain; £1 the 2: Jordan, Parker's House, Tewkesbury.

GIVING up: Large Norwich Cinnamons and cinnamon greens, also cages, cheap; offers: Smith, 115, Greville-rd., Southville, Bristol.

WANTED large Norwich Cinnamons (yellows), will buy, or exchange winning British: Keymer Bros., 84, Blackwall Reach, Gorleston.

SIX good large stout Norwich type Cinnamon hens, 12/6 and 15/- each, or £3 the lot: J. Bertie, 521, Wandboro'-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

J. DONNE, 120, St. James'-st., Brighton, has Cinnamon Green cocks, large birds, 8/-; hens, 5/-; 2 Cinnamon pied hens, 5/-; approval.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, in consequence of severe illness, offers whole his Cinnamons, the result of years' thought and selection; the lot or singly.

Crests and Crestbreds.

FEW good Crest and Crestbred Canaries; stamp reply: James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

FIRST cross Norwich-Lancashire Crest hen, 10/-, and Crest cock 7/6, cold-room: Naden, 18, Rodys-st., Rochdale.

GOOD heavy crested cocks and hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Crestbred cocks, 8/6; approval: Roberts, Cley-next-Sea.

MATCHED pairs of Crests, 1910, Barnett's strain, grand stock, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- a pair; Johnson, Jun., Wavendon, Bucks.

CREST and Crest-bred, from 7/6; few breeding cages for sale: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

SEVENTY Norwich Crested cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; 8/- pair; matched Plainheads, 7/- pair: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

CREST and Crestbred cocks, also pairs, bred from champion stock, from 20/-; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

TWO good large cinnamon pied Crest hens, only 10/- each, easy worth double asked; approval: Douglas Wilson, Biggar.

GREEN crest-bred cocks, 20/-; yellow Crest-bred hen, 15/-; also good pair, 40/-: Memmott, 43, Meersbrook-rd., Heeley, Sheffield.

J. SYMONS, Brisbane-ter., Liskeard, Cornwall, has a few good Crests and Crestbreds for sale, good stock, cheap; approval stamp.

GREEN and variegated Crest and Crest-bred hens, cheap, for 15/-, bred for exhibition, birds approval: Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

TWO pairs of heavily feathered Crests, 25/- per pair, three Crested hens, from 10/6; cold-room; approval: Acrod, 124, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

THREE buff, dark-crested cocks, 15/- each; four Crest-breds, 12/6 each, good birds, honest bargain: Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Nottingham.

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JOHN Corke, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Crest breeder, exhibitor (1910); prizes, Norwich, Cambridge, Lowestoft: few to spare, from 10/- each; approval.

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Lancashires.

HAVE yellow coppy cock for sale, 25/-; stamp reply: W. Smith, 60, London-rd., Oldham.

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FEW pairs of Lancashires, 18/- pair, yellow and buff; healthy; giving up: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale

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BUFF Coppy cocks, buff Coppy hens, yellow Plainhead hens, 1910 bred, approval, stamp reply: Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

TWENTY Lancashires for sale, cocks and hens, Plainheads and coppies; approval; stamp reply: Lee, 106, Bond-st., Macclesfield.

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BUFF Plainhead cock, yellow coppy hen, 21/-; yellow Plainhead cock, 15/6; yellow Plainhead hen, 12/6; 1910 bred, approval, stamp reply: Entwistle, Edenfield-rd., Rochdale.

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TWO pair typical Norwich, 15/6 pair; cocks 10/6, hens 5/6 each: H. Lewiu, Gas-st., Kettering.

TWO pairs of grand Norwich, 9/6 pair; or hens 4/-, cocks 6/- each: Lewin, Gas-st., Kettering.

TYPICAL buff cock 26/-, yellow hen 16/-, buff hen 6/6; approval: Lees, 15, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

LARGE Norwich buff Canary hen and cock Greenfinch, 3/- pair: E. Brown, Thornton-rd., Potter's Bar.

FIVE good yellow hens, 2/6; 3 cocks, 5/- each: Best, 16, Hamilton Gardens, St. John's Wood, N.W.

A. WARD, 16, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Sib.-bred hens from 3/6; good yellow Norwich from 5/- each.

LARGE cobby Norwich hens from 3/6, cocks from 6/6, Yorkshires from 6/6: Hill, 18, Coach-ter., Longsight.

FEW good Norwich for sale, at reasonable price, all in full song: Mortara, No. 2, Soutb-view, Winchester, Hants.

TWO good typical 1916 Norwicb bens, yellows and buffs, 4/- each, 36/- the lot: Jobson, Grovehill-rd., Beverley.

McCULLY, 169, Windleshaw-rd, St. Helens, bas 20 pair good Norwich for sale, from 15/6 to 50/-; approval.

NORWICH for sale cheap, buff cocks 7/6, yellows 16/-, 12/-, 15/- each: Robert Lawson, Jane-st., Hetton Downs.

NORWICH cock Canaries, 4/-, 5/-, and 6/6; hens, 2/6, and 3/6; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

GOOD Norwich birds (outdoor aviary), 16/- pair, grand singers, cocks 8/6: Miss Ibberson, 21, Wilbury-villas, Hove.

1910 YELLOW Norwich cock, large, 6/6; also buff cock, a singer, 3/6; approval: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath.

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DEALERS supplied with large healthy Norwich cocks in full soug, also hens: G. Brown, 44, Waterlooroad, Norwich.

NORWICH, 46 large yellow and buff cocks, 5/6, 6/6 each, pairs 8/6, 10/-; approval: F. Downs, Everton, Bawtry, Yorks.

TWO pair Norwich, 8/6 pair; 2 yellow Norwich cocks, 7/6 each: Harry Ledwards, 55, Darwin-st., Halliwell, Bolton.

LARGE, healthy buff hens, typical, fine featber, 5/- each, two for 9/-; approval: A. Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens form, 3/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

FINE Norwich cocks, yellow and buffs, 5/-, 7/6 each, hens 3/- each; approval: Thomas Bussey, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

A. T. Billingsley has for disposal 1969 yellow cock 15/-, 1916 marked yellow cock 15/-, both wiuners: 99, Manor-rd., Leyton.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, will send on approval Norwich cocks, 16/6, 15/6, 20/6; hens, 16/6, 15/6, 20/6, upwards.

CANARIES; 3 good all-yellow Norwich cocks, 5/- each; 4 hens, 2/- each; last season's birds: Lockyer, Branscombe, Devon.

HIGH-class Norwich for sale, not wasters; state wants; approval: James Barnes, Factory Row, Whalley, near Blackburn.

NORWICH, few good stock birds for sale; approval; stamp reply: W. Hampton, 25, Damacre-rd., Brechin, Forfarshire.

WALTON aud Noakes offer hens from 5/-, cocks from 16/-; approval, cash or deposit: 14, Abney-st., Highfields, Leicester.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, from 7/6, hens 5/-, to clear; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Rugmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham.

LARGE chubby Norwich hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; Crest ben, 3/-; muling hens, 2/6: T. Bugdale, Bawdeswell, E. Dereham, Norfolk.

SOME good Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, cocks from 8/6, hens from 4/-: John Crawford, 11, Braeside-st., Glasgow.

SALE, pure yellow Norwich Canaries, hatched 1916; two cocks, three hens; offers: J. Harris, 6, Castle-row, Dorchester.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks 5/6, 6/6, hens 2/6, 3/6, pairs 7/6, 10/6, muling hens 3/6, 4/-: Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

NORWICH, 5 good pairs, from 15/- to 20/-, including winners; inspection invited' Gravestock, 162, New City-rd., Plaistow.

SPLENDID pair Norwich unflighted yellow ticked cock, buff hen, 15/6, wortb double: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

NORWICH, singing cocks, 4/6, hens 2/6; wanted good yellow hens, cheap: Andrew Dawson, 27, Staffa-st., Dennistown, Glasgow.

MASSIVE Buff Norwich cock, smart yellow hen, 11/6 (bred from winners); big yellow cock 6/6: Eddy, Bellevue, Penzance.

HAVING 1 pair of Norwich, valued at £2, to dispose of, will sacrifice for 25/-: Winstanley, 16, Junction-terr., Ince, Wigan.

NOTICE.—Grand lot Norwich for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

TYPICAL buff cock, two 2nds, £1; another, can win 15/-, one 16/6; also few hens, from 5/-: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, lovely singers, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs 6/6, 7/-; real hargaius; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

H. JEFFERY, Eden Park, Eden Bridge. Must sell all of my exhibition Norwich and appliances, in pairs or lot; all healthy birds.

TWENTY pairs prize-bred Norwich cocks, from 6/-, hens 4/-, pairs matched for breeding 16/6; approval: Adams, Cbartley-rd., Leicester.

NORWICH prize-bred yellow and buff cocks, from 6/6; hens from 4/-; cash or deposit: Triffit, 29, Prince-st., New Wortley, Leeds.

NORWICH; surplus stock, about 40 cocks, 7/6, 16/-; hens, 5s.; Vardy, Spillman, etc.; approval, deposit: Terry, 13, Hampstead-rd., Brighton.

GENUINE bargain; 4 cocks, 7 hens, all clears, mostly yellows, 7/6 pair; lot 33/-; deposit only: Scotcher, Abington Lodge, Cambs.

STOP! yellow cocks, local winners, from 7/6; also few pairs of Crests, from 12/6; approval: Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

GOOD typical clear yellow Norwich cocks, 6/6 each, one ticked, 7/6; genuine bargain; approval: Chapman, 110, Berghott-rd., Colchester.

TYPICAL Norwich, good strain, grand stock birds; cocks and hens from 7/6 to 25/- each; no rubbish: Dalliug, 55, Boutport-st., Barnstaple.

SIX Norwich cocks, 6/- each, good stock birds, bred 1916; lot 36/-: Wm. Thompson, 31, Newby Terrace, Port Clarence, Middlesbro'.

SPLENDID typical Norwich Yellow and Buff cocks from 6/-; Buff hens from 5/-; cash or deposit: Twinc, 3, Carlingford-rd., Huckuall Torkard, Notts.

OVERSTOCKED; 6 fine Norwich hens, clears, 1916, 15/- carriage paid, divide; approval: Hoyle and Son, Grocers, Chipping, Lancashire.

REDUCING stock; sacrificing prices to clear; grand winning strains, both sexes, 7/6 to 25/- each; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

FEW 1916 good, healthy, typical Norwich hens to clear 3/6, 4/-, also grand pair 1908 birds, 14/-; approval: Porter, South-terr., Darlington.

SIX buff Norwich cocks, some of best blood in Fancy, 16/- each, or offers for lot, for quick sale: Welsh, Victoria-sq., Portishead, Bristol.

YELLOW or buff Norwich hens, bred from winners, 5/- each; Siskin cock, good cap, bib, 3/6; approval: Ratcliff, Greenhill, Grantham.

FINE Norwich cocks, full song, 5/-, hens 2/6, matched pairs 7/-, cold room bred; approval: West, 133, Floyer-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

LOWTHIAN, 33, Foster-st., Penrith, has some real typical buff Norwich cocks for sale, bred from winners, from 16/6 upwards; stamp reply.

YELLOW and buff cocks 7/6 each, ditto hens 3/6 each; 6 breeding cages, joiner made, 2/6 each: Quarman, 35, Stevens-cres., Totterdown, Bristol.

TYPICAL cap-marked buff cock, 16/-, yellow cock 8/6, small buff 6/-, fed in perfect health; approval: Hopkins, Hamilton-place, Darvel, Ayrshire.

TWENTY Norwich cocks, 5/- to 7/6; hens, 2/-, 3/6; also Crests; approval; exchange offers: Royston, Trenttocks, Westbridgford, Nottingham.

EXHIBITORS.—Yellow variegated Norwich cock, winner of 11 firsts and specials, £2 2s.; approval, cash or deposit: Devoy, George-st., Stranrear.

GRAND large unflighted yellow Norwicb cock, 15/-; grand Siberian cock Goldie, house-moulted, 12/6; approval anywhere: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury.

GIVING up Fancy; all my stock of Norwich Plainheads for sale; also dark Greenfinch Mule, cages, etc.: R. McKim, 49, New Barn-lane, Merefield, Rochdale.

SEVERAL grand typical clear Norwich cocks, unflighted yellows, huffs, size substance, quality, 12/6 to 18/6; approval, stamp: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

D. DEVOY, George-st., Stranrear, breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich, has a great lot of birds for sale, single or pairs; approval; stamp reply.

GRAND yellow Norwich cock, 1910 bred, 3rd Carlisle, 2nd Kilmarnock, 25/-; wanted good variegated yellow Norwich hen: White, Confectioner, Moorville, Carlisle.

I have a grand lot of clear yellow Norwich cocks, 8/6, 16/6, 12/6, 15/-; also buffs, at 6/6, 8/6, 16/6; week's approval: deposit· A. Fiddament, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

STRONG, healthy Norwich cocks, wintered in outdoor aviary, clear, ticked or variegated, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, reliable bens 2/6, 3/6: George, 6, Fairacres-rd., Oxford.

STEPHEN TWEDDLE, Balaclava-st., Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich, has a few good birds for sale, single, or pairs; approval; stamp reply.

TWO pairs of good Norwich, 8/- a pair; also 12 young hens, good feeding strain, cold room bred, 2/6 and 3/- each: A. White, 23, Albion-hill, Lewisham-rd., Lewisham.

T. Simpson, Canal-st., Grahamstow, Falkirk, winner of cup at Grangemouth, has two unflighted clear buff cocks, 10/- aud 15/-; 1969 ticked buff hen (first-class hen), 17/6.

FOR sale, a good stud, with all appliances, or separate pairs, Mill's, Bowyer and Mather's best strain; cheap; given away: Barker, 5, Parkdale-rd., Plumstead, Kent.

NORWICH; 6 cocks from 5/6, 10 hens from 2/6; large, clean, healthy (coldroom), seen any day (daylight only); reduction to clear: Chapman, 65, Havelock-st., King's Cross.

HIGH class Norwich cocks, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, 16/-; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy: uot suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

TWENTY-FIVE big Norwich unflighted cocks, 15 hens, colour-fed, for sale, yellow and buff variegated cock 4/6, hens 1/9, taking the lot: W. Wrigbt, 184, Dorset-st., Leicester.

NORWICH Canaries; yellows, buffs, and variegated cocks, 6/- to 10/-; hens, 3/- to 7/6 each; cold room bred, 1910; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Puline Green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

NORWICH Canaries; 4 green, 2 buffs, 1 yellow, 1 cinnamon, 1 dark variegated; hens, 3/- each; also few variegated cocks, 7/- each: Baldock, 4, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent.

WILLIAM ALLEN, Upperbrift, Northampton, has 7 cocks, 8 bens, prize bred, Norwich yellows, buffs, variegated; cold room, 1909-1916; cash offers for lot, or separate from 7/6 pair.

I have some good Norwich for sale, clear yellow cocks and variegated, buff cocks, and some buff hens, winners, and bred from winners: Wm. Jaffrey, 142, Montrose-st., Brechin.

HAVING purchased the entire stock of Mr. Stubbs, the well-known exhibitor, Grimsby, have few for sale; hens from 5/-, cocks from 7/6: Metcalfe, 8, Fuller-st., New Cleethorpes.

BIG buff cock and clear yellow hen, unfed, 17/6, both unflighted, also yellow green cock, year bred, and unflighted buff hen, 11/6; approval: James Laird, Ramsay-pl., Portobello, N.B.

THOMAS Proctor, 80, Oswald-street, Blackburn, breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich, has a few extra good birds for sale, single or pairs; approval; state wants; stamp reply.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room, hens for breeding, yellows, buffs, and variegated, fairly good size, 2/- each; several cocks, singing, grand, 5/-; matched pairs, 7/-: 21, Bower-st., Maidstone.

A few typical birds for sale, good heads, short wings and tail; cocks 7/6, 16/6; some lovely hens from 5/-; approval, deposit: F. Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

SILK'S champiou strain, good cocks from 10/-, grand chubby hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; real good birds, half price to ensure quick sale; approval: Hand, Milton House, Station-road, Herne Bay.

SIX Norwich cocks to clear, 7/6 each; clear buff, 1st 2/- selling class, 15/-; 4 buff hens, 5/- to 16/-; approval: Burdett, Todd-st., Wiugate, Durham.

NORWICH and Crests, clears, variegated and green, 1969 and 1916; cocks from 5/6, hens from 2/6: Shewan, 21, Oakley-place, Old Kent-rd., London.

NORWICH.—I am selling the whole lot of 24 large typical hens, yellows and buffs, no reasonable offer refused: Lee, 15, School-st., Benwell, Newcastle.

TWO clear buff, 3 variegated buff, 2 variegated yellow hens, 1 variegated buff, 1 variegated yellow cock; cold-room bred; hens 3/-, cocks 7/-; 32/- the lot: Davies, 9, Bond-st., Newport, Mon.

LARGE variegated buff cock, and good marked yellow cock, 16/6 each, Barnes' strain; also cinnamon-marked yellow cock 8/-, self cinnamon buff hen 3/6: Coward, Panton Hall, Wraghy.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, few real cliukers, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; matched pairs, 16/6, 12/6, 15/-; from my winners; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

EVEN marked yell., £1; cap and even wing buff, 15/-; unflighted cocks, large cobby birds; approval; bred from my winning buff; genuine bargains: Elliott, 22, Leicester-st., Burton-on-Trent.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks (singing), warranted clean, healthy, 4/6, 5/-; cobby young hens, right sort, 2/6, 3/-; high-class stock birds cheap; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 16/-, 15/-, 26/-; pairs 15/-, 20/- upwards; state wants and price (about); approval; stamp: Geo. Harland, 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

DEALERS supplied with strong healthy typical Norwich Plainheads and Crests, large or small quantities, all cold room bred, prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

CHAMPION Norwich.—A few pairs of large superior matched Norwich, guaranteed to breed winners, also quantity of buff hens of exceptional quality; state wants; approval: Fred. Lockton, Grantham.

FOR sale, some prize-bred Norwich, Sandiford's, Dobinson's, Irons', and Grey strains; no better blood in the Fancy; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

G. THOMAS has some grand pairs for sale, good type aud quality from 17/6; also odd cocks and hens reasonable; bred from and related to my winners; seen any time: 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

EXHIBITORS, Look Here! Five champion yellow hens, 20/- each; matched pairs 40/-, worth treble; chance of a lifetime; must sell, going to Canada; approval, cash or deposit: Bellamy, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

BUFF variegated cock 25/-, yellow var, cock 15/-, do 12/6; yellow var. hen, 15/-; yellow hen 7/6, do 6/-, buff hen, 6/-, buff var. hen, 7/6, Siskins 1/9 pair; approval, cheap to clear, stamp: Milne, Signalman, Newtyle.

GREAT sacrifice to effect speedy sale, several exceptional short thick-set typical colour-fed buff and yellow Norwich hens, of grand type and quality, 5/- and 7/6; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LARGE typical uuflighted buff cock Norwich, winuer 2nd Brackley, 25/-; anotber, 3rd, same class, 20/-; large yellow, large buff cocks, 1909 bred, 10/6 each; approval; Midgley's strain: E. Mulfis, Winslow, Bucks.

A. Brown, 7, Norman-aven., West, Lordship-lane, Wood Green, is compelled at once to clear whole of stock, Norwich and Yorkshires, 56, many fit Palace show, also best stock, double breeders, price for lot cheap.

HIGH-class Norwich, Trengrove, Godley, etc.; 1 yellow, 4 buff cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; 6 cocks, 4 hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 35/- lot; from good stock; good buff hen wanted: Wilcox and Son, Ivy Cottage, New Sawley, Derby.

TYPICAL stock birds, direct from winners, splendid heads and necks, perfect feather, cocks from 7/- to 20/-; specially good hens from 5/-; own breeding only: approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Northaven., Ramsgate.

FINE Norwich Canaries (Irons' and Baker's strains only); matched pairs, 15/6; these are strong, healthy, colour-fed birds, grand quality, honestly worth, 21/-; room and money wanted: Russell, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 10/6, honestly worth 30/-, genuine bargain: approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

SEVERAL variegated stock Norwich for sale at reasonable prices, colour fed, winners and related to winners, cocks from 12/6, hens from 7/6; approval, deposit: particulars from: A. Crawford, 685, New City-rd., Glasgow.

BARGAINS in prize and prize-bred Norwich and Yorkshires, breeding and show cages; approval, deposit; giving up through sickness; seen anytime; wanted overcoat, 41in. chest, also blood circulator: 23, Atherton-st., Prescot.

H. E. MORE, 62, Marine Parade, Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk, large grand shape Norwich, valuable stock birds, clear yellow, clear, ticked, and foul green buff cocks, also songsters, clear buff hens, cheap to clear; stamp; approval willingly.

TYPICAL Norwich. I can spare a few grand pairs splendid quality birds, from winners, 15/- to 26/-; also few good cocks, 10/- and 12/6; see leading show reports; approval willingly: William Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

NORWICH Canaries, the best of blood, related to my winners, Morpeth, Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, Carlisle, Haltwhistle; hens from 6/6; cocks from 16/6; approval: Smith, 172, Prince Consort-rd., Gateshead-on-Tyne.

CHAMPION large Bullfinch-typed Norwich, feathered like wax, properly matched to breed winners, 20/-, 36/-, 46/-, and 50/- per pairs; singles from 7/6; show birds; cheap, approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

BARGAIN, yellow Norwich cock, buff Norwich hen, light Mule breeder, buff Norwich cock, buff Norwich hen, buff Border cock, 2 three-compartment breeding cages, good as new, complete, £2 the lot, or sell separate: Snell, Co-operative-ter., West Stanley, S.O.

SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers champion selection of Norwich Plainhead cocks at 6/6; some fine specimens at 8/6, 10/6; gems 12/6, 15/-; my matched pairs at 10/6 and 12/6 are incomparable; a few pairs at 8/6; approval witb pleasure, cash or deposit.

FOR sale, Norwich Canaries; giving up the Fancy; all Mitchell's Palace strain, which include 7 pairs and 5 unflighted yellow and variegated cocks, winners, in all cages and cases, reasonable to clear; approval; stamp reply for inquiries: Skinner, 57, High-st., Brechin.

CHAMPION Norwich; having looked through my stud of birds, find can spare several buff cocks of good size and type, 12/6 and 15/-; also hens and pairs reasonable; intending purchasers would do well to pay me a visit, or write stating wants; all my winners at Wimbledon, L.C.B.A., Skelton, Guisboro', etc., bred in my own room: Dixon, 14, Claremont avenue, New Malden.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class cobby Norwich, bred from noted winners, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, matched pairs to breed winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, all carriage paid, on 7 days' approval: E. L. Stovey, Crowle, Doncaster.

THESE words are definite. Consequent on increasing age, my stock of champion Norwich must be reduced; every bird for sale; pairs from 20/-; single birds from 15/-; write me; state wants; compelled to reduce my stock; inspection invited: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

CHAMPION Norwich for disposal; few real gems, cocks and hens, 7/6 to 30/-; some slashing buff hens, that can win; birds we sold won Newcastle, Halifax, Bradford, Morecambe, Scottish National; no better blood in the Fancy: Messrs. Amblers, 29, Sefton-rd., Morecambe.

CLEAR yellow cock winner, 15/6; clear buff cock, a clinker, fit for Palace, 15/6; clear yellow hen, can win, 15/6; buffs, a few gems, 10/6 each, worth 30/-; yellow marked hen, 7/6; buff marked, 5/6 each; all cheap and worth double; room wanted: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

A. Younghusband, Stanger-st., Keswick, has for sale 1 grand '09 variegated yellow Norwich cock, grand stock bird, price 30/-; also a few good unflighted buff cocks, from 12/- each; a few typical yellow hens; these are on the small side, but bred from winners, from 5/- each.

I find I won't have time to give my birds proper attention during the breeding season, so have decided to dispose of my entire stock of Norwich Plainheads; some really good show and stock birds amongst them, prices from 5/- upwards; inspection invited: S. P. Lackey, Bothal, Morpeth.

ARE you requiring an odd hen or cock to complete your breeding stock? I can guarantee you every satisfaction. Hens from 3/-, cocks from 5/6, selected breeding pairs 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards. All cold room bred, and on approval anywhere; travelling cage free: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MASSIVE framed exhibition colour-fed buff and yellow Norwich cocks, large heads, short neck, and thick-set bodies, with rare type and quality, grand colour, and substance, certain winner, fit for the Palace, make champion stock birds, sacrifice, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval: Hawkes, Grove-Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-class Norwich, Bullfinch type, good heads, fine silky feather; I have sold as many winners as any fancier in England; 30 years' breeder of high-class Norwich and crests, judge of a 100 shows; fanciers wanting good birds can get them from me reasonable, and on approval: T. Billington, Wyrevilla, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

FIRST-class Norwich Plainheads, cheap to clear; see latest wins: Treharris, Swansea, Cheltenham, Llanelleith, Haverfordwest, Llapelly, Pentenbach, Six Bells, Harrogate, Haltwhistle, Kilmarnock, Irvine, Ludlow, Taunton, many others; few birds, cheap; state wants; also Crests and Crest-breds, cocks or hens, single or pairs; approval, cash deposit, stamp: Particulars, Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

I have the following high-class Norwich for disposal, all in good condition: Clear yellow cock, 1909 bred, nice, short, thick, typical bird, with good wing carriage, good stock bird, 16/-, bargain. Also extra large stout clear yellow cock, 1910 bred, 12/-; also nice short, stout clear buff hen, 1910 bred, 7/6; and ticked buff ben, 1910 bred, 5/-; approval, deposit: W. Colling, Mariners-terr., Filey, Yorkshire

JOHN W. Bancroft, finds he can spare slashing variegated, 1909, rare size, colour, etc., good show and stock bird, 25/-; with sweet grandly moulded cl. buff hen, 40/- the pair, worth £5; also clinking variegated yellow cock, grand carriage, quality, and colour, 15/-; sweet shapely clear yellow hen, feathered like silk, 10/-; two lovely marked buff hens, feathered like wax, 7/6 and 8/6; all unflighted: 25, Skaife-rd, Sale, Cheshire.

NOTICE. It will pay you to give me a visit and see these. 50 pairs stout cobby Norwich in all colours, coldroom bred at workingmen's prices; cocks in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; a few special for show or stock birds, cocks 10/-, hens 5/- each; Inspection invited; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days' approval, cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

J. Blackhall, the winner of two cups, also won the confined points and open points; my last entry four 1sts, three 2nds, three 3rds, and many specials, has the following for sale: Large buff cock, good head, fine stock bird, 10/6; another buff cock, fine quality, not so large, 7/6; 3 yellow cocks, unflighted, 7/6 each; ticked yellow hen, lovely quality, 10/6, cheap; 2 unflighted yellow hens, 6/6 each; large buff hen, rare type and quality, 7/6; a few others at 5/- each; stamp reply: Store-bldgs., Walkerburn, Peebleshire, N.B.

GOING abroad: All my noted birds, Plainhead Norwich, for sale, also my business, consisting of a nice little hardware, ironmonger's, crockery, oil, etc., with the bird room fitted with 16 breeding cages, two flights; show cages, travelling hampers, etc., some birds if desired; situated in a fast-growing healthy suburb; a fancier with a little ready cash who would invest could do well; a sure proof; living for two; death reason for sale: J. Bertie, Cage Bird Judge, 52I, Woodborough-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

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L. J. RICHARDSON,

Champion Norwich breeder; bargains to immediate purchasers; room required: Buffs cocks from 12/6; pairs from 21/-; good feathered birds closely related to my winners; Inspection invited: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe, London.

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From W. Vardy's and A. H. Water's strain, unflighted buff cocks, also buff hens, yellow cocks, 10/- to 15/- each, hens 5/- to 7/6 each, birds sent before cash, if not approved carriage to pay: Robinson, Five Alls, Hoyland.

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TYPICAL Yorkshires, cold room bred, cocks from 6/6, hens from 6/-, lot cheap; approval, cash or deposit; stamp reply: Wm. Shepherd, 20, Cygnet-st., Nunnery-lane, York.

FOR sale, 12 Yorkshire cocks, cold room bred, 1910 birds, not colour fed, also 6 good 1909 hens, all in good condition: C. Brown, 20, Wolseley-ter., The Fall, near Wakefield.

YORKSHIRES, long slim typical yellow and buff cinnamon marked and clear, pink-eyed cocks, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/-; hens, 5/- and 6/-; approval: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, cocks and hens; room wanted; or sell lot; reasonable offer not refused; wanted pair outer covers, 26 x 1½: Herbert Ingles, East-st., Bromley, Kent.

THE old Yorkshire breeder can spare choice pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; cocks, full song, 5/-, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; approval, 4 days; cash or deposit: Berry, 99, Selborne-grove, Keighley.

WHY pay fancy price when you can get 11 good Yorkshire cocks, in full song, for 50/-, or 6 for 27/6; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: Miles, 4, Moses-st., Park-lane, Keighley.

COCKS from 7/6; hens, 5/-; pair, 15/-; see winnings Battersea, Wimbledon, Metropolitan and City and Suburban shows; approval, deposit; seen after 5 o'clock: F. King, 49, Inworth-st., Battersea Park-rd.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, bred from my winners, Sale, Altrincham, Eccles, grand birds; cocks 7/-, hens 5/-, worth much more; cold room; seen any evening: Radford, 114, Second-aven., Trafford Park, Manchester.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, typical cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, matched pairs from 8/-; approval anywhere; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

DYKES' YORKSHIRES.



Read a few more opinions received to-day. In fact, I am receiving similar letters almost every post. "13, St. Aidain's-crescent, Annfield Plain, Jan. 23rd, 1911.—Just a line to let you know the Yellow Yorkshire hen I got from you last breeding season has done well for me. I showed her, and she had **1st at Leadgate** (class of 12), and **1st at Annfield Plain.** I bred two nests from her, and she reared eight young, two of them winning 1st for me at Annfield Plain. So I think no one could wish for better results. I shall require more birds in a few weeks, and shall certainly give you my order.—G. Lane to L. Dykes." "47, Frodingham-road, Scunthorpe, Jan. 23rd, 1911.—Received bird in good condition, which gives great satisfaction, as others I have had from you have done. There are other members who require stock birds, and you will surely receive their orders, as the honest way you treat your customers is worthy of anyone's recommendation.—J. Keech, Treasurer Scunthorpe C.B.S., to L. Dykes." I could fill a page with letters similar to above, but space will not allow me to do so; but same are filed for inspection at any time.

My Yorkshires have been bang at the top all the season, and for years past have won thousands of prizes, cups, medals, and specials too numerous to mention. See show reports. As the show season is now almost finished I have several of my winners for disposal. If you want a winner, or stock birds to breed winners, send full particulars, and I will do my best to please you. I shall be pleased if you will allow me to send you one (or more) on approval against any others. Note following prices, and **remember, Yorkshires** (not mongrels), that for length, type and quality cannot be beaten. I have them in clears, ticked, green marked, Cinn. marked, and a few pure greens. Champion long, slim Yorkshire cocks, at 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Lovely quality hens at 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Pairs, carefully matched, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. Travelling cages, 3d. Also a few chubby Norwich, and some clinking Crests and Crest-breds at reasonable prices. Come and see them for yourself, or send post card for free illustrated price list.

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YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, colour-fed, cocks 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, upwards, hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, upwards, carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

LONG, slim Yorkshires, few real clinkers, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/6; hens 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; matched pairs 10/-, 12/-, 14/-, from my winners; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

REMOVING: clear yellow Yorkshire cock, also buff cock, 1 wing marked, 10/- each; good slim hens, 3/6 each; cages, etc.; cold room; guaranteed healthy: Bowen, 126, Earl-st., Longsight, Manchester.

CHARLES Moore, "Bergnet," Yarborough-rd., Lincoln, breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshires, has 30 grand prize birds to dispose of; cocks from 8/6, hens 4/6; also 2 travelling cases and cages.

BREEDERS: Long slim cinnamon-marked Yorkshire cock (Rennie's), 3rd Darwen, topper, 12/6; 7in. unflighted clear yellow cock (Crisp), good one, 10/-; approval: Greenwood, 13, Avondale-rd., Darwen.

TYPICAL Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-, matched pairs from 15/-; see reports, Clapham, Battersea, Southend, Wimbledon, Horticultural: Foxen, 8, Aberdeen-bldgs., Bromley, Kent.

FOR sale my surplus stock of prize-bred Yorkshires, cinnamon marked, green marked, or clears, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-, pairs from 12/6 upwards; deposit Editor: Hurn, Hairdresser, Boosbeck.

SELLING off: Yorkshires, show or stock birds, cocks from 6/6, hens 3/6; few buff Norwich cocks from 7/-; cash or deposit; approval; inspection invited: Jonas Wilkinson, 98, Greenfield, Colne, Lancs.

ARTHUR Brotherhood can spare grand pair, price 15/- (cock he, class of 21), genuine bargain, splendid yellow hen, 1909, excellent breeder, 12/6, all guaranteed, Bailey's champion strain; approval: Newport, Salop.

FOR sale, good upstanding Yorkshires, 1st Enfield, also 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and special, Enfield Annual show, 1910; 6 pairs of above strain, or separate, 12/6 and 15/6; cocks, 10/6 and 12/6; 7, Genotin-ter., Enfield Town.

YORKSHIRES for sale; 10 hens, 7 buffs, 3 yellows, 4 cocks, 1 variegated, 2 buffs, 1 yellow; hens from 4/- each, cocks from 5/-; Ambler's and Barnes' strain: Apply, Wm. Bailey, North Lodge, Thornbridge, Bakewell.

THIRTY pairs good Yorkshires, guaranteed good strain in cinnamons; nearly whole greens, yellows and buffs; cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; approval; deposit; 10 pairs, 60/-: Foxons, New Buildings, Hinckley.

EXCEPTIONAL bargains, few typical smart stylish buff and yellow Yorkshires, cocks and hens, real gems, for type and quality, cocks 5/-, 7/6, hens 3/6 and 5/- each; approval; inspection invited: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn, has his winning Yorkshires for sale, clearing out of the Fancy: 2 yellow cocks, 2 buff hens, 1 buff cock, yellow hen, 4 show cages and case; here's a bargain for new beginners, £4 lot; approval; Stamp reply.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class Yorkshires, correct type, 7ins. long, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each, matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, all carriage paid, on seven days' approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRES, Bailey Ambler's, clears, variegated, cinnamon, marked, fed, 50 years' breeder; rheumatic, cannot attend wants; cock 5/-, hens 2/6, 7in. 7/6, chance lifetime; thanks, Norwich sold; stamp reply; John Rohshaw, Marton-cum-Grafton, York.

BARGAINS: Yorkshire cocks, buff, 1st Cleator Moor, ditto 3rd, yellow 2nd Harrington, £1 each; yellow hen 2nd Egremont, ditto buff, 15/- each; grand stock cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; exchange boots, etc.: offers: Ferguson, College-st., Whitehaven.

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See also page 74.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

LONG slim Yorkshire cocks, beauties, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; Hartz Roller cocks, 6/- each; Yorkshire hens 3/6; Seifert Roller hens, 4/-; all 1910; 3-compartment breeding cage, sliding partition, 5/6; 4-compartment cage, 4/6; wanted good Crest hen; Howland, Boot Maker, South Ockendon, Essex.

TWO grand pairs, typical, unflighted, clear yellow cock, full standard length and beautifully feathered, variegated buff hen, 17/6 pair; splendid long Cinnamon-marked buff cock, and finely-modelled clear yellow hen, 17/6 pair; approval, cash or deposit: Greenwood, 13, Avondale-rd., Darwen.

LEAVING the Fancy, the whole of my valuable stock of Yorkshires for sale, including many winners this season, also about 20 stock pairs from 10/- per pair; breeding cages, show cages, and cases, all birdroom utensils; inspection invited: Harry Foden, 73, Mansfield-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, winners Darlington, Stockton, Middlesbro', Stanley, Derwent Valley, etc., cocks and hens, same blood, large upstanding, from 7/6, pairs properly mated 15/-, 16/6 upwards, exhibition specimens from 21/-; approval 4 days; 26 years' breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

THE old Yorkshire breeders have one of the finest selections of Yorkshires in the country; winners of over 100 prizes; see reports Middlesborough, Malton, Darlington, Keighley, etc.; cocks, full song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; splendid pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1: Middleton Bros., 32, Unity-st., Fell-lane, Keighley.

T. C. CRAWHALL, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires, can spare some good cocks and hens, all from the same strain as his winners at Coxhoe, Chopwell, Newcastle, Blaydon, Whitehaven, Darlington, Willington, Backworth, Crook, Gateshead, Bradford East, Scottish National; approval, deposit, stamp: 121, St. George's-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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W. Downing, winner of medals and many prizes, and bred every winner he has shown, has a grand lot of Yorkshires for sale, yellows and buffs, clears, ticks, and variegated, dark and cinnamon marks, all vigorous stuff, and likely to do some good this breeding season, from 7/6 upwards, or will sell in one lot, owing to pressure of business: W. Downing, The Hollies, Polygon-aven., Stockport-rd., Manchester.

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4, Sumatra-road, W. Hampstead, London, N.W., Jan. 18th, 1911.—I wish to say how delighted we are with the Canary we had of you. He sings splendidly, and seems in the best of condition. Shall recommend anyone to you.—H. Johnson to W. Rudd.

Something of a Record which can be Verified.

Kilkee, Co. Clare, Ireland, Jan. 16th, 1911.—I am writing this thinking you may like to hear something of a record of a pair of birds I had from you four years ago. I paid 12/6 for the cock and 7/6 for the hen, and I have been breeding with them for the four seasons. I have not kept a proper record of each bird reared, but the hen has laid three and sometimes four clutches of eggs each year, and nearly every egg has been fertile; but the most remarkable thing is that all the birds reared have been cocks. She has not given me a single hen for the whole of the four seasons (and she has only had one die in the nest, or rather dragged out, and did not see it in time). If anyone who should happen to see this doubts the truth of it, I can give proof of it being correct by persons who have seen the young, and also know how most of them have been disposed of. This is not the only pair I have had from you, as you know, and I must say that all the birds I have had have been good value for the money, and some have gone into **pounds,** and all this is combined with civility, promptitude, and instruction when asked for.—E. Southend to W. Rudd.

An Unsolicited Fact Worth Noting.

28, Rutland-road, Hove, Jan. 17th, 1911.—The pair of Yorkshires arrived quite safe, and am perfectly satisfied with them. Shall want another pair later. —W. Steele to W. Rudd.

An Unsolicited Fact Worth Noting.

14, Chandler's-hill, Marsh-lane, Chesterfield, Jan. 21st, 1911.—I thank you very much for sending my pair of Yorkshires so soon. I am very pleased with them. My friends say I could not have been better suited anywhere.—F. Foster to W. Rudd.

Two Gems.

40, Bridge-end, Leeds, Jan. 22nd, 1911.—Birds arrived safe and well. Am very pleased with them. They are two gems. Many thanks for your good judgment. The cage is the very thing I wanted. Shall always patronise you.—T. Dawson to W. Rudd.

Your Motto Seems: Quality up! Price Down!

Hungerford Villa, St. Paul's, Cheltenham, Jan. 18th, 1911.—Bird arrived quite safe. I was much surprised to hear it singing the same day of its arrival. I consider the bird an excellent one. Your motto is: "Quality Up! Prices Down!"—F. C. Venn to W. Rudd.

W. RUDD, THE BIRD SPECIALIST, NORWICH.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

MULES wanted: The Royal Menageries, Shaftesbury-avenue, London.

NINE cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 5/6 each, cash or deposit: J. Teed, Exwick.

LARGE Siberian cock Goldfinches, in full song, 6/6, 7/6: Bosher, 345, Barking-rd., East Ham, Essex.

LARGE cock Goldfinch, beautiful bird, feed from finger, 4/6: Daniels, Prospect-row, Bury, Suffolk.

LARGE Sib. Norwich hens 7/6, 10/6 each; approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton-drive, Blackpool.

COCK Linnet Mules, pure Linnet notes, 7/- each; 7 days' approval, deposit: Hurt, 65, Sheffield-rd., Dronfield.

SMART hen Goldfinch Mule and new butterfly net; will take in pieces; what offers?: Ernest Folkard, Heworth, York.

THREE handsome cock Goldfinch Mules, full song; 1 7/6, 2 6/6 each: Penfold, 6, Seymour Buildings, Marylebone, London.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, winner two seconds only times shown, Finch notes, 10/-: Critchlow, 31, Queen's-rd., Fairfield, Buxton.

LOVELY Goldfinch-Canary Mule, grand songster, accept 5/6; room wanted for breeding: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

EXHIBITION cock Canary Greenfinch Mule, winner, fit for the Palace, 10/-, bargain: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

THREE nice cock Canary Bullfinch Hybrids, 1910 Birds; cash offers; stamp particulars: William Smith, 11, John-st., Dalbeattie.

FEW genuine Sib.-bred light muling hens, good size, advertised 20 years; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

ONE variegated aud two dark cock Goldfinch Mules; also three hen Mules; 15/- lot: N. Atkinson, Brompton, Northallerton.

EXHIBITION Goldie Mule, 7/6: vhe at Reading; Goldfinch, father of above, 6/-; approval: W. Vince, Waremus Wood, Mortimer, Berks.

NOTICE: Wanted Goldfinch Mules, Linnet Mules, and six Goldfinch catchers; state best price: Blackett, Philip-st., Kingsland, London.

EXCEPTIONAL bargains.—A few big yellow Sib. hens, from birds that have bred light Mules; accept 8/6 each, only half value: Cowans, Wooler.

HYBRID muling cock Bullfinch, twice house-moulted and bred with Linnet last season, 7/6, bargain: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

FINE Goldfinch Mules.—Fine cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, 6/6; cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, 4/6 pair: Bousfield, Saddler, Briggate, Knaresbro'.

EXHIBITION cock Goldfinch, in lovely plumage, twice house-moulted, and hybrid breeder, accept 10/-, great sacrifice: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

FINE hand-reared cock Greenfinch, 1909, feed from hand, and a good-sized house-moulted hen Bullfinch, healthy, best of plumage, 5/6: C. Leventon, Melton Mowbray.

SIX cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, 7/6, one hen Mule 1/-; Sib.-bred clear buff hen Canary 5/-, cock Canary 6/6; approval: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

WARRANTED cock Linnet Mule, raised under Goldfinch, song, 10/6, exchange Goldfinches, Bullfinches, value 12/6: W. Burrows, 15, Braden-st., Shirland-rd., Paddington.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, singing, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; Goldfinch Mule, 12/6, vhe only time shown; muling hens, 2/6, 3/6; cages, 4d. extra: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

FIRST Cradley, 1st Lye; large variegated cock Greenfinch Mule, winner at above shows, with show cage, 25/-; can win anywhere; a gift: Terry, 3, Bristol-rd., Birmingham.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure Light Mule breeders, buffs 5/6, yellows 7/6, cocks 7/6 each; no rubbish; ten days' approval, at my risk: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

TO Palace exhibitors.—A good Cinnamon Greenfinch Canary Mule, also dark buff Greenie Mule and a Redpoll; sure winners, cheap; stamp, particulars: Ball, Stanley House, near St. Helens, Lancs.

C. Freeman offers the following muling pairs: Goldfinch-Canary, 10/6; Linnet-Canary, 8/6; Linnet-Goldfinch, 7/6; Redpoll-Goldfinch, 7/6; also others; see British: 11, Portland-pl. North, Clapham-rd., S.W.

COCK Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, grand songsters, 6/-, 7/6 each; Sib-bred hen Canaries, for light Mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; clear yellows or buffs; satisfaction guaranteed: F. Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

MULE breeders; cock Goldfinch and yellow Norwich hen, 8/6; cock Redpoll (2nd Bedford) and hen Goldfinch, 5/-; cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, 6/6; yellow Greenfinch, buff Norwich hen, 5/6; all house-moulted; approval: Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

LARGE cock dark Siberian Goldfinch Mule, fine bird, already won good company, would repay careful colour feeding, 12/-, to clear; offers of really good yellow Norwich hens invited; mutual approval: Marsden, Ridge Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

SPECIAL Hardy, Goldfinch-Canary Mules, cold room bred, moulted outdoor aviary; 14 cocks, large racy birds, 7/6, 5/-; 6 hens, 1/-; also 2 Greenfinch-Canary cocks, 2 hens, single or best offer lot; wonderful blaze; satisfaction assured: Parr, 38, Huntingdon-st., Nottingham.

GREAT sacrifice, compulsory sale, grand stock of twice house-moulted muling Finches, exhibition birds, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, large-bibbed Redpolls, Greenfinches, Twites, also few rare hybrids, Linnet-Bullie, Goldfinch-Greenie, Chaffinch-Bramble; prices on application: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

STILL some very high-class muling stock for sale, including Siberian Goldfinches and hen Bullfinches, British Goldfinches, hen Bullfinches (few hand-reared), Linnets and Siskins, some proved breeders. Several real good, well-bred Muling Canaries. Very reasonable prices; must clear; selected by a specialist: Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

EVEN marked light cock Mule, winner, £2 2s.; light yellow Mule, winner, cock, 35/-; hen Canaries for light muling, yellows, 8/6; buffs, 7/6; no better whatever price you pay; two-year-old breeders, cock Goldfinch Mule and Hybrid breeder, 15/-; cock Greenfinch, 5/6: cock Linnet, Mule breeder and contest winner, 20/-: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

HIGH-CLASS Sibs., few grand hens, also cocks for light muling, 42 years in bred, warranted, 10/- each, breeder, Mr. Jones's champion light Mule, Kitchener, winner 57 firsts and special prizes, bred 1909, clear yellow six-pointed buff, nine lightly marked; bred 1910, four-pointed buff, ticked yellow, ticked buff, 8 lightly marked, Mules, 44 years' breeder high-class birds; approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

THE following show specimens for sale, cheap, grand dark yellow Goldfinch Canary, winner 18 lsts, many others, 55/-; Dark Linnet Canary, big winner, 50/-; another 10/-, winning Bullfinch, 12/6; two good winning Goldfinches, 25/-, 20/-; two winning Greypates, 12/6 each; grand Siskin, 7/6; winning Yellowhammer, 10/6; three splendid bibbed Redpolls, well laced, 7/6, 5/-; approval; grand showing form: Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

MULING HENS.

Genuine; clear Buff, for light muling, Sib.-bred, 3/6 and 4/6; do. clear Yellow, 4/- and 5/-; pink-eyed do., 5/6 and 6/6; others, for dark muling, 3/-, 3/6, 5/-. For Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins, etc.; cage, 3d.

45, Mabell-street, Motherwell, Jan. 16th, 1911.—The muling hen arrived all safe; thanks for such a nice hen at the money, and prompt delivery.—W. Pearson to W. Rudd.

A Compliment, etc.

62, Plum-lane, Plumstead, Kent, Jan. 19th, 1911.—Muling hen arrived to-day quite safe, and I might tell you that I am very pleased with her, and I must compliment you on your smart business methods.—S. Wellbrook to W. Rudd.

See my advt. also on previous col.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

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Club Reports.

HEPTONSTALL AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Wadsworth View, January 12th. Election of officers for the following year: Chairman, T. W. Bowe; Vice-Chairman, R. Townsend; Secretary, W. Collinge; Treasurer, H. Smith; Auditors, L. Greenwood and F. Robertshaw. After the meeting we had an enjoyable evening.—W. Collinge, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held club room (Red Lion Hotel), Four Lane Ends, January 14th, when there was a good turn-up of members. The balance sheet was presented and showed the society to be in a good position. Officers elected: President, W. A. Cowgill; vice-presidents, T. Tidswell, W. T. Mountain, F. Hammond, C. Whitley, and W. Crabtree; Committee, W. Watson, H. Longbottom, A. Bennett, F. Wallbank, A. Whitley, G. A. Bennett and A. Craven; treasurer, T. Tidswell; delegates, F. Western and W. Crabtree; trustees, W. A. Cowgill and R. Carr.—F. Western, Sec.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 14, Victoria Rooms. Mr. Crundell presided over a good attendance. Balance-sheet submitted for half-year ending Jan. 7th showing a total income of £24 5s. 10d., and a total expenditure of £23 4s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand of £1 1s. 2d., which was adopted, and considered very satisfactory. Officers all re-elected, all members to act on committee. Members' prize money and specials were all paid at the rate of 14s. per class. The society tenders thanks to the secretary, stewards, and other workers for the splendid manner in which they carried out their duties. Numerous letters were received from exhibitors for prompt payment of prize money, careful packing, etc.—G. Bescoby, Hon. Sec.

CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting, held Auchinleck Public Hall, Jan. 14th, Mr. H. Kinnear in chair. Election of office bearers; president, Mr. H. Kinnear; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Findlay, and A. Tannock; treasurer, Mr. J. Brown; hon. sec., Mr. J. Nutt; committee, Messrs. S. Montgomery, J. McDougall, A. Wilson, J. Whitelaw, J. McGavin, and J. Tannock, J. Davidson, J. Ballantyne, J. Mair, D. Richmond, D. Smart, and F. Young. Next show date fixed for Dec. 2nd, at Auchinleck, and members' subs. to be the same as last year. Auditor's report read and found correct with a balance of £9 15s. 5½d., which is very creditable. Our next committee meeting will not be held till the first Saturday in September, but further notice will be given. The secretary will he pleased to have the names of all fanciers who are not members, who reside in Muirkirk, Sorn, Mauchline, Auchinleck, Old and New Cumnock, Ochiltree, and Tarbolton. A pleasant meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—Joseph Nutt, Sec., 73, Highhouse, Auchinleck.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 14th, headquarters, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds-road, Mr. W. Wharton in chair. Arrangements were made for annual tea and social to be held at Co-op. Rooms, Feb. 17th, tickets 1s. 3d. each; members' competition prizes will be presented at same. Balance sheet for 1910 was passed unanimously, showing the society to be in a most flourishing condition, with £21 7s. 7½d. in the bank. Election of officers: President, Sir G. Scott-Robertson, K.C.S.I., M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. Astley, J. S. Clarkson and J. Clark; chairman, Mr. H. Wharton; vice-chairmen, Messrs. J. S. Clarkson, J. Bateman and J. Clark; delegates to Yorks. Union, Messrs. J. Hartley, J. S. Clarkson and J. Fortnam; trustees, Messrs. F. Hammond and F. Ludbrook; treasurer, Mr. F. Ludbrook; secretary, Mr. F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow-street, Barkerend-road, Bradford; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Roe, 6, Thursby-street, Leeds-road, Bradford; auditors, Messrs. J. Hunter and J. Clark. Messrs. A. Jennings and J. Lythell were admitted members. Mr. F. Rhodes moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. W. Morement, our retiring assistant secretary, for his work during the past year; we were very sorry to lose him. Mr. J. S. Clarkson seconded, and it was carried. Mr. Morement, in reply, said he felt sure that in Mr. J. Roe they would have a good substitute. Mr. F. Ludbrook moved and Mr. F. Hammond seconded, in a pretty speech, a vote of thanks to the secretary. The latter mentioned the splendid work of the secretary, Mr. F. Rhodes, referring to the way he had stuck to his work through thick and thin, and there was not in the Yorkshire Union a better or a more capable secretary. Mr. Rhodes thanked them, saying that he felt more satisfied at seeing the society in such a splendid position, and he would do his best to add to it. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wharton (chairman) was passed, also to the delegates.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting at headquarters on January 4th, Mr. J. Burke (vice-chair) presiding. Secretary reported that as there were still many sums owing to the society (including members' subscriptions), he was not in a position to present a balance-sheet that evening, but he estimated there would be a shortage of fully £8 to be made up by the members. This was soon solved when Mr. A. J. Smith returned his prize money to the society, others quickly following suit with all or part, and the non-winners, not to be outdone, all promised or gave towards the deficiency, and when the meeting broke up only another £3 was left for the absent ones to make good. The next item "To decide whether we remain affiliated to the Cage Bird Union," led to a lively discussion. Many members thought we ought to support the Union's efforts in their appeal to the railway companies by remaining affiliated; while others wanted to know what the Union had done. It was pointed out that this society had benefitted in the past by preventing clashing of show dates locally. Then, as regards mixed shows, better attention was now given to the cage bird section, while the fear of punishment had no doubt deterred exhibitors from dishonest practices. The Midlands generally being free of complaint on this heading, Secretary said that he found one of the members had shown at Bromsgrove Show, which was not affiliated to the C.B.U., and he was reporting him. Upon a vote the Union's supporters won by nearly a two to one majority, thereupon Mr. A. J. Smith stated he should resign membership (Rule 22 being the stumbling block), to the great regret of all, as he was a splendid worker and always ready to assist financially. The members hope he will reconsider his decision. The Secretary reported that according to his figures, our society had won the Inter-Club Challenge Cup (on view at the meeting), having scored 282 points; Wolverhampton being second with 277½ and West Bromwich third with 182½ points. Mr. P. Victor Williams having gained most points for winning society would have possession of the cup until show season. Rumours of alleged wrong-doing have been circulated among a section of the members. The first allegation was that a member, who it was reported had won first prizes many years ago, had this season shown in novice Norwich classes. The second, that another member had been exhibiting in another fancier's name in the novice Yorkshire classes; but proofs had not been forthcoming, and as the alleged defaulters were present, he (the Secretary) thought it proper that these members should make some statement. This they did, and the meeting decided that the explanations were quite satisfactory and accepted them. After a vote of sympathy had been passed to our Chairman (Mr. Broadhurst), who has not yet recovered from the operation for appendicitis; and of thanks to Mr. Webb for use of club-room; also thanks to officers for services during the past year, the election for 1911 took place, and resulted: President, J. A. Eckersley, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. W. Butler, J. Webb, H. C. Wilkins, A. Broadhurst; Chairman, Mr. J. Burke; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. E. Hillett; Treas., Mr. J. Harvey; Secretary, Mr. de Maillet was pressed very hard but declined office, offering to assist his successor when required, and Mr. S. Mole, late assist. secretary, was thereupon elected unanimously. Committee: Messrs. Derry, Dipple, de Maillet, Hughes, J. H. Jones, F. Peace, Walton, and Wright. Before the meeting closed five nominations for membership were received, and we hope to arrange a series of lectures, etc., shortly for the benefit of the younger fanciers.—J. H. de Maillet, Retiring Hon. Sec.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Annual meeting held head-quarters, Baker's Room, Jan. 11, Mr. R. Carmyllie (president) in chair. Office bearers elected for 1911: President, Mr. R. Carmyllie; vice-presidents, Messrs. Wm. Keill and J. Campbell; sec. and treasurer, R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place. Committee, Messrs. C. Muir, A. Curtis, M. Wilson, J. Dargie, and R. Thom. Annual show fixed for usual date—second Saturday in October, October 14. Other societies please note, as the calender throws shows some days later in season 1911.—R. Whitton, Sec.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting held Station Hotel, January 11th. The Chairman not being present, Mr. J. Hyslop took the chair. A letter was read from the Financial Secretary resigning his office, owing to stress of business. Mr. John, a rising young fancier, was unanimously elected to the office. A letter was read re the calling in of our cups. Decided, to write Mr. Johnson re same. Our annual show date was decided for the second Saturday in November. The Secretary was instructed to call a committee to arrange an agenda of a course of lectures for the year. A new member (Mr. Stephen Edwards) was made a member, which ended an enjoyable meeting.—John Robert Evans, Sec.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Annual general meeting, held at headquarters, George Hotel, Jan. 11th, Mr. H. C. Carter presiding. Following officers elected: Chairman, H. C. Carter; vice-chairman, W. Cartwright; treasurer, J. Wildsmith; auditors, H. Hawkins and J. G. Stephenson; committee, H. C. Carter, H. Robinson, J. G. Stephenson, and H. Hawkins. The balance sheet for 1910 was submitted and passed, showing a balance in the treasurer's hands of £8 18s. 3½d. Decided to hold annual show Nov. 11th; it was considered that our October date was too early. Decided, that a similar programme be drawn up as last year, for our meeting nights during current year. Pair show fixed for February 25th. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. Cleminson, on the sad loss she has sustained in the death of her respected husband. Six new members joined.—R. S. Black, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held headquarters, the occasion being the auditors' report and distribution of members' specials. The auditors, Messrs. H. J. Mennard and H. Newby, spoke of the very able way in which our late hon. sec., Mr. Chambers, had carried out the society's business. Mr. Chambers then read the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £5 0s. 11d. Great praise is due to him for this result. Prizes were presented to the successful exhibitors scoring most points with six-starred birds at our members' shows and open shows. Proposed and seconded, that Mr. Salmon become a member; also that in future all rules be strictly enforced. The following are the officers elected: President, F. Somers, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.; vice-presidents, W. Turton, Esq., and W. Greenwood, Esq.; chairman, Mr. F. Farrar; vice-chairman, Mr. J. P. Moir; committee, Messrs. W. H. Norton, Owen, Hall, H. Smith, Fowler, Dews, Baldwinson, Newby, Flint, and Bristow; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Norton; assist. hon. sec., Mr. Leo. Smith; hon. sec., W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.—W. A. Wilson, Sec.

REDRUTH F.A.

First annual dinner held December 5th, the President, Mr. Nicholas Trestrail, presiding over a large gathering. After the loyal toasts, the chairman gave "Success to the Fanciers' Association," and eulogised the services rendered by the hon. sec. (Mr. T. Sherman), who had laboured indefatigably in bringing the association to its present satisfactory position. Their show last month was a good one, and deserved the excellent patronage it received. He hoped and believed it would become still more prosperous. In response, Mr. T. Sherman said that although the Association was only in its second year, it was being worked on lines which should encourage fanciers in and around Redruth. He regretted having to report a slight decrease in membership, which he attributed to a number of members having left for abroad. The cage birds at the recent show were only 83, as against 103. The total entries numbered 241, as against 279. He anticipated an increase in the future, as a result of the extra special prizes which they would be in a position to offer. This could not fail to add to the keenness of competition, and give zest to breeders. They were greatly indebted to the President and Mr. G. H. Kistler for their gifts of specials. The show was well supported financially, and their funds had benefited substantially. Mr. S. J. Tippett (treasurer) also replied, and submitted a report showing that the show yielded a net profit of £5 3s., which, added to the sum already in hand, made a total balance of £13 15s. Mr. G. H. Kistler submitted "Kindred Societies," and Mr. L. Winn replied as member of the Council of the Redruth Exhibition Society. Mr. J. R. Dungey gave "Redruth Fanciers Show." Mr. W. Kemp, chairman of the committee, replied. An interesting programme of music was contributed by Messrs. G. H. Kistler, T. Jenkin, S. J. Sherman, J. Trestrail, W. Kemp, and J. Clemo.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held 18th January, Raith Arms, Mr J. Sunpson presiding. Sec. gave report of committee's work. Following appointed: Hon. Pres., Mr. W. Brerigan; Hon. Vice Prests., Dr. Primmer and Messrs. A. Dick, G. Penman, J. Leitch, and C. McLean; Committee, Messrs. Wright, Penman, Falconer, A Robertson, Conway, W Caithness, Walker, Menzies, Anderson, J. Simpson, Langan, Fotheringham, J. C. Murray, Paterson, and P. Robertson. Classification for show: Sect. Fcy., 10 classes; Bord., 10; Yorks, 5; C. and C.-B., 8; Nor., 12; A.O.V., 1; Com, 1; Mules, 6; Hyb., 2; Brit., 19; For., 4. Judges were nominated, and Secretary instructed to communicate with them. Sec. intimated there were now 41 members, more coming in. Agreed, that next meeting be held Arcade Hotel, 18th Feb., 7 p.m. Vote of thanks to Chairman brought enjoyable meeting to a close.—Joseph R. Reed, Sec.

HARTLEPOOL C.B.S.

Sixth annual general meeting held Y.M.C.A Rooms, Whitby Street, Jan. 11. The chairman, Mr. J. Robinson, presided. Report and balance-sheet presented by the secretary, Mr. E. Woodhead, and were considered very satisfactory. Decided, to limit membership to those residing in the Parliamentary Borough of the Hartlepools. The annual subscription was reduced from 4s. to 2s. 6d., and the members hope this will induce more fanciers to join. Officers elected: President, Lord Furness of Grantley; vice-presidents, S. W. Furness, Esq., M.P., G. E. Hope, Esq., Councillor T. E. Edgar, Councillor Hy. Mason, Major Thomlinson, and Alf. Young, Esq.; chairman, Mr. I. Robinson; hon. auditors, Messrs. J. Ronald and W. Appleton; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Woodhead; all members form the committee. Votes of thanks to all those who had rendered services during the past year were passed, and replied to. Decided, to hold next annual show October 28; Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. Maddison have been engaged to adjudicate. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month, in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, at 8 p.m., and fanciers will always be welcomed.—E. Woodhead, Hon. Sec., 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 11th. Mr. Grant presided over a large attendance. The following officers were elected: President, W. Theobald, Esq.; chairman, Mr. Grant; vice-chairman, Mr. D. Lewis; asst. hon. sec. and show manager, Mr. W. Bewsett; hon. auditors, Messrs. T. J. King and J. Boulter; hon. auctioneer, Mr. J. H. Boulter; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. A. S. Treasure—all re-elected except Mr. Lewis, who takes the place of Mr. Harvey. The secretary said he regretted being unable to produce the balance sheet, but owing to unavoidable circumstances, it was not quite ready; but there was a balance on the right side. The rules were discussed, and two or three minor alterations made. A draft of the syllabus for 1911 was read over. An interesting list of competitions, lectures, and shows is being arranged. Mr. Child proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers, making special reference to the open show, which was a record in every way. This was seconded by Mr. Stevens, and carried with acclamation. Mr. Grant briefly responded, and the secretary mentioned that the society had doubled its membership during the year, and that five new members had been elected that evening. It was announced that Mr. Payne would judge the pair show.—A. S. Treasure, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held headquarters, Horse and Jockey Hotel, Mr. Havenhand, president, in the chair. The following were elected for 1911: L. Havenhand, president; W. Walker, vice-president; H. Justice, treasurer; W. Richinson, secretary; committee, Messrs. Welbon, Johnson, Richards, Highley, Watson, Grainger, Berry, and Hollingsworth. The balance sheet was submitted by the auditors, Messrs. Havenhand and Walker, and it was unanimously passed as correct, showing a balance in treasurer's hands of £5 14s. 10d. The rules were then revised, several alterations and additions being made; all members attending meetings will be advised of them. It was left to the committee to draw up a syllabus for 1911, to be submitted to the next meeting, February 9th. Decided, to hold table show for breeding pairs (one class each for Nor., Yorks., and Muling Pairs), all members sharing together when the society will add 1s. per class, and Mr. H. Justice (our worthy host), will add 2s. per class. H Justice and L. Havenhand offered 10s. each for a series of table shows, the dates, etc., to be decided later. Any person wishing to join can do so by writing the secretary, or at our next meeting, February 9th, when all fanciers will be welcome. We hope all members will bring at least one pair of birds. Mr. J. Perry was appointed critic.—W. Richinson, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

The Dover "Yorkshire Fanciers' Cup" (or, rather, solid silver double handled tankard, for that is really what it is), has been subscribed for by a few local fanciers, to encourage the breeding of the Yorkshire Canary. Before becoming the absolute property of any competitor (which, by the way, is not confined to subscribers), it has to be won three times, not necessarily in succession; but it is stipulated in the rules which govern the competition that the birds must be bred in Dover and by Dover residents. The first competition took place at the Dover F. and F.S. show, held in November last, in the Market Hall, Dover, and a goodly number of fanciers met at the house of a fellow fancier, who resides not a thousand miles from Esplanade Hotel, which faces the Prince of Wales's Pier, Dover, for the purpose of making the presentation to the winner. Not only were Yorkshire fanciers present at this function, but there was a sprinkling of Norwich, Lizard, Mules, and Scots Fancy devotees, all eager to do honour to the comrade who had won the trophy for the first time. All the more credit is due to Mr. Lockett, as amongst the competitors were breeders of the variety who had spent more than double the years at the job than he, nor had a long purse been brought to play a part, as he is a working man, who for a number of years has got his living at the bottom of the sea, and oftener than not sixty or seventy feet below its surface. I understand he has very seldom had to buy a bird to improve his stock after his initial purchase, but has gained his present position by intelligent selection and by determination, backed up by an ideal fancier's wife, who, by the way, knows a Yorkie when she sees one as well as "the best of 'em," and can do the tubbing with consumate dexterity. Mr. E. C. Rayner, in a well chosen speech, made the formal presentation, after which Mr. Lockett in his usual quiet and unostentatious fashion suitably responded, and was evidently deeply touched by the ovation accorded him by all present.—Geo. Sanderson, Hon. Sec. of the K.C.C.B.A.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honcy Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

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PRIZE DRAWING, which was to take place at the Portland Arms, **KILMARNOCK**, on the **25th Jan.**, has been postponed until the **24th February**, owing to all the duplicates not being returned in time. Anyone desirous of disposing of tickets might send their names to— **S. B. McLACHLAN, Tighmonadh, Irvine-road, Kilmarnock.**

AMBLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held January 21st, Gardener's Arms, Mr. A. Anderson in chair. The balance sheet was submitted, showing a balance in hand of £5 16s. 10d.; considered very satisfactory. Officers for 1911 elected: Pres., Mr. A. Scott; Vice-Pres., Messrs. G. Penrose, G. H. Smith, and G. Brown; Chairman, Mr A. Anderson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Luke; Secretary, Mr. J. T. Crackett; Assist Secretary, Mr. G. Robson; Treasurer, Mr. J. P. Whittle; Auditors, Messrs. W. Lidgate and R. Hume; Committee, Messrs. R. Glass, G. Paxton, T. Glass, T. Inglis, R. Morgan, and T. Richardson. Rules were gone through; decided, to let stand as printed.—J. T. Crackett, Sec.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held St. John's School, Paley Road, Jan. 14th, Mr. J. Firth presiding. There was a splendid attendance. The secretary read his report and balance sheet, which showed an appreciable advance in all directions. Both from a financial and showing point of view the figures proved that this last season was one of the most successful. The secretary particularly thanked the president, treasurer, and his assistant, Mr. Sharpe, for their valued assistance. The officers for next year were elected as follows: President, W. Robinson, Esq.; vice-presidents, Dr. A. J. Wheatley, L. C. Casey, Esq., B. Cowell, Esq., A. Gledhill, Esq., and L. Hodgson, Esq.; treasurer, Mr. J. Firth; assist. sec., Mr. A. W. Sharpe; secretary, Mr. L. Booth. Everything points to our having another successful year.—L. Booth, Sec

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Twitterings.

I have removed from Willowbrook Road, Leicester, to Nightingale Road, Derby, writes Mr. S. J. Collins.

My new address after January 30th will be 23, Davier Street, Roath Park, Cardiff, writes Mr. George Thomson.

Kindly note my change of address to 60, Wyndham Road, Camberwell, London, S.E., writes Mr. H. Stewart Grahame.

Kindly note my change of address, from Clare Street, Shipley to 207, Bingley Road, Saltaire, Shipley, writes Mr. R. Halliday.

I have had CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for the last three years, and if it surpasses the last one, it will indeed be a fine edition, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle (Edinburgh).

I have been elected secretary of the Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S. in place of Mr. O. Greenwood, writes Mr. A. Pickles, Post Office, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge.

The second annual show of the Brighton C.B.A. will be held on November 15th and 16th, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, the hon. secretary. Will secretaries kindly note same to avoid clashing?

I am going to Westport, New Zealand, and all my stock and cages are advertised this week in CAGE BIRDS for sale, and must be cleared out before April next, writes Mr. W. H. Lindley (Wombwell).

Will secretaries please note that I have resigned the secretaryship of the Lancashire C.A., and that Mr. Joe Hampshire, 7, Cowper Street, Oldham, has been elected in my place, writes Mr. C. Whitehead.

Mr. E. Cherry has, we hear, resigned the secretaryship of the Luton C.B.S., and Mr. E. Bloomfield has been elected in his place. All communications should be sent to him at 22, Hitchin Road, Luton.

It will be observed that Mr. W. H. Coyne, one of our best-known Irish Yorkshire Canary lovers, is retiring from the Fancy; we note from the advertisement columns that he is selling out his entire stock.

I have been elected secretary of the Torbay O.S. (Paignton), writes Mr. J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street, Paignton. I was the secretary in 1907, and resigned in 1908. Will fanciers kindly note?

The West Auckland C.B., etc., Society paid all prize money by January 17th, writes Mr. James Gill, the secretary. Any matter that has been overlocked will be immediately attended to on receipt of post card.

All correspondence relating to the Bolton and Dist. O.S. should be addressed to me, as I have taken over the secretaryship of this society, writes Mr. Percy Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor, Bolton, Lancs.

I unintentionally omitted the name of our hon. treasurer, Mr. G. H. Acton, from the list of officers for the year which you published for us last week, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, hon. secretary of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S.

I was more than delighted to see my Foul Green Hen depicted on the cover of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Accept my thanks for same, and my best wishes for CAGE BIRDS, which I have read for years.—R. Atherton (Liverpool).

Mr. A. Williams having resigned the position of secretary to the Southport and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Sutton, I have been elected in his place. All enquiries respecting the society should be addressed to me at 88, Talketh Street, Southport.

The 1910 balance-sheet of the Border City (Carlisle) O.S. shows a credit balance of £3 3s. 9d., which, considering the heavy expenditure entailed in connection with the annual show, is very good, and Mr. J. C. Bell and the other officers are to be complimented on it.

The Yarm Eaglescliffe and Dist. C.B.S. intend holding their show on November 18th, 1911, writes Mr. Thomas Wilson, the secretary. Messrs. Wilkinson and Danby have resigned, and I have been appointed secretary, with Mr. James Henderson as assistant secretary.

I have sent out this last few weeks, writes Mr. T. Sandiford, the noted bird specialist, of Preston, large consignments of Rollers, Norwich, Yorkshires, Siberian, and English birds to New Zealand, Australia, Canada and Italy. I am sending this week 200 birds to South Africa, and next week another lot to Australia. This speaks well for your paper, CAGE BIRDS.

The Lowestoft and Dist. C.B.S. is having a show of pairs of Crests and Plainheads at monthly meeting to be held at Headquarters, on February 6th, when I hope to see a real good muster of fanciers, writes Mr. Fredk. Rackham, the hon. secretary. We hope to have Mr. A. E. Bedwell to judge. As this is being done in the hopes of creating some further interest in the cage bird Fancy in the district, all fanciers and friends will receive a hearty welcome.

I have been appointed secretary of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S., as successor to Mr. P. Hart, who has resigned the post, owing to starting in the bird and seed business, writes Mr. R. Charleson, 12, Lloyd Street, Leigh. He thinks he will not have the time. The society wishes him every success.

A table show (Norwich and Yorkshires, six classes each, Crests two, and British Hardbill and Softbill, Mule and Hybrid and Foreign birds, one each), will be held on February 4th, at Headquarters, the Dartmouth Hotel, writes Mr. W. Andrews, secretary of the West Bromwich and Dis. C.B.S.

The 1910 balance-sheet of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. discloses the fact that the credit balance has, during the year increased from £3 4s. 7d. to £9 15s. 6d., which is a highly satisfactory and creditable result upon which the secretary (Mr. J. E. Wood), and the society's other officers may be congratulated.

The 1910 balance-sheet of the Midland Roller C.C. shows the club to be in a sound financial condition, the balance in hand (£12 12s. 3½d.) being £6 4s. more than the amount brought into the accounts from the previous year. This reflects the greatest credit on Mr. J. H. Willows, the hon. secretary, and his fellow officials.

The proprietors of the "Fanciers' Handbook and Diary" (Messrs. Syme and Co., 24, Church Lane, Hornsey, London), inform us that they are prepared to send copies to readers of CAGE BIRDS for fourpence, post free, the usual price being 1s. It contains advice useful to fanciers, and many recipes for bird-catching, feeding, making bird-lime, hints about skinning and stuffing birds, etc.

The annual report and balance-sheet of the Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth), afford encouraging reading. The society is in a flourishing way, the balance in hand being increased during the year from £33 9s. to £40 6s. 6d. We congratulate Mr. Thos. Pope (the secretary), Mr. C. Dart (the chairman), and members generally on this excellent issue.

OBITUARY.

I am sorry to have to inform you of the death of Catherine Thomson, wife of Mr. Andrew Pryde (one of our esteemed members), writes Mr. William Proudfoot, sec. and treas. of the Glasgow West End C.B.C. The sympathy of all our members goes out to him in his sad bereavement.

I am sorry to inform you, writes J. F. Smith (Scarborough), of the death of the wife of Mr. Charles Shaw, an old and respected member of the cage bird Fancy. The deceased lady was only taken ill on Saturday night, dying early the following Monday morning. Mr. Shaw will, I am sure, have the sympathy of his many friends in the Fancy.

Mr. THOS. MILLIGAN (Falkirk).

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of one of our members, Mr. Thomas Milligan, who was employed in Carron Iron Works, and on January 14th, while at work met with a fatal accident, writes Mr. R. Hamilton, sec. of the Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. Milligan was engaged cleaning boiler flues. Through some mistake the water tap which is used for cooling purposes had been screwed on, and while in the flues he sustained serious burns to the body and legs. He was removed to the infirmary, where he died two days later from the injuries. He was a keen Border Fancier, always ready to help in any work of the society. He was also a member of the Stirling, Polmont, and Falkirk Good Intent Societies, who all share their sympathy with the loss of one so young in the Fancy. He leaves a widow and six children.

Kindly note I have changed my address to 6, Eden Vale, Sunderland, to which address all communications should be sent, writes Mr. G. Davidson, secretary Northern Lizard Canary Club. I have now a nice little bird-room, and am anxiously awaiting the coming season, when I hope to do well.

The first annual balance-sheet of the Croydon and Dis. F.A.—that for the year ended December 31st—is a distinctly encouraging document, showing, as it does, a balance on the right side of £10 10s. 11½d. There was a profit on the first annual show of £5 18s. These figures reflect considerable credit on Mr. A. C. N. Hewens, the secretary, and his fellow officials.

The new East Ham C.B.S. has made wonderful progress, writes Mr. B. C. Smith (the club reporter). Mr. Alderman Brooks, J.P., has become president, and Mr. H. Norman, the well-known judge and artist, vice-president. The secretary in place of Mr. H. B. Rout, who acted pro. tem. is Mr. Frederick Fox, 12, Sherrard Road, Forest Gate, E., to whom all applications for membership, etc., should be addressed.

Mr. B. Hollins, of the Zoo, George Street, Hull, asks us to request his correspondents to enclose a stamp with their communications which call for a reply. I have, he writes, received over 1,100 letters in answer to my last advertisement in CAGE BIRDS; but I do not think there was one stamp in a hundred. I make a point of replying to all who write, but I cannot do so at this rate. I am obliged to all who have replied.

The City and Suburban Society Pair and British and Foreign Bird Show at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., is the rendezvous for to-day (Saturday). In the spacious hall will be illustrated the correct pairing of Canaries; equally, too, will the British section (from the collection of London's well-known fanciers) be found interesting. Near tube and underground railways; Baker Street buses pass corner of street. —Advt.

Much readable and instructive matter is to be found in the January issue of the "Avicultural Magazine." Mrs. Gregory contributes an article on "Some Pheasants, and a Jay," which is beautifully illustrated. Mr. L. M. Seth-Smith writes some "Random notes on birds and nests in Uganda," and Mr. Reginald Phillipps concludes his notes on the breeding of the Painted Finch. "G. A. M." and "Curator" write on "Bird-keeping in Liguria," and the Zoological Gardens respectively. There are other interesting contributions in the issue.

Many thanks for depicting my Clear Buff Norwich cock in the supplement of CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number. I consider him one of the best I have had during my 50 years as a Canary breeder. He has won: 1st at Carlisle, 1909; 1st Wolverhampton, 1909; 1st Northampton, 1909; 1st Cambridge, 1909; 2nd Norwich, 1st Wimbledon, 1st Cambridge, 4th L.C.B.A., 1st and special Plumstead and Woolwich, 1st Luton, 1910. He is closely related to my old winning natural coloured buff I so successfully showed last season and in 1909.—T. Irons (Northampton).

R. A. Newley, the reliable, is entrusted with the disposal of stocks of four well-known breeders of Norwich, prices 20s., 30s., and 40s. pair; rare chance for those commencing a stud, or wishing to infuse new blood. All birds are from good winning strains. R. A. Newley also wishes to notify old and new patrons that he is not having his stall, as in past years, at the Crystal Palace Show, owing to pressure of business; but he will be at the Palace each day of the show, and will be glad to meet patrons. Only address: 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.

A FREE TRIP TO THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Result of our Birthday Number Competition.

The competition put forward in our recent Birthday issue, for which a free trip to the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show was the prize, seems to have been a highly popular one, judging by the very large number of readers who entered. A huge pile of coupons has come to hand.

The task set was that of forecasting the total entry received at the 1911 Palace Exhibition, the figures supplied to us by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the show manager, being used in deciding the competition. Mr. Ramsden's list gives the total entry as 2,600. Here are the figures, section for section:

Norwich Plainheads (Champion)	183
" " (Novice)	98
Yorkshires (Champion)	298
" (Novice)	169
Crests and Crestbreds (Champion)	101
" " " (Novice	17
Yorkshire Greens	54
Norwich "	26
Cinnamons	29
Lancashires	22
Lizards	25
Border Fancies	193
Scotch Fancies	Cancelled
Belgians	Cancelled
Frills	14
A.O.V. Canary (Champion)	10
" " (Novice)	12
Limit Classes, Canaries	199
" " British	14
Mules (Champion)	151
" (Novice)	48
British (Champion)	415
" (Novice)	88
Foreign	162
Extra Stock	321
Cages	11

Only one competitor succeeded in hitting upon this precise number, viz.,

Mr. E. H. Jeacock,
4, Lamb Street,
Coventry,

and we congratulate this fancier upon the acumen displayed which has resulted in his becoming eligible to spend a day at the famous Palace fixture as the guest of CAGE BIRDS.

Although Mr. Jeacock was the only person to fix the entry at 2,600, he was run exceedingly closely in his forecast by Mr. J. Booth (Blackburn), whose total was 2,601, Hard lines! Several other competitors were only beaten by very small margins, notably, Mr. W. Clough (Sutton Mill), 2,595; Messrs. L. James (Burslem), and J. Sheppard (Small Heath), 2,596; A. Widdowfield (Tyne Dock), 2,597, and Miss Flemons (Northampton), 2,597; A. E. Huyton (Blundellsands), 2,598; W. T. Jones (Brynamman), and T. Marwood (Northallerton), 2,603.

Will Mr. Jeacock please communicate with us, stating the day (Friday, Saturday, Monday or Tuesday) upon which he purposes paying his visit to the show?

Should any other competitor claim to have given the figures, 2,600, correctly, he must write us to this effect at once, as any demand for a scrutiny on this ground cannot be entertained unless it reaches us by first post Tuesday next, January 31st.

A GIFT TO ADVERTISERS.

The advertising season is now upon us, and as some slight acknowledgment of our appreciation of those who patronise the columns of **"CAGE BIRDS"** with their announcements, **to the sender of every prepaid advertisement appearing in our next issue we intend to forward, post free,**

ONE DOZEN SHEETS of SPECIAL NOTEPAPER

This notepaper has been printed with pictures of birds, and thus is specially suitable for the use of fanciers. Its use, too, should assist to spread the influence of **"CAGE BIRDS"** by bringing our journal to the notice of correspondents and, above all, help in this way to establish a wider market for the surplus stock of bird breeders.

Remember: this offer is for our Next Issue.

Get your advertisements along in good time, not later than Tuesday's post, January 31st, and thus receive the above Notepaper FREE OF COST.

Will fanciers and secretaries kindly note that I have been elected hon. secretary of the Bangor and Dist. F.S., and all communications regarding this society should in future be addressed to me, writes Mr. W. Aitken, 1, Belmont Street, Bangor, N. Wales. Any fancier wishing to join may do so by forwarding the entrance fee of 1s. Will all members please note that a members' show will be held on February 18th, and that schedules will be ready shortly. Mr. F. Milliard, 58, Orme Road, Bangor, has been appointed show secretary, to whom communications should be sent for the members' show.

Allow me to bear testimony to the merits of CAGE BIRDS as an advertising medium. I don't advertise much, and what little I do wouldn't be missed; but I thought as a certain old woman once thought, "Every little helps," so I sent another journal a small advert. two weeks running with a sort of "help a lame dog over a stile" feeling. I'm no philanthropist, I can't afford to be. One can't keep on sending the same advert. in to a paper week after week on the indefinite chance of a reply, simply because one has a large mind (ahem!) and believes in a certain motto. The following week, the same advert. appeared in CAGE BIRDS, in *the* paper, with the result that it took all my tobacco money to answer the applications; and as it happened to be just before Christmas, I had to give the postman a larger tip than usual in consequence. Just my luck.—T. Johnson (Southport).

Dainty Calendar in Colours—Free.

Every copy of this week's "Poultry World," dated January 27th, contains a superb calendar upon stiff card, printed in three colours, eyeletted, suitable for hanging up. The entire issue contains many interesting and helpful articles, besides numerous photographs, and a capital selection of "Forum" letters on all topics of the hour. Those of our readers who are interested in poultry-keeping should obtain a copy of this grand issue (out to-day) price one penny, of all newsagents.

Presentation to a Scottish Fancier.

A complimentary dinner was recently given to Dr. J. C. Syson, by the Glasgow Medical Golf Club, of which Dr. Syson was the founder, and has been honorary secretary and treasurer since its inception. The members of the club, as a token of regard for his enthusiasm and labour, presented the doctor on this occasion with a writing bureau, a silver clock, silver vases, and a silver cigarette box, and to Mrs. Syson a gold watch bracelet. Dr. Syson, as our readers are doubtless aware, has interested himself in the welfare of the Yorkshire Canary in Scotland, and with care and consideration, has collected a very fine stock of this variety. His specimens have been exhibited in Scotland during the past two seasons, and have met with considerable success.

A huge number of congratulatory letters has reached us concerning our recent great BIRTHDAY ISSUE, and, space permitting, we shall hope to publish a selection from these next week.

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ROUND THE SHOWS.

SKELMANTHORPE.

This was the last of the shows of the Yorkshire Union for the season 1910-11, and the entry was not anything great, and the large room of the Working Men's Club looked rather empty when we walked into it on Saturday last. Skelmanthorpe is not one of the most get-at-able places, it being on a single line branch of railway, with only half-a-dozen trains a day. The room in which the show was held is most ample for a show of 500 or 600 entries; there is plenty of light, and freedom from draughts; the committee are all well-known fanciers, and men who support the other Yorkshire shows in good sporting fashion. We therefore agree with them that they have cause to complain of the poor support accorded to them by other societies in the Union. Apart, however, from this, we think the committee are somewhat to blame, the Gods help those who help themselves we are told, and had our Skelmanthorpe friends made full use of the advertising columns of CAGE BIRDS, we think the result would have been more satisfactory than that which was brought about by depending on the Union members. Other societies in the Union might also consider this aspect of the case, also the distribution of schedules. Unless frequently reminded, men are apt to forget dates and places, and in the present rush of shows, those which advertise the most are those which receive the best support. If the entry was poor the quality was not, and several of the classes were remarkably good, especially that for novice buff hens. It contained 18 entries, and some of them were real beauties; the open unfi. buff cocks were also a fine class; in fact, taking the classes through, the buffs were, as classes, better than the yellows. Mr. S. Morley made an obliging and energetic secretary, and he was most ably assisted by a good hard-working committee, at the head of which was Mr. J. Hellewell. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

YORKS, YELL. (5): 1, Sandiford's sp, Wadsworth, splendid, long, slim, stylish bird, neat head, grand wings and tail, full of quality; 2, Ogden Bros., capital head, back, wings, and tail, nice silky feather, lovely even colour, not quite so erect; 3, Towers, feathered like a Java, rare position and nerve, just a shade stouter; 4, Helliwell, grand shape, nerve, and feather, hardly so clever with his wings; vhc, Peel. BUFF (6): 1, Ogden Bros., a beauty, rare shape, tapers well away, grand head, well-braced wings and tail; 2, Smith, clinking bird, full of style and nerve, rare position, not so nicely put down; 3, Turton, lovely quality, shape, and style, needs just a big more lege; 4, Horsfield, rare quality and style, hardly so slim; vhc, Helliwell; hc, Hall. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Bailey, a beauty, romps home, lovely colour and feather, rare shape, full of style, but the puzzle is to find the tick, its there, however, in the thigh, a useful bird this; 2, Casey, very slim, neck tkd., well drawn, stands well, plenty of nerve, hardly so silky; 3, Towers, varieg., rare shape and quality, nice style, hardly so erect; 4, Haigh, rare shaped, wing tkd., very stylish, inclined to spread tail at times; vhc, Smith; hc, Dyson; c, Helliwell. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Bailey, well known, check and neck tkd., in rare form; 2, Peel, very faintly tkd. over left eye, rare shape and style, lovely quality and colour; 4, hc, Dyson, grizzled on cheek, capital head, back, wings, and tail, not quite so clean; vhc, Radley; c, Towers. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): 1, Rameden's spl., Bailey, noted cinn. mkd., in the pink of condition; 2, Dyson, most lovely bird, grand head, neck, back, wings, and tail, rare shape and feather, but not so steady; 3, Thomas, a shade heavier in build, splendid carriage, lovely feather, capital wings and tail; 4, Ogden Bros., rare shape, plenty of style, not so close in feather; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Edmondson and Son; c, Smith. BUFF (17): 1, Bailey, another lovely cinn. mkd., well known; 2, Peel, eye and wing tkd., grand well drawn body, stands well up, nice nervy bird; 3, Towers, eye and wing, only needs a trifle more length to be a flyer indeed; 4, Helliwell, sweet ci., full of quality, grand shape, but would not stand; vhc, Lodge; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Charlesworth. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Bailey, a gem right through, hard to find fault; 2, Thomas, beautiful shape, style, and feather, not quite so even in colour; 3, Towers, very smart, stylish, rare feathered cinn. mkd., a shade shorter; 4, Ogden Bros., rare shape and style, but like the unflighted a bit open in feather, seemed to be feeling the cold; vhc, Casey; hc, Peel; c, Turton. BUFF (12): 1, Dyson, a regular little picture, grand shape, full of style, feathered like wax; 2, Thomas, hardly so neat in waist, but a fine long stylish hen, well up in leg, and rare feather; 3, Radley, wonderful quality and shape, nice style; 4, Edmondson and Son, long stylish head and wing mkd., not so fit; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Helliwell; c, Smith. SELL. 15/- (12): 1, Taylor; 2, Marsden; 3, E. Radley; 4, vhc, Smith; hc, Edmondson and Son; c, Brown and Son. HEN, 12 6 (7). 1, G. Radley; 2, Charlesworth; 3, vhc, Hirst; 4, Marsden; hc, J. Radley; c, Turton. NOVICE, YELL. (6): 1, Rigg, very long and well drawn, plenty of colour, and full of style; 2, Walker, grand shape and style, good head and back, paler in colour; 3, Bryant, very nervy and stylish, good legs, nice wings and tail; 4, Kilner, rattling good shape and style, grand wings and tail; vhc, Morrison; hc, Lodge. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Simonett, neck tkd., rare shape, well drawn out, stands well up on legs, capital wings and tail; 2, Imeson, varieg., not so long, but rare wings and tail, lovely feather and style; 3, Whitwham, varieg., not one of the longest, but a grand one, rare style and quality; 4, Craven, tkd. head, very shapely and stylish, lovely feather, good legs; vhc, Burdekin Bros.; hc, Walker; c, Rigg. BUFF (8): 1, Rigg, wing tkd., plenty of colour, full of quality, rare wings and tail, capital shape and position; 2, Simonett, wing tkd., wonderful quality, heaps of nerve and style, magnificent wings and tail, a shade less shoulder, and it would take beating by the best; 3, vhc, A. Radley, rare shaped, grandly feathered, stylish varieg., in rare form; 4, J. Morley, very smart, stylish, close feathered, wing tkd., rare head, back, and wings, in grand form; hc, Morrison; c, Brown and Son. UNFLIG. YELL. (7): 1, Fowle, very smart stylish varieg., lovely shape and feather, full of nerve, in grand form; 2, S Morley, very stylish, well drawn, cheek tkd., neat head, capital wings and tail; 3, Lodge, wing tkd., splendid shape and length, capital legs, full of nerve, hardly so neat at thighs; 4, hc, F. Dyson, small, shapely, nervy, nice positioned, eye tkd.; vhc, c, Walker. BUFF (13): 1, 2, A. Radley, 1st, tkd. head and back; 2nd, cheek tkd., two grand quality and stylish birds, rare heads, backs, wings, and tails; 1st, the slimest and best coloured; 3, Bryant, long raking varieg., capital wings and tail, full of style, hardly so well rounded in front; 4, Morrison, plenty of colour, full of quality and style, needs tightening up a bit; vhc, Tyas; hc, M. Radley; c, Walker. HEN, YELL. (8): 1, Craven, very smart, slim, racy little lady, full of quality and style; 2, Whitwham, very neat and stylish, splendidly braced wings and tail, full of colour, quality, and nerve; 3, A. Radley, another with plenty of colour and quality, very slim, and erect in carriage, neat and smart right through; 4, S. Morley, grand, long, stylish, well-made hen, not in quite such good form, grand legs; vhc, Walker; hc, M. Radley; c, Fowle. BUFF (18): 1, c, F. Dyson, a real beauty, very slim and well drawn, feathered like a Java, full of nerve and style; 2, Whitwham, more colour, and also a bit more substance, rare feather and style, splendid wings and tail; 3, Bryant, very sweet little bird, wonderful shape and style, grand wings, tail not quite level; 4, Brown and Son, grand back, wings, and tail, lovely feather and style, hardly so clean cut in waist; vhc, Morrison; hc, Fowle. NOR. (6): 1, 4, vhc, hc, Heaps, lovely short feathered cobby buff, rich col., beautifully frosted, and an eye and neck tkd. yell., very warm in col., and of splendid feather; 2, Sykes, very hot varieg. yell., capital shape and feather; 3, Jackson, very typical, nicely feathered, tkd. headed buff, pale in col. HEN (6): 1, Jackson, a regular little gem of a buff, full of quality, grand short wings and tail; 2, 3, 4, hc, Heaps, splendid team, buff of rare shape, lovely wings and tail, full of quality, bonny yell., with abundance of col. and quality, and another grand shaped buff, but not quite so fit; vhc, Sykes.

LONDONDERRY.

First annual show of the Londonderry P.C.B. and B.S. held Union Hall, Derry, January 19th. In every way it proved a great success. In the cage bird section alone there were about 240 entries in 26 classes. The quality of the exhibits was all that could be desired, and competition was very keen. The hall is spacious, well lighted, free from draughts, and splendidly adapted for a show room. The show was well attended during the day, and we predict from "gate" fees the balance will be found to be on the right side. The Norwich section contained some very typical specimens. The Yorkshire section contained some real gems. Mr. McQuade's yell. Yorkshire cock is worthy of special mention. Mr. Kincaid's hen also is a good one. Mules were very fair. In the British bird section some gems were put down. Mr. Mulligan's Goldfinch is a capital one, and Mr. Coyne's grey Linnet would be hard to find fault with. Mr. J. M. Wilton and Mr. A. T. Goligher, the hon. secretaries, were ably assisted by a willing band of workers. Members of the committee: Messrs. Moore, M'Menamin, Kerr, Falconer, Bond, Gilfillan, Baird, Glenn, Morrison, Scott, Taylor, Gallagher, Hyndman, and Cargill. The cards were placed by Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow), and his awards gave every satisfaction. Messrs. Lowry and Scott acted as stewards, and gave valuable assistance.

The Critique.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (7): 1, 2, Mallagh, grand size, determined drive, good shoulders, 2nd fine position, handles well; 3, Graham, good position, nice drive; vhc, Graham. HEN (6): 1, Graham, good position, grand shoulders; 2, vhc, M'Intyre, fine size, slow in getting into position; 3, Dunlop, nice position, well up on leg. CREST, CK. (6): 1, 2, Moore, two very typical birds, grand quality, size and shape, fine crest; 3, Long, good shape and quality, neat crest; vhc, Baxter. HEN (7): 1, Gilfillan, nice shape, good size, grand wing carriage, showing well shaped crest; 2, Cargill, good head and back, well braced wings, neat crest; 3, Crighton, good size and quality, nice crest; vhc, M'Clelland. C.-B., CK. (7): 1, Crighton, good size, well balanced throughout; 2, Cargill, fine shape, lovely head, feathered to perfection; 3, M'Clelland, nice shape, fails only a little in head; vhc, Gilfillan. HEN (3): 1, Kincaid, good well-browed head, nice size; 2, Gilfillan, nice head, fails just a little in substance; 3, Cargill, very nice head, stylish bird. NOR. CL. CK. (9): 1, Mulligan, grand col., shape and quality; 2, 3, Mrs. Taylor, fine shape and size, A1 wings; vhc, Kincaid. HEN (3): 1, Mrs. Taylor, lovely feather, good shape; 2, Dr. Magee, good shape and quality; 3, Young, very typical, neat wings and tail. TKD., ETC., CK. (10): 1, vhc, Mrs. Taylor, grand shape, well balanced throughout; 2, Baird, good size, neat wings and tail; 3, Young, fine back, neat head. HEN (11): 1, Baird, good shape, very stylish; 2 3, Mrs. Taylor, two very taking exhibits, rare size, grand stock; vhc, Loughead. YORKS. CK., CL (11): 1, McQuade, slim yell., very lengthy, grand back and wings, real gem; 2, Devins, yell., good long specimen, gets well up on leg; 3, Mulligan, grand position, on smart pair of legs; vhc, Kincaid, buff, a gem in every respect. HEN (12): 1, Kincaid, real gem, hard to find fault with; 2, McQuade, grand shapely yell., well up on leg; stands like a soldier; 3, Coyne, lengthy, grand quality and shape; vhc, Mrs. Taylor, very typical, lovely quality. TKD., ETC., CK. (9): 1, Keating, very hot col., good quality; 2, Tansey, rare shape, very stylish; 3, Fleming, shape and position A1; vhc, Jameson, very stylish. HEN (7): 1, Fleming, grand shape, good length, lovely quality; 2, Keating, grizzle, mkd. on back, sweet moulded yell., A1 quality; 3, Tansey, good shape, nice length of flight; vhc, Dallat, sweetly moulded. CINN., ETC. (5): 1, Keating, buff mkd., very neat, stands on nice legs; 2, Tansey, very breedy, full of quality; 3, Mrs. Taylor, grand shape, lovely quality of feather; vhc, Falconer, nice shape, on small side. MULE, DARK (6): 1, 3, O'Hara, good size, shape, and quality; 2, McQuade, Greenie-Can., lovely quality, after another moult should be a good one; vhc, Platt. MULE, CL., ETC. (4): 1, Dunlop, very taking, nice quality; 2, 3, M'Grady, good shape, nice exhibit; vhc, Kincaid, some thought might have gone up, fair Goldie-Can. of lovely quality. COMMON CAN. (7): 1, Baird; 2, Falconer; 3, Gilfillan; vhc, Morrison. SELL., 15s.: 1, Dunlop; 2, Devins; 3, M'Menamin; vhc, Kincaid. 7s. 6d.: 1, Kincaid; 2, Mrs. Taylor; 3, vhc, M'Clelland. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Mulligan, grand size, lovely square cut blaze, nice moons; 2, Coyne, grand blaze, good browing, very fine moons; 3, Algeo, lovely col., nice size; vhc, Williamson. LINNET, GREY, ETC. (19): 1, Coyne, lovely pencilling, teeming with quality, grand col. and shape; 2, Baird, good shape, very nice col.; 3, M'Menamin, good size; vhc, Hamilton. SKYLARK (8): 1, Kedwin, grand size and markings; 2, McGeady, lovely col.; 3, McLaughin, lovely quality; vhc, Bryson. A.V. BRIT. LARGE: 1, Glenn; 2, Mrs. Hunter. CHILDREN'S (2): 1, Master S. R. Long head; 2, Master J. M'Menamin. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Mrs. Taylor, two typical green Nor., grand quality; 3, Kidd, neat, good quality; vhc, Doherty.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

TAUNTON.

Annual show of the Taunton and Dis. F.S. held January 19th, in the Market Hall—a grand building. There was a good entry, the classes for mules and Bullies or Goldies being exceptionally fine. Norwich Plainheads were strong, and quality was good. Rev G. W. Joyce judged and gave general satisfaction. Mr. Bishop makes a very obliging and courteous secretary, and this section was well looked after.

NOR. CL. CK. (15): 1, spl. Daniel, buff, lovely colour, good shape and substance, neat head, nice flights; 2, Strout, buff, nice size and type, good shape; 3, Follwell, buff, nice shape, feather, and quality; vhc, Mitchell; hc, Middleton; c, Wines and Co. CL. HEN (14): 1, spl, Trout, nice size and type yell., good head, full of quality; 2, West, sweet buff, full neck, nice back; 3, Smith, good type yell.; ex 3, Edwards, nice one, close up; vhc, Southcombe; hc, Wines and Co. TKD., ETC. (9): 1, Mitchell, nice varieg., good type, full neck and head, good col and quality; 2, Daniel, nice tick, capital shape, rare col.; 3, Norman, mkd., good shape and quality; hc, Tripe; c, Southcombe. 1910 BRED (9): 1, Follwell, good shaped buff, short flight and tail; 2, Wines and Co., varieg., neat head, long back, good; 3, Luxton, nice quality, cl. buff; hc, Smith. CREST (6): 1, spl, 2, Edwards, nice crest of good density, fine body; 3, vhc, c, Edwards, neat crest, good feather; hc, Gay. C.-B. (6): 1, hc, c, Edwards, fine body, good skull, lacing; 2, Hammett, Green, well up in size and quality; 3, Burgess and Son, slashing good yell.; vhc, Edwards. YORKS CL. CK. (10): 1, spl, Hill, straight as a rush, good position, lovely feather, wins well; 2, Radford, nice length, slim built, good flights and tail; 3, Thomas, yell., good position and length, close up. CL. HEN (6): 1, Bousfield, buff, lovely col., full of quality, well up on legs; 2, Portman, buff, nice feather, position, and style; 3, Wines and Co., good buff, nice length; vhc, Bousfield; c, Richards, Tremlett. TKD. ETC. (7): 1, Richards, yell. lovely quality of feather, slim built, wins; 2, Gulling, yell., tkd., fine type and quality; 3, hc, Bousfield, very good mkd. buff; c, Thomas. 1910 BRED (8): 1, Thomas, nice buff, slim built, grand position; 2, Radford, buff, good type and condition; 3, Tremlett, nice buff, good length and quality. SELL., 20s. (6): 1, Southcombe; 2, Broomfield; 3, Mitchell; vhc, Hammett. 10s. (10): 1, Butler; 2, Bousfield; 3, Thomas; vhc, Mitchell; c, Bousfield; hc, Follwell. MULES (23) good class for quality: 1, Davis, capital light Goldie, nice size and shape; 2, vhc, Lamb, good dark Goldie, very shapely; 3, Davis; ex 3 (2) Collins, good light Goldie and Bullie respectively; vhc, Richards, Collins; hc Butler BULLIE OR GOLDFINCH (22): 1, Halls, Goldie, capital size, nicely proportioned, good, full, deep blaze; 2, Hamilton Jones, Bullie, rich in colour shapely, nice cap; 3, ex 3, Wines and Co., good Bullie and Goldie respectively; vhc, Minnett Tavener; hc, Jupe, Luxton; c, Middleton. A.O.V. SMALL (16): 1, Collins, capital Hawfinch, nice size and shape; 2, 3, Miss Bellamy, good Wagtail, nice size, shapely, followed by Yellowhammer of good quality; vhc, Jordon, Wines and Co., Lovsett; c, Lewis. LARGE FOR. (10): 1, 2, spl, Arthur; 3, c, Edmunds; vhc, c, Southcombe; hc, Summers. SMALL (8): 1, spl, 2 spls, 3, hc, c, Southcombe H. Lewis; vhc, Mennitt. LOCAL NOR. (7): 1, spl, Mogridge, good shape, nice quality; 2, 3 vhc Luxton good type and quality. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, spl, Paul, good Goldie Mule; 2, Serle, Green Can. nice quality; 3, Gregory, Dark Goldie Mule. A. C. Brinkley. BRIT. (7): 1, spl, Paul, good Goldie, good wings, nice blaze; 2, 3, Gregory very nice Bullie; vhc, Jewell; hc, Utterson; c, Richards.

KEITH.

Annual show of the Keith C.B., etc., Association held Longmore Hall January 18th. The hall is of grand size and suitable for a show of the kind. The cage birds were staged in a room by themselves, the room being very comfortable and well lit from the sides. The exhibits were ranged in double tiers round the sides, leaving ample room in the centre for visitors. Entries came up fairly well, and the quality of the exhibits was very good. Iu Mr. Charles Ralley the Society possesses a most energetic and hard-working secretary, and we always found him most courteous and obliging, and under his careful management everything passed off without the slightest hitch. He was ably backed up by a hard-working committee, all being thorough fanciers. The show was well patronised by the public. Mr. J. Sandison (Aberdeen) judged.

The Critique.

PAIR NOR. (4): 1, sp, Webster, nice pair, Crest and C.-B., grand bodies and heads, good quality and size, nice colour, fine feather; 2, Dressel, good pair of Plainheads, cl. buff and yell. varieg., grand col. and quality, pressed winners hard; 3, Grant, good pair, Crest and C.-B.; res, Mrs. J. Gardiuer. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK (6): 1, sp, Grant, grand size, col. and quality, good head and neck, shown in nice condition; 2, Shearer, good bodied yell., nice col. and quality, fine head and neck, fails only in wings and tail; 3, McKenzie, grand head and neck, nice type, crosses wings at times; res, Simpson, good col. and quality, nice head and neck, fine wing carriage, some preferred for 3rd; vhc, Dressil; No. 157, Banks, wrong class, a buff. BEN (5): 1, res, Dressil, nice typical yell., grand col. and quality, good body, fine wing carriage; 2, vhc, Shearer, good head and neck, nice type and quality, fine col., some preferred; 3, McKenzie, rare col. and quality, nice head and neck, sweet exhibit, presses winners hard. BUFF CK. (5): 1., Shearer, rare head and neck, good body, fine col. and quality, nice type, well staged, wins; 2, Chalmers, grand bodied buff, good col. and quality, fine size; 3, sp, Banks, good col., nice size, fine head and neck; res, Dressil; vhc, Morrison and Goodall. HEN (6): 1, sp, McKenzie, grand head and neck, nice bodied buff, fine col. and quality; 2, res, Dressil, fine typical hen, rare col. and quality; 3, nice wing carriage, shown in tip-top order; 3, Grant, good head and neck, nice type, grand col. and quality, presses winners; vhc, Chalmers; hc, Clark. VELL. VARIEG. (3): 1, Clark, grand col and quality, good head and neck, nice wings and tail; 2, Paterson, fine bodied yell., grand col., type and quality, good head and neck, rather dark in col., otherwise very good; 3, Morrison and Goodall, large yell., fine col. and quality, good head and neck. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 3, Simpson, 1st grand col. and quality, rare type, good head and neck, nice wings, shown in excellent condition, 3rd rather dark for showing, but grand col. and quality, fine wings and tail; 2, res, Dressil, nice bodied buff, good size, fine col. and quality, fails only in wings. CL., ETC., YELL. CK., COL. FED (2): 1, sp, Craigen, good quality and type, fine size, nice head and neck; 2, Clark, good head and neck, nice wings and tail. HEN (2): 1, sp, Morrison and Goodall, grand bodied hen, good col., type and quality, rare head and neck, fine wing carriage; 2, Paterson, another good one, fails only in col. BUFF CK. and HEN: Cancelled. YELL. VARIEG. (1): 1, Dressil, good col. and quality, nice head and neck. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 3, res, Dressil, 1st nice sized buff, grand col and quality, good head and neck, nice wings and tail, well shown, 3rd sweet exhibit, nice col. and quality, res grand col. and quality, nice head and neck, fails only in wings and tail; 2, Mackenzie, grand bodied bird, good type, col., and quality. CREST (5): 1, four spls., res, Webster, best in show, varieg. D.C., grand col. and quality, good body and head, fine length of feather, nice made crest; 2, sp, Hendry, good col. and feather, nice head and crest, fails only in size to winner; 3, Mrs. Gardiner, grand bodied bird, nice length of feather, good quality; vhc, Ogg. C.-B. (7): 1, sp, 3, Webster, 1st grand head and neck, good col. and quality, rare body and size, plenty of feather, 3rd another good one, fine col. and quality; 2, sp, Craigen, good col. and quality, fine feather, nice carriage, fails only in head and neck to winner; res, Mrs. Gardiner, grand body and size, nice length of feather, some preferred for 3rd; vhc, hc, Grant. BORD. FCY. (1): 1, sp, Craigen, cl. yell., grand col. and quality, good head and neck, well staged. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, sp, 2, Craigen, 1st buff cinn., good body and size, nice col. and quality, fine head and neck, 2nd another cinn., fails in wings and tail a trifle, and not quite so well shown; 3, Rutley. A.O.V., COL. FED (1): 1, two spls., Rhind, yell. varieg. Yorkshire, good col. and quality, nice length. MULE: Cancelled. BRIT. BULLFINCH (2): 1, sp, Craigen, grand size and shape, nice col. and quality, good cap and bars, well shown; 2, Duncan, another nice one, fails a trifle in size and in breast col. HEN: Cancelled. BRIT. HEN, SMALL (1): 1, sp, Thomson, Yellowhammer, good size, fine col., well mkd. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Thomson, 1st grand sized Mealy Redpoll, fine red breast, good col., well mkd., nicely staged, 2nd another good Mealy, fails only a little in size and breast col. to winner, well placed; 3, Duncan, Mealy Redpoll, grand col. breast, well mkd., very unsteady; res, Knox. LINNET (1): 1, Chalmers, large Linnet, good col., nicely pencilled. SISKIN (4): 1, sp, Clark, grand col. and quality, nice size, good cap, well mkd., very steady; 2, Stewart, good size, nice head and cap, fails a trifle in bib and markings; 3, Thomson, nice bib and cap, well mkd., fails only in size, some preferred for 2nd; res, Rutley. A.O.S., SMALL (7): 1, hc, Thomson, Chaffinch, grand size and col., well mkd., in nice bloom; 2, Mitchell, Yellowhammer, fine size, nicely mkd., fails only in col.; 3, Chalmers, fine col. Greenfinch, good size and quality, a wee bit rough; 4, vhc, sp, Knox, res nice Bramblefinch, vhc Goldie, grand size and col., good blaze, well mkd. LARGE (3): 1, two sps., Lewis, grand col. Waxwing, fine size, well mkd., steady as a rock, Buckie winner; 2, 3, Thomson, 2nd nice shaped Blackbird, good col. and size, fine cl. eye and amber col. beak, close up, 3rd Thrush, good size and col., nicely mkd., well placed. FOR. (2): 1, sp, Donald; 2, Rutley. SELL., 7s. 6d. (4): 1, Dressil; 2, Hendry; 3, Mrs. Rhind; res, Webster.

TREDEGAR.

Tredegar and Dist. F. and F.S. show held Drill Hall, Jan. 19th. Our section was judged by Mr. J. N. Harrison (Belper). The cage birds without doubt were given the place of honour in the Hall. The attendance was fairly good, though the weather was very foggy.

NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, 4, Davies, good bird, nice head, lovely colour and condition, right type; 3, Thomas, Bullfinch type, loses only in condition; r, Edwards; vhc, Allan; hc, Maggs. BUFF (7): 2, Davies, another good one, slashing fine bird, clear win; 3, Maggs, nice size, quality, and type; 4, Morris, typical Norwich, loses only in col., otherwise might have won; r, Powell; hc, Price. HEN (4): 2, Bevan, full of quality, lovely type; r, Edwards, not quite so good in condition, but a fine bird; c, Price. YORKS. YELL. CK. (8): 2, Hillman, nice yell., slim, lovely col. and wing carriage; 3, Evans, typical Yorks., good col. and position; 4, Pritchard, very close up; r, Bevan; vhc, Cooke; hc, Perry. BUFF (7): A very good class: 2, Pace and Williams, plenty of length, long flights, grand one; 3, Hillman, another good one, some thought might have won; 4, Pritchard, teaming with quality; r, Cook; vhc, Bevan; c, Hendy. HEN (7): 2, Watkins, yell., very smart exhibit; 3, Pritchard, buff, nice bird, well shown; 4, Evans, grand head and wing carriage, also a buff; r, Cooke; vhc, hc, Phillips and Lunt. A.O.V.: 2, 3, 4, Allen; r, Perry; vhc, Muscott; c, Hale. NOVICE NOR. CK. (10): 1, 2, Davies, both of correct type, A1 quality, good col. and condition; vhc, Newcombe; hc, Drake. YORKS., NOVICE (6): 2, Palmer, nice bird, good head; 3, Phillips and Lunt, nice slim bird, lovely condition and feather; 4, r, Powell; vhc, Williams. HEN (5): 2, Drake, correct type, well shown; 3, Powell, loses only in condition; 4, Griffiths; vhc, Pugh. BRIT. GREYPATE (6): 2, Pugh, lovely bird, nice square blaze, shown in A1 condition; 3, Lewis, another grand one, loses only in blaze and finish; r, Lunt; vhc, Phillips. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 3, Ray, good pair, well-shown, nice and steady; 4, Jarrett, not quite so good and steady, nice bird; r, Plaster, some preferred, good, typical, fine blaze and bars; vhc, Barnard. A.O.V.: 2, Lloyd, Cornish Crow, good one; 3, 4, Ray, Waxwings, nicely shown; c, Hale, Bullfinch, lovely breast; vhc, Price.

JARROW, HEBBURN & DIS. C.B.S

Fourth annual show held January 21st, County Hotel. Mr. Gilhespy judged.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Coltman; 2, 4, Richardson. BUFF: 1, Baker; 2, 3, 4, Richardson. NOR. HEN: 1, 4, Coltman; 2, 3, Richardson. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Butler; 4, Whittle. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Butler; 4, Steele. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Butler; 4, Whittle. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Blore; 3, Maughan; 4, Bell. BUFF: 1, 3, Blore; 2, Maughan; 4, Bell. BORD. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Blore; 4, Maughan. CREST: 1, Richardson; 2, 4, Tait; 3, Steele. C.B.: 1, Coltman; 2, Richardson; 3, 4, Tait. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, 4, Maughan. BUFF: 1, 2, Richardson; 3, 4, Maughan. GREEN: 1, 3, Blore; 2, 4, Steele. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Bell; 2, Maughan. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Butler; 2, Stone; 3, 4, Steele. SELL., 10s.: 1 Steele; 2, 3, Richardson; 4, Coltman. NOR. YELL., TKD., ETC.: 1, 4, Coltman; 2, 3, Richardson. BUFF: 1, 4, Richardson; 2, Coltman; 3, Stephenson. HEN: 1, Coltman; 2, 3, 4, Richardson. NOR. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, 4, Stephenson. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Butler; 3, O'Hagan; 4, Addison. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Butler; 4, Addison. YORKS., HEN: 1, 2, 3, Butler; 4, O'Hagan. BORD. FCY., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Maughan; 3, 4, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, Bell. HEN: 1, 2, Blore; 3, Bell. C.B.: 1, Tait. GOLDFINCH: 1, Steele; 2, Swales. 3, Thompson; 4, Baker BULLFINCH: 1, Addison; 2, Coltman; 3, Stephenson; 4, Steele. LINNET: 1, 2, Steele; 3, Thompson, 4, Swales. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Swales; 3, Thompson; 4, Addison. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 4, Steele; 2, Lynn; 3, Coltman. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, 2, 3, Steele; 4, Addison. THRUSH: 1, Coltman. LARK, ETC.: 1, 2, Thompson. FOR.: 1, 2, Steele.—R. Blore, Sec.

WEST STANLEY
(Co. Durham).

Third annual show, held Jan. 21st, I.L.P. Hall, Stanley, a place in every way well adapted for the purpose. Entries came up well, totalling 237, nearly the same as last year. The quality throughout was really excellent, many grand birds of outstanding merit being staged; this was especially noticeable in the Norwich, Border, and British bird sections. The staging was neatly arranged round three sides, three tiers high, and the whole made a very creditable display. The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of the genial secretary, Mr. W. Elliot, and in this gentleman the society possess a most able and energetic secretary, courteous and obliging to all, and under his care everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner. He was well supported by a grand body of fanciers, consisting of Messrs. E. Atkinson, J. Bentinct, W. Boyd, T. Burdon, W. Butter, J. Calvert, J. H. Elliot, T. Forster, J. Emmerson, W. Forster, R. Goodchild, R. Humphrey, J. Hunter, M. Mason, J. Murray, K. Peart, E. Slater, W. Stewart, W. Turnbull, Fox, Wilson, Gowland, and Crosby. The beautiful silver cup, presented by Mr. J. Langsdale, for most points with six nominated birds, was won by Mr. W. Butler, the same exhibitor securing special for best bird in show with a clinking unflighted yell. Norwich cock; Sandiford's medal went to same exhibitor. Silver medal, presented by Mr. W. Butler, for most points (donor not competing) was won by Mr. E. Atkinson, while specials for best 2nd Yorkie and best 3rd Border went to Mr. T. Burdon and Mr. J. H. Elliot respectively, the latter gentleman practically sweeping the deck in the Border classes. Fine weather favoured the occasion, and the show was well patronised by the public. The attendance during the afternoon and evening was very good, and we noticed many well-known fanciers there from the surrounding districts. We understand that the sale of tickets in connection with the prize draw was fairly good. Mr. A. Brown judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

CREST (7): 1, Butler, cl. body, grizzle Crest, rare size, neat shape, good centre and droop; 2, 4, Foster, 2nd wing mkd. D.C., nice size and shape, good frontal, neat radiation and droop, trifle open in centre; 4th, smaller, neat shape, nice centre and droop; 3rd, Gowland and Crosby, wing mkd. D.C., not quite the size of leaders, but very neat crest, of fine shape; vhc, Fox and Wilson; c, Hunter. BRED 1910 (4): 1, Gowland and Crosby, var., grand crest of fine size and shape, neatest of centres, good radiation and droop; 2, Fox and Wilson, wing mkd. D.C., nice size shape, and droop, just beaten in density of feather; 3, 4, Hunter, nearly green, very neat shapely crest, nice centre and droop; 4th, foul tail, green, similar to 3rd, neat shapely crest. C.B. (2): 1, Gowland and Crosby, var., grand shape, wonderful skull, grand cushion, any amount of long leafy feather, nice rise and entrance; 2, Butler, green, scarcely so massive in skull, yet good one. 1910 (2): 1, 2, Fox and Wilson, leader fine size, good rise and width, plenty of grand quality feather; 2nd, even larger, good rise, nice lash, trifle narrower in entrance. CINN. CK. (2): 1, Butler, buff, nice size and shape, grand tone of col., rare polish, neat head, wings, and tail; 2, Boyd, larger, fine shape, rare head, neck, and chest, good col. and quality, just lacks rich polish of leader. HEN (5): 1, Butler, yell., a beauty for type, neat head and neck, grand level tone of col., good quality; 2, Mason, buff, fine shape, good head and neck, nice col. and quality; 3, 4, Calvert, 3rd, yell., nice size, not quite the shape of winner; 4th, buff, another good one for shape; abs., Boyds. NOR. YELL. CK. (7): 1, 3, Butler, leader, var., a beauty for shape, short, cobby body, grand wings and tail, full head and neck, nice col., and quality; 3rd, cl., red-hot col., grand size, not quite so cobby, neat head and neck, good quality, takes medal for hottest fed; 2, Mason, cl., grand shape, short and stout, rare wings and tail, nice head and neck; 4, Atkinson, another shapely cl., nice head and neck; vhc, Gowland and Crosby; hc, Foster; c, Goodchild. BUFF (6): 1, Butler, cl., correct type, grand cobby body, neat wings and tail, thick full head and neck, nice col. and quality; 2, Foster, cl., not quite so large, grand shape, rich col. and quality, rare head and neck; 3, Gowland and Crosby, another good one for shape, grand chest, thick head and neck, nice col. and quality; 4, Atkinson, cl., shade longer, grand size, nice shape; vhc, Goodchild; hc, Mason. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Atkinson, cl., grand shape, nice size, good rich col. and quality, clean head and neck, grand wings and tail; 2, Butler, cl., red-hot. col., nice head and neck, good shape, fails a trifle in wings only; 3, Foster, another cl., wee shade longer, neat head, neck, and chest, fine col. and quality; 4, Slater, tkd. neck and right wing, good size and shape, full chest, nice quality. BUFF (6): 1, Butler, grand cl., good size and shape, deep full chest, grand head and neck, well up in col. and quality; 2, Mason, tkd. back of neck, nice size and shape, hardly so full in chest as leader, good head, wings, and tail; 3, Humphrey, grand size, rare head and neck, good col. and quality, wee trifle longer in barrel; 4, Hunter, smaller, but very shapely, nice chest, good col.; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Gowland and Crosby. YELL. CK., 1910 (5): 1, Butler, massive cl., rare shape, red-hot col., grand head and neck, fine full front, grand wings and tail, takes special for best bird; 2, vhc, Atkinson, cl., beautiful shape, neat head and neck, full chest, grand wings and tail, rich quality; 3, Humphrey, cl., a trifle longer in flights, grand shape, good head and neck; 4, Foster, var., longer in body, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck. BUFF (4): 1, Mason, thigh tkd., hot col., nice quality, grand size and shape, neat head and neck; 2nd, Butler, var., not quite so deep in chest, nice shape, hot col., good quality; 3, Foster, cl., good col. and quality, neat head, a trifle longer flights; 4, Humphreys, var., grand size, good col. and quality, neat head and neck. YELL. HEN, 1910 (6): 1, Atkinson, cl., beauty for shape, grand col. and quality, sweet head and neck, nice full chest, grand wings and tail, clean under; 2, Humphrey, another cl., larger than winner, good shape, short and cobby, good col.; 3, Foster, cl., grand shape, nice col., and feather, well carried wings and tail, some preferred for 2nd; 4, Foster, another sweet cl., lovely quality, nice col., good shape; vhc, Slater; hc, Gowland and Crosby. BUFF (4): 1, Atkinson, lovely cl., grand size and shape, sweet round head, nice level col., good quality; 2, Foster, head tkd., not quite so large, good shape, nice col. and quality; 3, Slater, tkd. left eye, a beauty for shape, grand short body, neat round head, good neck and chest; 4, Butler, another cl., a trifle smaller, grand shape. NAT. COL. CK. (8): 1, Gowland and Crosby, massive cl. yell., fine shape, rich col. and quality, rare head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, Mason, short chubby cl. buff, grand chest, short flights and tail, neat head and neck; 3, Hunter, cl. yell., not quite so deep in chest as leader, nice shape, good col. and quality, neat head; 4, C. Emmerson, cl. buff, good size and shape, neat head, neck and chest, vhc, Atkinson; hc, Calvert. HEN (8): 1, Atkinson, buff, tkd. back of head, lovely type, grand full chest, neat head, short well-carried wings and tail, good col.; 2, Gowland and Crosby, shapely cl. buff, fine quality, close feather, neat head, short wings and tail; 3, Foster, cl. yell., nice size, close feather, of grand quality, neat head, wings, and tail; 4, Hunter, yell., tkd. back of neck, richer col. than 3rd., neat head; vhc, Goodchild; hc, c, Calvert. YORKS. CK. (6): 1, 3, Foster, cl. buff leading, slim built, grand position, neat narrow shoulders, well tapered, grandly braced wings and tail; 3rd, cl. yell, nice length and position, well drawn; 2, T. Burdon, cl. yell., grand length, nice position, hot col., neat head and neck, well-braced wings and tail, takes special for best 2nd Yorkie; 4, Turnbull, another slim built cl. yell., nice length, well-braced wings; W.C., Stewart, nat col.; abs. Bentinct. HEN (4): 1, Foster, slim, well-drawn cl. yell., neat shoulders and waist, nice length and position, neat head and neck; 2, Burdon, cl. buff, wee shade stouter built, good length and position, well rounded, nice head and neck; 3, Turnbull, cl. buff, longest in class, neat head, grand shoulders and waist, well drawn, faulty wings, or would probably have won; W.C., Stewart, nat. col. CK., 1910 (6): 1, 4, Turnbull, stylish cl. yell., grand length and position, slim, well-rounded body, neat narrow shoulders, good head, grandly braced wings and tail, good col. and quality; 4th, cl. buff, fine length, beautiful position, grand shoulders; 2, Foster, shorter, cl. yell., nice position, red-hot col., slim, well-tapered body; 3, vhc, Bentinct, stylish neck, tkd. buff, fine length and position, grandly tapered, nice col., some preferred for 2nd; hc, Burdon. HEN, 1910 (5): 1, Turnbull, cl. buff, nice length and position, well-rounded body, neat narrow shoulders, slim, well-tapered body, nice head and neck, grand wings and tail; 2, Bentinct, yell., grizzle left wing, wee shade shorter, very slim, nice position, good col. and quality; 3, 4, Foster, two good ones, leader cl. buff, best Yorkie in class in all but col., good length and position; 4th, cl. yell., nice length, good position; abs., Burdon. NAT. COL. (5): 1, Turnbull, cl. yell., grand length, straight as a rush, good col. and quality, neat head and neck, well-braced wings and tail; 2, Foster, cl. yell., another good one, fine length and position, nice col. and quality, good head, grand wings and tail; 3, Stewart, yell., tkd. front of eye, grand length and position, neat shoulders; 4, vhc, Goodchild, varieg. buff, fine length, good position, grand wings and tail, appears to have been badly washed. BORD. YELL., CK. (6): 1, 2, 3, J. H. Elliot, grand team, all clears, leader model for shape, fine head and neck, beautiful wings and tail, marvel for col. and quality; 2nd, also grand shape, well rounded and well cut away, neat head, nice wing carriage; 3rd, another good one, fine shape, just beaten a little in col.; 4, Peart, wee trifle longer, nicely moulded, good head and neck; vhc, Burdon; hc, Fox and Wilson. HEN (6): 1, 2, 3, J. H. Elliot, another grand lot, leader a beauty for shape, grand col. and quality, sweet head and neck, grandly carried wings and tail; 2nd, another charming lady, good one all over, equal to 1st in every respect, hard to separate; 3rd, gem for shape, fine head, neck, and wings, not quite so rich in col.; 4, H. C. Peart, grand saddle mkd., beautiful shape, sweet head and neck; vhc, Slater. BUFF CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, J. H. Elliot, leader a gem, feather like boxwood, rare shape, good head, wings, and tail, rich col. and quality; 2nd, very similar, grand one for type, neat head, well-braced wings and tail; 3rd, tkd. back of head, neat shape, nice col. and quality, good head and wings; 4, Peart, fine type, well rounded, grand wings; vhc, Gowland and Crosby; hc, Fox and Wilson; c, Peart. HEN (10): 1, 2, 3, J. H. Elliot, lovely trio, leader mkd. head and right wing, gem all over, grand type, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck; 2nd, cl., fine shape, well-rounded body, sweet head, good wings and tail, just beaten a little in quality; 3rd, var., trifle heavier in build, fine shape, sweet head, nice col. and quality; 4, Foster, cl., similar build to 3rd, nice shape; vhc, Slater; hc, Peart; c, Fox and Wilson; wrong class, Gowland and Crosby. A.O.V. CAN (2): 1, Fox and Wilson, slightly broken cap Gold Liz., nice size and shape, well rowed, good spangling and lacing; W.C., Mason. SELL, 10/- (8): 1, vhc, Hunter; 2, Gowland and Crosby; 3, Humphrey; 4, Slater; hc, Calvert; c, Foster. LINNET, H.M. (4): 1, 2, Goodchild, leader nice size and col., well polished, profusely pencilled, nice whites; 2nd, similar size and shape, better col. than 1st, but just lacks the polish, plenty of pencilling, but not quite so clear; 3, Gowland and Crosby, good Linnet, but won't show himself properly, nice size and shape; 4, Peart, large shapely bird, plenty of clear distinct pencilling. NOT H.M. (8): 1, Peart, grand size, rich level col., grandly pencilled, good whites, very steady; 2, Gowland and Crosby, nice shape, grandly pencilled, rich col., well-polished, beaten only in size; 3, 4, Atkinson, leader nice size and shape, good col, good whites; 4th, anotber nice one, fine size, col., and pencilling; vhc, hc, Boyd; c, Hunter; BRIT. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, Humphrey, grand size, fine expansive blaze, very rich in col., good tannings, good wings and buttons; 2, W. Foster, a gem, bright rich pure col., blaze of good size, square cut, fine body col., rich polish; 3, hc, Emmerson, good size and shape, nice rich col, blaze, good wing bars; 4, Butler, col, fed, grand size, large square cut blaze; vhc, Atkinson; c, T. Foster. BULLFINCH (7): 1, Atkinson, nice size and shape, good breast col., pure in tone, dense col. cap, fine back and wing bars; 2, C. W. Elliot, good size, nice shape, well cut cap, dense col., grand back and wing bars, some preferred; 3, Gowland and Crosby, wee shade small in cap, good body col., nice shape cap; 4, W. Foster, grand size and shape, nice cap, shade paler body col.; vhc, J. H. Elliot; hc, Boyd. GREENFINCH (6): 1, Butler, a beauty for shape, grand size, rich col. and polish, fine head and wings; 2, W. Foster, nice size and shape, good col., nice wings, not quite the polish of leader; 3, Atkinson, good size, shape, and head, nice col.; 4, Hunter, smaller, rich tone of col., good wings; vhc, Gowland and Crosby; hc, J. H. Elliot. A.O.S. FINCH (4): 1, Boyd, Bramble, grand size, good rich col., beautifully spangled, well laced, very steady; 2, 4, W. Elliott, Chaffie, nice size, good cap, grand wing bars, in nice condition; 4th, Bramble, good size and col., nice spangling; 3, Humphrey, Bramble, pleuty of size, good spangling and lacing. REDPOLL, ETC. (14): 1, W. Foster, Siskin, grand size, fine shape, well-shaped cap of good col. and lacing, well-laced flanks in fine condition; 2, Calvert, Twite, good one for size and shape, grand col. and polish, profusely pencilled, well laced; 3rd, Hunter, Mealy Redpoll, nice size, good col., nice cap and bib, well laced; 4, Goodchild, grand Lesser Redpoll, fine size, rich col. and polish, beautifully laced; vhc, J. H. Elliot; hc, W. Elliot; c, Fox and Wilson. MULE (4): 1, 3, Butler, leader, lightly-mkd. Goldie Mule, good size and shape, fine col., fine face and wings; 3rd, Greenie-Bullie, grand size, rather pale in col., in beautiful condition; 2, Humphrey, four-pointed Goldie Mule, nice size and shape, not quite col. of winner; 4, Fox and Wilson, dark Linnet Mule, rare size, fine shape. MULE, 1910 (3): 1, Humphrey, dark Goldie Mule, nice size, good col. and polish, fine face and wings, shown in good order; 2, Peart, varieg. Goldie Mule, nice size and col., good condition; 3, Bentinct, dark Linnet Mule, good one for size, shape, and col. CAN. PAIRS (7): 1, Butler, clinking pair Nor., grand var. buff ck., rare size and col., and cl. yell. hen, good size, grand shape, excelling col. and quality; 2, Gowland and Crosby, large var. buff Nor. ck., good shape, and tkd. yell. hen, of good size, shape, and col.; 3, Slater, another pair Nor., cl. buff and tkd. yell., both good size and shape, nice col. and quality; 4, Hunter, again Nor., cl. buff ck., and uneven mkd. yell. hen; vhc, Bentinct; hc, S. Foster; c, W. Foster. BRIT. SOFTBILL (3): 1, Boyd, Thrush, nice size, grand col., well spotted, carried well under, in good condition; 2, W. Elliot, Thrush, nice size, good col., markings more distinct than winner, put down in good condition. BRIT. A.O.S. (3): 1, W. Foster, Yellowhammer, nice size, grand col., neat, well shaped head markings, in good condition; 2, 3, W. Elliot, leader Snow Bunting, nice size and col., in grand condition, 3rd Reed Bunting, small, nice col. and condition. FOR., GOLDIE, ETC.: Cancelled. SMALL (5): All to W. Elliot, nice team, Budgerigar leading, nice size and col., in grand condition, 2nd Diamond Sparrow, nice col. and condition, wee shade broken on breast, 3rd another Budgerigar, loses to leader only a little in condition, 4th Saffron Finch, nice size and col.; vhc, Java Sparrow. GIFT (10): 1, Butler; 2, J. H. Elliot; 3, W. Elliot; 4, Peart; 5, J. Hunter, 6, 7, J. Langsdale; 8, Goodchild; 9, Boyd; 10, Murray.

CHOPWELL AND DIS. F.S.

Annual members' show held January 14th, Co-op. Hall, a splendid room for a show, being well lighted and very comfortable in every way. Unfortunately, the attendance was not very large. The Secretary, Mr. Brown, left nothing undone to make the show a success. Entries did not come up to expectations, the weakness being mainly in the Canary section. British and Foreign birds were a nice lot, some good ones being on view. Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. (2): 1 (name missed), yell., nice length and shape, good position; 2, Charlton, well up on legs, fails only in condition. BUFF: Cancelled. NAT. COL. (7): 1, spl, Parkins, yell., stands well up, neat head, in rare fettle; 2, 3, c, Dodds, good length, fails just a trifle in condition to winner, 3rd fine cl buff, good shape, not quite so leggy; vhc, Charlton; hc, J. Parkin. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, 2, spl, Flint, all cl., leader good one for col., fine front, nice head and quality, 2nd good bold head, rich col., trifle larger barrel; 3, Brown, fails only in condition, nice one. BUFF (7): 1, Griffiths, good type, neatly braced wings; 2, c, Brown, another cl., nice col., in grand condition; 3, Charlton, good wings and tail, a trifle slack; vhc, hc, Flint. NAT. COL. (3): 1, Flint, neat shape, nice head and chest; 2, Charlton, neat wings and tail, moves in fine style; 3, Simpson, just lacks the col. BORD. FCY.: Cancelled A.O.V. (3): 1, Tomlinson, varieg. Goldfinch-Can. Mule, looks like 3rd Haltwhistle in 10s. Sell, class, in good order and condition, well shown; 2, Flint, dark Linnet Mule, in the best of condition, nice rich feather, well put down; 3, Charlton, good dark Goldfinch-Can. Mule. SELL. 10s.: 1, 2, Franks. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Tomlinson, very fine Finch all over; 2, Griffiths, another really good one. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Tomlinson, good size and col., lovely, deuse, neat shaped cap, nice breast col., fine back and wing bars; 2, c, Carr, another nice Bullie, grand head and cap; 3, Simpson, gennine Britisher, not quite so good in head or cap; vhc, Christer and Son, another nice Bullie, good col.; hc, Griffiths. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Tomlinson, buff, good size and substance, fine head, lovely feather, well staged and placed; 2, Brown, yell., quite so large, good col. and condition; 3, Christer and Son, another good buff, a wee bit wild at times; vhc, Carr; hc, Griffiths. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Parkins, good size and col; 2, Brown, in capital condition; 3, Griffiths, nice size, fails only in col. LESSER REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Griffiths, fine col. and condition; 3, Brown, good Twite, seems to have had some soap left in about neck. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (7), good class: 1, Carr, fine mealy, nice size and markings, in capital condition, well staged, in its right place; 2, Charlton, Siskin, nice shape and col., fine cap and bib, in excellent condition; 3, Brown, another nice Mealy, in good condition, grand head, nicely polished and mkd.; vhc, Christer and Son; hc, Parkins; c, Griffiths. LINNET (6): 1, 2, Griffiths, nice and bold, good col., stands well, in nice condition, 2nd not quite so good in col; 3, Tomlinson, fails only in size, steady and well shown; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Simpson. HEN FINCH (3): 1, 3, Brown, Chaffinch, grand size and col., good whites, steady as a rock, well shown, 3rd Greenfinch; 2, Griffiths, Bullfinch, good size, fails only in condition. A.O.V. (2): 1, Charlton, lovely staged Yellowhammer; 2 Griffiths, good Snow Bunting. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Griffiths, 1st Blue Tit, in good condition, 2nd Great Tit, fine size and col.; 3rd, Robin, steady as a rock. FOR. SMALL (5): All to Christer and Son, nice lot for a novice, 1st Zebra Finch cock, lovely plumage and condition, steady, 2nd fine pair of Waxbills, 3rd good Weaver; vhc, Zebra Finch hen; hc, Red Avadavat, in lovely col., some thought might have gone up one. LARGE (5): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Christer and Son, Senegal Parrakeet, in nice col., steady; 3rd good Green Budgerigar; 2, Flint, another nice pair.

SOUTHPORT AND DIST. C.B.S.

A very successful members' show, held Thorp's Rooms, Jan. 19th. Mr. W. Kay judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Councillor Packer presented prizes to the successful exhibitors for year 1910.

CL., ETC., NOR. YELL CK.: 1, Sutton; 2, Cookson; 3, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, 2, Sutton; 3, Bullough. HEN: 1, E. Sutton; 2, 3, Bullough. CL., ETC., YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, best in show, Hosker; 2 3, Bullough. BUFF: 1, 3, Linaker; 2, Bullough. HEN: 1, Hosker; 2, Bullough; 3, Wright. A.O.V.: 1, Fawcett; 2, Hosker. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Bullough. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Johnson.—E. Sutton.

DEWSBURY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Last show of season held January 21st, Lovet Hotel, Savile Town. About 114 birds were staged, both Yorkshires and British, some very good specimens being seen. Judge, Mr. Milton Peel (Skelmanthorpe), who gave entire satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Hall; 2, Shaw; 3, Senior. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, Hall; 3, Taylor. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Mitchell; 2, Show; 3, Rayner. BUFF: 1, Clegg; 2, Imeson; 3, Pickering. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Pickering; 2, W. Lee; 3, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, Imeson; 3, Hall. UNEVENLY MKD. YELL.: 1, Pollard; 2, Hall; 3, Blakey. BUFF: 1, Pickering; 2, Clegg; 3, Imeson. HEAVILY VARIEG. CK.: 1, Pollard; 2, Clegg; 3, Imeson. HEN: 1, 3, Imeson; 2, Senior. BRIT.: 1, Pollard; 2, Show; 3, Clegg. A.O.V.: 1, Clegg; 2, Taylor; 3, Pickering. SELL., 15s.: 1, Imeson; 2, Hall; 3, Taylor. 12s. 6d.: 1, 2, Imeson; 3, Clegg.

LARKHALL, N.B.

The Larkhall O.S. annual show held Jan. 21st, Public Hall. Presdt. of Committee, Mr. W. Hamilton; Vice-Presdt., Mr. J. Archibald; Committee, Messrs. J. Anderson, W. Hamilton, J. W. Clelland, A. Kerr, Wm. Lambie, T Welsh, A. Strang, J. Newlands, M Miller, A. Longmuir, and R. Cummings; Treasurer, Mr. J. Kerr; Minute Sec., Mr. T. McEwan; Secretary, Mr. James McEwan. The hall is lofty and spacious, with plenty of light and entirely free from draughts. Cage birds were staged in lesser hall. There were fifteen classes for cage birds, the total number of entries here being in advance of last year's, and the quality throughout of a high standard. The arrangements of the show were all that could be desired, and reflect much credit on Sec. McEwan and his splendid committee of hard workers. The Society, from the Hon Presdt. downwards, extend a hearty welcome to their number of Hon. Presidents in the person of David Wilson, Esq. (Dunoon) a native of "Larkie," and the son of a former Hon. President who did much for the Society. The judging was got through in good time, and the awards seemed to meet with general approval. There was a large turn-out of visitors and fanciers. The dinner, which took place, as in former years, in the Raphel Hotel, was presided over by well-known and much respected townsmen, Robert Lambie, Esq., J.P., and J. C. Burns, Esq., J.P. Mr. McLay (Kirkintilloch) judged the cage birds.

The Critique.

GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT (14): 1, Hillier, good Brit. Goldfinch, lovely feather and condition, perfect markings; 2, McNaught, another good one, nice rich body col., grand buttons and moons, nice sized blaze, barely so rich in finish; 3, Shearer, nice shapely Goldfinch, very pure in col., stylish bird; 4, Bell, Goldie, nice sound col., just lacks in sheen to those in front; vhc, Frame, Bullfinch, some thought should have gone up; hc, Cummings. GOLDIE, ETC., FOR. (4): 1, Cannon, grand size Goldie, rich body col, grand blaze, nicely tanned and mooned, in perfect condition; 2, 4, Cannon, 2nd we were unable to find, 4th hen Bullie, good typical hen, in lovely condition; 3, Mrs. Lelly, nice tight conditioned Goldie, distinct buttons and moons, grand bloom. FINCH, A.O.S. (5): 1, Grey, Greenfinch, nice rich green col., fine tone throughout, large and well proportioned; 2, Cummings, Chaffinch, nice size, perfect shape, deep rich col., grand wings and markings; 3, Morrison, Bramblefinch, fine size, in tip-top condition, nicely cut markings all over, very shapely as stylish, feather like wax; 4, Kerr, Greenfinch, rare size, shape, and col.; vhc, hc, Morton and Davidson. LINNET (6): 1 Morton and Davidson, nice sound col., good size, very shapely, fine sheen; 2, Nelson, better shape, nice head, nutty brown, neat pencilling, some preferred for 1st; 3, Bell, nice size and shape, rich col, wee shade plain in front; 4, Frame, big and shapely; vhc, McGillivray Bros; hc, Rorke MEALY REDPOLL (14): 1, Gentleman, great size, lovely condition, nicely marked, even tone of col.; 2, Bull, another good one for size and type, very close on first; 3, vhc, Kerr, lovely 'poll, perfect in every way; 4, Neilson, well defined markings and bib, good bird; hc, Gray; c, Sinclair. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Morton and Davidson, Twite, shapely little Twite, good col. and markings, wins; 2, Kerr, Siskin grand col. and quality; 3, Cummings, nicely marked Twite, of good shape and feather; 4, Bell, Siskin, neat body and cap, good col.; vhc, Least; hc, Morrison. LESSER R[illegible] (6): 1, sp, Cummings, very rich col. and pencilling, rattling fine condition; 2, Morton and Davidson, another good one, but hardly the finish of winner; close run; 3, McGillivray Bros., very fair bird, fails only in sheen to those in front; 4, hc, Gentleman, 4th field-moulted 'Poll of excellent merit; vhc, Bell. BORD. FCY. CK. (9): 1, spl, Kerr, nice typical Bord., in grand condition and feather; 2, Free, tkd. head, nice carriage, very jaunty, not quite so good in feather as winner; 3, hc, Shields, full of style, tight in feather, nicely staged; 4, c, Walker, 4th nice even wing mkd. Bord., in lovely condition, just a shade loose in feather; vhc, Graham. HEN (3): 1, Graham, varieg Bord., neat type, very jaunty, nice tight feather, wins; 2, 3, Walker nice couple, 2nd head mkd., grand condition very typical. COM. CAN. (6): 1, Cummings; 2, G. and J. Brownlie; 3, Graham; 4, Sandilands; vhc, McCullum; hc, Cowan. LARK, ETC. (2): 1, Morrison, Song Thrush, perfect beauty, splendid markings lovely col., tight in feather; 2, Kerr, Magpie, another fine bird in perfect plumage, lovely glossy black, pure whites, winner at Wishaw. SMALL (3): 1, Clark, jun., Grey Wagtail, perfect feather and markings, grand col. and condition; 2, Kennedy, nice typical Meadow Pipit, in perfect condition. FOR., LARGE. (3): 1, Morrison, Bloodwing Parrot, grand size, perfect plumage, very rich and lustrous in col.; 2, Hamilton, King Parrot, well-known winner, looking as fresh as ever, in fine condition; 3, Anderson, Common Green Parrot, nice grassy green, in perfect condition SMALL (2): 1, Morrison, pair of lovely long-tailed Grass Finches, in the pink of condition; 2, Ford, Goulden Finch, lovely cap and breast work, grand sheen. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Ford, Goldie-Can., fine size and shape, nice quality; 2, Jamieson, Greenie Mule; 3, Bell, Goldie-Can., grand col. and markings, in splendid order; 4, J. and J. Brownlie, Linnet Mule, nice size and col., in perfect condition.

ILKESTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, held Jan. 14th. Eleven classes provided. Mr. W. Vardy (Huthwaite) placed the cards.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, C. H. Martin; 2, J. Martin; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Marriott; 2, Smith; 3, C. H. Martin. HEN: 1, Marriott; 2, R. Smith; 3, J. Martin. YORKS.: 1, Booth. GREENFINCH: 1, A. Smith; 2, Booth; 3, Marriott. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, A. Smith; 2, Booth; 3, R. Smith; vhc, M. Marriott; hc, Tomlinson CHAFFINCH: 1, J. Martin. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Marriott; 2, R. Smith; 3, Booth; vhc, Marriott. LINNET: 1, R. Smith; 2, A. Smith. MULE: 1, C. H. Martin; 2, Booth.—Thos. Smith, Hon. Sec.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' show, held Baptist School, January 14th, when 52 birds faced Mr. W. Cruise (Bradford), who gave every satisfaction in his placings of the awards.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, 4, Myers and Lumb; 3, Briggs and Jagger. BUFF: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, T. Brook; 3, Joe Thomas; 4, H. Smith. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, H. Smith; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Brook. BUFF: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Joe Thomas; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Fowle. UNEVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, J. Nichol. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Brook; 2, Fowle; 3, Myers and Lumb; 4, A. M. Craven. BUFF: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, H. Smith; 3, Nichol; 4, Brook. TKD. YELL.: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, Smith; 3, Fowle; 4, Kirkbright Bros. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Kirkbright Bros.; 3, Joe Thomas; 4, A. M. Craven. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, A. M. Craven; 3, Briggs and Jagger; 4, Nichol.

Making Canary Breeding Pay.

How a beginner is achieving this end with just ordinary Songster Canaries.

F. J. YOUNG (Walworth).

Although I was an absolute novice when I took up the Fancy, an account of my experiences and of how I am now making my Canaries something more than self-supporting may no doubt be of interest. When I started reading CAGE BIRDS many of the practical articles seemed too "advanced" for my understanding, while I thought I should never even know the names of the various seeds and their uses, or the differences between the various sorts of Canaries!

How I Started.

During the summer of 1908 I had an old cage given to me, and after it had knocked about for some time I thought I would get a bird to put in it. So one day, seeing a man selling "genuine Hartz cock Canaries" at one and threepence a time, I bought one. When I had had it some time I began to suspect—and rightly, too—that it was a hen, but not knowing much, I bought another "cock" for one and sixpence; this, however, sang not a note. Soon afterwards I was down "Club Row"—that well-known rendezvous of London birdy men—one Saturday night, and, seeing cock Roller Canaries at 5s. each in a shop window, and all singing fit to burst their throats, I thought I would get one. I picked out the one I considered the stoutest singer, and bore him home in triumph, convinced and satisfied that I had got a real cock Canary at last.

A few days after this a friend gave me what he called a "heavily variegated Yorkshire Canary," that "sang lovely," while in his possession, and was "undoubtedly a cock." Not knowing how to tell the sex by the external appearance of the bird, I took his word for it, and bought a Yellow Yorkie hen to mate him with. This variegated "cock" was about the most "mopy" bird I ever knew, and after a week or so I knew I had another hen, for it began to get "nesty," and carry bits of feather, etc., about in its mouth. All the time I had it it said tweet-tweet, about once a day!

On discovering the bird was a hen, my friend gave me in exchange a good Norwich cock, and I paired this bird with the Yellow Yorkshire hen; at the same time putting the Roller cock with one of the German hens. I got them used to each other in a divided cage, and when they were quite friendly and I saw the cock was feeding the hen, I let them run together. All this time I had kept my birds—five in all—hanging on the wall in the kitchen, and this is where I hung my breeding cages.

A few days after pairing up I gave each couple of birds a nest bag—of course I had already supplied them with nest pans and linings—and for a day or two they amused themselves with making a nice litter in the cage bottom. Then there was a change; the hens set to work and soon made themselves a neat nest apiece, and then started occupying it for all they were worth!

A Disaster.

When I had got the two hens settled on eggs, I removed the cocks to separate cages, as they were too "lively." On the evening of the thirteenth day I put a potful of hard-boiled yolk of egg mixed with breadcrumbs to a proper consistency—crumbly moist—in each cage, and next morning I cautiously had a look at the nests, and was greatly delighted when I saw the Yorkshire hen busily engaged in stuffing four capacious mouths on the end of four ridiculously long and slender necks. The German hen got three chicks out of her three eggs, but to my disgust they died.

Four days afterwards the other youngsters commenced to die. The hen was left miserable and forlorn, and a few days later she, too, gave up the ghost. I felt discouraged, naturally, but I thought I'd have another try, so I purchased a Norwich hen and put her with the cock of the same variety, and I put the Roller cock with the other German hen, which I had not tried.

Then I cast about to find out the reason of my birds dying, but was quite at a loss. I was feeding them properly, they had not been interfered with in any way, and I had looked after them entirely with my own hands. Still, the fact remained that they had died for no apparent reason whatever. At last a friend whom I had told of my loss, asked me where I kept my breeding cages, and I told him "in the kitchen." He then asked me if they were near the ceiling, and I told him "yes, quite 7ft. from the floor." "Ah," he said, "it's the fumes of the gas that killed your birds."

So next time I put one of the German hens and the Norwich hen in the front room, where there was no gas, and they brought up four and three youngsters respectively, while the hen I left in the kitchen hatched out three young, and they died next day. This proved my friend to be right, so now I am careful about gas fumes when breeding.

At the end of the season I had eighteen young birds "on the sticks," besides the five old birds, so I considered myself repaid for my trouble, and the loss of the birds in the early part of the season. Since then I have gone on swimmingly.

I think the hens got on better without the male birds when sitting, as the latter only help to keep the hens away from the eggs longer than they otherwise would be.

Plenty of grit, and fine crushed egg shell (fowl's) I give during the period of laying; also a good pinch of niger seed to the hens.

When the young birds are about eight or ten days old I remove them to a clean nest, as the old one rapidly gets fouled all round the outer edge.

(To be continued.)



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OFFICIALS OF THE RECENT GLASGOW SHOW, WITH SOME TROPHIES COMPETED FOR THERE-AT.

Hybrid Breeding: Its Pleasures and Difficulties.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

(Continued from page 23.)

So far I have never placed upon the show bench a Mule or Hybrid which I have not bred myself, or a Britisher which I have not myself moulted and brought into show condition. But this is no guarantee that I shall not purchase a likely winning Hybrid in the future, if at any time I can obtain one at a reasonable figure, for no breeder of Hybrids is likely to do much exhibiting who depends entirely upon the Hybrids he himself produces; and the moulting of these birds is an art in itself. Those among my readers who had the privilege of seeing the magnificent team of Hybrids put down by Mr. Williams, of Liverpool, at the Crystal Palace Show of 1908 will know how much depends upon a successful moult if we are to meet with any great success upon the show bench. No matter how good a Hybrid it may be our good fortune to breed, it will not do much winning unless it is staged to the very best advantage. It is a recognised fact that most of our big exhibitors of Mules and Hybrids will not be troubled with the breeding and rearing of them, choosing rather to buy the ready-made article which in the process of a moult in the hands of these "adepts in the art of moulting" is transformed into a first-class show specimen, ready to go forth into the exhibition world and bring fame to its owner. There is, however, more pleasure in the one Hybrid bred by the exhibitor than in the ninety and nine which have been purchased for the purpose of exhibiting.

For the purposes of this essay I will divide my subject under four heads: (1) Cages and Fittings; (2) Selection and general management of Finches paired for breeding; (3) Management of Canaries; and (4) The Hybrid.

The Cages and Fittings.

I deliberately choose to write under this heading to commence with, as I consider that it is a matter of the greatest importance; for, remember, from a humane point of view we should do everything possible to make the lives of our birds as bright and as happy as possible in confinement; and incidentally, while so doing, we are increasing our chances of success. We should keep only as many birds as we can properly attend to, and it is our duty to see that they are well housed and well cared for. It is far better to keep only one pair of birds in a well-made, roomy cage, than to have a dozen pairs huddled into as many small, ill-made cages without that room for exercise which is so necessary if our birds are to be kept in a healthy condition. I know of several breeders who have under their charge three or four times as many birds as they ought to have considering the time they have at their disposal, with the result that both birds and cages present a sorry spectacle. I feel very strongly on this point, and would urge my readers to keep only as many birds as their leisure time will allow them to properly care for. I say unhesitatingly, and without fear of contradiction, that we have no right to subject our birds to the misery and suffering which would be brought about by neglect of the simple rules of health. Birds kept under such conditions become a constant source of worry and disappointment to their owners. Moreover, your birds will amply repay you for any little extra trouble you may bestow upon them. Let strict cleanliness be the rule in the bird-room and aviary. Bottles and perches should be washed, the bottoms of cages cleaned out, and seed sifted regularly.

Before deciding on the kind of cages to be used for the Finches, there is another question to be settled, and that is whether the Finches are to be kept in an indoor room or out-of-doors. I have given both plans a fair trial, and I do not hesitate to give my verdict in favour of the outdoor treatment. Depend upon it, there is nothing like fresh air for your Britishers. But, of course, in this case you will require larger cages, for the birds must have plenty of exercise when kept in the open air. You must also see that they are protected from the attacks of the feline tribe, for you are not likely to meet with any great success if the birds are continually worried by cats. I will here describe the kind of cages I use for Hybrid breeding, and also the plan I have adopted to keep off the cats, and to prevent any bird escaping should it by any means get out of its cage.

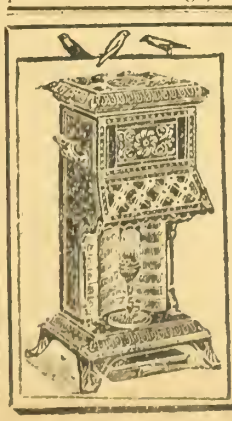
The Feeding and Nesting Arrangements.

My cages are each 4 ft. 6 ins. long, 2 ft. 6 ins. high, and 1 ft. 9 ins. deep from front to back. Each cage can be divided into two compartments by sliding partition, and there are two wire fronts, so that there is no difficulty in cleaning, removing eggs, or nest box, as the birds may be shut off while these operations are going on. Each compartment is supplied with a drawer 1½ inches deep. During the breeding season these drawers are kept full of coarse pine sawdust to prevent the eggs being broken if dropped from the perches. At all other times I use grit and sand for the bottoms. While using sawdust, grit should be supplied in tins hung to the inside of the wire fronts near to the perches. There should always be a good supply of grit and cuttle-fish bone, for the eggs of Britishers in captivity are thin-shelled at the best of times, and to neglect this matter would be to court disaster.

During the winter months I use only three perches in each cage, one at either end about twelve inches from the floor, and one in the middle in a higher position so that the birds may get plenty of exercise. As breeding time draws near, the middle perch is removed, and two more perches are added, one on either side of the wire slide, so that the birds may get used to each other if it is found necessary to part them. At this time the perches should also be brought to a lower level—about two inches from the sawdust—so that the eggs shall not get broken when dropped from the perches. The cages for the Hybrid pairs are arranged under a lean-to roof of wood and felting, supported in front by four posts, and at the back and sides by thick walls. The whole of the front is covered with ½-inch wire netting, with a door at one end. This structure is 18 feet long, 8 feet high, and 6 feet from back to front, and affords excellent shelter and protection for its inmates. The cages are always perfectly dry, whatever the weather may be, while their inmates are safe from attacks by cats.

The seed is supplied in two long drawers, one at each end of the cage, and running from front to back; each of these is divided into compartments so that each kind of seed may be supplied separately. This method of supplying the seed prevents a lot of waste, as if the seed is mixed, the most of it is thrown to the cage bottoms, and never eaten at all. For some time I used the ordinary glass bottles for drinking purposes, but I found that while using sawdust, large quantities of it got into the water-bottles; therefore I found it necessary to adopt some better method, and after a few experiments I hit upon a plan which has proved very successful.

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Wild Bird-Life.

Blackbirds in Winter.

After the first rush of the autumn migration, wild birds settle down to spend the winter in practically the same locality, that is, unless the weather should set in exceptionally severe, when they move as circumstances require, to more favourable ground for feeding purposes. In the early autumn the gardens and meadowland round the writer's house were swarmed with migratory birds; these all moved on some time ago, excepting a few Blackbirds, Thrushes, and the usual stay-at-home species, such as Robins, Hedge Sparrows, Tits, Jackdaw, Rooks, etc. The majority of Blackbirds and Thrushes frequent the meadow land, but one of each species can be seen at any time of the day on the lawn busily hunting for worms. These two birds never associate; in fact, the Blackbird generally drives his fellow worm-hunter as far away as he can, and likes to have the whole of the lawn to himself, although it is a fair size, and there is plenty of room for dozens of birds. As a rule, the Thrush is much more addicted to worm-eating than the Blackbird, but this particularly dark coloured one, apparently takes nothing else, for he seems to be all day long tugging away at another find. The Blackbird is also keen on slugs, but for some reason appears to care nothing for house snails, at least the writer has never seen this species cracking them. They do not, even in a captive state, seem to care for snails, although birds in captivity will frequently take to food that they will not look at when free. Blackbirds are particularly fond of frequenting orchards. A half-decayed apple has a special fascination for them, and they will return time after time to feast on it, until it all disappears. Country lads know all about this taste for fruit, and many a fine bird has fallen a victim to the cunningly set trap baited with apple. During the winter months, wild birds are not so delicate in their feeding as in the spring and autumn, when insect life is abundant. Many traps are successfully baited with potato, bread, and scraps of any kind from the table, or even meal from the chicken trough. If individuals are to exist during the winter months, they cannot be over particular as to how they do it. To eat and live appears to be the only duty of wild birds just now, and this apparently takes up so much of their time that one rarely hears a few notes of bird music.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Triplet.

No Nom-de-plume.—(1) The sample of canary seed sent is of fair average quality, but if this sample is taken direct from your stock bulk I should rather suspect that mice have access to it. It has certain indications that way. (2) Treat the birds that waste the seed as you say and show a somewhat depraved appetite as follows for a fortnight: For staple diet a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every day for a week and every second day in the next week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, and every second day a pinch of maw seed and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the second week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. (3) Feed these two birds on a staple of plain canary, and give each half a teaspoonful of rape separately every second day. On the alternating days give bread and milk as mentioned above, but with the addition of two drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it each time. In the drinking water give the rhubarb and salts as above for two consecutive days, and afterwards the gentian mixture as above every second day for a week. This should put them right. Do not habitually give any drug in the water.

Another Trio.

H. J. Y.—(1) First of all see that this bird is in a bright, comfortable position, quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold. Also examine cage carefully for red mites, and if any are found adopt stringent measures to oust them at once. Then feed and treat the bird as advised to "A. Watson," except that you add six drops of syrup of rhubarb to the water with the Epsom salts, and give it for three days, and on the alternate days afterwards, when giving the gentian and steel, give twenty drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. (2) Feed this hen on a staple of plain canary, and give separately a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts rape, inga, and millet three times a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of chemical food twice a week for a month. When ready for mating, smash up a little old mortar into coarse powder, and keep a supply in her cage. You would find in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our manager, full details for feeding and preparing for mating. (3) Give this hen a diet of plain canary only, with a liberal supply of watercress if available. In the drinking water give twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week. In the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then begin again, and repeat the two weeks in the same order.

Developing Soundness.

C. H. T.—You will certainly go the nearest way to achieve your object, and establish a thoroughly sound and robust strain, by barring those specimens that sneeze and rattle at night from the breeding cage, so far as rearing young from them are concerned. But there is no reason whatever why you should not mate them, and employ them as feeders for the young of other birds, as you suggest. These birds are often very efficient feeders, and there is practically no risk of the health and soundness of the young they rear being affected in any way. Their own progeny, however, when reared, very frequently inherits the weakness of the parents, and becomes early affected with the same trouble. If the trouble is a temporary, and passing, one, which, of course, would alter the complexion of the case, the following treatment will quickly remove it. Staple diet: A mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar; on the alternate days, twice a week, a pinch of maw; and on two other days a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills and sweet spirits of nitre, and two of eucalyptus all, well shaken together, every second day for a week, or fortnight if necessary.

Wasting Seed (M.C.).—See reply No. 2 to "No nom-de-plume," and feed and treat your bird the same entirely as therein advised.

Tumour on Beak, etc. (J.H.).—Feed and treat your bird as advised to "A. Watson," until the moulting has stopped, and if it does not then seem quite well treat it for a month as advised in reply to "F.A.D." Of course, you may begin at once to touch the growth with iodine as advised to "F.A.D.," and it is quite likely this may be disposed of by the time the moulting is stopped.

Some Improvement (N.K.J.).—Am glad to hear the bird is better. Continue the same treatment as previously advised as regards feeding, but give the medicine two days in every three for a week, every second day in the next week, then omit it altogether for a week, and begin again in the same order as long as seems necessary to effect a cure. I would not advise you to breed with this bird in any case, even if it appears to recover completely. Many thanks for appreciative remarks anent "Our Canaries."

Yorkshire Hen (Yellow Hen).—In addition to the staple of plain Canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for the next week give a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. A grape broken open may also be given for a day or two.

Continuous Laying (Birdes).—Keep the hen in a fairly large cage. Give a staple diet of plain Canary seed only, with a half teaspoonful of summer rape separately every second day, and a spray of watercress or morsel of banana on the alternate days. Twice a week give a small piece of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts three times in one week, and afterwards give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a month. If the hen is kept in a fairly warm room, free from extreme fluctuations, you would do well to mate her in about a month's time.

Damaged Leg (J. W. C.).—It is impossible to say with any degree of certainty what is wrong with the leg without seeing it, but judging from your description I should certainly say the leg was broken during the episode with the cat, up in the so-called thigh position, where it would not be very noticeable, and the trouble has failed to rectify itself properly; perhaps by the bird being too much disturbed and "stirred up," instead of being allowed to remain as still and quiet as possible. If this is correct, you can do nothing at all for it now. If a valuable bird, you might show it to a veterinary, who might possibly do something for it, though, honestly, I doubt it.

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Age of Decrepitude (W. C. B.).—No hard and fast line can be laid down as to the age when a cock should stop breeding. It is purely a question of health and stamina. Some cocks will continue to fill eggs well on into the teens of years, whilst others are worn out long before their tenth year. The reproductiveness of the vast majority probably wanes rapidly after the fifth or sixth season. But any cock that is strong and healthy, fairly active, and shows a desire to mate at the proper time, may reasonably be expected to fill eggs irrespective of age considerations—within reasonable limits, of course.

Mopy Yorkshire (J. C. W.)—You are feeding the bird too highly for the time of year. Keep him in a comfortable, but not necessarily very warm, place, out of reach of draughts and impure air. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days give a spray of watercress if available, three times a week, otherwise give a morsel of banana as a substitute. Once a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake sprinkled with maw seed. Limit the diet solely to this for a month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for another week.

A Peculiar Case (J.A.). — Sorry, but I cannot imagine why the bird should go on systematically losing its claws one after another without more definite particulars to judge by. Is it the claw only—that is, the toe-nail,, so to speak, or the whole toe that is lost? I should suspect some injury. Is it probable that the bird gets a claw fast in the wires, or about perches, and wrenches them badly in its struggles to get free; or have you carefully examined the feet to see if a hair or similar ligature has got twisted tightly around them. Look into these things carefully, and then write again, giving full details, and describing the appearance as closely as you can. Meantime, keep cage and perches perfectly clean, and smear the feet daily with carbolised vaseline.

Moving Birds (No name, Cobridge). — You did wrong to move the birds to the kitchen, as they would have done much better in the other room until the weather was milder. Now, if the aviary is out of doors, as I suspect, though you omit this important detail, it is certainly not wise to move them from the kitchen to this place. Your best plan is to wait for a spell of mild weather at, or about, end of February, before making this next move. Meantime, feed the birds quite plainly, and cut down the extras to a minimum. Keep as far as possible, consistent with freedom from draughts, from the fire. Slowly burn a teaspoonful of coffee away on a few embers or hot shovel in the aviary, and shut it up for an hour or two. Then open and well it. That will remove the smell of paint. If not quite removed first time, repeat operation next day. A tablespoonful of strong vinegar evaporated on a hot shovel would produce a similar result.

Canary Moulting (E. Wallis).—See reply to "A. Watson" for Yorkshire dropping feathers, and treat your bird as therein advised, which will fully meet your case.

Literature (Beginner).—"Profitable Canary Breeding, by A. Retich, which our manager could send you for 9½d., would meet your desires. In due course the subject will also be dealt with more fully in "Our Canaries," now publishing in monthly parts.

Moving Birds (F. Thompson).—If, as I assume, the room where the birds are now kept has no form of artificial heat applied to it, it will be quite safe to move the birds to the outside building in the course of a month or six weeks from this time. Wait until a snap of nice mild weather occurs about the end of February or beginning of March, and then take advantage of it to make the change. Meantime, give the building a thorough preparation so that it will stand some little time afterwards before it is necessary to disturb the birds for another overhaul. See that it is well ventilated, but quite free from cold draughts.

Yorkshire Dropping Feathers (A. Watson).—You omit to say whether the bird moulted properly last autumn or not, or how you keep and treat it, so I cannot tell you the cause of this moulting. To remedy it, keep the bird in a fairly warm place, but do not overdo it; see that the warmth is equable, and that the bird is quite protected from cold draughts, and is free from red mite attacks. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and millet. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to its drinking water for one day only, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight, or until the moulting stops.

Rollers Losing Feathers (H. H.).—Examine your cages well for the presence of red mites, and if this pest is found have a thorough overhaul to eradicate it before the breeding season arrives. Also see that they are kept as free as possible from draughts, and extremes of heat and cold, and that cages are not near or over burning lights in the evening, nor too near the fire. Allow birds to bathe freely in mild weather. Give both hens and the cock a pinch of Epsom salts, and ten drops of lemon juice in the water for one day, and afterwards feed and treat generally the same as advised to "A. Watson," except that you omit the hemp, and make the staple to consist of two parts canary to one part rape. Give the same medicines to the hens for a week only, and to the cock for three days only. If there is any bare place to be seen on the cock where he pecks at his leg, smear it slightly every second day for a week or so with Lano-cyllin, if available—otherwise, use carbolised vaseline.

Senile Decay (Serin).—As you say, the bird is by no means young; this is probably what he is troubled with. He would do better now in a moderate-sized cage, than flying in a large aviary with others. You did quite right to remove him. Keep him in a cosy place, but not too warm, and see that it is well ventilated, and not near the fumes of burning lights in the evenings, nor exposed to great fluctuations. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk, drained, three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week.

Feeding and Mating (A Beginner).—(1) No, it is not advisable to feed Norwich, or any other bird for that matter, solely on mixed seed, or stock kept for breeding, a staple of plain canary seed only is best throughout the greater part of the year, with all other items given separately in the way frequently advised here. (2) This depends entirely on what you want to breed, and, as often stated in this column, the birds' parentage plays a considerable part in what it will produce. If you want to get back to pure Cinnamons, you should mate the cock with a self cinnamon hen bred from two pure Cinnamons, otherwise it would make a useful bird to cross back to pure Norwich that wants a little more colour and quality of feather. (3) If you must have a mixture as a staple diet after reading No. 1, three parts canary to one part summer rape will be the best, with no other addition, which will only induce waste. or seven pounds, say, 5½lbs. of canary to 1½lbs. of summer rape.

Ventilating Aviary (T. B., Pendlebury).—If, as I assume, there is a clear space of six inches between the floor and the ground, you could not have a better or cheaper form of ventilation than the ordinary perforated metal place placed in the centre of the floor, with vanes for closing the hole to any desirable extent to suit existing conditions. You would have to cut out a small square of the wooden floor, and if you have any solid covering on the floor, such as linoleum, a piece must also be cut out of this exactly over the ventilator, so as to leave the latter fully exposed. This forms the ingress for pure air. Get one with quite narrow slits or small perforations to prevent vermin getting through also. The exits for foul air you should place in each end at the back, and near the highest part. A small venetian arrangement of slats (described in last reply), set in a frame about 8ins. by 6ins., fitted in each end, would be about best. If this is too difficult make two small frames this size, with a strip of wood half an inch square, and tack on to each side a piece of perforated zinc arranged so that the holes are not opposite each other, and fix one in each end in the position above described.

Feeding Canaries (E. B.).—If you are going to breed with these birds, the best staple diet for the next few weeks will be plain canary only. In addition, give separately a pinch of summer rape every second day, and about once a week a small piece of sponge cake, or a little egg food, or bread sopped in milk, whichever happens to be most handy. Once or twice a week give the hen a pinch of inga, and the cock a pinch of hemp and inga mixed. These extras may all be given as opportunities offer in the egg drawer, or if the cage has no such appliance, just drop them on top of the canary seed in the seed box. The sponge cake or bread and milk you can easily stick between the wires. A spray of watercress or morsel of sweet fruit will do good occasionally. If birds are not for breeding, you may give a mixture of three parts canary to one part rape as a staple. Then mix a small quantity of two parts each hemp, inga, millet, and one part each teazle and maw, and give a pinch of this about twice a week, with a scrap of soft food and green food, or fruit, as above, once or twice a week. The natural colour of a Canary's breast is a dark or purplish hue, so you do not want anything to cure that. If the colour is anything abnormal, which I doubt, better write again and describe it fully.

Growth on Beak (F. A. D.).—I fear the bird is in a thoroughly bad way, apart from the growth on the beak. Touch the latter with the tip of a feather dipped in tincture of iodine each day. When it drops off lightly, smear the mandible all over with carbolised vaseline each day for a few days. Wipe off any surplus so as not to leave enough for it to soil its plumage. Keep cage and perches thoroughly clean; the floor covered with clean gritty sand. Keep in a nice bright position, free from draughts and fluctuations, and in a cosy place, not necessarily very warm, nor yet on the cold side. Feed on a staple of plain canary. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of rape and a morsel of banana or green food, and on the alternate days a piece of bread sopped in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give also a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumbo, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Feed as above for a month.

Breeding Queries (Redcap).—(1) As you are clearly a novice in the matter, know nothing of the pedigree of your birds, and have no special object in double-cresting, I would certainly advise you to keep the Crested hen over this year unmated, rather than mate her with the Crested cock. This kind of mating should only be done with a particular object in view, which you cannot have. (2) A Crestbred bird is a non-crested specimen having close blood relationship to Crests. They have much more profuse feathering, particularly on the head, than Plainheads. The orthodox method is to mate a Crested bird with a Crestbred specimen, and in the result the progeny are likewise—some crested and others having no crests, being what are termed Crestbreds. Both varieties commonly occur in the same brood. (3) Yes, these hens are in rather too forward condition. You should cut off the extras from the diet for a short time, and give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for a couple of days. (4) From a clear yellow mated to a marked buff you will breed clears, ticks, and possibly some variegated, both yellows and buffs. The proportion of ticks and variegated will depend upon the amount of dark blood in the parents. The same results may be expected from a clear buff cock and a marked yellow hen.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Parrot Indisposed.

L. E. P.—With many Parrots this regurgitation of food and re-swallowing same is quite a natural habit, and when kept in pairs this is regularly done, and they feed each other with the regurgitated food. A single Parrot in a cage often indulges in the habit when in the presence of anyone it is fond of. On the other hand, if it amounts to actual sickness, then it is the result of slight indisposition. At any rate, to make sure, it will do your bird no harm to have a dose or two of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ordinary sized drinker, every fourth day, and on the intervening days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue this treatment for a month, but in the case of the yoldings becoming watery loose, the magnesia must be discontinued; only a crock or china drinker must be used during this period. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuits, and a few nuts; also cuttlebone, grit, and water.

Feather Pulling.

G. A. B.—Your bird is a Roseate Cockatoo, and its diet must consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and a few nuts (shelled walnuts are best), also cuttlebone, grit, and water. Give your bird Dinneford's magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food under the same conditions as advised to "L. E. P." in this issue, only in your case it must be conditioned till the bird is fit again. In your case you must also spray with either a dilute solution of quassia, or a weak solution of fir tree oil, in the latter case do not get the solution into the bird's eyes, and keep out of draught till dry. You are giving too much hemp. A better mixture would be: Two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, oats, "paddy" rice, dari, maize and sunflower seeds; the whole to be well mixed and a supply kept in the cage continually. You will need to presevere with the treatment, and the bird should gradually recover tone. It would be well to report progress in two or three weeks.

Aviary Queries.

J. E. B.—The aviary of which you give sketch should be a success, but as I see you have already started with Budgerigars, the only birds other than Parrakeets I can advise you to keep with them are Red-crested, Virginian, and Green Cardinals, all of which are doubtful breeders; if you keep these you will have to supply soft-food, ripe fruit, and a few insects; they will also help themselves to the seed mixture. As to Parrakeets, you can keep with the Budgerigars pairs of Rosella Parrakeets, Cockatails, Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds. Black-cheeked Lovebirds are very beautiful, and breed, but do not always agree with Budgies and other Lovebirds. The Parrakeets named would require seed, ripe fruit, and green food, with a few pieces of biscuit occasionally, in addition to grit, cuttlebone, and water. I advise two seed mixtures:—1, Canary and White millet in equal parts; 2, crushed oats, paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seed in equal parts; also a few millet sprays, particularly in the breeding season.

Parrot in Bad Feather.

A. J. Rowell.—It would have helped me greatly had you stated what kind of a Parrot yours was. Its diet should consist of seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and dry plain biscuit, cuttlebone grit and water for drinking and bather should be regularly supplied. It will be a work of time and patience to materially improve the condition of your bird; it has evidently been wrongly treated and got into quite a low condition and consequently does not talk. Every fourth day in lieu of the drinking water give a mixture of two parts water to one part Dinneford's Magnesia, and on the intervening days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, continuing this treatment till relief is given. You must also spray the bird with a dilute quassia solution twice weekly, keeping the bird out of draught till dry. Instead of the seed mixture you are using, the following would better meet the present conditions: Two parts each

(by measure) Canary and white millet, and one part each oats, "paddy" rice, hemp, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Do not on any account give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. While giving drugs use only a crock or glass drinking vessel. Please report progress a few weeks hence.

What Parrot? (Constant Reader).—If I may take the feather enclosed as the average length of the tail feathers, then it is a Yellow-naped Amazon, as stated last week, and I think this naming is correct. However, I am keeping your description by me, and during the next few days I will look up the Mexican species and will duly report. In any case, the treatment advised in our previous reply will meet the case.

Food for Zebra Finches (R. Riley).—Young Zebra Finches are reared largely on seed, also unlimited green food, particularly green seeding grass, and a little soft-food—several good ones are advertised in our columns, or the following would meet the case:—Equal parts ants' eggs, crushed biscuit, and crumbled sponge cake. During the nesting season keep up a supply of spray millet. Treated as above the young should be reared without trouble.

Foreign Songsters (A. Lodge).—All the Serins are handsome birds and would meet your case; the Green Singing Fiuch is a good sougster and very handsome in its garment of olive green and yellow; the Grey Singing Finch is a better sougster, but plain, being clad in various hues of grey; the Alario Finch (not often on offer) is another good songster, and a striking bird in a garment of black, cinnamon, brown, and white. The Pekin Robin is another good songster, and beautiful, but it requires soft-food, ripe fruit, and a few insects; all the others named are seedeaters. All should come within the limit value you name. Foreign Finches require Canary, white millet, and spray millet seeds; but no harm will be done if the British and Foreign Finches partake of each other's mixtures.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

To Mate with Goldfinch (O. C. S.).—If your Goldie is a medium sized British Finch, get a cobby (Norwich type) yellow hen Canary of fair size, but not too bulky. It does not much matter whether she is clear or marked, but if you want good coloured dark Mules, then it will be best if she is a heavily variegated bird.

Identity of Bird (Joseph Hughes).—The bird you describe is the Corn Bunting (often termed by catchers and dealers the "Bunting Lark"). This species is of no particular value, as it has no song worthy of the name, and often takes a deal of steadying, so that it appeals to but few bird-keepers as worth troubling with as a cage pet. A really fine specimen moulted into show form, is of considerable value, however, to an exhibitor.

Buzzard and Bustard (A. Rutter).—There is a vast difference between the Buzzard and the Bustard, the former being a bird of prey (as you know), and the latter a large land bird (though very much smaller, it has some kinship with the Ostrich). The Bustard is now extinct in a wild state, so far as England is concerned, though examples are to be found on certain private estates. It is celebrated for its extraordinary note—a loud "booming" sound, which can be heard for a very considerable distance.

Death of a Goldfinch (Puzzled).—Evidently pneumonia caused the death of the bird; the disease developed into a very severe form. It is impossible to ward off bronchial troubles entirely, owing to the extremely delicate, sensitive nature of the

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respiratory organs of birds; even a sudden change in the weather may spell disaster to some one or other of our pets. The bird you describe is the Hedge Accentor (commonly called the Hedge Sparrow).

Pecking the Cage Back (W. L.).—This seems to me a harmless sort of habit (many Linnets develop a fondness for continually "tap, tapping" at the cage wires), but if you object to it as a "positive nuisance," then give him a month or two in an all wire cage (such as a Border Fancy Canary showcage, which would be very convenient for the purpose). He may by then have forgotten his little foible.

An Argument (T. R. D.).—So far as I know, it is certainly not a fact that the cock Bullfinch will breed freely with hens of another species. But this is very different to saying that he will not breed at all in captivity. No such statement has ever been made by me. I have myself seen several cock Bullfinches that have bred in captivity. 2. Your friend is wrong. Hen Canaries most certainly can successfully rear Bullfinch Hybrids (Linnet-Bullie, Greenie-Bullie, etc.). As a matter of fact, the majority of Bullfinch Hybrids are reared by hen Canaries. A perusal of our article pages (or of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL) should convince anyone as to the accuracy of my statement.

A Waxwing Moping (E. W.). — Pity you put "Canary" on top of your query, this causing a week's delay owing to your communication being sent to my colleague, Mr. St. John, who looks after the Canary department. I presume the bird is a newly-imported one, and, if so, then in my opinion you have not been feeding it correctly, which may account for its going out of condition. The excrement of all berry and fruit eating birds, such as the Waxwing, is naturally copious, and more or less watery. At first you should have given a liberal daily supply (at least a tablespoonful) of well scalded grocer's currants (first-class quality). These are greedily eaten by Waxwings, and form an admirable substitute for the berries upon which they feed in a state of nature (the birds actually take them for berries, no doubt). They must always, however, be thoroughly soaked in very hot water and drained; if given as bought they pass through the bird's system practically undigested. Very few will eat fruit (banana, etc.), at first; the taste for this is acquired later on. As a stock food try "Melox" (or any other similar kind of dog food) soaked in boiling water and reduced to a crumbly consistency by the addition of the insectile food you name. The currants should be well mixed into this. If the bird is still alive, give a strong tonic—half-a-teaspoonful of compound syrup of hypophosphates, B.P. (Fellow's Syrup) in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water—until it pulls round. Any high class chemist will supply this tonic. If the bird has contracted pneumonia on the journey to England (the cause of heavy mortality amongst all imported species), then I am afraid its case is hopeless.

A Quartette (Normandy).—1. It often happens that a bird will learn one phrase, or just a few notes, of a tune, and then "stop short." In Bullfinches, quite a number of these "broken pipers" are found—the perfect pupils are comparatively few. The whole tune should be played oevr slowly and distinctly. 2. The article on Hybrid breeding by Mr. Collins (now being published) should be a valuable guide for you. 1 like a cage 30 to 36 inches long by 16 high, by 12 to 18 wide. 3. The hen Yellow Bunting carries very little yellow in her dress; she lacks most of the yellow found on the head and throat of the male—is a very dull coloured bird, by comparison. 4. If you want to try for hybrids, mate a steady cock Reed Bunting with the hen Yellowhammer.

In an Aviary (Greypate).—Yes; I think you can depend upon getting some young birds of one kind or another. I should have one hen Greenfinch only, however, in the place. Java Sparrows are sometimes quarrelsome and mischievous towards weaker birds; your aviary is of good size, though, and a pair may do no harm therein. You can always remove them, if occasion calls for this being done. I strongly advise you to give the three or four most important seeds in separate vessels (say canary, teazle, summer rape, sunflower and hemp); this is by far the most economical method. You could give a dish of ordinary mixed (or niga, maw, linseed, etc.), or wild-seed mixture, once or twice a week, or accordiug to the needs of the various seasons. For the Canary, keep her in a warm room, and give a small teaspoonful of the following mixture in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; one ounce each of glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine.

POST MORTEMS.

F. Simpson.—Parasitic enteritis, or inflammation of the bowels, induced by the presence of tapeworms, caused death of Tanager. The symptoms you describe would arise from inflammatory action and heightened temperature.

Bertha I. Simpson.—Death of Budgerigar arose from pneumo-enteritis, brought about by cold. The bowels were very acutely inflamed throughout their whole extent, and the lungs participated. Death under such conditions occurs rapidly with very little warning. In other respects the bird was quite healthy and well nourished.

E. C. Deakins.—Asthma is a chronic affection, and seldom causes death by itself, but birds so affected are generally more susceptible to variations in surroundings and sudden changes of temperature. What it really died of was pneumonia, the symptoms being synonymous and mistaken with those of asthma. The latter is often associated with heart affection, any excitement produciug gasping and hurried breathing, lasting varying times, and followed by periods of quiescence; but the former is rapid in its onset, and acute in character, symptoms more urgent, and in the majority of cases rapidly ending fatally.

Mrs. Mackay.—Peritonitis from rupture of the oviduct, due to inability to expel a shell-less egg, with consequent escape of contents into the peritoneum, caused death of Budgerigar. You probably noticed the distended appearance of the body caused by the presence of the egg. On opening the body this was readily seen, together with quite a large tear in the walls of the oviduct. The peritoneum was badly inflamed, both parietal and visceral. Had you diagnosed the condition in time prior to the rupture, steaming over hot water might have aided in expulsion, and saved your bird. Cold and dampness producing inertia, or weakness of the muscular coats of the oviduct, combined with the flaccidity of the shell-less egg, are the principal factors in the causation of this disease.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

The Yorkshire (G. Thomson).—We have duly noted your remarks; thanks.

Secretary's Address (Constant Reader).—The secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dist. C.B.S. is Mr. C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N. This society is the nearest, we think, to your address.

THATTO HEATH AND DIST. O.S.

Fourth meeting, held Jan. 9th, Nutgrove School. A pleasant evening was spent. Five new members were enrolled, and the club's prospects are very bright. We have already made nine new members, and from our members' reports there are yet more to join. I will be pleased to give any bird fancier full particulars who has not had an invitation from our members (there are many fanciers in the district whom we have not had the pleasure of meeting)—if they will kindly communicate with me or come to our next meeting, Feb. 5th, 8 p.m.—R. G. Tyson, 29, Elm-road, Thatto Heath.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 21st, White Hart Inn. The balance sheet was read; it showed the society to be in a good position financially, this being due to the good work of the members during the year. Election of officers:—President, Mr. C. Mortimer; vice-president, Mr. B. Airton; treasurer, Mr. J. Chippendale; secretary, W. Nettleton; auditors, Messrs. B. Airton and W. Markwell; delegates to Yorks Union, Messrs. T. Ellsegood and J. Chippendale. Decided, to hold a social in connection with our prize distribution, Feb. 4th, to commence at 7 p.m., White Hart Inn. Fanciers and friends cordially invited (free).—W. Nettleton, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 19th, Nutclough Tavern. After the balance-sheet, etc., had been passed, the election of officers took place, as follows: Chairman, Mr. F. Greenwood; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Spencer; treasurer, Mr. A. Barnes; auditors, Messrs. Maiden and C. Greenwood; Yorks Union delegate, Mr. W. Spencer; secretary, A. Pickles. Decided that we have a supper and social on Feb. 2nd, headquarters, when a good attendance is requested. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers concluded the meeting. A. Pickles, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 12th, headquarters, Duke of York, Princess-street, Mr. F. J. Weaver presiding over a good attendance. The balance sheet was submitted, and considered very satisfactory, as it puts the society on a level footing again after wiping off a deficit of £5 from last year. Election of officers: President, Mrs. H. Staveley Hill (elected for the fifth time in succession); Vice-presidents, Mr. A. Bird, J.P., M.P., S. R. Rhodes, Morris Christopher, A. Cupias and J. A. Tonks (who has been such a stannch worker as a vice-chairman since the society started); Chairman, F. J. Weaver; Vice-chairman, R. Willoughby; hon. treasurer, F. Garfield; Committee, J. Millencamp, J. W. Hunt, H. E. Rowley, Ike Jones, J. Barrett, W. Harrison, J. Nock, E. Hall, and R. Hyde; auditors, F. Price and W. Hampton; secretary, J. Gibbons. Date for members' show fixed for Feb. 18th, classes as follows: Nor. 7, Yorks. 7, Nat. col. 2, Mules 2, Brit. 6, For. 1. If any fancier in the district is desirous of joining us, and will communicate with the secretary at once he will be eligible to exhibit. Final scores for the inter-club cup competition were presented; result: Birmingham, 282; Wolverhampton 277½; West Bromwich, 182½. Well done Birmingham; we must congratulate you on such a performance, and also that good, true fancier, Mr. P. Victor Williams, who, we are pleased to hear, holds the cup for the year. But considering our society altogether is only 20 strong it is uot much of a defeat, so please keep your eyes open, Birmingham, next year.—J. Gibbons, Secretary.

ARDWICK AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held January 17th, Headquarters, Onward Hall, Mr. Coulson presiding over a good muster of members. Secretary's report and balance sheet presented. It was unanimously agreed to accept same. The balance sheet showed £5 14s. 1fd. in hand, which was considered very satisfactory. Election of office bearers:—President, Mr. J. Coulson; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Downing, J. H. Aspinall, R. Dewhirst, W. Robinson, and H. Boothman, Dr. Twigg, Dr. Kindon, and the Rev. J. W. Wragg; committee, Messrs. G. Belton, L. Hunt, R. Booth, J. Annison, J. Valentine, B. Simpson, and Dr. Buckley; treasurer, Mr. J. Thornely; hon. auditors, Messrs. A. E. Long and W. H. Fulcher; secretary, J. Spencer. Arrangements were made for table show to be held on February 7th, Yorkshire stock pairs; judge, Mr. J. Slater (Wemslow).—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Annual meeting held headquarters, Black Dog, Watergate, January 16th. There was a good turnup of members. Secretary read balance-sheet, which was considered satisfactory, showing a nice balance in hand. All the retiring officers were re-elected. Decided that next meeting be February 6th, headquarters, 8 p.m. Mr. Lockton has kindly promised to give a lecture on "Pairing, and the General Needs of Cage Birds." All who had the pleasure to hear him on a former occasion know this is a treat in store. Annual pair show February 18th, Co-operative Hall; Mr. Barnes has kindly promised to judge. Cage bird fanciers wishing to join should write secretary, W. E. Allen, Alexandria-road. Five new members were made. Fanciers cordially invited to meetings held first Monday in every month. W. Ratcliff.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Feb. 1, Headquarters, 8.15. Arrangements for pair show, etc.—J. C. Bell.

Bristol C.B.A.—Feb. 1, City Hotel, Wine-st., 8. Intending members invited.—A. R. A. Carter.

Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.—Feb. 4th, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Adjourned ann. meetiug, election of officers, etc; fanciers welcomed.—G. Havver.

Bankfort C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Bankfort School, 2.30. Members' show; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe; entries Friday night; several specials.—F. Gelder.

Batley and Dist. O.F.C.—Last show of season; birds to be staged at 3 o'clock; sp. for most points throughout show. Judge, Mr. S. Dean.—G. G. Stafford—(No date given.—Ed.)

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 28, Conservative Club, Girlington, 7.30. Whist drive; fanciers invited; tickets 7d. each.—F. Western.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Wellington Inn, 8. Open show business.—F. Mitchell.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for supper and social in March.—F. C. Sims.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 1, Sydenbam Palace, 8.30. Ann. meeting; bal. sheet, election of officers, etc. —J. Shaddock.

Clapham C.B.A.—Jan. 30, Avondale Hotel, 8. Election of officers for year; bal. sheet and important business.—A. C. Askew.

Colne C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Angel Inn, 8. Auditor's report.—W. Maxwell.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 28th, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Ann. gen. meeting; election of officers; classes for 1911 shows; presentation of cups and specials.—Parker and Parkes.

Choppington C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers, etc.—G. H. Secly.

Croydon F.A.—Jan. 31, Sunflower Hotel, George-st. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—A. C. N. Hewens.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Sydney Arms, 8. Washing competitions, amat. and nov. sections.—A. S. Treasure.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 28, Headquarters, 8. Union rules; tickets for ann. social and prize distribution.—F. Rhodes.

Dalkeith C.C.—Feb. 4, Ship Inn, 7.—J. Ewing.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Feb. 2, 142, High-st., 8.—J. Finnie.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Feb. 2nd, Riego-st. Hall, 8.—R. Lile.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 28, St. John's School, 2.45 p.m. Meeting and show; judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton).—L. Booth.

Guisborough and "Priory" C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Wears Room, 7.45. To appoint officers; arrange table show, etc.—R. Mays.

Gt. Harwood.—Jan. 30, St. John's Club, 8. Selection of judges for open show.—W. T. Mattinson.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Jan. 28, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Special for aun. show and table show, Can. pairs.—T. Drysdale.

Grangemouth O.S.—Feb. 3, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Election of committee; revision of classification; intending members invited.—J. D. Miller.

Grimsby O.S.—Feb. 2, Slatter's Rooms. Pair show. —Towl Bros.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Feb. 2, Nutclough Tavern, 7.30. Show of British birds, supper and social.—A. Pickles.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 28, Griffin Hotel. Show; birds to be staged 7.30; all unflighted birds; judges, H. Whitaker and H. Sutcliffe.—J. F. Tbackray.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Lockhart Cafe, 8. Prize money paid, etc.—R. Blore.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 1, Railway Hotel, 8. Classification and judges for next year's competition, re members' shows.—J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Pair show arrangements.—R. Charleson.

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.—Feb. 1, "Corn Market Coffee Tavern," 7.30. Enroll members and elect officers. Fanciers with the welfare of the association at heart kindly attend.—S. Mulliner.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Fox and Hounds, 7.30. Business, also show of pairs of Crests and Nor. matched for breeding birds at rooms, 7.30 sharp.—F. Rackham.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Corn Market-st. Coffee Tavern, 7. Ann. meeting to elect new officers.—C. J. Cafferty.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important; all members are requested to bring money for tickets sold, so as to enable secretary to send out prize money.—D. John.

Leyton C.B.A.—Jan. 28. Pair show, doors open 5.30.—Forse and Son.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Feb. 11, All Saints Parochial Hall, Battersea, 8. Postponed ann. gen., owing to clashing with City and Sub. pair show; bal. sheet and election of officers.—G. Harwood.

Morley C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Lectures and table shows, business.—A. Gledhill.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Feb. 2, 65, Grainger-st., 8. Ann. gen., bal. sheet, secretary's report, election of officers.—T. C. Crawhall.

New Cross C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Coffee Rooms, 397, New Cross-rd., 7.45. Arrangements for table show, etc.—Barton and Hearn.

Northern Lizard Club.—Feb. 4, Fawcett-st. Cafe, 7. —G. Davidson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Feb. 1, Mechanics' Hall, 8. Show accounts, etc.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oxford and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 2, 8.10. Table show Can. pairs. Discussion to follow judging. Members invited to take part.—A. F. Fifield.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 30, Irwell Castle, 8. Bal. sheet, etc.—H. Clayton.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Jan. 28, Swan Hotel, Fountain-st., Manchester, 6. Ann. meeting; bal. sheet. —A. Percival.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Jan. 28, College Inn, 7. Table show, A.V. ck. Can., etc.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent.—Feb. 1, Temperance Club, 8. Gen. meeting; payment of prize money, specials, etc., report of shows, etc., business, which necessitates every possible member's attendance.—E. Hartley.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 30, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting; Brit. bird show.—R. Blincoe.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 4, Fawcett-st., Cafe, 7.30. Arrangements for table show and social.—J. Jeffrey.

South Shields C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Lockhart's Cafe, King-st., 8. Election of officers, bal. sheet, etc., new members invited.—J. Barrass.

Partick C.B.C.—Feb. 3, Trades Hall, Anderson-st., 8. Show of breeding pairs and Hyb. pairs; judge, Mr. A. Walker; fanciers invited.—W. Priest.

Queens Park C.B.A.—Feb. 2, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-rd., W., 8. Egg food competition, champ. and novice, specials awarded by vote.—J. C. Birch.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Leeds Hotel, 8. Election of judges for open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 31, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Ann. prize distribution and musical evening, fanciers invited.—H. Martin.

Sutton-in-Ashfield Amalgamated.—Jan. 28, Railway Inn, 7. To consider future of the association, to pick date for next ann. show, etc.—R. Nuttall.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of Nor. pairs, 2 classes, members and novice; good prize money guaranteed.—A. Hobson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Jan. 28, Headquarters, 5 and 7. Prize money and supper.—W. Elliott.

Windhill Shipley O.S.—Jan. 28, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting. Union business, passing of officers for society; tea and social Feb. 18.—Cook and Spencer.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Ent. receives and close at this meeting for table show, Feb. 4, headquarters. Fixing date for ann. show, and question of "guaranteeing."—W. Andrews.

Windsor C.B.A.—Feb. 2, headquarters, 8.15. Gen. bus.; ann. dinner, Feb. 8, at Star and Garter Hotel. —E. A. Stickland.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Feb. 2, headquarters, 8. Lecture on the Nor. Can., by Mr. S. Hadwin. Will novices who are not members of local societies please note? Brit. and pair show Feb. 17, 8 p.m.—Wm. Mallinson.

Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Yorks County B.B. and M.C.—Jan. 28, Market Tavern, 8. Subs. due.—Lane and Jowett.

York C.B.S.—Feb. 13, All Saints Schoolroom, 7. Table show, 19 classes.—H. Thompson.

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Correspondence.

New Cage Bird Society for Barnoldswick.

SIR,—We have formed a new society, namely, the Barnoldswick Cage Birds Society, and our headquarters are at the Liberal Club. We have a comfortable meeting place, and we shall be glad if all the fanciers in Barnoldswick will join us. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 31st, at 7.30 prompt.

JOHN WILSON, Sec.

7, West Avenue, Barnoldswick.

Alleged Borrowing of Show Birds at Chester.

SIR,—Seeing the letter in CAGE BIRDS of 21st January, as secretary of the Chester Cage Bird Fanciers' Association, I should be very glad if "Subscriber" would bring the matter he writes about forward at the next monthly meeting of the society, Feb. 8th (Nag's Head Cocoa House, at 8.30 p.m.). If he cannot attend, will he please furnish me with particulars which I will place before the meeting?

JAMES SWINDLEY.

11, East View, Handbridge, Chester.

Even-marked Borders at the last Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—Quite a sensation has arisen amongst a few of us in the district of Hamilton about the above question. While I say it was Mr. Shearer who won at the Palace with a buff even-marked hen, yet the report of the Scottish National reads "Fifth, Meekley, Palace winner." Now, Sir, we leave it to you to settle. I have been a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS since the very first issue, and I could not do without it now, and wish it every success.

WILLIAM WALLACE.

[According to CAGE BIRDS report of the 1910 Palace Show, Mr. Shearer was 1st with a buff, and Mr. Meekley 2nd with a yellow, in the even-marked Border class.—ED.]

Presentation to An Irish Secretary.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space to remind many of those to whom I sent out circulars that the list of subscriptions to the Carroll Testimonial organised by the Yorkshire Canary Society of Ireland will shortly close. I regret to state that the response to our appeal to the Irish Fancy (for whom, in his position as hon. sec. of the Y.C.S., Mr. Carroll has done so much) has not been as liberal as it might, and that many of the leading exhibitors have not come forward with their subscriptions. We intend, however, to close the list before the annual general meeting, and I hope that by then the names of all the principal Irish fanciers will be found in it. Subscriptions may be sent to me at 52, Connaught Street, Dublin, or to Mr. Holley, 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin.

J. P. ROONEY.

An Appeal for an Old-time Blackburn Linnet Association

SIR,—It is with great regret that we learn there is a danger of the National Quality Linnet Singing Association, Blackburn, coming to a close, which we think would be a great blow to Linnet fanciers, as it is the premier Linnet Club of this part of the country, seeing that it was established in 1840. We think that it is every Linnet fancier's duty to help to keep going such a club, with the reputation it holds. Mr. J. W. Jones has added five more members, and we are prepared to do the same this year, but we want other fanciers to take the same active part as we are doing, and try to bring the association back to its old standard. We hope to see other fanciers have something to say in reference to the above club, which has held such members as Mr. G. Rostern, who was compelled to go abroad, and Messrs. R. Leaming and W. Bentley, independent of other good judges of Linnets who remain. We think it is every fancier's duty to do their best to keep a club going that stands second to none in England for quality. We write this with all due respect to the present members, who we know are doing their best.

J. W. JONES AND J. M'ALLISTER.

Proposed Roller Canary Club for North Lincolnshire.

SIR,—Owing to the continued and increasing interest taken in the Roller Canary, it has been proposed that a branch be formed in the Grimsby district, which, it is hoped, may develop into a flourishing North Lincolnshire Roller Canary Society. That this very fascinating variety is rapidly establishing itself among bird keepers we need not go for proof beyond the show of the Provincial Roller Canary Club, held at Bury, Lancashire, on January 13th and 14th, where, I understand, there were something like 250 entries in six classes, whilst at other exhibitions this season, it has not been uncommon to find from 50 to 60 in some of the classes, whilst 6,000 to 7,000 closed rings have been issued to its members in London and the provinces by the British Roller C.C. during the past year—proof sufficient, I think, of the popularity of the breed. The song of the Roller has in recent years attained a perfection all its own in this country, with its low, soft changes of a variety of truly melodious song tours. It is a veritable "musical-box," and its devotees are pleased to see it taking its undoubtedly proper place. For the information of those not familiar with the Roller Canary, I may add that it is a very hardy, symmetrical of form, and variously coloured; it is, too, easy to rear and the birds are largely used by keepers of other varieties as "fosters," on account of their good qualities as feeders, etc. No colour-feeding, no "Order of the Bath" are required before exhibiting, and the "Guid Wife" is cheered by its music whilst engaged in her multitudinous household duties, instead of having to cover up the cage to curb "Master Dick's" ear-splitting "Chop, chop, wheat, wheat," until she is quite beside herself. The support of a number of well-known Roller men has already been promised, and as Grimsby has hitherto held its own among fanciers generally, we must march with the times by establishing, like other large centres in the provinces, a properly constituted Roller Society. I shall be glad if those interested will drop me a line, when I will arrange to call a meeting.

W. YARDLEY, Hon. Sec. pro. tem.
(Member B.R.C.C.).

170, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby.

The Late Sheringham Show.

SIR,—As I was an exhibitor at the above show, I was interested in seeing Mr. H. Watson's letter in your last issue, re payment of prize money. I received my winnings the day after the show, but in my case it was only cards, viz., two "vhc's" and one "c." What I should like to know is—Did the owner of the birds which, it is alleged, a certain official carried to the show, receive his prize money? I hope no-one will tremble at the question of

NOSEY.

A Plaint from Wigan Linnet Singers.

SIR,—I have a few words to ask as to the reason the Linnet fanciers from Leigh and Warrington cannot patronise the club from Wigan? I think it is not fair for the latter to be treated as they have been lately—the others promising to come to the matches, but never coming near. Now, how can they expect our own members to go to their matches after spending their money in prizes

A. PARKER,
Sec. Wigan Linnet Club.

A Goldfinch Problem.

SIR,—I wonder whether "Marchpane" gives his Goldfinches plenty of flowering groundsel and allows them to bathe freely? A little spray millet is a very good thing to give them now and then, as it keeps them occupied. If a good supply of thistle-heads and teasels is gathered, in a thoroughly dry state, in Autumn, they will keep almost an indefinite time, and it is a pretty sight to see these beautiful birds rifling the fluffy contents of these, their two favourite foods in a state of nature.

(Rev.) G. H. RAYNOR.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to answer "Marchpane." I see he leaves out of his mixture Niger, maw and rape seeds. These three seeds, I think, are very beneficial to cage birds. I have kept Goldfinches for the past six years and I always mix my own seeds, not forgetting the three seeds mentioned above; and I have never had the birds gorge themselves or get out of proper health. So if your correspondent would try these three seeds in his mixture I think it would make all the difference.

GOLDFINCH.

Proposed New C.B.S. for Small Heath (Birmingham) and Dis.

SIR,—As there are many in the above-named district who are anxious to form themselves into a Cage Bird Society, I shall be glad to receive names and addresses at once to add to about twelve already received. We have many novel suggestions to bring forward for increasing the interest in the keeping, breeding and exhibiting of cage birds, especially all the various kinds of British birds. The meeting place will be announced not only in CAGE BIRDS, but in two Birmingham journals (Saturday editions). Proposals for a suitable room for meetings will be welcome. Fanciers, please remember, there is only one Cage Bird Society in the City of Birmingham, so we want the Small Heath C.B.S. to be a real live go-ahead club, and it is for you to make it so. So "roll up" with the names, come out of your shells, and give me a helping hand.

JOSEPH T. SHEPPARD.

9, St. Oswalds Road,
Small Heath, Birmingham.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Guisborough Show.

SIR,—I think Mr. E. Radley likes to run to the Press to air his grievance, and cannot wait to see what the society will do, for Mr. Radley will have got his entry fee back by this. As for stating that I wrote and said he would not get it, he does not state facts. What I said was, that he would not get it from me, for he ought to know that no secretary can return entry money without the society's consent. And if he had sent his entries sooner, he would have had more time to let me know that he had not got his tickets for the cages. He even let me know that he had not got them a day after the show was over, which was no earthly good. As for cancelling any classes, if he had read the rules he would have seen that we did not do that; and as for marked catalogues, we do not have these. He did not state whether marked or not, and he got one which was not marked. Then I sent him one after, which I marked myself, as he wanted it marked. In future, when he writes to the paper, I hope he will always keep to the truth.

R. MAYS, Hon. Sec.

THE CAGE BIRD UNION AND THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

The following letters have passed between Mr. Lythgoe, secretary of the Cage Bird Union, and ourselves:—

Dear Mr. Carl,—I see in your review of the Crystal Palace schedule in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS you state "all fanciers, whether affiliated members of the C.B.U. or not, are equally eligible to exhibit." There is nothing in the schedule stating the show is under C.B.U. Licence, and Mr. Ramsden writes me that he was not responsible for the paragraph. As the Palace authorities have not, up-to-date, taken advantage of the offer to licence the show, I am, as secretary, constrained to state that the show is not open to exhibitors who are at present members of societies affiliated to the C.B.U.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

Dear Mr. Lythgoe,—I am in receipt of your two letters this morning. In the second letter referred to you have left this matter of the Crystal Palace schedule review too late. I have printed your letter with the exception of the one sentence that the show is not open to exhibitors who are at present members of societies affiliated to the C.B.U. Mr. Ramsden states in his advertisement in this week's CAGE BIRDS that "the show is open to all," and in the face of that advertisement I cannot see my way to publish your statement that his show is not open. As a matter of fact, I think you have wrongly worded your letter. What you mean to say probably is that if exhibitors who are members of societies affiliated to the C.B.U. show at the Crystal Palace Show, they are liable to suspension, or some action on your part, but you see here on Thursday morning there is no time to communicate either with you or with Ramsden, and I have simply to exercise my own judgment in the matter. I have consequently printed the whole of your letter, as I tell you, with the exception of this one sentence.

F. CARL.

Dear Mr. Carl,—I was somewhat taken aback on reading your letter to see you were leaving out the essential part of my communication re the Palace Show, and more so to read your reason. Perhaps now the Palace entries are closed, you will be good enough to publish the whole letter, together with your reply, and this explanation, so that any exhibitors who have been misled into thinking the Show as held under the C.B.U. may see you are the party responsible, and is not through any omission on my part. It will seem extraordinary to your readers that you should have to write Mr. Ramsden before you could publish a letter from me. In the little telling pars you have inserted, anent the Union, you have not always been careful to write me first as to the truth of them, or the propriety of inserting them, though the matters would have lost nothing by being held over a week, but rather might have saved injury to some of our shows. [I do not know what Mr. Lythgoe is referring to.—F.C.] It seems altogether absurd to give as an excuse, the fact of the Palace Show being advertised "open to all." Other non-union shows have used these same words, and "open to the world" in their advertisements in your paper, without having any special interpretation from you—and I have been content to leave it at that—but when you put yourself out of the way to read these words as meaning, open to all, whether members of the C.B.U. or not, I had no other course but to state the contrary, after first ascertaining that a licence was not being taken for the Show. What I think you meant to say, was, that the Show was not open to C.B.U. members, but as the secretary has not written stating this, make your entries, and if he notifies us before the entries close, that the show is not open to such members, we will leave that part out, at any rate that has been the effect. I, on my part, said exactly what I meant to say. It was not possible to send you the intimation earlier, as so late as the Monday, I heard from Mr. Ramsden, that if I would send him certain particulars, he would have the question of licence considered again, and I had to wait for his reply before posting my letter.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

Mr. Lythgoe seems to think I have acted unfairly to my readers and to the C.B.U. over this matter. It is my duty to point out to him by way of justification, that there is such a thing as legal action for damages, and had I printed without proper enquiry or consideration, even at Mr. Lythgoe's request, and over his signature, any statement that would financially damage the Palace Show, the whole responsibility would have rested upon my shoulders. Those who know Mr. Ramsden know that he is not the sort of man to suffer mis-statements or injustice without retaliation. And what time did Mr. Lythgoe give me to even consider the problem? His letter reached me second post on the Thursday morning, after all my pages had been made up and passed for press, and had I not been anxious to be fair to my readers, I would have told Mr. Lythgoe his communication had reached me too late that week. I again repeat, Mr. Lythgoe's statement that the show was not open is absolutely incorrect. The Show is open. It is the privileges of C.B.U. members that are restricted—a big distinction, and a big difference. If Mr. Lythgoe, on the eve of the show, chooses to delay his letter to me because of certain correspondence with Mr. Ramsden, what has that to do with me? He could surely have written me on the subject, and then wired later cancelling the letter if the negotiations came to nothing. But no, I hear nothing of the alleged error until after the issue has closed, and when it involved me in extra expense to print the correction. As for my alleged responsibility to exhibitors, I maintain I have printed nothing that was not perfectly accurate. I have for week after week stated that the C.P. Show was not under C.B.U. rules. According to the constitution of the C.B.U., it is not open for the C.P. Show to have a licence, therefore the only conclusion members of the C.B.U. could come to was that they were eligible to exhibit at the C.P. Show, but only at their own risk—which, considering the spasmodic and uncertain suspension of rule breakers in the past practised by the C.B.U. is reduced to a very small point. No fair-minded or sensible man could come to any other understanding of the position.

F. CARL.

White-winged and Two-barred Crossbills.

SIR,—A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still. Mr. Frostick still thinks his bird is the Two-barred Crossbill *Loxia bifasciata*. Well, let him. Since writing my notes in which I suggested that the bird in question might be the American White-winged Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera*. I have had the opportunity of examining the collection of skins of both species in the Natural History Museum, and I am thereby quite confirmed in my opinion that the bird is *leucoptera* and not *bifasciata*. In every one of the adult skins of leucoptera the three inner secondaries are very conspicuously tipped with white. The other secondaries, the primaries and the tail feathers have the slightest possible edging of buffish, and the greater and median coverts have long white tips forming two distinct bars across the wings. The length is about six inches. *L. bifasciata* is a considerably larger bird, being quite seven inches long. The three inner secondaries are *very slightly tipped* with white, the expanse of this varying in different specimens, but never being so conspicuous as in the American bird. The primaries and tail feathers are very distinctly edged with buff, and have quite a different appearance to those of Mr. Frostick's bird. The nape feathers and the scapulars in *bifasciata* have dark centres and pale edgings, giving these parts a decidedly mottled appearance, very different from the slightly marked back of the American species. Further, the colour of the latter is in the adult specimens rich crimson, while in the European bird it is rosy pink (this allowing in both cases for deterioration of colour in the dead feathers). I would just like to say that the drawings which passed as my own, and are criticised by Mr. Frostick as being very bad, were copies of mine, my own having been drawn in too light an ink and with too fine a line for reproduction in your paper. In the copy drawing of the wing of the two-barred Crossbill the distinct pale edging which I tried in the original to convey does not appear, and some of the point of the distinction is thereby lost. Also, in the copy you publish of Messrs. H. Goodchild and Norman, three distinct white tips to the tertiaries which first put me on the track of *Loxia leucoptera* are *not shown at all*. Barring the omission of these white tips, the latter drawing is a perfect representation of the wing of the *American* White-winged Crosshill as displayed by the specimens in the Natural History Museum. Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the drawings in Morris's work which are deprecated by Mr. Frostick, I can testify that that of the White-winged Crossbill truly represents the bird, as might have been expected in a picture by the daughter of one distinguished naturalist and the wife of another. I am not aware that I have said anything to justify Mr. Lewis's suggestion that I perhaps imagine that Mr. Frostick imported the bird himself. No one doubts that it was caught in England. So were the American Robin and the Black-headed Siskin shown at the recent L.C.B.A. show. Did that fact make them British birds? Anyway, would Mr. Frostick's bird be less valuable or less rare if it were provd to be the American White-winged? I think not.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES.

The New Cross (London) and District C.B.S.

SIR,—A meeting for the formation of the above-named society was held on January 19th, with a grand result, there being a fine gathering of fanciers. And some good business was done. Monthly meetings are to be held on the first Thursday of each month, at Bond's Coffee Rooms, 397, New Cross Road, New Cross, at 7.45 p.m. Subscriptions 4s. per annum. The first show will be a pair show, which, no doubt, will be held the latter week of February. The officers for 1911 are as follows:—Mr. T. H. Alwin, chairman; Mr. G. Hill, vice-chairman; Mr. T. Pope, treasuror; Messrs. Barton and Hearn, joint secretaries, and a good committee. We shall be pleased to welcome any fancier desirous of joining.

BARTON AND HEARN, Secs.

8, Warwick-street, Deptford, S.E.

The Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A.

SIR,—I am sure the keepers of Scotch Fancy Canaries will be delighted to know that friend Wright, of Greenock, and his colleagues have consented to carry on the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A. for another year. My object in writing is to stimulate breeders of Scotch Fancies to extend the membership, which might easily be done if members in cities and towns were to get an additional member. Fellow breeders, that is a reasonable aim, and I hope an effort will be made in this direction. It is to be recollected that the more members booked, the greater the prize money throughout. The meeting being so long in being held, it was feared that the show was to be given up. Breeders have the future of the Glasgow Derby in their own hands to raise or let it fall. It is one of the best shows I visit, and I should be sorry to see it wrecked by the indifference of the breeders.

A BREEDER.

Railway Arrangements for the Crystal Palace Show.

The Midland Route from Bradford.

SIR,—In connection with the cage bird show at Crystal Palace, the District Superintendent, Mr. J. A. Turner, of the Midland Railway Co., informs me that they are running a train to leave the Bradford Midland Station on Friday night, February 3rd, at 10.45 p.m., with one, three or four day bookings; also one leaving the Bradford, L. and Y., to St. Pancras, via Thornhill and Midland route, at 7.40 a.m. on Saturday, February 4th, due in London at 12.5 p.m. Reserved accommodation will be made for all those desirous of travelling by the above route if they will kindly forward their names on to me or to Mr. Turner, District Superintendent's Department, Midland Railway, Bradford, at their earliest opportunity.

H. HILL, Hon. Sec. Y.U. of C.B.S.
15, Settle Terrace,
Thornton Lane, Little Horton.

From Hebden Bridge.

SIR,—Kindly mention in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that we are making arrangements for visiting the Palace Show, and should be pleased to hear from any fanciers in this district who would like to join us.

A. PICKLES
(Hon. Sec., Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.),
P.O. Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge.

From South Wales.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in announcing, on behalf of the Swansea C.B.S., that the Great Western Railway will run a cheap day excursion train on Saturday, Feb. 4th, leaving Swansea at 2.5 a.m., arriving in London at 8.0 a.m. for the Crystal Palace Show, returning from London at midnight. Will those fanciers from South Wales who intend going up for the day kindly send me a post card at once, so that I can make arrangements for a saloon, if a sufficient number can be obtained to join with those of the Swansea and District fanciers?

S. H. GEORGE.
32, Fisher-street, Swansea.

(See also page 84.)

The Disqualified Yellowhammer at the Scottish National Show.

SIR,—Mr. Russell states in his letter of last week that the general committee of the Bath and District Fanciers Association decided in his favour. Allow me to place the facts before you. At a general committee meeting, the cage bird committee men were asked to retire while the remainder of the committee thoroughly discussed the matter. The decision arrived at was that a vote of censure be passed on Mr. Russell, but that he be paid his prize money in full owing to no rule being in the schedule or rules with reference to the faking or trimming of birds. With reference to Mr. Russell's challenge: Surely after a bird has been disqualified twice in one show season something must be wrong with it. This is my final letter on the subject.

BATH FANCIER.

SIR,—Respecting the Yellow Bunting disqualified at Bath and the Scottish National, I was pleased to see someone detected the alleged trimming of the bird's head as well as me. No doubt Mr. Russell thinks the letter in your issue of the 14th was sent by me, but it was not. I know Mr. Bull gave the bird 1st and three specials at Bath. But is it not true that after the objection Mr. Bull and twelve of the committee were fully satisfied the bird was trimmed? Mr. R. says that after his explanation the committee decided in his favour. Why? Because they never had a rule to the effect, therefore trimming was allowed. Mr. Russell was asked to allow the bird to be sent to your Mr. G. E. Weston, but refused. Why? I will ask any exhibitor if they have had a Hammer moult out a spangled head centre in August, and be clear in November. Mr. Russell says he knows how the bird damaged its head. No matter what sort of a cage it is in (or aviary), will the bird cut its feathers off straight at the tips to make a perfect centre? Why are the V markings not damaged likewise? I suppose the bird scratches his head in the centre! I can tell Mr. Russell there was no clique in the Bath Society of British Bird Fanciers. Can it be true that this bird was awarded 2nd prize in another name at a recent Welsh show? It's a marvel!

S. E. JONES.

The Cage Bird Union.

SIR,—Kindly notify in your valuable paper CAGE BIRDS that the Peterborough Cage Bird Association has resigned from the Cage Bird Union.

H. POPPLE, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—When will the executive of the C.B.U. stop doing senseless things? Is it not a curious coincidence that in one issue you announce the suspension of Mr. G. C. Ley (and others) by the C.B.U., and in the next that he, having with Mr. Rhodes, guaranteed the Crest Club against loss under his scheme for the past season, has put his hand in his pocket to the tune of £10, for which he is, with Mr. Rhodes, justly lauded by Mr. Clarke (the C.C.C. secretary). The C.B.U., therefore, tries to dishonour one whom the Crest Club, and, indeed, the whole Fancy, delight to honour. Who is the sufferer?

ONE WHO KNOWS.

The Distribution of the Nightingale.

SIR,—Perhaps I may be permitted a few words of explanation re the small sketch-map which appeared in last week's number. When the perfect bird-book comes to be written, I think it will contain a series of maps showing the distribution of each species. In other words, I think the idea is sound, and it was very good of our Editor to allow me to attempt to sketch a "Nightingale-Map." I coloured the winter area black and the summer area grey with a neutral tone of white, but I see that in the reproduction the shaded lines representing the summer area have got smudged with black (owing to the lines filling up with ink in the printing process), thus in some copies of CAGE BIRDS representing the Nightingale as inhabiting England and France during the winter, besides smudging over certain portions I had left unshaded, such as Cornwall, etc. I see clearly that such maps ought to be on a larger scale and reproduced by a different method. If I drew another such map I should tint it with two distinct colours (such as green and blue): by thinning down these colours one could show in which districts the species was scarce and in which it was plentiful. Also I think, on reflection, that the division between the winter and summer areas should not be a straight line (as I drew it), but should show the actual southern limits of the nesting area. Thus, in the case of the Nightingale, it should be somewhat semi-circular, starting from a point on the West Coast of Morocco, trending northwards towards the sea coast and sweeping more southwards as it reached Egypt.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Edinburgh and District.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in announcing that a meeting of the above was held on 21st January, when it was resolved to form a new cage bird society for Edinburgh and District with a radius of twelve miles—open to all comers within the radius. The conditions of membership are simply an entrance fee of 6d., with an annual subscription of 2s. 6d. per member, which entitles members to ten free entries at annual show (additional entries 3d. per bird), a free copy of rules, free ticket to annual show, and privilege of competing for specials. There is no booking of hens. It is anticipated there will be a large influx of members for such a nominal subscription, which undoubtedly appeals to all working men fanciers and to novices. Fanciers affiliated with any other cage bird clubs or societies are not debarred from becoming members. A further meeting is to be held on February 4th, at 7.30 p.m., in Cairns Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road (adjoining Hearts Football Park), for the purpose of electing office bearers, fixing show date, etc. The total membership to date is 15. Fanciers and friends who find it impossible to be present at meeting and are desirous of becoming members may forward their names to me, when I shall also be pleased to give any further information desired.

J. I. MACKIE, Sec., pro. tem.
Gorgie Post Office, Edinburgh.

Proposed New C.B.S. for Eastwood (Notts).

SIR,—I am desired by a large number of cage bird fanciers in the Eastwood District to announce a meeting that is being called for Saturday, February 4th, 1911, at the Three Tons Inn, Eastwood, at 7 p.m., to form a cage bird society, when all fanciers are heartily invited to attend. Will those fanciers who have promised to become members please look up other fanciers, and let us have a real good meeting?

VERY INTERESTED.

SIR,—Having been informed that there is every prospect of a cage bird society being formed in Eastwood (Notts) district, I think this absurd, seeing that the Codnor Park and Dist. C.B.S. is within three miles of Eastwood (which has good train service). The C.P. and D. has a radius of 20 miles for membership. Then there is Ilkeston within a few miles of Eastwood. Can one wonder why so many societies are in difficulties, when there are so many societies within so few miles of each other? What I suggest, and am confident would be beneficial to Eastwood and Codnor Park, is for the societies to come to terms and amalgamate together as one society (Codnor Park and Eastwood). The Codnor Park has a membership of 32, and has a prospect of six more new members next meeting night. Can Eastwood find as many? If so, and we can arrange to join each other as one society, we could boast of being one of the strongest societies in Notts or Derbyshire. I can say without fear of contradiction that the majority of the Codnor friends are willing to join in with our Eastwood friends, and make one good society, and to hold meetings and shows alternately in each district (Codnor Park and Eastwood). I have been informed of a meeting being called at Eastwood on February 4th at 7 p.m., when I hope to be there; also, I hope to take a few members of the Codnor P. and D. with me. Will the C.P. and D. members try to be there (Three Tons Inn, Eastwood), and assist me?

J. H. MITCHELL,
Hon. Sec. C.P.C.B.S.

Proposed New Linnet Club for Brandon Colliery and District.

SIR,—A meeting will be held at Mrs. Burrell's Colliery Inn, Brandon, Durham, on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 7 p.m., to form a Linnet Club for fanciers within a 15-miles radius. Will all fanciers please attend or send in their names to the secretary, who will supply them with full particulars after the meeting?

GEO. REED, Secetary.
35, Newcastle-st., Brandon Colliery, Durham.

The Late Bangor (County Down) Show.

SIR,—On opening my CAGE BIRDS, I was surprised to read the letter of "Hybrid Breeder," in which he alleges that our society has not paid over the prize money and specials won at our recent show. We paid out the prize money and specials both to members and non-members on the night of the show, and to the best of my knowledge our secretary (Mr. Pidduck) sent on the amounts due to the very few exhibitors who did not attend in person. I am treasurer of the society, and responsible for its funds, and as I am recognised as a man of probity and good standing in the locality, I cannot permit any mis-statements of this nature, as it reflects upon my personal credit. I have never heard of any claim, or even of any dispute, in regard to prize money, and I assure "Hybrid Breeder" that if he writes to me personally, or to our secretary, his case shall have immediate attention. After this warning, if he makes any further libellous statements under cover of a nom-de-plume I will consider his letter as a reflection on my personal character, and shall instruct my solicitor to apply to you for his name and address. I am afraid there must be some vindictive motive, probably due to jealousy, in his writing to you, before applying in a business-like manner to the proper quarter for the money which he alleges is due to him. Allow me to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Geddes, of Larne, for his kind and appreciative letter, both in regard to myself and our show, which appeared in your issue of the 7th inst.

D. E. ALEXANDER.

[We need hardly say that had we considered "Hybrid's" letter to be anything more than just an enquiry as to prize money due, it would have found no place in our columns. We regret that Mr. Alexandor (as treasurer of the society) should read into it a reflection upon himself—of his "probity and good standing" there can be no question. If the secretary states that all prize money has been paid and specials sent out, then there is seemingly some misunderstanding with regard to "Hybrid Breeder's" plaint.—EDITOR.]

The Mystery of Siberian Goldfinches Dying.

SIR,—I have been greatly interested in the letters in your two recent issues on the subject of "Siberian Goldfinches." Previous to the last two years I had only kept British Goldies, and rarely, if ever, lost one, so almost thought myself an expert on keeping Goldies. I'm not so proud now, as, having purchased several expensive Siberian Goldies, I have never been able to get one through the moult. I have tried no end of medicinal remedies, but they have been of no avail. Personally, I do not believe in medicines, as a rule. The only remedy I have ever found to be beneficial to an ailing Goldfinch has been a dose of Epsom salts. An experienced fancier in Scotland tells me that he was never able to moult Siberians until he used Parrish's chemical food. He gave about twelve drops in the drinking water before and during the moult. I have not tried this remedy yet, as I only received this information recently. However, I intend to try it this next season, and I pass the advice on as I received it. In my humble opinion an outdoor aviary should be the solution of the difficulty, and as I have now erected a small one, I intend trying to moult a Goldie outside, and another indoors on the above-named treatment. When Siberian Goldies go wrong at other times than during the moult, I attribute the cause to the feeding on inga seed before the birds get into the hands of the public. The inga seed being very rich causes a diseased liver, and though the symptoms do not always appear for a time, they are bound to come eventually. Now, if kept in an outdoor aviary, the birds get plenty of exercise and the liver trouble is checked, though not altogether eradicated. Consequently, soon after being caged again, after being in the aviary, the disease (or whatever it may be) asserts itself again, owing to the limited exercise in the cage. I have had only a short experience with an open ontdoor aviary, but in future I intend to moult all my wild birds outside. As there are quite a number of enthusiastic fanciers here in Walsall (members of our newly-formed society) who are keen on acquiring all the knowledge that can be gained, especially on the above subject, I hope to hear from your readers why very few house-moulted Siberians are for sale.

J. H. BARRETT

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.)
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke.) W.V.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 22, Leicester Street.)
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road).
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.).
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Nov. 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE LONDON & PROVINCIAL O.S.

It was not a large, but an extremely festive and select gathering of metropolitan fanciers that gathered together on the occasion of the L. and P.O.S. annual dinner, held at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, W.C., on Thursday, Jan. 19th last. Mr. G. Crabb filled the chair with his accustomed facility and dignity, placing the various speakers at their ease and introducing the items of entertainment with well-selected words. The repast was on the usual generous and carefully-considered scale, and all present enjoyed themselves immensely. The following list will give some idea of the company present: Mr. Crabb, Mrs. Crabb, Mr. T. Heath, Mr. H. K. Picard, Mr. W. Martin, Mr. Geo. Clatworthy, junr., Mr. Will E. Brown, Mr. O. George Webb, Miss Phyllis Rowell, Miss Alice M. Clarke, Mr. Edgar W. Law, Mr. Chas. W. Law, Mr. George Jeffrey, Mr. J. Oldaker, Mrs. Oldaker, Mrs. Law, Mr. V. H. Todman, Mr. George Clatworthy, Mr. W. Shearer, Mr. Geo. Gardner, Mr. H. Goodchild, Mr. T. Miller, Mr. Hazell, Mr. L. J. Richardson, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Mortlock, Mrs. Mortlock, Mr. Robson, Mrs. Robson, Mr. T. R. Trower, Mr. John E. Clark, Mr. W. Gilbert, Mr. Geo. Thurling, Mr. R. J. Pretty, Mr. F. S. Matthes, Mr. C. T. Maxwell, Mr. G. H. Conzens, and Mr. F. Carl.

Having done justice to the good things provided and drunk the loyal toast with musical honours, the guests were treated to a rare exposition on the pianoforte by Mr. Jeffrey, and an interesting address from Mr. Crabb, who, in proposing the toast "Success to the L. and P.O.S.," dwelt on the interesting events of the past year, and made an appeal to members to support with all their powers the forthcoming Palace Show. He referred feelingly to the regrettable but unavoidable absence of Messrs. Ramsden and Dobson, and hoped both gentlemen would soon be restored to their regular state of health. The L. and P.O.S. had not had a very exciting year, but had pursued the even tenour of their way with their usual energy and spirit. Mr. Tringham had given place to Mr. Law in the position of secretary, and he hoped each present member would endeavour to aid the efforts of that gentleman by "catching a pal," and making him join the flock. They had had the misfortune to lose their president, Lord Decies, through untimely death. Touching on the subject that he confessed was a favourite of his, he asked for specimens of prize birds to be sent him after demise, with the object of being included in the L. and P.O.S. collection of stuffed birds. Mr. Crabb further referred to the very satisfactory balance of £10 6s. 2d. to the credit of the Society, and expressed complete gratification at the maintenance by the L. and P.O.S. of a thoroughly creditable financial position, free from debts and anxieties.—Mr. Mortlock, responding to the toast, paid a tribute to Mr. Crabb and the other officials for the work they had accomplished.—Mr. Carl proposed the toast of "The Ladies," and Mr. Conzens made a bright and felicitous reply.—Mr. Oldaker gave the toast of "The Visitors," and Mr. Anderson responded. The musical part of the evening was very agreeably carried out by Mr. Geo. Jeffrey, Messrs. Brown, Martin, Clatworthy, West and Hart. Messrs. Rowell and Clarke. Altogether the L. and P.O.S. may be cordially complimented upon the unqualified success of its latest dinner, and Mr. Law is entitled to our congratulations for the masterly way in which he controlled the arrangements of a most enjoyable social function.

Kindly thank the many readers of "CAGE BIRDS" who answered my advert. for Rollers. I could only reply to those who sent a stamp, as I had replies from all parts of England, also from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Wish "CAGE BIRDS" every success.—R. SWIFT (Leeds).

I wish to thank all fanciers who replied to my advert. in "CAGE BIRDS," as I had over 40 applicants for Finches too numerous for me to answer individually. J. L. THORNTON (Halifax).

Notes from Erin.

SLIGO Show proved one of the greatest successes of the season. Messrs. Mulligan and Tighe are to be heartily congratulated upon their great achievement, and on the manner in which they worked the fixture.

DERRY Show, by all appearance, has come to stay. Although the classification was not encouraging, the show was well supported by the prominent fanciers. It is to be hoped that next season the classes will be well increased, and that they will hold their show under the patronage of the specialists clubs. This season, too, their show dates were but badly advertised, and many would-be supporters knew nothing whatever about a show being held, they not even receiving a schedule. Now, it stands to reason that a show must be advertised and brought before the public generally if it is to be a success.

MRS. TAYLOR is to be congratulated on her success at this show. With fourteen birds out she secured three 1sts, four 2nds, three 3rds, three v.h.c., one c. and four specials. It will be seen that every bird was honoured with a card. Surely this is a record of which any of us would be proud, and as this is practically Mrs. Taylor's first season at open shows, she must feel pleased with her achievement. This should be a great encouragement to novices generally. CLOSED RING.

In the Courts.

Parrot Performs Before the Bench.

An amusing case was heard at Suffolk Assizes on January 20th, when Mrs. Garrod, of Western Road, Brighton, sued William Saunders, a bird fancier, of Ipswich, for the recovery of a Parrot, a grey African bird, said to be valuable. Mrs. Garrod declared that when selling her house in Soane Street, Ipswich, she took the Parrot in lieu of an extra £25 she wanted. The Parrot was to be kept by defendant for 2s. a week, but he gave it up to a Mrs. Bird, a greengrocer, who claimed it after seeing it in the shop of the defendant. It was claimed that the bird could whistle, could imitate fowls and ducks, and call "Rats."

Mr. Elliston (counsel for the defendant) said the bird used to say: "Poor Joe Pardon, this 's enough to make anybody swear."(Laughter.)

Mrs. Bird said the Parrot could whistle "Jack and Jill went up the hill.' She saw the bird first after losing it in defendant's shop, and after going to the police station with Mr. Saunders, she fetched it home. On reaching some it said: "It's enough to make anybody swear." (Laughter.)

The Parrot was brought into court, and Mrs. Bird got it to perform tricks. The jury came to the conclusion that the bird belonged to Mrs. Bird, and judgment was entered for defendant. —"Daily News."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*Following An Example.

A man liviug here has a Parrot, which one cold day last month was watching some little girls giving some crumbs to some Sparrows in a bush. The Parrot went and got some crumbs also. He flew out of the window and went to the bush where the girls were, and put some soaked bread by it for the birds, and then flew away. He did this for several days afterwards. —Sent by David T. Dyer (age 14), Mountain Hare, Pencoed.

**Lost and Found.

My father and a companion kept some money in a hole near a rabbit-hutch. One day, in going to get 6d., to their dismay they found all the money gone. Each blamed his sisters for hiding it, which they denied. A year afterwards a high fence was blown down, when all the money lost was found and had been lying along the top rail. It had been carried there by a Magpie which belonged to my father.—Duncan McTellan (age 8), Angrey, Barrhead Road, Pollokshaws.

*My Little Friends.

Not very long ago, when the snow was on the ground, three little Sparrows came hopping up to our door to find something to eat, but they flew away disappointed. When I saw they were gone, I got a piece of bread, and crumbled it on the ground. Then I watched through the keyhole of the door. The little Sparrows soon came again, and with them a Robin and a Wagtail, and they ate their meal very heartily. This I did every morning, and soon the five birds became my little friends.—Sent by Doris Whiting, Brockford, nr. Stowmarket, Suffolk.

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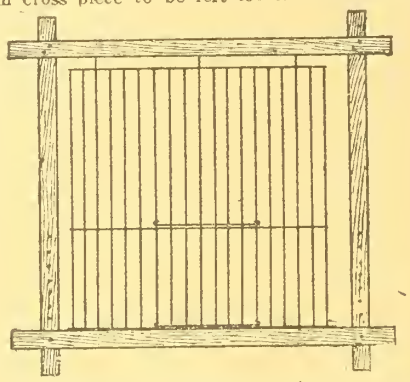
Illustrated Ideas

No. 478.

Useful Enamelling Frame.

Sent by Mr. T. Burns, 30, Hammond Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Here is a sketch of a frame which readers will find very useful when enamelling loose wire fronts any size, particularly show-cage fronts. It only requires four pieces of wood—two pieces 24 inches long, and two pieces 18 inches long. The top cross piece is to be nailed on; the bottom cross piece to be left loose. Then take a



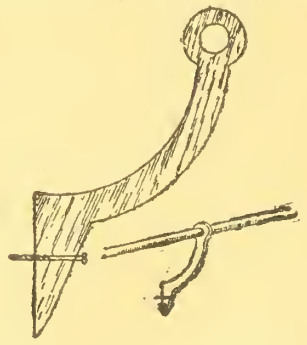
bradawl and bore a hole at each corner, and four others about an inch apart, using a nail or wood peg dropped in any hole as required. Bore four holes ¼ deep in top cross bar, and four holes in the bottom cross bar ¼ inch deep, for holding loose fronts in position while enamelling. This frame can be moved with ease to get the light upon it in any position.—T. Burns.

No. 479.

An Aviary Flight Perch.

Sent by J. Lowe, 25, Watkin Street, Swansea.

I send you a drawing of an ideal perch for a flight in an aviary. It can be easily cut out by anyone who can use a fret saw. Any wood can be used to cut these perches. They look splen-



did in a flight, and do not take up much room. I have already fitted up an aviary with them belonging to a friend of mine. Two birds, I may add can rest on one perch. The bracket I cut out of 3-8 in. wood, and I affix it by means of a screw, as shown in sketch. The perches are 5 inches long, and can be taken out easily for cleaning purposes.—J. Lowe.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Results of the Season's Competitions.

Skelmanthorpe show, held Jan. 21st, brought all the Union competitions to a close, and the following is a complete list of winners, along with the number of points obtained in the respective competitions. If anyone should find their points totalled up wrong, or any mistake whatever in the results, will they please communicate with me at once, when same will be rectified? W. H. Shackleton trophy: 1, J. Bailey, 299 points; 2, Ogden Bros., 269; 3, H. H. Towers, 247; 4, J. Thomas, 210. H. W. Naylor cup: 1, J. Bailey, 256 points; 2, H. H. Towers, 204; and 3, Ogden Bros., 193. CAGE BIRDS prizes for professionals: 20/-, 1, Ogden Bros., 589 points; 12/6, 2, J. Bailey, 582; and 7/6, 3, H. H. Towers, 406. CAGE BIRDS prizes for amateurs: 20/-, 1, J. Thomas, 342 points; 17/6, 2, L. C. Casey, 59; and 15/-, 3, H. Smith, 48. J. W. Ramsden's prizes (champions): 1, J. Bailey, 299 points; and 2, Ogden Bros., 269. J. W. Ramsden's prizes (novices): 1, C. Morrison, 235 points; and 2, J. A. Whitwham, 147. Novice Gold Medal Competition (Yorkshire Section): 1, C. Morrison, 279 points; 2, S. S. Rigg, 153; 3, J. A. Whitwham, 147; 4, C. E. Walker, 132; 5, W. Kershaw, 131; 6, H. E. Hawden, 128; 7, Brown and Son, 123; 8, A. M. Craven, 122; 9, A. Radley, 105; 10, Burdekin Bros., 102; 11, P. Imeson, 926 12, H. Bryant, 88. Runners up: F. Packer 63, H. Simonett 61 points. NOR. Section: 1, S. Heap, 191 points; 2, F. J. Sykes, 175; 3, J. Jackson, 120; and 4, G. R. Pawson, 46; Runner up: H. Simonett, 45 points. CAGE BIRDS cash prizes—Professional: J. Bailey, L. Dykes, T. H. Inman, Ogden Bros., W. H. Shackleton, H. H. Towers, and Thornton and Bower, 10/- each; Sutcliffe and Son, 9/-; M. Peel, 8/-; H. Charlesworth, A. Cooper, L. Dyson, H. Hill, J. Wilson, and H. W. Walsh, 6/- each; W. Cruise, Edmondson and Son, Greenwood and Pickles, J. Helliwell, A. Jowett, and J. Robertshaw, 3/- each. Amateur Section: L. C. Casey, J. Horsfield, C. E. Hall, J. Lane, H. Smith, J. Thomas, F. Townsend, and Wharton Bros., 10/- each; F. Archer, W. Laycock, E. Shepherd, J. Smith, T. W. Turton, and A. Wright and Son, 6/- each; J. H. Ackroyd and F. Hammond, 4/- each; T. Ellsegood and F. Taylor 2/- each. All the above will be presented at the annual prize distribution at Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, March 11, in conjunction with the annual dinner. Price for dinner, 1/6 each; time, 4 o'c.; time for social evening, 6 o'c. Will all desirous of attending annual dinner kindly give in their names as soon as possible, either to myself or any members of the prize distributiou committee? Don't forget to make this the record gathering.—H. Hill, Secretary.

The Crystal Palace Show.

Full Particulars of the Entry and Some of the Special Attractions.

A total of exactly 2,600 entries has been obtained for the Crystal Palace show, to be held on February 3, 4, 6 and 7 next. On Tuesday evening last CAGE BIRDS' representative was again, by the courtesy of Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the popular show manager, granted an interview, and given an opportunity of seeing how this year's entry compares with previous totals. And a striking comparison it proved, for our representative found that only on two occasions —in 1901 (the first year of Mr. Ramsden's management), when the entry was 2,633, and in 1909 (the "Jubilee year") when it reached the maximum of 2,832—has this year's total of 2,600 been beaten. We are asked to state that this magnificent result has been achieved in the face of opposition from more than one quarter.

The total number of exhibitors is 702, which includes a large percentage of new and "one bird" exhibitors. Entries have been made from as far away as Fort William, Peebles, Banff, Inverness and Belgium.

The entry has its disappointing features as well as its pleasing ones. The Scotch Fancies and Belgians, and the class for Magpies, Jackdaws, Jays and Choughs, on account of the paucity of the entries, are cancelled. Norwich Greens are somewhat poor in number, as also are the foreign birds, the latter owing, we were given to understand, to the fear on the part of English exhibitors of a possible "Continental invasion." These disappointments apart, there is nothing but of gratifying moment to record.

We give below the entries in the Canary classes:

The Canary Classes.

Norwich Plainheads (Champ.)	183
Ditto Ditto (Novice)	98
Crests, Etc. (Champion)	101
Ditto (Novice)	17
Yorkshires (Champion)	298
Ditto (Novice)	169
Yorkshire Greens	54
Norwich ditto	26
Cinnamons	29
Lancashires	22
Lizards	25
Border Fancies	193
Frills	14
A.O.V. Can. (Champ.)	10
Ditto (Novice)	12
Limit Classes (Canaries)	199

There is a magnificent increase as compared with last year's total in the champion Norwich section, although there is a slight decrease in the novice section. The champion Crest classes were cancelled at last year's show, the entries being so poor; but this year the entry here is no fewer than 101. The number of novice exhibits in this section remains the same. The Crests, taken all over, are, Mr. Ramsden said, the finest lot the Palace has seen for some years. Border Fancies last year were good in number, but this year they are better still, being 36 ahead. Yorkshire, too, show a gratifying increase in the number of entries. In the champion section the total is 298 in the 16 classes provided; and in the novice section there is a total of 169. The champions are 78 more than last year, and the novices 54.

The Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

The Mules and Hybrids this year number 151 in the champion section, and no fewer than 48 in the novice classes (scheduled this year for the first time), making a total of 199. A noticeable feature of the novice Mule section will be the astonishing number of Hybrids, including specimens of the latest crosses.

In the champion British bird section (with the one class cancelled as stated above) the entry is excellent. Mr. J. F. Dewar's four classes (Bullfinch cock, ditto hen, Goldfinch and Linnet) have drawn an entry of 119; Mr. Allen Silver's nine classes (the remainder of the hardbills), 175; and Mr. W. Swaysland's ten classes (the remainder of the British birds), 121. The British Limit class "pulls" a total of 14. The novices have come up well in the British bird section, the six classes (judge, Mr. H. Norman) drawing no fewer than 88 birds.

The foreign birds total 102, and include a number of very rare and interesting specimens.

The extra stock class musters 321 birds, and the one cage class provided, 11 exhibits.

Some Attractions.

The chief attraction at this year's show, at least so far as the general public is concerned, will undoubtedly be a "talking Canary," a genuine specimen of which will be on view in the A.O.V. Canary (champion) class. This bird is for sale at £20, which sum Mr. Ramsden thinks will soon be forthcoming. The bird, we were informed, talks like a Parrot. Among other phrases which it says distinctly are "Dear boy,' "Joey, you're a dear," "Kiss your missus, pretty boy."

Another conspicuous feature of the show will be the large number of rare-feathered birds, these including a pied Sparrow, a pied Linnet, a pied Thrush, a white Goldfinch, a white Bullfinch, a white Redpoll, a black Hawfinch, and a black Bullfinch. Three white Canaries have been entered for the A.O.V. class.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of 11, Josephine Ave, Brixton, S.W., again has the sole management of the show. Letters intended for him should be addressed direct to the Crystal Palace during the Show. All exhibits, it should be noted, *must* be at the Crystal Palace on Thursday, February 2nd; if they are not, they will have to be marked "too late for competition."

We are asked by Mr. Ramsden to state that he has received a form from Bournemouth entering three Mules in the novice section; but no name and address are enclosed. He will be glad if the exhibitor will communicate with him.

When our representative called on Mr. Ramsden, he found him busily at work on the catalogue, getting it ready to send off to the printers. He was receiving quite invaluable assistance from Mrs. Ramsden, whose keen interest in the successful and able management of the show is second only to her husband's. Mr. George Ramsden, too (a son of the genial J. W. R.), helps his father a great deal—a silent but certain worker.

The annual judges' lunch (tickets for which are obtainable from Mr. Ramsden at 2s. 6d. each) will take place in the Grill Room of the Palace (covers at 1.45 p.m.) on February 3rd, when Mr. Geo. Crabb will preside.

Club Meetings.

Clubs wishing to hold meetings during the show should make early application to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, who has the letting of the boardroom, and other convenient rooms, for this purpose. But no more rooms are at liberty for the Saturday. The Crest Club meeting is on Saturday, at 3 (room, see CAGE BIRDS stall) and the National British Bird and Mule Club at 6.30, in the Board Room. The Cage Bird Union meeting will be held at 3.30. The Southern Norwich P.C. meeting at 3.0 in the Press Room.

Results of the Judging.

TELEGRAMS or other communications asking for results of the judging cannot be answered by the show authorities. Under these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result in any class upon compliance with the following rules:

1. Fully stamped and addressed postcards or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than Thurs., February 2nd.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for the awards. For instance:—"Jones, 100, Market Street, Leicester.—Class 30, 259 ———, 31, 263 ———, 57, 406 ———," etc.

3. All the applicants for results at the Palace must write RESULT on top left-hand corner of the envelope in which the postcard or telegraph form is sent to us.

NOTE.—We cannot undertake to deal with any results other than by postcard or telegram.

Excursions from the Country.

Mr. Ramsden has made arrangements with the various railway companies for the running of excursion trains to the Crystal Palace, a summary of which will be found below.

London and North-Western Railway: On February 2nd, three-day trips from Birmingham and district; two, three or five-days from Manchester, Hinckley, Narboro', Buckingham and districts; two and three days from Northampton; and three days from Weedon. On Feb. 4th, half and three-day trips from Birmingham and district; one, three, four and eight days from Shrewsbury, Newport, Wellington, Birkenhead, Chester, Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, Crewe, etc.; one, two or three days, Rugby, Coventry, etc.; three, four, or eight days, Cambrian line, Holyhead and North Wales stations, etc.; half and one day, Betchley, Watford, etc.; half, one, two and three days, Coventry; half, one, three and five days, Narboro', etc.; and half, two and three days, Northampton. On February 2nd and 4th half-day (with three-day bookings) from Dudley, Smethwick, etc., Leamington, Warwick, etc.

Midland Railway: On February 2nd, one-day trips from Kettering, Wellingborough and districts, Liverpool, Warrington, Manchester, Stockport, etc.; half-day from Northampton, Ampthill, Hitchin, etc., Wellingborough, Kettering, etc.; one day (with two, three or five days from Manchester, Hinckley, Bolton, Manchester, etc.; and two, three or five days from Ilkeston and district. On February 3rd, one, three and four-day trips from Skipton, Bradford, Leeds, etc. On February 4th, half, one, two and three-day trips from Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Loughboro', etc.; one day, Olney and district; half-day, Luton, Bedford, etc.; half, two, three and four days, Northampton; half-day Olney, etc.; half and one day, St. Albans, Luton, etc.; one, three and four days, Manchester, Chester, Stockport, Otley, etc., Liverpool, Warrington, etc., Barnsley, Sheffield, Chesterfield, etc.

Great Central Railway: On Feb. 4th, one, three or four days from Chester, Chesterfield, Hull, and Lancashire districts, Liverpool, Manchester, Mid-Cheshire, Sheffield, and West Riding districts, Wrexham and York districts.

London and South-Western Railway: On February 2nd, one-day trip from Egham, Staines, Putney, etc., Basingstoke, Fleet, etc. On February 4th, half and one-day trips from Reading, Windsor, etc.

Great Northern Railway: On Feb. 4th, one, three or four-day trips from Hull, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, York, etc.; three or four days, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, etc.; one, two, three or five days from Doncaster, Gainsboro', Lincoln, Norfolk district, Spalding, etc.; and half and one day from Cambridge.

Great Western Railway: On Feb. 2nd, half and three-day trips from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, etc.; one, two three and five days, Liverpool, Manchester, Wrexham, Shrewsbury, etc. On Feb. 4th, one, three and five day trips from Swansea, Cardiff, etc.; half and three days, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, etc.; half and one day, Reading, Windsor, etc.; half, three and five days, Weston-super-Mare, Bristol, etc.; and one, three, four, etc., days, Liverpool, Manchester, Shrewsbury, etc.

Great Eastern Railway: On Feb. 2 and 4, half or one day trip from Cambridge. On Feb. 4, one or three day trips from Harleston, Earsham, and districts; one, two, three, or five days from Stow, Littleport, Aldeburgh, Framlingham, Melton, March, Wimblington, St. Ives, etc., Wymondham, Thetford, Brandon, Belton, Aldeby, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Norwich (Thorpe), Saxmundham, etc., Swainsthorpe, Diss, Stowmarket, etc., Kings Lynn, Wisbech, Wells, Fakenham, Dereham, Ely, Cromer, Sheringham, Mundesley-on-Sea, North Walsham, Aylsham, etc.; one day from Clacton-on-Sea, Hythe, etc.

THE SHOWS.

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GLASGOW.

Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A. Show, held Jan. 20 and 21 This society has been recently formed to still further popularise bird culture, and to extend the good work already being done by other Glasgow societies. A capital set of office-bearers have been appointed, viz., President, R. B. Jarvie; vice-presidents, W. Hutchison and R. Jeffrey: committee, A. K. Chalmers, H. Jamieson, S. F. Wood, A. Roulstone, W. Paling, R. Thompson, D. Graham, T. Godber, T. Forrest, G. Skinner, A. Sloan, A. Maxwell, F. Taylor, R. B. Gibb, H. Appleyard, C. Martin, J. Lawrie, J. Brown, J. Yates, and J. Kidd; auditors, A. Macfarlane and C. B. Whitelaw; treas. and assist. sec., R. Heggie; secretary, F. Bowman. These gentlemen managed the show in a thorough Scotch business manner. The Drill Hall, Taylor Street, the venue of the show, is a very spacious building, with abundance of top light, and is capable of holding 3,000 exhibits if required. The staging was in tiers round the hall and down the centre in two rows. These were nicely decorated, and the show presented a very pleasing appearance. The different sections were made up of Norwich, Crests, Borders, Yorkshires, Hybrids, British, and Foreign birds. A fine all-round entry of over 800 birds was obtained, which seemed to be only a fair entry, according to some of the officials, but the writer thinks it a very fine entry for a first attempt, and one which gives every encouragement for another year. Norwich were a very fine lot indeed, both in quality and quantity. Crests were not very great, but a few nice ones were on view. Borders were very good in quality, but not so numerous as the Norwich, or as they were expected up here; still there was a good average quantity on view. Hybrids were very good all through, and several noted cracks were present, taking leading honours. Messrs. Duncan and Logan's clear yellow Linnet-Canary coming back again to premier honours after his recent Bathgate disqualification as a Canary. It is a grand bird. A protest was lodged against a couple of birds in this section, but they stood the ordinary spirit test without yielding up any stain. Britishers were quite the main feature of the show, and there was a capital all-round display of high-class exhibits. Mr. McQuiston's Chough is about the finest ever benched, and it had quite a field day, capturing first in its class and no less than three valuable specials besides. The classes for British field-moulted birds and the hen classes were grand, and the Linnets and hen Bullfinches were real eye-openers. What a country Scotland is for special prizes! Here we find handsome challenge shield, cups, goblets, bowls, medals, all kinds of food stuffs, show cages, cash specials, and even a whole sheep, and others too numerous to mention. They ran into hundreds, and these besides five money prizes per class are indeed something to go for. The excellent band of stewards did their work well, and all judging was got through in fine time. A capital lunch was served up at noon, and later an excellent dinner was done full justice to by the workers and officials. Judges: Norwich and Crests, Mr. Allan Chalmers; Borders, Mr. A. Walker; Yorkshires, Mr. J. B. Paterson; Hybrids, British, and Foreign, Messrs. J. F. Dewar and Charles Houlton, alternate classes right through. On the whole, the decisions were well received. We think this open show, just at this time in January, has come to stay for Glasgow, as it does not clash seriously with any other. The show was under the patronage of the Scottish Plainbead Club, the Scottish British Bird and M.C., the Border Fancy Club, and the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland. Yorkshires were indeed a splendid lot all through, although confined to residents in Scotland, and it is quite certain their owners need not fear English exhibitors sending their best if the classes were opened to the kingdom, as they ought to be. Borders were a some what poor entry for Glasgow. Messrs. Patterson won the B.F.C. medal, but as they have already secured their allotted numbers the next was Mr. Lambie's grand young yell. green, and the win was very popular.

The Canary Section.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (16): 1, Gardiner, good one all round, nice shape, level in col., fine substance and wing carriage; 2, Mitchel, inclined to be a shade slim and long in appearance, nice bird; 3, Martin, stronger in body than 2nd, but good feather and quality; 4, Hutchison, good one for type, lovely shape, unfortunately rather badly broken in col.; 5, sp, Graham; vhc, McLeod; hc, Adamson; c, Smart. BUFF (15): 1, sp for best Nor, sp, Grewar, slightly ticked wing, taken all over a real good one, grand headed, free from roughness, and extra good wing carriage, grand size and weight, lovely feathered; 2, Millar, fine stamp, good, bold front, well drawn, nicely rounded and tapered; 3, sp, Wilson, grand substance, real good one, fine head, extra good wings, not quite so well drawn; 4, Gardiner, little soft in feather, but lovely body and splendidly made; 5, Stewart, grand feathered one; vhc, Bishop; hc, Marwell; c, Finnie. VARIEG., ETC. (19): 1, 3, Bishop, well finished, lovely quality buff, good front, nicely got up, 3rd fine bodied yell., nice weight, well finished; 2, Graham, yell., strongly built, good head and wing carriage, nicely drawn; 4, vhc, Smeaton, 4th very nice yell., grand shape; 5, Calderwood, good heavy variey., grand feather. A1 finish, well staged; hc, Howe; c, Herd. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Watson, very light, tight feathered cl., at first looks almost like a rich buff, short and close in feather, A1 shape, good front, nicely cut; 2, Howe ("British Queen"), strong-made, full chested, grandly tapered, nice wing carriage; 3, Jeffrey, slimmer got up, good quality, of nice size, grandly moulded; 4, Gardiner, good headed, well drawn, fails only in size to winners, all there for quality and finish; 5, Hutchison, strongly-made, very neat, finely balanced; vhc, Maxwell; hc, Taylor; c, Roulstone. BUFF (10): 1, Hampton, good size, plenty of substance, combined with A1 shape, nice head and front, well drawn, grand quality throughout; 2, Cairns, chubby made, lovely rounded, rare head and front; 3, sp, Smeaton, inclined to be a wee shade narrow in front, but lovely feather, grand finish and up in size; 4, McLeod, sweet head, good wing carriage; 5, sp, Mitchell, strong made, grand order; vhc, Millar; hc, c, Graham. VARIEG. (19): 1, sp, Brown, yell. grizzle on tail, grand stamp, full on chest well cut, good wing carriage, very neat head, well shown; 2, Patterson, yell., hot fed, shade slim in build, good head, fine style, in lovely bloom; 3, Mitchell, nice buff, plenty of substance; 4, vhc, Watson, yell., very nice stamp, good front and wing carriage; 5, Roberts, buff, wee shade soft when we were taking notes, good stamp; vhc, grand feathered bird; hc, Calderwood; c, Hampton. NON-FED CK. (17): 1, sp, Bishop, romping fine buff variey., in full bloom, nice size, grand substance, rare head and wing carriage; 2, Grewar, good green, lovely headed, full in front, fine, level wing carriage, very neatly drawn; 3, Morrison, green, shade slimmer, extra good head and wing carriage; 4, Harris, good, strong-made yell., full in front, very nicely drawn; 5, Johnson, buff variey., plenty of size, good quality feather; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hoyle; c, Thomson. HEN (2): 1, sp, Calderwood, sweet varieg. yell., not a large one, but a model for shape, grand front, extra good in finish; 2, Sinclair, very neat buff, nicely furnished, good head, well drawn, lovely head and wing carriage, grand substance; 3, Liddell, cl. yell., nice substance, good shape, fine, full head, but beaten in finish; 4, Edward, buff, grandly rounded, free from roughness; 5, Mitchell, very nice yell., fine stamp, grand quality feather; vhc, Forrest; hc, Grewar; c, Gardiner. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (21): 1, Gardiner, hot one, lovely finished, grand front, well rounded, tapered to perfection, sweet wing carriage, full and free in head; 2, Morrison, grand col., level, and lustrous in tone, fine shape; 3, Braidwood, strong made, grand stamp, very weighty throughout for a yell, nicely drawn, shown in rare bloom; 4, Jeffrey, shade on small side, good stamp; 5, McLeod, nice variey., well up in size, in grand bloom; vhc, Simpson; hc, Brown; c, Kelly. BUFF (27): 1, sp, Barron, large variey., in full bloom, rare head, front, lovely wing carriage, very short in feather, free from roughness; 2, Martin, grand stamp, lovely feather, good in wing carriage and head, shown to perfection; 3, Gardiner, strong mould, in full bloom; 4, Grewar, again full of substance, plenty of style; 5, McCribben, variey., nice size and shape; vhc, Simpson; hc, Edward; c, Leask. UNFLIG. YELL HEN (20): 1, Martin, good one, nice size and substance, grand shape, full and well drawn, A1 wing carriage, very neat, well put down; 2, Adamson, close up, grand head, full in front, nicely drawn, sweet exhibit, well put down; 3, sp, Smart, shade stronger, and plainer in appearance, fine quality feather, very neatly finished; 4, Grewar, plenty of size and substance, good head and wings; 5, Harris, variey., very nice stamp; vhc, Smeaton; hc, Maxwell; c, Leask. BUFF (20): 1, 2 sps, 4, Graham, good cl., well moulded, sweet head and front, nicely drawn, fine wing carriage, staged in grand order, 4th well feathered, nice size, lovely front, and wing carriage; 2, Mitchell, strong made, well drawn, nice quality feather; 3, Morrison, good feathered, nice front and taper, teaming with quality; 5, Cairns, small, but good, well drawn; vhc, Harper; hc, Malcolm; c, Maxwell. NOVICE CK. (14): 1, Wilson, large cl. buff, in romping fine order, grand head and front and taper, in lovely order, well put down; 2, Houston, variey. buff., not quite so round as winner, nicely moulded, well cut below, lovely feather; 3, Stewart, cl. buff, good size, nicely furnished, fine feather; 4, Forster, variey., inclined to be a wee shade on slim side, but well finished; 5, Lothian, good grizzle, cap., rare size and substance; vhc, Godber; hc, Adam; c, Boag. HEN (9): 1, Wilson, nice, neat, yell. foul, grand size, lovely quality feather, hold, good head, full chest, nicely rounded; 2, Powell, real good buff, fine shape, extra good quality feather; 3, sp, Thomson, warm fed buff, good quality and finish, good headed bird; 4, Gallacher, variey. buff, nice size and substance; 5, Adam, good, all round buff, nice size and substance; vhc, Godber; hc, Moffat; c, Forster. MATCHED PAIRS, SELL., 30/- (6): 1, Martin; 2, Stewart; 3, 4, sp, Donaghy; 5, Graham; vhc, Watson. 15/- (26): 1, Smith; 2, Adam; 3, McLeod; 4, Finnie; 5, Skinner; vhc, Johnstone; hc, Kelly; c, Maxwell. CREST. CK. (6): 1, 5, McLay, leader grizzle, in full bloom, fine head, plenty of feather, well centred, and laid on, good side and frontal, 5th shade small, but very neat; 2, Summerhill, neat size of crest, lengthy and well down on front; 3, 4, Adamson, 3rd neat, nicely centred, well down at side and front, 4th smaller headgear, but well laid on, in full bloom; vhc, McLean. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2, 5, McLay, leader good all round, fine toppiece, well laid on, nice frontal and side, leafy and long in feather, 2nd dense side, good centre, fails in frontal only to winner; 3, Summerhill, beaten in size by winners, good bird; 4, Cram, very neat, well laid on, fails length of feather only. C.B. CK. (7): 1, Noble, good one, lovely head, grand entrance, well lashed, bold head, plenty of feather, rare size, in grand trim; 2, McLaughlan, variey., fails a wee little in frontal, entrance, but nicely lashed, good length of feather; 3, vhc, McLay, well lashed, dense feather; 4, Thomson, good size and shape; 5, vhc, Summerhill, good back skull. HEN (8): 1, sp, 2, Sanderson, good one for feather, well lashed, and plenty of it, nice back skull, good width of entrance for a lady, 2nd cushion-headed, fine skull, well up in feather, good pair; 3, sp, McLean, fine head, but a little narrow at entrance, nicely lashed; hc, Adamson. BORD. CL.,, ETC., YELL. CK. (17): head, but nicely lashed, again in fine order; vhc, Cram. SELL. (7): 1, McPherson; 2, Noble; 3, Brown; 4, McDonald; 5, sp, McLay; vhc, Anderson; hc, Adamson. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Patterson, wins in full bloom, grand body, finely rounded and drawn, rare head and wing carriage; 2, Lauric, shade high on leg, but good head and wing carriage; 3, sp, Clark, grand quality feather, well staged; 4, Easter, good stamp, fine style and shape; 5, Blair, good, all round, fine head and wing carriage; vhc, Smillie; hc, Allan. BUFF (9): 1, Henderson, grand head and front, A1 wing carriage, shown in fine order; 2, Gilchrist, beauty for feather, tight as wax, lovely wing carriage, well tapered, fails just a little in neck to winner; 3, Briggs, good quality feather, neat head and wings, inclined to be a trifle plain looking; 4, Duncan and Logan, grand quality feather, nicely drawn, fine wing carriage, nice style; 5, Steel, neat shape and feather; vhc, Blair; hc, Patterson; c, Clarke. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (13): 1, Duncan and Logan, foul, head mark, real good one, lovely size and shape, grand quality, shade soft when we were taking notes; 2, Clarke, nicely drawn, good front and head, well balanced wings; 3, Allan, nice wing tick, well rounded, good in head, just lacks style of winner; 4, Kerr, good stamp, fine style, and good back and wings, fails head and wing carriage, grandly moulded, drawn in head a little; 5, sp, Blair, fine feather and finish; vhc, Skinner; hc, Patterson; c, Harper. BUFF (7): 1, Patterson, beauty, genuine Border, lovely head and wing carriage, grandly moulded, shown to perfection, sweet exhibit, one of the best Borders in show; 2, 3, Allan, 2nd shade narrow in front, but grand quality, good head, well drawn, 3rd good shape, lovely head, in grand order; 4, Kerr, nicely drawn, good wing carriage; 5, Thomson, good quality feather, in fine bloom; vhc, Mackay; hc, Clark. EVEN, ETC. (7): 1, sp, Jeffrey and Stevenson, good 3-pointed yellow, in full bloom, grand shape, extra nice head, well moulded, staged to win; 2, Clark, inclined to be a shade narrow in front, but nicely drawn, grand back and wing carriage; 3, Wilson, clnn. tick, good head and back; 4, McVittie, neat, grand size, good head; 5, Patterson, good quality feather, grand head; vhc, Simpson; hc, King. BUFF (10): 1, Jeffrey and Stevenson, nicely feathered, good style and finish; 2, Hamilton, good one, fine weight, a gem for feather and finish, extra good head and wing carriage, well staged; 3, Duncan and Logan, good fronted, well drawn, fine head, nicely rounded, shown in rare trim; 4, Thomson, nice size and shape, good head; 5, spl. Hanston, inclined to be a wee shade slim; vhc, Laurie; hc, Smillie; c, Cunningham. GREEN, ETC., YELL. (14): 1, B.F.C. medal, Lambie, first-rate yell. Green, finely pencilled, grand depth of col., rare type, well shown, grand head and wing carriage; 2, Hamilton, sweet cinn., grand depth of col., rare shape, in full bloom; 3, Kerr, Green, good stamp, darker in tone than winner, lovely quality feather; 4, etc., Wilson, good yell. cinn., good one; 5, Gentleman, fine Green, nicely pencilled, good depth of colour, in grand order; vhc, Jackson; hc, Thomson; c, Wilson. BUFF (12): 1, Wilson, very neat buff, grand type, rare shade of col., well laced, extra good quality feather; 2, Hamilton, grand Green, lovely type, deep and solid in col., rare bloom, grand one from the old school: 3, Gentleman, sweet cinn., grand style and markings; 4, Thomson, sweet Green, scarcely so good in lacing as winner, but fine stamp, in full bloom; 5, spl, vhc, Harper, cinn., good head and front; hc, Hanston; c, Thomson. SELL. (9): 1, Gilchrist; 2, Smillie; 3, Henderson; 4, Lambie; 5, Brown; vhc, Clark; hc, Easter; c, Crichton. YORKS., YELL. CK. (18): 1, Girvan, nice one, lengthy, well drawn, very stylish, fine wing carriage, free from roughness; 2, Braidy, hot fed, close up, not quite so well moulded on back, but a beauty for taper and finish; 3, spl, Crichton, again warm in col., very lengthy, nicely drawn; 4, McRobbie, very slim and neat, grand shape, fine quality feather; 5, Heggie, good length, A1 style; vhc, Sanderson; hc, spl, Gibb; c, spl, Martin. BUFF (16): 1, 2, McRobbie, pair of good ones, leader rather pale in col., but fine type, well put down, 2nd grand tone, lovely texture of feather, sweet front and head, well placed; 3, Hyndford, slightly grizzled, good one, grand style, lovely front, well drawn, neat back and wing carriage; 4, McLellan, very neat, good top end, nicely drawn, good front, fails just a little in head; 5, spl, Martin, again neat; vhc, Braidy; hc, Anderson; c, Heggie. YELL. HEN (15): 1, 2, Heggie, very lengthy, cheek tick, good stamp, fine front, well drawn, grandly balanced wings, lovely pipe tail, 2nd warmer in col., fails in front only to winner, two good hens; 3, spl, McLellan, slim, well got up, very neat in wing carriage, good head, well shown; 4, Girvan, stronger in build, nice fronted bird, well drawn; 5, sp, Webster, warm col., well drawn, nice size; vhc, Crichton; hc, Braidy; c, Martin. BUFF (16): 1, spl, McRobbie, lengthy, grandly drawn, good head and wing carriage, stylish, wee shade thin in front; 2, Girvan, good stamp, grand front, very neatly made, fine level col., grandly shown; 3, spl, Crichton, model for shape, free from roughness, grand style; 4, Webster, slim build, well tapered, good head and wing carriage; 5, McDougal, good one, lovely front and head; vhc, Martin; hc, Forrest; c, Heggie. YORKS., SELL., 15/- (16): 1, 4, Martin; 2, Sanderson; 3, Webster; 5, Wood; vhc, Anderson; hc, Wood; c, Bowman. A.O.V. CAN. (7): 1, 4, 5, vhc, Hamilton, leader a good yell. cinn., grand size, col., markings, in rare bloom, 4th buff, good stamp, well pencilled, 5th yell., fails in size and col. only, good quality feather; 2, Lambie, also a cinn., grand size and quality of feather; 3, Cram, Lancs. Coppy, nice top piece, fine size and quality.

The Hybrids, British and Foreign Birds.

CL., ETC., HYB. (12): 1, 2, Duncan and Logan, well known pair, cl. yell. Linnet, restored to his premier position; 2nd, the nearly cl. Greenfinch-Can., both in splendid condition; 3, spl 81, McNicol, lovely six-pointed Yell. Goldie-Can., fine size, col., shape, quality, markings, and condition; 4, Archer, eye and wing mkd., buff Goldie-Can., nice shape, size, and quality; 5, Wilson, six-pt. yell. Goldie-Can., nice exhibit; vhc, Bishop; hc, Jamieson; c, Whitelaw. DK. GOLDIE-CAN. (11): 1, Duncan and Logan, fine size and shape, cobby, good blaze and body, grand col. yell., nice feather and condition; 2, McQuiston, longer, narrower head, A1 col., feather, and condition; 3, Bald, immense buff, capital broad clean cut blaze, nice shape, good feather and condition; 4th, Gilchrist, red-hot blaze, big bird, lovely body col., not quite so dense in proportion, fine feather and condition; 5, Jamieson; vhc, McVittie; hc, McCreary; c, Allan. DK. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, Coffey, fine bird in body, yell., deep col., tail appeared deficient at one side, and some thought, therefore, a bit lucky; 2, 4, D. Brown, fine pair of yell. Linnet-Can., former deepest col., latter largest, best chest, and shape, both in grand condition; 3rd, Somerfield, fine bold upstanding yell. Greenie-Can., grand body shape, deep col., in perfect feather and condition, shows well; 5, Bald, very large thick-set bold buff Greenie-Can., full of col., quality, and condition; vhc, Taylor; hc, McQuiston; c, Ralston. A.O. CAN. HYB. (9): 1, Frazer, very fine body-shaped Siskin-Can., good level col., nice markings and condition, rare size; 2, McDougall, really large Twite-Can., fine markings, feather, col., and condition; 3, hc, Coffey, rich col., smaller yell. Siskin-Can., lovely markings and condition; 4, Campbell, bouny Redpoll-Can., nice feather, shape, and condition; 5, Somerfield, another good Siskin-Can., in nice bloom; vhc, Vass; c, Webster. BULLIE HYB. (14), fine all round lot; 1, spl. 83, 3, hc, Archer, well known Redpoll-Bullie, Greenie-Bullie, and Can.-Bullie, latter like a hen, former two showing signs of failing health, Can.-Bullie hen in good form; 2, 4, Dr. Wilson, very nice Can.-Bullie and Goldie-Bullie in good condition; 5, Robertson, very smart Linnet-Bullie, in A1 bloom and condition; vhc, Dunn, Redpoll-Bullie; c, Buchanan. A.O.V. HYB. (8): 1, Lamb, smart shape, fine conditioned Goldie-Greenie, very hot flush face, runs into neck a wee bit, well polished, in condition; 2, Kirkwood, very pretty Siskin-Greenie, nice feather and condition, of medium size; 3, spl, McQuiston, pretty Redpoll-Goldie, in very fine condition; 4, Coffey, well known Chaffie-Bramble, looking a wee wit soft in condition to-day; 5, Taylor, fine Goldie-Greenie, good head, not quite so thick-set body as 1st; vhc, Jamieson; Nos. 7 and 8, W.C., a hen Twite and a hen Goldie. SELL. HYB., 10/- (9): 1, Adam, jun., bonny Goldie-Bullie, very cheap; 2, Allan, dk. yell. Linnet-Can.; 3, Patterson, eye and wing mkd. Goldie-Can.; 4, Taylor, buff Linnet-Can.; 5, Paterson, yell. Linnet-Can.; vhc, McQuiston; hc, McRobbie; c, Whitelaw. BRIT. GOLDIE H.M. (15), very hot lot: 1, Wilson, regular bouncer, fine, big, square, clean-cut, deep level col. blaze, good moons and bars, nice body brown, good chest, very level in feather and condition; 3, McCubbin, much like first in all points, and runs very tight up; 3, Tams and Son, grand bird all over it, just beaten a little in tight condition to-day; 4, Milloy, fine body, moons, and bars, and tanning, bit behind only in face; 5, Elliott, nice blaze, buttons and bars, beaten only in body tan and condition a little; vhc, Hutchison; hc, McMillan; c, Anderson. GOLDIE F.M. (16): 1, H. Graham, fine head and face, big, well cut, good tan, moons, and bars; 2, Molloy, wee bit narrower on head, rare body, and other good properties; 3, McMinn, fine face, beaten only in tanning on body; 4, J. Muir, fine blaze, rare body col., good moons, bars, and condition; 5, Bowman and Eadie, fine bird, wee bit wild; vhc, Peters; hc, Dunlop; c, Connolly. BULLFINCH (10), very fine all-round class: 1, Dunsmuir, a gem for bloom and condition, fine broad dense cap, wings, and bars, good breast col. and azure blue on back, satin gloss, steady; 2, Gibson, much like first in most points, wee shade narrower head, grand feather and polish; 3, Vart, very cobby, nice col. and condition all through; 4, McQuiston, nice bird, just beaten a little in condition to-day; 5, Bowman and Eadie, very nice feather, bloom, and condition; vhc, Guthrie and Son, hc, Vart; c, Roy; all these good birds. MOULTED LINNET (17), fine lot: 1, spl. 87, 2, McQuiston, pair of very fine Linnets, both well mkd., grand shape, feather, and condition; 1st, the largest only; 3, spl. 88, 4, Noble and Pearson, very fine body and shape, pale col., good markings and condition; 4th, grand markings, beaten in condition only; 5, spl. 89, Livingston, fine markings and condition, nice shape and size; vhc, Davidson and Morton; hc, McLean; c, Jamieson. F.M. LINNET (19), remarkably fine lot: 1, Bald, regular bold bull-dog shape, grand col. and markings, very fine feather and condition; 2, Davidson and Morton, little, if any, behind, perhaps the slightest shade small, all else tip-top; 3, 5, spl. 92, Hurst, pair of grand birds, right on heels of leaders; these four are tip-toppers for moulting purposes; 4, Lamb, wee shade smaller, but grand col., shape, markings, and condition; vhc, McMillan; hc, Finnie; c, Leach and Leckie. SISKIN (10): 1, spl. 90, McLean and Nicol, one of the most perfect moulted Siskins seen for some time, cap, bib, high col., markings, shape, and condition being all there; 2, Hoyle, very good size and shape, level col., nice markings, minus bib, beaten in dark lacing on cap by 1st; 3, Hurst, more nat. col., grand shape, good cap and bib, fine markings and condition; 4, Leask, bit off in condition when we were taking notes; 5, Roy; vhc, McDougal; hc, McQuiston; c, Bibby. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (16): 1, Leach and Leckie, very smart all-round Twite, good size, broad shape, nice col., markings, and conditions; 2, King, very perfect Mealy Redpoll, in the best of feather and condition; 3, Hutchison, well-conditioned Twite, good col. and markings, beaten only in substance a little; 4, McMillan, jun.; vhc (Glasgow), J. McMillan; hc, McQuiston; c, Finnie. LESSER REDPOLL (22): 1, Condie, certainly very smart, perfectly shaped, well marked bird, with wild moulted plumage, in grand condition; 2, Davidson and Morton, very like 1st in all points; 3, Lamb, also very similar, each of these very good for moulting purposes; 4, Bruce, grand all round cage-moulted bird, in the best of condition; 5, Hoyle, nicely moulted, beaten in condition to-day; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Lambie; c, McCluny. FED GREENFINCH (7): 1, Reid, fine bold bird, nice deep well-fed col., A1 condition; 2, Morton, very level feather, col., and shape, good, wee bit smaller; 3, spl. 94, Nicholson, very fine bird, could go higher when in better condition; 4, McLean and Nicol, rich col., level feather and nice polish; 5, Scobbie; vhc, Logan; hc, Crichton. NON-FED (15): 1, Coffey, massive bird, all over good one, in splendid order; 2, Bald, in lovely condition, wee shade smaller only than 1st; 3, Henderson, wee bit narrower in body, fine feather and condition; 4, Nicholson, very fine body, good feather, nice condition; 5, Tams and Son, very fine bird, gives way a bit in condition; vhc, Wason; hc, Campbell; c, Anderson. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, Hurst, well known winner, looking first rate, wins well, all col. and markings good; 2, Reid, stout body, not quite so fine in head and head col as 1st; 3, Hoyle, fine col. and markings, shade smaller than others; 4, Gentleman, nice markings, just gives way a little in form; 5, Blair, fails only in breast feather; vhc, Baird; hc, Gibson Adams; c, Millar. BRAMBLE (9): 1, spl. 90, Hoyle, good size, well spangled, nice body col., in fine condition; 2, Arnott, darker body col. and markings, pale in front of one eye, in nice condition; 3, Bancroft, paler body, fine big bird, in A1 condition; 4, Coffey, nice markings; 5, spl, 98, McCluny, big good-shaped bird, nice markings, etc.; vhc, Crawford; hc, Hoyle; c, Wilson. BUNTING (6): 1, 2, Watson, well marked yell., and a lovely Meadow, both in best of feather and condition; 3, spl, 97, McQuiston, good Corn; 4, Coffey, fine yell., beaten on head only; 5, Bishop, nice yell.; vhc, Bibby, yell. LARGE, A.O.S. (12): 1, spl, 4, 6, McQuiston, about largest and best Chough out at present time, captured 1st and 3 spls.; 2, Martin, lovely conditioned Waxwing, of nice size; 3, spl, 101, Eadie, pretty Blackbird, fine size, dense black feather, nice eye, cere, and beak; 4, Robertson, good Hawfinch, in full bloom and condition; 5, Bisset, Storm Cock in splendid condition; vhc, Fulton, lovely Magpie, wee bit loose feather; hc, Dr. Wilson; c, Kirkwood, Waxwings, both beaten in condition by 2nd to-day. BRIT. HEN BULLIE (14): 1, Dunsmuir, real gem for shape, quality, and perfect feather; 2, Steel, robust shape, larger, not quite so tight as 1st; 3, Gentleman, smaller, grand polish, shape, and feather; 4, Jamieson, very neat shape and condition; 5, spl. 105, Arnott, well up in plumage and condition; vhc, McGavin; hc, Watson; c, Storie. A.O.S. HEN (10): 1, spl, 103, Bruce, his old champion hen Thrush, just looking her best to-day; 2, Morrison, pretty Meadow Pipit, in splendid order; 3, spl. 104, McQuiston, grand hen Linnet; 4, Caunt, very good hen Bramble; vhc, Jeffrey and Stevenson; hc, Fulton; 5, Kirkwood; c, Bancroft. FOR. GOLDIE (17): 1, McLennan, capital size, rare deep col., square cut blaze, splendid large moons, good bars, plenty of rich tan, solid feather, and condition; 2, vhc, Geddes, 2nd, larger face than 1st, grand body, deep tan, beaten only in wing moons and bars, fine condition; 3, Roy, shade smaller, but all-round real good one; 4, Forrest, paler body, fine blaze, etc.; 5, Guthrie and Son, smaller, A1 col., blaze, moons, bars, and condition; hc, McGavin; c, Kirkwood. SMALL FOR. (10): 1, vhc, Young, splendid, Superb, and a Blue-wing Sugar Birds, both in fine plumage and condition; 2, 4, Pitchford and Stocker, Green Bulbul and a pair of Silver Mesias, former in the best possible condition; 3, Webster, grand pair of Black-checked Lovebirds; 5, spl. 124, Arnott, good pair of Black-headed Gouldians; hc, spl. 125, Geo. Carrick, fine pair of Bichenos in splendid trim; c, Morrison, Long-tail Whydah. LARGE (7): 1, Hoyle, fine Green-billed Toucan in very good plumage; 2, Leach and Leckie, well-staged Leadbeater Cockatoo in perfect condition; 3, spl. 123, G. Carrick, Crimson-winged Parrakeet in splendid condition; 4, Kirkwood, good Blue Mountain Lory in nice feather and condition; 5, Morrison, nice Adelaide Parrakeet; vhc, Mrs Dyer, good Grey Parrot; hc, Sellers, nice Green crested Cardinal.

RADFORD & DIS. O.S. (Nott'ham).

Members' Show, held January 7th. The new club-room adjoining the "Pheasant Inn" provides excellent accommodation, and all that a fancier could desire. Mr. G. Marshall (Hathwaite) judged, and his awards were received with every satisfaction. Eight specials were competed for, for most points; won by Messrs. Sharpe, J. Birch, Hill, Ball, Barnes, Willis, A. Birch and Lawrence. Several new members were made, and we are adding novice classes this year to encourage new fanciers.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Sharpe; 3, Henson. BUFF.: 1, Hill; 2, Lawrence; 3, Whalley. YELL. TKD.: 1, 2, Hill; 3, Ball. BUFF: 1, Sharpe; 2, J. Birch; 3, Barnes. YELL HEN: 1, Hill; 2, Sharpe; 3, J. Birch. BUFF: 1, 2, J. Birch; 3, A. Birch. HEAVY MKD.: 1, J. Birch; 2, Sharpe; 3, Hill. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Sharpe; 3, Hill. BUFF: 1, Sharpe; 2, J. Birch; 3, Sharpe. UNFED: 1, Sharpe; 2, Willis. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Sharpe; 2, Hill; 3, Barnes.—G. Lawrence, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOC.

Annual club show held January 14, Schools, Oldham-street, Liverpool. The entry of 307 was not as good as the two previous years, but quality was well maintained. The energetic secretaries, Messrs. Green and James, had everything well in hand. Cards were up in good time, and prize money paid out at 6 o'clock. The committee turned up strong, and gave every assistance in packing up and despatching all railway birds by 4 o'clock. Messrs. Mundell and Thornton judged, and general satisfaction was given.

The Critique.

CUP COMPETITION CLASSES: YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (14): 1, McDermott, good col., leg, and length, ties for Toronto medal; 2, hc, Nimmo, good col., length, and leg; 3, Nimmo, good quality, col., length, and size, rare shape, some preferred; vhc, McNulty; c, Atherton. BUFF (14): 1, McDermott, good col. and quality, nice length; 2, 3, hc, Nimmo, 2nd better shape, col., and length, nicely drawn, 3rd better drawn, good legs and position, we liked; vhc, McNulty; c, Abbott. FOUL YELL. (14): 1, McNulty, rare quality, col., length, and leg; 2, 3, vhc, c, Nimmo, 2nd similar, falls only in wings, 3rd not quite so neat, fails a trifle in carriage; hc, Atberton. BUFF (12): 1, McNulty, rare quality, good col., leg, and length; 2, Abbott, good quality and length, wee shade heavy; 3, Nimmo, nice length, leg, and position, fails only in col.; vhc, c, Atherton; hc, Gore. NOR. GREEN YELL. SELF. (7): 1, Abbott, good substance, nice col.; 2, Deacon, grand substance, quality, and col., we liked; 3, Hales, grand shape, chest, and head, close up; vhc, Walker; hc, Lawson; c, Hales. BUFF (7): 1, Walker, good substance, quality, and shape, nice head and chest; 2, Deacon, good substance and quality, not quite so good in chest; 3, Pkyc, nice shape and quality; vhc, c, Lawson; hc, Hales. FOUL YELL. (7): 1, Deacon, rare substance, chest, and head col., extra, ties for Toronto medal; 2, Hales, not quite the substance; 3, Lawson, grand shape and substance, some preferred to 2nd; vhc, Walker; hc, Pyke; c, Hales. BUFF: 1, Deacon, almost perfect, rare shape, substance, and col., about the best Norwich green ever staged; 2, Hales, another good one, fails only in head and front; 3, Peake, nice substance, close up; vhc, Jenkins; hc, Abbott; c, Walker. BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Green, rare shape, quality, and col., well-known winner, in another name; 2, Young, good col., quality, and style; 3, vhc, Johnson, not far behiud; hc, Metcalfe. GREEN BUFF (10): 1, 3, c, Green, 1st good quality, shape, col., and markings; 3, sweet shape, good col. and quality, stylish; 2, Johnson, very smart, good quality and shape; vhc, Young; hc, Walker. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 2, Johnson, well known and often described; 3, vhc, Walker, foul, good shape, col. and quality; hc, Metcalfe; c, Green. BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, Green; 1, dainty lady, very smart shape and quality; 2, not quite so neatly moulded, longer; 3, vhc, Johnson, nice quality and style; c, Walker. MEMBERS' YORKS. GREEN SELF YELL. (10): 1, White, rare col., length, and leg, nice positiou; 2, Robinson, slim, nice length and col.; 3, Tempest, good quality and col.; vhc, Tempest; hc, Wardale; c, Eccleston. BUFF (9): 1, Robinson, good col., quality, and length, wee shade heavy; 2, Gore, very smart, good leg, length, and col.; 3, Metcalfe, good length and leg; vhc, Wardale; hc, Nimmo; c, Jones. FOUL YELL., cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Robinson, good length, col., and quality, nice leg; 2, Bell, grandly drawn, good leg and position; 3, Hughes, good col, quality, and shape; vhc, Davenport. FOUL YELL G. TO P. (5): 1, Wardale, grand col., length, and leg, well filled, good one; 2, Hughes, fine shape, col., leg, and position, not quite so well filled; 3, Davie, good length and leg; vhc, Phythian; hc, Mockridge. BUFF (2): 1, Phythian, nice quality, length, and col.; 2, Wardale, finer drawn, nice quality. YELL. 1910 (8): 1, McDermott, good col., leg, and length, nicely filled; 2, 3, c, Nimmo, 2, smart shape, col., and leg, not quite so neat; 3, good col. and length, nice leg, fails only in style; vhc, Wardalc; hc, McDougal. BUFF (12): 1, Gore, nice shape, good quality and position; 2, Hughes, well drawn, nicely filled, not quite so neat in head; 3, Bell, fine shape, col., and pencilling; vhc, Davie; hc, Eccleston; c, Wardale. SELL, YELL. HEN (7): 1, Hughes, very stylish, nicely drawn, good one; 2, Jones, well filled, in good length and leg, not quite so clear in markings; 3, Abbott, good position, length, and leg; vhc, c, Wardale; hc, McDermott. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Wardale, good col., quality, and position; 2, Nimmo, better drawn and filled, nice leg and position, some preferred; 3, Gore, very similar to 2nd; hc, McDermott; c, Davie. FOUL YELL. HEN (3): 1, McDermott, well filled, good length and leg; 2, Abbott, nicely drawn, fine length and position, not quite so well filled; 3, no name, very similar. BUFF (4): 1, Simpson, good quality, leg, position, and col., very smart; 2, Nimmo, well filled; 3, McDougal, stylish, small; vhc, McDermott. NOR. GREENS SELF YELL. (2): 1, Walker, good col., shape, and substance; 2, Lawson, nice substance, rather long. BUFF (3): 1, Walker, good quality, shape, and substance; 2, Peake, longer, not far behind; 3, Jones, nice shape. FOUL YELL, cancelled. BUFF: 1, Walker, good col., substance, and shape; 2, Jones, not quite the substance; 3, Deacon, similar. FOUL YELL. G. TO P., cancelled. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Jones, good quality, shape and substance; 2, Hawkes; 3, Peake. YELL. 1910 (6): 1, c, Deacon, good col. and substance, wee shade long; 2, Tyrer, neat shape; 3, Hales, better substance; vhc, Wagstaff; hc, Walker. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Deacon, both good substance, quality, and shape, not much to choose between them; 3, Peake, not quite substance; vhc, hc, Tyrer; c, Jones. SELF YELL. HEN, cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Deacon, good substance, quality, head, and chest; 2, vhc, Hales, nice shape and substance, close up; 3, Walker, good shape and col. FOUL YELL (6): 1, Lawson, good shape, substance, and quality; 2, hc, Tyrer, very similar, close up; 3, c, Hales, another good one; vhc, Deacon. BUFF (8): 1, 2, vhc, Lawson; 1, good quality, shape, and substance; 2, very similar, not so good in head; 3, Hales, grand substance, head, and chest; hc, Walker; c, Peake. YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, vhc, McNulty, good col., length, leg, and position; 2, no name, very similar, fails only in wings; 3, Baxter, not quite so well moulded; hc, Nimmo; c, Walker. BUFF (4): 1, Baxter, good length and leg; 2, 3, Robinson; 2, good quality, nice leg, slim; 3, well drawn, nicely filled; vhc, McNulty, TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Baxter, cin. mark, rare length, quality, and position, some thought the best Yorks. in show; 2, Robinson, nice length, leg, and col., well drawn; 3, Young, similar, not quite the length. BUFF (2): 1, Walker, nice col., quality, and length; 2, Baxter, finer drawn, nice quality. YELL HEN (5): 1, Baxter, well drawn, good length and position; 2, 3, Robinson; 2, not quite so stylish, good one; 3, good quality; vhc, McNulty; hc, Nimmo. BUFF (6): 1, Nimmo, good leg, position, and quality; 2, vhc, hc, Baxter, good shape and quality, not quite so stylish; 3, Young, similar fails only in wings; c, McNulty. NON-FED: 1, White, yell., good col. and leg; 2, Gore, buff, fine quality and shape. NOR. CL., cancelled. TKD. YELL: 1, Bloor, nice one; 2, Jones, neat shape; 3, Hales, better substance, some thought might have won. BUFF (2): 1, Hales, nice quality, shape, and substance; 2, Andrews, neat, nice quality, small. YELL HEN, cancelled. BUFF (3): 1, Hales, rare shape; 2, 3, Hawkes; 2, not quite so neat; 3, neat shape. NON-FED: 1, Tyrer, nice bird; 2, Walker, not quite the bulk. BORD. CL. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Thomas, both good qual. and style, not much to choose between; 3, Gore, nice col., shape, and quality. BUFF (3): 1, Thomas, good quality, shape, and col.; 2, Andrews, fine quality, a wee shade heavy; 3, Thomas, nice quality, not quite so neatly shaped. HEN (3): 1, 2, Thomas; 1, smart shape, good col. and quality; 2, very similar, not quite so stylish; 3, Gore, grand quality and shape, some thought might have gone up one. UNEVEN (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Thomas; 1, very smart, good shape and quality; 2, close up; 3, very similar; vhc, Wagstaff. GREENS, all cancelled. A.O.V.: 1, Baxter, real good even mkd. Yorks.; 2, Andrews, nice Scotch. SELL., PAIRS (6): 1, W. H. Atherton; 2, Baxter; 3, Bloor; vhc, hc, Metcalfe; c, McDermott. 15/- (8): 1, 3, Andrews; 2, Metcalfe; vhc, Mockridge; hc, Atherton; c, Wagstaffe. HENS: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Atherton. MULE, cancelled. GOLDIE (4): 1, 3, Lloyd; 1, rare blaze and condition; 3, good condition nicely staged; 2, Tyrer, fails only condition and blaze; vhc, Hales. LINNET AND BULLIE, cancelled. GREENFINCH (3): 1, Benson, rare col., grand wings and size; 2, Lloyd, nice one, smaller; 3, Tyrer, not quite in condition to-day. GIFT: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Walker; 3, Hales; 4, Deacon.

HEMSWORTH.

First annual open show held Union Room, King's Head, January 21st. In the Canary section some fine birds were benched. Messrs. Ogden Bros. put down some fine Yorkshires, whilst in the Norwich Messrs. Hirst, Entwistle, Robinson, and Miss Flemons staged some grand birds. The British birds turned up well. Some fine Bullfinches and Goldfinches were benched. We would advise the committee to extend the classification here another year, as we are sure the Britishers are getting more numerous on the show bench every year. Mr. J. W. Gillings makes an ideal secretary, and he was ably backed up by a hard-working committee, as follows:—Thos. Tait, Esq. (president), Messrs. Taylor, Wyatt, Brooks, Fox, Lord, Crow, and last, but not least, our old friend, Harry Townley, looking as well and working as hard as ever amongst the birds. We wish the Hemsworth Society every success, and with a few more classes added to the present classification we feel sure they will get a bumping entry next season. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL YORKS. (8): 1, Taylor, cl., lovely col., straight as a rush, good wings and tail, full of quality, clean an breast, pair of good legs; 2, Blackburn and Mitchell, rich col., nice quality feather, very stylish, well braced wings, piped tail; 3, Ogden Bros., unevenly mkd., grand wings and tail, position A1, boxy feather, rich col., good head; 4, Truman, nice type and quality, good wings and tail; vhc, Sidgwell; hc, Taylor. BUFF (11): 1, Ogden Bros., rich col., boxy feather, nice type, well placed wings, piped tail; 2, Wilkinson Bros., wee bit patchy in col., but lovely quality feather, very breedy, well braced wings, piped tail, nice bird; 3, Shaw Bros., very stylish, lovely quality, nice wing, tail, good head; 4, Edmondson and Son, blaze of col., long flight and tail, boxy feather, full of nerve; vhc, Truman; hc, Taylor; c, Spencer. TKD., ETC., HEN (11): 1, Ogden Bros., buff, lovely quality feather, neat round head, well placed wings, piped tail, nice position, very steady; 2, Sidgwell, buff, good head, nice wing carriage, rich col., boxy feather, nice position; 3, Hewson, yell., nice col., boxy feather, position, good wings and tail, neat head; 4, Shaw Bros., buff, rich col., magnificent quality, nice type; vhc, Wilkinsou Bros.; hc, c, Lister. UNFLIGH. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Buckley, variegated, position A1, nice wings and tail, rich col., well up on leg; 2, Ogden Bros., tkd., lovely quality, neat head, well placed wings and tail, rich col.; 3, Hewson, unevenly mkd., rich col., well placed wings, boxy feather; 4, Hirst, tkd., full of quality, nice head, rich col.; vhc, Lister; hc, c, Taylor. UNFLIG. BUFF (8): 1, vhc, Ogden, unevenly mkd., lovely quality, fine position, clean on breast, grand wings and tail, fine position, wins; 2, Wilkinson Bros., tkd. on head, position A1, lovely quality, neat tail, rich col., very nervy; 3, Shaw Bros., tkd. on head, rich col., full of quality, well braced wings and tail; 4, Spencer, cinn. mkd., boxy feather, good position; vhc, Hirst; c, Blackhurn and Mitchell. NOVICE.—YORKS. CK. (26): 1, Bull, yell. cl., rich col., fine quality, grand wings and tail, position A1; 2, Morrison, tkd. head, nice type, grand quality, well braced wings, piped tail, rich col.; 3, Farnish, cl., very slim, A1 position, neat head, good wings and tail, rich col.; 4, Clough, grizzled on back, nice type, full of quality, good wings, well up on legs; vhc, Moore; hc, Walker; c, Stocks. NOVICE.—HEN (19): 1, Moore, uuevenly mkd. yell., long flights, well braced to sides, piped tail, well up on leg, lovely quality feather, rich col., neat head, very steady; 2, Morrison, buff, boxy feather, neat round head, good wings and tail, well up on leg; 3, Radley, yell. tkd., rich col., good head, fine quality and position; 4, Farnish, buff, nice type and quality, wee bit flat on head; vhc, 10, no name; hc, Barnes; c, Walker. CL., ETC., NOR. CK. (16): 1, Hirst, tkd. on head, buff, good head and neck, clean on breast, very short and chubby, full of quality, rich col, true to type; 2, Miss E. M. Flemons, yell., wing tkd., fine blaze of col., good head and neck, nice wing carriage, short tail; 3, Barnes, buff, good head, boxy feather, well placed wings, rich col.; 4, Mennard, yell., nice type and quality, good wings, rich col.; vhc, Robinson; hc, Wilson; c, Barnwell. NOR. HEN (7): 1, 2, Entwistle, 1st yell., good head and neck, clean on breast, rich col., fine quality, true to type, 2nd variegated yell., very short and chubby, rich col., boxy feather, good head and breast; 3, 4, Robinson, 3rd yell., rich col., nice quality and type, wee shade long on leg, 4th grizzled back, buff, good head, rich col., lovely quality; vhc, Barnwell; hc, Barnes; c, Brown. SELL., 15s. 6d. (20): 1, Spencer; 2, Barnes; 3, Edmondson and Son; 4, Moore; vhc, Shaw Bros.; hc, Davis; c, No. 20, no name. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (22): 1, Lee, Bullie, grand cap and bars, rich col., very steady, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Pogmore, Goldie, good square blaze, fine bars and buttons, lovely condition; 3, Sutcliffe, Bullie, good cap and bars, rich col.; 4, Wyatt, fine cap and bars, rich col., nice condition, very steady; vhc, c, England; hc, Dean. LINNET, ETC. (20): 1, 2, Jackson; 3, Lee; 4, Sutcliffe; vhc, Johnson; hc, Govier; c, Dean.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Breeding pair show held Gothenburg supper room, January 14, when there was a grand turn-out of first-class birds. Best pair Mr. D. McConville's Plainheads.

SCOT. FCY.: 1, 3, Fotheringham; 2, 4, Chalmers. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Anderson. CREST: 1, 2, 3, 4, Veitch; 5, Hunter. PH.: 1, 5, best pair, McConville; 2, 3, 4, 6, Dickson; 7, Adamson. HYB. AND MULING: 1, 4, Stenhouse; 2, Anderson; 3, 5, Hunter. COM.: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Purvis. A grand display was given of cups, medals, etc., won by the members during the year.—A. Dickson, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Table show and annual meeting held at new headquarters, The Auction Rooms, Bond-street. Mr. J. Roast judged the 43 birds staged.

NOR.: 1, Absalon; 2, 3, Gibb. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Gibb; 2, 3, Mrs. Brown. BUFF: 1, Pearson; 2, Dandridge; 3, Gibb. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Gibb. GOLDFINCH: 1, Cadman; 2, Pearson; 3, Akehurst. GREENFINCH: 1, Cadman; 2, Sharpe; 3, Sparkes. LINNET: 1, 2, Akehurst; 3, Cadman. A weight-guessing competition, won by Mrs. Gray, terminated a pleasant evening, and one of the most successful monthly shows held in Brighton.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

Last members' show for season 1910-1911, held White Hart Inn, Jan. 14th, when 84 birds were staged, all being in fine condition. Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford) judged, and gave great satisfaction. Mr. J. Chippendale wins the society's silver cup for most points with 87 points. First prize champion section is won by J. Chippendale with 87 points; T. Elsegood wins 2nd prize with 69 points. Other winners of specials: J. Wilcock and C. Mortimer. First prize, Novice Section, won by F. Gelder, 68 points; second prize, H. Pearson, 66 points. Other winners: W. Nettleton, A. Robinson, F. Clark.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (13): 1, Lee; 2, Gelder; 3, Elsgood; 4, Stebbings. BUFF (14): 1, 2, 4, Chippendale; 3, Studd. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Stebbings; 2, Chippendale; 3, Sparks; 4, Clark. BUFF (9): 1, Elsegood; 2, J. Wilcock; 3, Stebbings; 4, Pearson. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Sparks; 2, Chippendale; 3, Gelder; 4, J. Wilcock. BUFF (13): 1, Nettleton; 2, Gelder; 3, Chippendale; 4, Elsegood. CINN. MKD. HEN (6): 1, Lee; 2, Studd; 3, Pearson; 4, Close. NOR. HEN (8): 1, 4, Clark; 2, 3, Pearson.—W. Nettleton, Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Eighth members' show, held Jan. 14th, Horse and Groom Inn. The entry was not such a good one, only 71 birds being staged, in 14 classes. Mr. A. Hartley (Great Horton) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Most points: Messrs. J. Taylor, 27; D. Sutcliffe, 26; W. Mann, 20; G. Hudson, 14; C. E. Hylton, 13; B. Wilman, 13; L. Boocock, 10. Most points in selling classes: Messrs. W. Hillas, 8; F. Hanson, 4. The quality of the birds was excellent, some very fine birds being staged.—H. C.

CL. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Mann; 2, Taylor; 4, Hudson. BUFF (8): 1, Taylor; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Hudson; 4, Mann. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Hylton; 4, Mann. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Mann; 2, Hylton; 4, Boocock; EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD. (9): 1, 2, 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Hanson. FOUL MKD. GREEN (3): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Mann; 3, Hudson. CINN. MKD. (1): 1, Hylton. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, 4, Sutcliffe; 2, Taylor; 3, Mann. BUFF, HEN (10): 1, Taylor; 2, Wilman; 3, Boocock; 4, Hanson. EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD. (4): 1, 3, Hudson; 2, Wilman; 4, Mann. CINN. MKD. (2): 1, Wilman; 2, Bairstow and Chapman. A.O.V. (I): Bairstow and Chapman. SELL. CK., £1 (2): 1, Hillas; 2, Sutcliffe. HEN 12/6 (4): 1, Hanson; 2, 3, 4, Hillas.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Second 10-mile radius show, held January 12. It was better supported than the first one, which speaks well for its future. With such well-known fanciers at the head of affairs, assisted by an energetic secretary, they cannot help but be supported. A nice list of specials was got together, some given for outside exhibitors. The placing of the awards was left to Mr. J. Thornton, who seemed to please everybody.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, vhc, hc, Knowles; 2, 3, Dukes. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, c, Knowles; vhc, Dukes; hc, Harper. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Knowles; 2, Hardy; 3, Harper. BUFF: 1, Dukes; 2, 3, hc, Knowles; vhc, Harper; c, Hardy. NOR. YELL.: 1, Emmott; 2, Walters; 3, Collins. BUFF: 1, 2, Walters; 3, Weston; vhc, hc, c, Emmott. YELL. HEN: 1, Emmott; 2, 3, Weston. BUFF: 1, 3, Weston; 2, c, Emmott; vhc, Collins; hc, Walters. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, 2, Nelson; 3, Collins; vhc, hc, c, Hampson. BUFF: 1, hc, Nelson; 2, Collins; 3, vhc, Hampson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Mort; 2, Denny; 3, Harper; vhc, Hampson; hc, Nelson. LINNET: 1, 2, Leech; 3, Barnett; vhc, Smith; hc, Clare; c, Barnett. MULE: 1, Weston; 2, Smith. LINNET, (field-moulted): 1, Nelson; 2, Blore; 3, Denny; vhc, Clare; hc, Hampson; c, Barnett. A.O.V.: 1, Barnett; 2, Hampson. SELL., 20s.: 1, vhc, Knowles; 2, Blore; 3, vhc, Baxter; c, Keates. 10s.: 1, Baxter; 2, Knowles.

RAMSEY (I.O.M.)

Eleventh annual show held January 12, at the Palace. The show being the last of the Manxland shows, naturally there was a drop in entries, but quality was well to the fore. Yorkshire and British birds were well represented. Some "right 'uns" were staged. Norwich might have been better, but Yorkshires seem to be the popular variety. There was very keen competition for the Ballamor cup, which fell to Mr. Teare's ticked yellow, Douglas, etc., winner, Mr. Crellin's Norwich taking Spratts cup. The placing of the cards was left to Mr. Metcalfe (Liverpool), and we heard no grumbling.

The Awards.

—NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Mrs. Caley; 2, Kerrush; 3, R. Caley; r, Benson. BUFF: 1, and cup, Crellin; 2, Corlett; 3, R. Caley; r, Teare; vhc, Christian; hc, Mrs. Caley; c, Burns. TKD. YELL.: 1, Crellin; 2, Corlett; 3, r, Mrs. Caley. BUFF: 1, 2, Cowell; 3, Wade. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Mrs. Caley; 3, Cowell. BUFF: 1, vhc, Mrs. Caley; 2, hc, C. Caley; 3, Wade; r, Teare; c, Cowell. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, r, hc, Wade; 2, vhc, R. Caley; 3, Turner; c, Christian. BUFF: 1, Corlett; 2, 3, vhc, Turner; r, Teare; hc, R. Caley; c, Christian. TICKED YELL.: 1, cup best in show, vhc, hc, Teare; 2, c, R. Caley; 3, Corlett; r, Wade. BUFF: 1, 3, Teare; 2, r, Wade; vhc, R. Caley; hc, Christian; c, Dailey. YELL. HEN: 1, Wade; 2, vhc, R. Caley; 3, Cowell; r, Corlett. BUFF: 1, 2, Caley; 3, r, Teare. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Teare; 3, Miss Howland; r, Crellin; vhc, Corlett. GOLDFINCH: 1, L. Gale; 2, E. Gale; 3, Crebbin; r, Kewley; vhc, Cowell; hc, Anderson. MULE: 1, 2, E. Gale; 3, r, Lavery. LINNET: 1, L. Gale; 2, E. Gale; 3, Benson; r, Miss Gale; vhc, Faragher; hc, Mrs. Quale. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, 2, E. Gale; 3, Miss Gale; r, Starkey; vhc, Clucas; hc, Kinnin; c, Wade. A.O.V.: 1, E. Gale; 2, L. Gale; 3, Kinnin; r, Crellin; vhc, Clucas; hc, Kinnin; c, Clarke. FOR.: 1, Brown; 2, Scholes; 3, Mrs. Moisey; r, Mrs. Clucas.

BATLEY, SPEN VALLEY AND DEWSBURY COMBINED SOCS.

United show of Batley, Spen Valley, and Dewsbury C.B. Societies, held at Cleckheaton, Jan. 14, about 112 birds being staged, of splendid quality; and I think these societies ought to run a right good open show. The first 22 classes were judged by Mr. J. Bailey (Bradford), and Mr. Chittenden (Bradford) started at class 23.

CLASS 1: 1, Clegg; 2, Allen; 3, G. Hall. CLASS 2: 1, Kershaw; 2, Imeson; 3, Rayner. CLASS 3: 1, Stafford; 2, Imeson; 3, Sheard. CLASS 4: 1, Clegg; 2, Imeson. CLASS 5: 1, Lewis; 2, Crossley; 3, Scott. CLASS 6: 1, Shard; 2, Pickering; 3, Kershaw. CLASS 7: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Allen. CLASS 8: 1, 2, Allen. CLASS 9: 1, Pollard; 2, Lewis; 3, Allen. CLASS 10: 1, 2, Stafford; 3, Rayner. CLASS 11: 1, Kershaw; 2, Allen; 3, Rayner. CLASS 12: 1, Pickering; 2, Clegg; 3, Smith. CLASS 13: 1, 2, Allen; 3, Kershaw. CLASS 14: 1, Clegg; 2, Scott; 3, W. Hall. CLASS 15: 1, Allen; 2, Pickering; 3, Clegg. CLASS 16: 1, Pollard; 2, Woods. CLASS 17: 1, Pickering. Class 18: 1, Pickering. CLASS 19: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Wood. CLASS 20: 1, Wood; 2, Smith. CLASS 21: 1, 2, Clegg; 3, Wood. CLASS 23: 1, Clegg; 2, Smith; 3, Wood.

Singing Contests.

ERITH.

Open race, held "Royal Alfred," Jan. 22, when 5 pairs were hung (10 minutes sing only):—1, Pape, 4 score, 17; 2, J. Baker, 4, 2; 3, J. Barnett, 3, 4; 4, J. Roper, 2, 8; 5, H. Beacham, 2, 6. At meeting held Jan. 22, Mr. J. Simants was elected a member. Open race, Jan. 29.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. weekly contest, held at Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket, for three money prizes. Result:—1, McMillan; 2, 3, Pullin; judge, Mr. S. Pullin; timekeeper, Mr. Mouldon. Contest, Jan. 28, at 4 o'clock. On Feb. 2 there will be a show of field-moulted Linnets, also house-moulted; entry money, 6d. each bird; judging to commence at 8 p.m.—W. Ross, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge-street, there being 32 birds to sing before a crowded roo mof fanciers and friends. After some very close singing the result was: 1, Longfield; 2, Dobson; 3, Potter. On Jan. 29th there will be a lecture (George and Dragon Hotel) at 7 p.m., by Mr. C. Hunt (Leeds), on "Linnets: How to prepare them for exhibition or song; also the proper way to feed and moult them."—Walter Dobson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly contest of the Linnet Singing Society held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliff Common, January 22nd. Thompson and Coles sung a match for £1 aside, 4 minutes' singing. Thompson won, 97sec.; Coles 83sec. After the match 15 birds entered (3 minutes' singing), and some good singing was heard. 1, Thompson, 91sec.; 2, Brown, 85sec.; 3, Rodgers 38sec.; Baker, 32sec; Shimmwell, 31sec.; Brown 30sec. Whitsuntide club going strong. —J. Grundy.

LEEDS.

Usual Linnet singing contest (for quality) held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Jan. 22nd. Result: 1, 3, Chip; 2, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. A. Binner, B. Dean, and J. Smith.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

Skinner's Arms, Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane. Usual quality singing contest, Jan. 22nd. Eleven birds competed. Result: 1, Green; 2, Lunn; 3, Dalton. Judges, Messrs. Grainger and Read.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. (King's Head). Usual quality singing contest, held Jan. 22, when 17 birds entered. 1, Stead; 2, Sissons; 3, Butler. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia, C. Cooper, and W. Naylor. Also grand Canary contest, when we had a large number of visitors from all parts of Yorkshire. After good singing, first and second prizes won by fresh starters. 1, H. Bulmer; 2, Fawcitt; 3, Jinks. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, J. Melia and P. Maden.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

SPENNYMOOR.

Brown Linnit singing contests, held weekly. Butcher's Arms Hotel, Merrington Lane. Last contest, Jan. 21: 33 birds entered. After a close finish, the birds were placed thus: 1, 3, Simpson (West Auckland); 2, D. Martin (Spennymoor). Judge, Mr. J. Garden; timekeeper, Mr. W. Fairless.—Wm. Fairless, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held 14th Jan., Butcher's Arms, Merrington-lane, Spennymoor, when 28 birds entered and some very good old contest men turned out with birds Result: 1, 2, 3, Mr. A. Brady.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing, held Mr. R. M. Canavan's, Gilesgate Moor, 21st, when 30 birds were entered. Result: 1, 2, Brady; 3, Shoulders. Judge, Mr. J. Stout, who did his work well. Next contest, same place, Feb. 11th, when upwards of £2 will be given in prizes.—Geo. Read, Sec.

Linnet singing held 21st January, Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate, when 30 birds entered. Result: 1, 2, A. Brady; 3, Shoulders.—Black and Tan.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club first time contest of year, held Jan. 21st, Weaver Arms. Only a poor entry was made, but some very good singing was heard. Winners: 1, A. Parker, 169; 2, Levland, 163; 3, Rundles. Timekeepers, Messrs. E. Parker, J. Mawsdley. Minute man, Mr. R. Macfarlaue.—A. Parker, Sec.

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LARGE house-moulted cock Linnet, with new full-size, metal cage, exchange, offers: Podmore, Ravenscliffe-rd., Kidsgrove, Staffs.

PAIR Bullfinches and cock Hawfinch, hand-reared, exchange Siskin cocks or songster Canary: Weedon, 19, Dorset-st., Luton, Beds.

TWO good cock Linnets and Greenfinch, lot 4/6; exchange lot hen Canary, Norwich: Strachan, 77, Rosemount viaduct, Aberdeen.

BLACKBIRD and Thrush, full song, 5/-; lady's gold bangle, pretty design, exchange Rollers: Jenkins, 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

EXCHANGE 3 good cocks, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, for breeding or Parrot cage, or offers: Chas. Hodges, The Cottage, Ledbury.

TWO house-moulted German hen Bullfinches, 2 cock Redpolls, 2/6 pair; exchange good Yorkshire cock: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford.

FOURTEEN Greenfinches, outdoor aviary, two months, exchange Siberian Bullfinch, Parrot's cage, anything useful: 59, Clifton-st., Swindon.

HOUSE moulted Goldfinch, 3 Old English Game Bantams, black-breasted red, exchange, or sell Canaries: Hall, Station-rd., Madeley, Salop.

LARGE dark Brown Linnet-Canary Mule, 3rd at Lynn in class of 16; exchange two large H.M. steady Bullie hens: W. White, Fleet-rd., Holbeach, Lincs.

SIX hen Bullfinches three hen Goldfinches, two pairs of Ring Doves; exchange Norwich Canaries, or anything useful: Wallace Hewson, Knaresborough.

GOOD hybrid pair, Chaffinch cock Brambliefinch hen, both house-moulted, for large Mealy Redpoll or large Norwich yellow hen; approval: Jeffrey, 6, Hillhouse-rd., Rothesay.

TWO dozen cock Goldies, 1/9 each; 1 dozen hens, 9d. each; 4 stone clean charlock seed, 5/-; exchange foreigners; approval: Brown, Foundry, Burnham Market.

1910 cock Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 5/-, or exchange fresh-caught Larks, Lark cages, or anything: Mr. Harry Greaves, House 2, Court 2, Bridge-st., Macclesfield, Cheshire.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinches, handsome giant birds, fit for muling, 5/- each; or exchange for cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song: Power, 91, Slater-st., Shoreditch, London.

SIX selected cock brown Linnets, guaranteed singing, 2/- each; 6 selected cock Skylarks, monsters, 1/- each; exchange Canaries; offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

GOLDFINCHES, cocks, 2/6; Bullfinches, 2/6 pair; Lurcher Sheepdog, good house dog, clean and fast, 7/6; exchange anything useful, Canaries: Geo. Hurwood, Scorton, Yorks.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch cock Siskin or two Goldies, full coloured, in full song, for cock Canary in full song, or four hens: Silcock, 47, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

TWO pairs Norwich Canaries, large cobby birds, 8/6 pair; 1 white-legged cock Goldie, grand bird, 6/6; 3 redbreasted Linnets, very steady, 1/3 each: Hutton, Baker, Holbeach.

PAIR Black Pigmies, 1910, 12/6: pair Snaky Black Magpies, 5/6; pair Blue do., 5/-; half value, or exchange singing Mules, Canaries, anything useful: Rutter Bros., Kirkbymoorside.

EXCHANGE splendid 1909 Linnet Mule, pure wild note, 10/6: 6 selected cock Linnets, 7/-; 2 Greenies, one 2nd, 8/6, lot for big cock Hawfinch, to moult: Burrows, Grange-rd., Southall.

THREE pairs Canaries and 2 Linnet Mule cocks (wild note), in the best of condition; exchange Yorkshire toy terrier or toy bull terrier, or sell £2 5s.: John Palmer, 1, Hill-place, Aboyne.

EXTRA large cock Brown Linnets, full song, suit mulers, 2/-; exchange Canaries, disc records, anything: Ernest, Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXHIBITION Cirl Bunting, 15/-; 4 cock Brambles, 5/- each; 2 Redpolls, 3/- each: cock Chaffinch, 5/-; 2 Greenfinches, 2/6 each; sell, or exchange exhibition Hawfinches: Saywell, 1, St. Ann's cots., Nottingham.

GOLDFINCH, Linnet, 3 Bullfinches, cocks, pick of season, 4 2/- cages, new, for heu Canaries or Bantams: Glover, Beauworth Manor, Alresford, Hants.

LONG-tailed Grassfinch, big winner, with show cage, 15/-: Lesser Redpoll, winner two 1sts, two 2nd prizes, 15/-; Jenny Wren, in show cage, 10/-; exchange Canaries: Chas. Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.

GOLDFINCH Bullfinch Hybrid, dark yellow Linnet Mule, Greenfinch Mule, all winners members' show, lovely colour-fed Siskin, muler, two picked Bullfinches, 25/- lot; few Norwich cocks, fit show, cheap; wanted, two extra good English cock Goldfinches; offers.—Fisher, Gerrard-st., Lancaster.

EXHIBITORS: Sale or exchange, my fine cock Bullfinches, British, Redpolls, and Greenfinches (winners), cards sent; Canaries preferred; also pair of long-distance Flying Homers, 7/6, or exchange Canaries; Bullfinches, 3/6, 6/6, 10/-; Greenfinches, 5/6; Redpolls, 2/- each: A. G. Hunt, 6, Bridge-st., Blackwood, Mon.

Mainly Canaries.

FOR sale, Crested cock, 15/-, or exchange for Norwich cock: A. Garven, 1, Glencairn-sq., Kilmarnock.

HAVE 4 Norwich singing cocks, exchange feeding hens; stamp reply: W. Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire cocks for big yellow Norwich cock: Wagstaff, Queen-st., Middleton, Manchester.

SALE or exchange two Yorks. buff hens for Roller, full song; yours first: Annis, 42, Squires-lanes, Finchley.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires for 18 common pigeons: Heron, 9, Walford-villas, Nichol-lane, Bromley, Kent.

COCK Linnet Mule, good singer, will exchange for two buff hens, Norwich type: Sime, Parkhill Wynd, Leven, N.B.

EXCHANGE Sib-bred hen and buff hen, for young buff Border Fancy cock: A. Ingram, 3, Kilnside-rd., Paisley.

TWO good Norwich hens, 3/6 each; will exchange two good long Yorkshire hens: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth.

FOUR Yorkshire hens, one cock, 1910, for Englisb lever watch, cost 50/-: Silverwood, 106, Crowther-rd., South Norwood.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 1910; exchange for Norwich hens or Yorkshire hens or Muling hens: Fish, 30, Bath-st., Poplar.

SPLENDID double breeding cage, with handsome pair Canaries, ready for nesting, 19/6; exchange: Letall, Whittlesea.

SCOTCH Fancies, cheap for cash, exchange for surplus stock of Norwich or Yorkshires: McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley.

MATCHED pair Borders, 7/6, or exchange large pair green Budgerigars or Britisb Hardbills: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

SELL or exchange, 8 cocks, 20 hens, 1910, Norwich Canaries, anything useful house: Morley, Balsham-rd., Linton, Cambs.

REAL good Yorkshires, 1910, cheap; seen any time; offers exchange: Putnar, Hairdresser, Woolwich-rd., East Greenwich.

TOPPING Border hen, buff; sell or exchange for good Norwich yellow hen; 2 feeding hens, 2/6 eacb: Fountain, Aylesbury.

EXCHANGE 2 yellow green Yorkshire cocks, 1 buff heu, for yellow Crest cock, or sell 12/6: S. Lewis, Brook-la., Ormskirk.

LARGE variegated Crest-bred hen, grand stock bird, sell 20/-, or exchange: Watson, Barnhill Villas, Stanley, co. Durham.

UNFLIGHTED hens from 2/-; cocks, in full song, from 6/-; exchange Black Minorcas: Smith, 182, Leyton-rd., Stratford.

EXCHANGE Norwicb cock, 1910 bird, for male Persian kitten; mutual approval, yours first: Sbowler, 15, Livery-st., Bathgate.

BUFF Scotch Fancy hen, bealthy, young, exchange yellow Border cock: Robert Lawson, Millbrae-ter., Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

GOOD Norwich hen, give in exchange 1 Roller cock, 3 hens (Walton's strain), value 25/-: McNally, Hairdresser, Great Harwood.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule, full song, for yellow Norwich cock or cock Goldfincb: H. Hunt, 25, Swinegate, Grantham.

GOLDIE Mules, full song; exchange large rabbits, Canaries, focus snapshot, Persian kitten, Parrot: Curd, 47, High-st., Erith.

EXCHANGE green Yorkshire cock, for two clear hens or common pigeons: A. McCormack, 95, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester.

EXCHANGE 33 coloured plates, "Cage Birds," pair Cutthroats, acclimatised, for two ben Canaries: 27, Dagnall-st., St. Albans.

GOOD Norwicb cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; green talking Parrot, 18/-; approval, deposit; exchange: Burgess, 60, Tayhridge-rd., Battersea.

CREST-bred cock or pair Yorksbires; exchange 20 complete parts of Familiar Wild Birds, value 10/-: Brown, 151, Monks-rd., Exeter.

TWO prize-bred buff green Border cocks, 7/6 each; or exchange Sib-bred muling hens: Walter Ramsay, East Benhar, Fauldhouse, N.B.

NORWICH yellow cock, yellow hen, and buff hen, all young birds, exchange anything useful: Geo. Bennett, 139, Montrose-st., Brechin.

ONE yellow cinnamon, 1 massive buff, hens, exchange 2 yellow Norwich hens, change of blood: Whalley, Lenardgate, Lancaster.

FOUR Norwich, as bred, 1910, sell 12/-, or exchange anything useful, or good singing Roller: E. Perks, North-st., Fleetwood, Lancashire.

TWO Norwich hens, buff, one varieg., good feeders, 6/- the two, or will exchange for good yellow ben: Riley, Buckingham-st., Aylesbury.

SEVERAL grand pair Norwich Plainheads, 15/- pair, exchange jewellery, or anything useful: Lambert, Northumberland-st., Norwich.

EXCHANGE good pair Norwich for moulted Siberian Goldfinch cock; must be large bird: Draper, Park-rd., Newhall, Burton-on-Trent.

WILL exchange prize-bred Norwich, Stubb's strain, for Siberians, cycle covers and tubes, 28 by 1½, or talking Grey: Metcalfe (see Norwich).

EXCHANGE singing Greenfinch, hen Canary, brass hanging cage, for phonograph records, or gent's silver watch: Shaw, Wetroyd, Longwood.

FEW pairs of high-class Yorkshires, 10/- pair, or exchange blankets, sheets, drapery, anything useful: Middleton, Croft, Thwaites, Keighley.

TWO pairs Borders, sell 12/-; or exchange two yellow Norwich hens for mulling: Robert Aitchison, 12, Rodgers-place, Earlston, Berwickshire.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

GRAND, lightly variegated Goldfinch Mule, lovely songster, £1, exchange Roller cocks, no choppers: G. Wagg, Poplar-terr., Snettisham, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire, pair Crests, Border cock, house-moulted Redpoll, 50 records, for Norwich; offers: Yeomans, Penketh, Warrington.

SIX high-class 1910 Seifert Roller hens, cold-room bred, 18/-; exchange, mandoline preferred; offers first: 131, Wolverhampton-st., Bilston, Staffs.

SELL or exchange 2 Crest cocks for one good Crest hen and one for good Lancashire coppy hen, or sell 30/-: T. Tressidder, Workhouse Hill, Padstow.

EXCHANGE winning buff Norwich or buff Yorkshire cocks for 2 good hens each, good stock birds; approval: Lobb, Blendower, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

WILL exchange pair of good Yorkshires for 2 buff Border hens, exhibition bred, on approval: Davies, Fern-cottages, Penketh, nr. Warrington.

EXCHANGE buff variegated cock, clear buff hen, Borders, Mossic's strain, for clear buff cock, buff ticked hen, sell 7/6: Rea, 35, Kinnaird-st., Arbroath.

EXCHANGE good Norwich for Siberian hen Bullfinches, or cock Goldfinch, picture frames, or sell: Etherington Alderton, Chippenham, Wilts.; yours first.

TWO young Roller hens and home-made callipers, for Cresteds, phono records, or black pug dog: F. McCutcheon, 3, Kershaw-lane, Audensbaw, near Manchester.

FOR sale, 3 pair Norwich Canaries, 8/6 pair, or would exchange for unflighted marked yellow cock; approval; yours first: T. Butler, 200, Foleshill-rd., Coventry.

LARGE exhibition cock Greenfinch-bred Mules, 2/6; large Norwich hen Canary, parents both 1st prize winners, 7/6: Westrope, Jeweller, Chesterton, Cambridge.

CRESTS and Borders, 8 pairs, two two's and two three-compartment breeding cages, also large flight, offers wanted for lot or separate: 107, Greengate-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE Linnet-Canary Mule, grand songster, for first-class pair Yorkshires (cold room), sell 15/-; nearest offers; yours first: L. Jones, Fairview House, Kildare, Ireland.

1910 GREEN crested cock 25/-, 1909 yellow dark crested hen 15/-; exchange green Crest-bred, cock or hen, 1910: Manager, Sun Inn, Newbottle Fence Houses, Durham.

EXCHANGE yellow Norwicb cock and yellow variegated hen for good, large, typical yellow Norwich hen, or sell, 12/6: James Smith, 151, Montrose-st., Brechin, N.B.

I have 2 Border hens, also house-moulted hen Linnet, had fertile eggs last year to cock Goldie, what offers in 1909 hen Canaries: James Leigh, 8, Osborne-st., Oldham.

WILL exchange Canaries for talking machine or records, or anything useful; see advertisements under Norwich and Yorkshires: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytoustone.

EXCHANGE 3 hens, 1 clear buff, 1 variegated yellow, Norwich, also Roller, for 26 x 1 3-8 cycle tyres, beaded edge, or good Roller cock, Schoolmaster: Haslam, 87, Brief-st., Bolton.

WHAT offes in Rollers, Canaries, for cock and hen Norwich, both very big, and some good show British, or guaranteed mulers?; or sell; state wants: E. Tatam, 109, Hildyard-st., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich for pair Hartz Mountain Rollers, two Chaffinches, two cock Greenfinches, twice house-moulted, for two Roller hens: Thomson, Ava Lodge, Berwick-on-Tweed.

YORKS. show case, to hold four cages, and one Roller hen, for a buff Yorks. cock, unflighted, good position, plenty of leg and standard sized bird: Denby Bros., Bradley, via Keighley.

YORKSHIRE and cross Norwich Rollers, 10 cocks, 15 hens, buff, green, and variegated, cocks 6/6, hens 2/6, or what offers in exchange: Hughes, 7, Bosworth-rd., Westbourne Park, London.

VARIEGATED yellow cock, 2 varieg. yellow hens, 2 buff hens; exchange for 2 large yellow Norwich hens, cylinder records, anything; sell 18/-: Knowles, 16, Delaware-st., Preston, Lancashire.

GOOD quality buff Yorks. cock, 2nd and 3rd in open, £1, ditto 4th 12/-, ditto 1st £1, sell 15/-; another cock and hen, 7/- each, or exchange good blankets: Miers, Corkickle, Whitehaven.

TWO Norwich hens, 20 coloured bird plates, five-chambered revolver; exchange for gramophone records, anything; offers; yours first: Alex. Hughes, 83, Stanc-place, Sbotts, Lanarkshire, N.B.

ONE small dark Goldfinch-Canary cock Mule, one cock Canary, 1910; exchange good cock Linnets or good feeding hen Canaries, yellows preferred, sell 8/-: William Smith, 11, John-st., Dalbeattie.

TYPICAL Norwich colour-fed cocks 8/-, hens 4/-, exhibition Goldfinch, 4th Wolverhampton, 10/-, good Muling pairs from 6/-, exchange pen good laying fowls; offers: Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

NEW set of goat harness, 7/0; chaise, 20/-, both worth trehle; new shaft tugs, straps, driving reins, cob size, 7/6 lot; exchange Canaries, poultry, groceries: Mrs. Reeder, 29, Colva-st., Highgate, N.

TWO large Crestbred hens, buff ticked, buff variegated, good quality, abundance of feather, 9/- and 7/6 each, 15/- two: exchange unflighted yellow Norwich hen to value; approval: E. Hendry, Fraserburgh

FIVE buff, 1 yellow Yorkshire cocks, 6/- to 10/-; 2 Norwich Plainhead cocks, 6/- and 10/-; 4 grand yellow hens, 1 buff, 3/6, 4/-, 6/-, exchange household, cycle covers, gas lamp: Grant, 111, Millbank, Southampton.

FIVE pairs good Yorkshires, three pairs good Norwich, pair Crests, 20/- pair; or exchange dress material, boots, drapery, 10in. disc records, or ¾ matchboard; offers: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE two pairs of good Border Fancies for good buff Norwich Plainhead cock; mutual approval, yours first, no rubbish wanted or given: John Reid, Longridge, by Fauldhouse, Linlithgowshire, Scotland.

LARGE green Crest-bred cock, hc Woolwich January 12, open, exchange for clear or ticked yellow Norwich cock,; approval; other Crests to exchange; write or call: Macleilau, 23, Speranza-st., Plumstead, Kent.

TWO yellow cinnamon hens, Godley's strain, 12/6 each; four buff Norwich cocks, 10/6 each; black Pomeranian puppy, male, 30/-; exchange exhibition Norwich or Borders: W. Gamble, Blaby-rd., South Wigston.

SIX cocks and 9 hen Canaries and 6 good breeding cages, exchange for good Grey Parrot, must be good talker and whistler; Parrot first, or sell separately; approval both ways: Johnston, The Lodge, Fever Hospital, Carlisle.

HIGH-class Borders, 3 grand even and uneven pairs, 20/-, 17/6 pair; also good yellow Siskin, house-moulted, 6/-, bred Mules: house-moulted Greenfinch, good bird, 5/-, hybrid breeder; wanted yellow Norcock cock, Siberian Goldies: Robt. Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich hens wanted, exchange following large Norwich cocks: 2 unflighted variegated buffs (sell 7/6 each); foul yellow Green, brother to my Liverpool, etc., winners (sell 15/-); natural colour yellow, 2nd Bolton (sell 15/-); offers invited: Jas Nelson, 64, Heaglet st., Bolton.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires than can win for Norwich buff cock and buff hens; mutual approval: Middleton, 15, Willoughby avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

CLINKING pair Borders, even marked buff cock, clear yellow hen, 1910, sell cheap; exchange Norwich or offers; approval: Marshall, Blackbull-st., Duns.

ARTHUR DAZELEY, Aylsham, Norfolk, winner of 9 honours since December 10th last, including 3 1sts and special, has the following stock birds for sale: Two clear buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; pair cinnamon Yorkshires, 10/-; real good crested hen, 6/-; unflighted buff marked hen, grand type, 5/-; or exchanges, mutual approval.

Mainly Foreign.

STRONG, healthy Budgerigars, 5/- pair; exchange clapnets, or offers: Copperwaite, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

COCK Cockatiel, hc at Cannock, 3rd at Heathbayes; what offers Canaries?; card sent: Payne, The Firs, Leacroft, Cannock.

ROSETTE Cockatoo for sale, or exchange for good Rollers or Norwich; approval both ways: Fish, St. Paul's, Cheltenham.

YOUNG Amazon Parrot, healthy, exchange good singing Roller or Norwich cocks, sell 15/-: Williams, Game Dealer, Ruthin.

TALKING Mock Parrot and cage for sale, 25/-, or exchange bright-plumage foreigners: Saywell, 1, St. Ann's-cottages, Nottingham.

WHAT offers in laying Pullets for pair yellow Budgerigars, value 10/-, proved breeders: Marston, Hadassah-st., Siddal, Halifax.

SALE or exchange, two pairs Black Magpies, Warner's, winners, £1 pair; approval; exchange: Bonella, 47, Nfeldrum-rd., Kirkcaldy.

PAIR hand-reared Magpies, talking, one winner, splendid condition, 10/-, or exchange: Dove, 35, West-end, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

PAIR Budgerigars, cock Cockatiel, 4 hen Bullfinches, 5 Roller cocks, what offers lot, cash, exchange: Locke, Broomhills, Honiton.

TWO Golden Crown Conroys, Green Indian Parrakeet, 2 Canary-wing Lovebirds, for 3 pair of good Norwich; approval both ways: Tyson, Elm-rd., Thatto Heath, St. Helens.

INDIAN Rock Parrot, good talker, mimic, sell 30/-; Seifert Schoolmaster, 2 hens, sell £1; splendid mandoline, £2; exchange household goods, boots; offers: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

SELL or exchange for a good bicycle, 3 good breeding pairs and 1 pair young Budgerigars, also 1 pair each of Cockatiels and Ringneeks, outdoor aviary: S. Leach, 239, Bury-rd.,; Tottington, Bury, Lancs.

EXCHANGE Parrot for fowls or Yorkshires, sell 25/-, talking warranty; also White Pom bitch, 12 months, sell 20/-; two cock Bullfinches, h.m., 3/- each: Matthews, 155, Eleanor Cross-rd., Waltham Cross, Herts.

A very intelligent Rose-breasted Cockatoo, young, splendid health and feather, whistles, dances, calls the dog, etc., comes out on hand and feeds from mouth; a great pet with children, never pecks; with dome cage, will exchange for small foreigners; offers invited: Hooke, Longthorpe, Peterborough.

Miscellaneous.

WHIPPET for sale, 12/-, or exchange for caged birds: Lailey, Trowle Common, Trowbridge.

EIGHTY "Cage Birds," what offers in British or Canarics: Williams, 67, Pembrey-rd., Llanelly.

EXCHANGE 12-bore cartridges, loaded, for Canaries: Smith, 7, Saxton-st., Gillingham, Kent.

BULL Terrier dog, 4 months, highest pedigree, 30/-, or exchange boots: 48, Lower Clapton-rd., N.E.

GUITAR zither-harp, £1, exchange for pair good Rollers, Schoolmasters: W. Harris, Halberton, Tiverton.

BROWN African field boots, 9/-, stamped 16/9, pair black box-calf, 9/-; offers birds: 14, Evans-st., Sheffield.

LARGE mahogany aviary, £3; 12 breeding and stock cages, in racks, 30/-: Bowman, 2, Lindo-st., Nunhead, London.

EXCHANGE Parrot cage, good condition, for Norwich cock Canary: Jas. Pace, Ely-ter., West Stanley, Durham.

WHAT offers in Yorkshires for clap nets, hand made, 15 x 4, complete: P. Smith, Upper Wanboro', Swindon.

EXCHANGE pair good hollow ground razors for cock or 3 hen Canaries: Hinchliffe, 36, Hunt-st., Sheffield.

USEFUL or ornamental china given in exchange for exhibition Norwicb: Williams, 67, Pembrey-rd., Llanelly.

WHAT offers two pair of clap nets, night Lark net, and rabbit net: Dent, 13, Sussex-terrace, Brighton.

EXCHANGE White Pom stud dog and case of 17 forcign birds, for fowls: offers: Higgs, 10, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

HANDSOME dinner cruet, 4 bottles, silver-plated, exchange 2 cock Canaries: Rudeportb, 24, Margaret-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 4 new-style British show cages for first-class Border cock: Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

MANDOLINE and case, 35/-; Pioneer fountain pen, gold nib, 7/-; exchange Canaries: Cork, 51, Heigham-rd., East Ham.

WHAT offers in Rollers for large phonograpb and 30 records; stamp, particulars: Smitb, 14, Oak-st., York-rd., Leeds.

WHAT offers Yorkshire sbow cages, club pattern, for Police Review, 1910, complete, clean: Crook, 364, Bury-rd., Bolton.

CRANE'S Grand Clariphone disc machine, cost £5, exchange Canaries; sell 35/-: Tait, 5, Brougham-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

ZITHER banjo, in case, 25/-; album, 800 stamps, 30/-; 2 pair Norwich, 18/-: Bowman, 2, Lindo-st., Nunhead, London.

SALE or exchange pair bowling woods for Roller Canaries or poultry; sell 15/-: 21, Boscobel-st., Tipton, Staffordshire.

EXCHANGE powerful airgun, cost 18/6, for pair of Norwich, yellow preferred: Britchfield, 18, West-st., Aylesbury, Bucks.

SINGLE-barrel breechloader, good condition, sell 17/6, exchange Canaries: offers: Arthur Cooper, 7, Croft-st., Keighley.

FOUR dozen rose trees, 4 kinds, what offers Norwich or Yorks; birds first: A. McMillan, 13, Whitefield-ter., Liverpool.

PRIZE pigeons, Parrots, dogs, puppies, etc.; given in exchange for Canaries, and other birds: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

PAIR nearly new roller skates; sell 12/6; cost 15/-; exchange for 2 cock Mules or Norwich: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

EXCHANGE silver Lever, double curb chain, value £2, for Rollers, cocks; Rollers first: 21, Colomb-st., East Greenwich.

EXCHANGE Belgian hare doe, winning strain, for cock Canary, or, good Goldfinch, or sell 10/6: Newell, Warblington, Havant.

EXCHANGE six wire fronts, 24 by 12 in., double doors, for house-moulted Goldfinch: Williams, 67, Pembrey-rd., Llanelly.

SALE or exchange two pedigree Fox Terriers, four months, St. Leger strain, £1, or pair of Yorkshires: Emmerson, Evenwood.

YORKSHIRE terrier bitch, 18 months, good coat and colour, 25/-, or would exchange: J. Smith, 41, Legrams-st., Bradford.

FOUR prize self Tumblers, 3 prize-winning Red Pouters, 2/6 each; exchange any for British: Stevenson, Market-st., Leek.

PEDIGREE Racing Homers, 7/6 pair, exchange British birds or Canaries, cock Mules: W. McNair, 148, George-st., Paisley.

FOR sale tandem £2, also cycle £1 10/-, or exchange Canaries or speaking Parrot: James McLeish, 133, Deedes-st., Airdrie.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives and penknife for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St Philips-rd., Sheffield.

ABOUT 60 lbs. of brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, etc.; offers in good Norwich or Yorks.: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE disc loading barbell, 112lbs., for good Siberian Bullfinch hen, or sell, 10/-: H. Hynd, 77, Victoria-st., Dunfermline.

BANTAMS; good Black Pekin hen and one pullet; exchange cage birds, or anything useful: Mcakin, Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.

SEWING machine, splendid condition, 35/-, exchange Canaries; yours first, offers: Bate, Blaby-rd., South Wigston, Leicester.

WHAT offers in Canaries for Bull Terrier bitch puppy, 8 weeks, all white, make grand guard: Ward, 65, Paulet-rd., Camberwell.

EXCHANGE gramophone, 8/-, a pair, for muling or 2 hen Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire: John Lewis, 3, Talwinches, Pentrebach.

SELL, magic lantern, slides, frame, 30/-, or exchange Rollers, both sexes: Geo. Munt, No. 18, Bankfield-rd., Huddersfield.

PEDIGREE Wire bitch, 6 months, also mother of above, sale, exchange Pom. or Canaries: Domeney, 227, Ashley-rd., Parkstone.

WHITE Wyandotte cockerel, 6/-; show homers, 12/6 pair; exchange 1¾ tyres, Canaries, anything useful: 15, Frome-ter., Dorchester.

FOUR double breeding cages, 2 flight, sell or exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches; offers: S. Huggins, Caistor-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE Harmsworth History of the World for British cock Hardbills, or £1: John Young, Miltoncottage, Lesmahagow, N.B.

CROSSED Irish wire hair terrier; sell 10/-, or exchange Canaries: For particulars apply Howe, 45, Sunnyside, Chesham, Bucks.

PAIR winning Black-red Game Bantams, sell 10/-, or exchange Belgian hen, or useful offers: Burnett, 426, Horton-lane, Bradford.

PEDIGREE Toy Yorkshire bitch, in whelp by good dog, 35/- each; exchange anything useful: Porter, Herrick-st., Wolverhampton.

THREE small Yorkshire pups; exchange drapery, Canaries; sell 15/- each: Solomon Cox, 10, Graingerslane, Cradley Heath, Staffs.

TOP boots, trees, also 2 pair of tan tops, for top boots, exchange for birds, anything useful: Roberts, Victoria Tap, Llanrwst, N.W.

CHOW Chow, grand red dog, £3 3/-, or exchange Rollers or talking Parrot, or what offers: Dick, White House, Dunston-on-Tyne.

PAIR Old English Spangle Bantams, 5/-; Norwich cock, Yorkshire cock, 5/6 each; exchange: Poole, Wratting-rd., Haverhill, Suffolk.

GENT.'S free-wheel, good going order, guaranteed, 30/-, 24 frame: exchange Canaries, Goldies; offers: Newman, Upper-grove, Margate.

COLUMBIA Graphophone, brass horn, and stand, exchange for big Norwich Canaries: Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

PAIR White Fantail pigeons, 2 pairs of Barbary Doves, exchange cock Canary or 3 hens: Silcock, Charlestown, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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WARRANTED cock Brown Linnets, 5/- dozen, three dozen 14/3; cock Twites, 3/6 dozen; cock Bramblefinches, 3/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/3 dozen; hens of all above, 1/- dozen; Snowbuntings, 4/6 dozen, six 2/6, three 1/6; dealers supplied: Alfred Cubley, Gedney, nr. Holbeach, Lincs.

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HIGH-CLASS Borders, clears, variegated, some that have won; single, pairs, cheap; approval: Welsh, 18, Deanpark-st., Edinburgh.

GREEN Borders; few stock birds for sale; cocks from 4/6; hens from 2/6; approval, stamp: Thomson, Grocer, 441, Albert-rd., Langside, Glasgow.

BORDERS, yellows, buffs, clears, marks; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; cold-room bred; approval: Crabb and Finlayson, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

SPLENDID winning Borders, and matched pairs, also prize-bred Yorkshires, all reasonable; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

STILL a few good Borders for disposal, clear yellow and foul cocks and hens; clear buff cocks and hens; prices reasonable; approval: Studholme, Lockerbie.

HIGH-CLASS Borders from Craig and McKenzie's winning strains, grand type, colour and quality, cheap to clear, approval: Thomson, 16, Bridge-street, Kelso.

WINNING Borders, clear and variegated buff hens and buff green cocks and hens, Patterson's direct strain; approval: Cunningham, 6, Barclay-st., Paisley.

W. BAYLEY has a few of his well-known winning Borders for disposal; clears, marks, and greens; prices reasonable, and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

FOR sale, 10 pairs of healthy young prize-bred Borders, yellows and buffs, cheap; must clear, giving up Borders; approval with pleasure: Minty, Stony-st., Frome.

BORDER Fancies; several good 1910 birds for sale, winning strain; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; pairs from 7/6 upwards; approval, stamp reply: Mills, 29, Royal Park-terrace, Edinburgh.

PRIZE-bred Borders for sale, clear and marked, some good yell. hens, same as my winners, all on approval; stamped reply: J. H. Pearson, 24, Longthwaite Road, Wigton, Cumberland.

BORDERS, prize bred, all my own breeding; cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-; good type and quality; see show report. West Stanley; on approval: Elliot, 3, Jubilee-terrace, Edmondsley, Durham.

CARRIAGE paid. Welsh eye-ticked buff cock, 10/6, nicely marked buff cock, 8/6, clear yellow cock, 8/6, all in pink of condition, Patterson, Bennett's strains, bargain, approval. Post Exhibition, Cockermouth.

BORDERS, three-pointed buff cock, winner, 10/-; clear buff hen, medal winner, 10/-; cinnamons, yellow cock and buff hen, 15/- the pair; stamp reply: Robert Houston, jun., Netherburn-by-Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class Border Fancies, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each, hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/0, 4/- each, all carriage paid, on seven days' approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

SALE, five pairs good Borders, even mark bred, buff, green, variegated, clears, marks, fine quality typical 1910 bred; no fancy price; approval on deposit; stamp particulars: W. Scott, New Phoenix-yard, Morpeth Northumberland.

GRAND pair buff cock, yellow cinnamon marked hen, winners, both singly and as a pair; also several good young hens, mostly cinnamon blood, cheap; or exchange Scots Fancy; approval; stamp particulars: Ellwood, Papcastle, Cockermouth.

HENRY Bennett, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, can spare high-class winners and select stock birds from his champion strain, single cocks, 6/- to 40/-, hens 3/- to 30/-; specially matched pairs 8/6 to 45/-; all colours, satisfaction given; stamp, approval.

STILL a few superior Borders for disposal, buff cocks and hens, yellow hens, buff even marked and uneven marked cock, buff cinnamon hen, 5 yellow green cocks; all good reliable birds: cheap; approval: Jas. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries.

FOR even-marked breeding, 2 uneven buff cocks, 7/6; 2 clear yellow cocks, 6/-; 2 three-pointed buff hens, 4/-; self cinnamon and buff green hens, 4/-; buff green cocks, 6/6; grand type and quality, approval, stamp reply: C. Farrer, 159, Stanton-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HAVING had a most successful show season (see reports of all the leading East and West shows), have a few spare cocks and hens, and also matched pairs for disposal, cheap to clear; a splendid chance for beginners to secure the best blood in the Fancy; apply: A. Gilchrist, Coldstream.

DON'T PURCHASE COMMON GERMANS OR BELGIANS FOR BORDERS,

from unprincipled people. I tell you its a game that is being played. See my List of some grand pedigree stuff, including a lot of grand young Hens, before deciding elsewhere.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

Cinnamons.

FOUR prize bred Cinnamon Canaries, buff, cheap to clear: H. Fry, Lucerne, Horley, Surrey.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks, also pairs, bred from champion stock, from 20/-: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

BUFF cinnamon cocks, 7/0, 10/-; buff hens, 4/-; yellow hens, 5/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

GRAND buff Cinnamon hen, perfect feeder, 7/6, from Crystal Palace winners: Kirton Bland, Hosler, Sydenham, S.E.

TWO large 1909 buff Cinnamons, cocks, 15/6; unflighted buff cocks from 8/6; approval, stamp: Silver, Peel-st., Birmingham.

SIX good large stout Norwich type Cinnamon hens, 12/6 and 15/- each, or £3 the lot: J. Bertie, 521, Wandboro'-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

LARGE yellow cinnamon cock and buff hen, 17/6; good stout birds; 20 sound Norwich hens, 3/- each: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

EXTRA large buff Cinnamon cock and hen, 20/-; three hens, 5/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

SPLENDID buff Cinnamon cock, 2nd prize winner, a gem, 21/-; clinking yellow cock, winner, 20/-; both show condition: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

BUFF Cinnamons, fine colour, 1910 birds, very healthy cocks, in full song, 6/- each; hens, 3/- each: Mrs. Johnstone, Addiscombe, Outram-rd., Southsea.

GRAND buff Cinnamon cock and yellow Cinnamon hen, both show birds, £3; also stock Cinnamon cock and extra large green hen, £2: Massey, see Norwich.

THROUGH removing am compelled to part with all my birds, single, or the whole in one lot: H. Riding, 21, Walmsley-street, Rishton, nr. Blackburn.

ARMY field-glasses, sling case, new, makers Dolland, London, value £4; exchange for Canaries, Cinnamons preferred, or sell £2; mutual approval: Taylor, Liudon-st., Haworth, Yorkshire.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BARGAIN; massive yellow variegated Crest-bred cock, sell 6/-: Earl Watts, Paulton, Bristol.

ABOUT a dozen Crest and Crestbred Canaries, 7/6 to 20/-, plenty feather: Fairweather, Dawlish.

FEW good Crested and Crest-bred Cannries; stamp reply: James Weuton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

34 Crest and Crest-breds for disposal; hens from 6/-, cocks from 7/6, pairs from 15/-: Drake, Sussex-street, Norwich.

GOOD heavy crested cocks and hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; matched pairs, breeding, 13/6, 15/6: Roberts, Cleynext-Sea.

GOOD heavy crested cocks and hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each, pairs at 20/-: Dunning, 19, Stratford-st., Tunbridge Wells.

THREE 1909 Crested hens, good crests, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; approval: George Goulden, Edenhall, Langwathby, Carlisle.

MATCHED pairs of Crests, 1910, Barnett's strain, grand stock, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- a pair; Johnson, Jun., Wavendon, Bucks.

FOR sale Crest-bred cock, Crest hen, matched pair, 25/-; good birds; approval: Kininmouth, 77, Upper Bridge-st., Stirling.

SEVENTY Norwich Crested cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; 8/- pair, matched; Plainheads, 7/- pair: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

PAIR of good Norwich Crested Canaries, with breeding cage, nest pan, egg drawers, 10/6: Breton, Pinewoods, Ash, Surrey.

TWO Crested Norwich cocks and one Yorkshire and breeding cage, 9/6 the lot; must sell: Green, Woodingdean, Brighton.

CRESTS and Crest-breds from 7/6 upwards; few breeding cages for sale: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

LARGE crested cock to beak end, 23/-; large Crest-bred cock, 12/6; wants seeing; worth double: Campbell, 23, Johastone-st., Alva.

GRAND wing-marked dark Crest, 1910 cock, brother to my Scottish National winner, 40/-; approval: Burns, West Barns, Dunbar.

FOUR pairs good Crest and Crest-bred cold room bred, 1910 birds to clear, 36/-, cheap: Newton, 36, Emville-avenue, Scarborough.

GREEN Crested cock, 15/6; wing-marked dark Crested hen, 17/6; green Crested hen, 17/6: Thomas Horsley, Bargate-rd., Belper.

WANTED one or two heavily marked Crestbred hens, good feather; particulars, lowest price: Miller, 8, Southampton-st., Fitzroy-sq., W.

THREE buff, dark-crested cocks, 7/- each; four Crest-breds, 12/6 each, good birds, honest bargain: Burrows, 27, Egypt-rd., Nottingham.

GOOD Crested cocks, 6/6 each, also Crest and Crestbred hens, 4/6 each; approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-aven., Basford, Nottingham.

WANTED good Crests and Crest-breds, also coloured Norwich, send lowest price: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

LARGE well-bred heavy-feathered Crested hens, from 10/- each, on approval; inspection invited: Gibbons, 11, Roseford-ter., Shepherds Bush.

MASSIVE green C.B cock, 20/-, variegated C.B hen, 15/-; exchange both for good Crest hen: Memmott, 43, Meersbrook-road, Heeley, Sheffield.

HAVING selected my stock, can spare two Crested hens and one Crest-bred hen, unflighted, cheap; approval: Townrow, Cremorne-st., Nottingham.

FEW Crests and Crestbreds, large stock birds, bred from or related to my winners, 15/- upwards.—H. Cowpertwait, 11, Trivett-st., Nottingham.

CREST and Crest-bred, singles or pairs, same strain as my winners; reasonable price; state wants; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green.

30 good Crest and Crest-bred cocks and hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-street, Norwich.

NOTICE; grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, for show or stock; prices low; easy payments; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

YOUNG dark Crested cock, crest over beak end, 25/-; a few good Crested hens, from 10/- to £1: J. Braund, 51, Peterboro'-rd., Hurlingham, London.

G. Grant, Thirlestaine Hall, Cheltenham, has a few pair Crests, from 30/- per pair; special value in Crested cocks, from 40/- each; no odd hens; approval.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, breeder and exhibitor (not a dealer); prizes 1910, Norwich, Cambridge and Lowestoft; from 10/- each; approval.

MONSTER [redacted] buff Crested cock, wing marked dark Crest, [redacted], sacrifice 15/-; sound, healthy, singing; bargain: Tucker, 64, Clarke-rd., Northampton.

J. Hands, 7, Simpson-street, Crookhill, Ryton, has a few Crested hens and few Crest bred hens, 1910 bred, also Crested cock, 20/-, and a Crest-bred cock, 12/6.

BARNETT'S direct; Crests and Crest-breds; few good, healthy stock pairs, also single birds, cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, 50, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

MONSTER clear buff Crest-bred cock, 15/-; ditto ticked cock, 12/-; sound, reliable stock birds; approval, deposit: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

G. Bennett can spare a few Crests and Crest-breds, cocks and hens, from 10/-, all bred from his cup winners; also a few songsters, 6/-; approval, deposit: 46, Wenlock-street, Luton, Beds.

G. F. Adamson, 23, Netherton-st., Kilmarnock; Having selected selected stock, has two matched pairs, also few odd Crest and Crestbred cocks, to part with; bargains; approval.

VERY large variegated C.B. cock, in show cage, 20/-; large stout green Crest cock, in ditto, 20/-; nice Crest hen, 8/6; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

LARGE, heavily feathered, clear bodied, dark crested cock, winner, 30/-; green Crest-bred cock, 20/-; clear bodied, dark crested hen, 15/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

MUST clear, space wanted; nine healthy Crest and Crest-bred, winning strain, five breeding cages, new 1910; together or separate; no reasonable offer refused: Oliver, 40, Highfield-road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

PLEASE note; exceptional value in Crests and Crest-breds; all my own breeding; winning at all the principal shows in England and Scotland; a few to part with: Bewick, 7, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE old well-known West of England Crest breeders have a grand lot for sale from 10/- upwards; a dozen of healthy ones, to suit a dealer, £4; a bargain: J. and J. Symons, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, same as my cup winners, 3 young crested cocks, 15/-, 25/-, 30/-; clear body, dark crested hen, 25/-; all winners; Crestbreds, 10/-: Wm. Reid, Falkland.

COLLEDGE, Kilburn, Derby, Crest breeder for 30 years, winner of £10 10/- challenge bowls, cups, diplomas, gold and silver medals; few tip-top specimens for sale, or second-raters; approval, stamp.

MONSTER exhibition Crested-bred cock, Crested hen to match, 50/-; several Crested, Crested-bred cocks and hens from 15/-; bred by myself; no half value; approval: Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

THIRTY years a breeder of Crest, having bred and shown some of the best ever seen on the bench, has a few nice young birds for disposal; price to suit everybody; on approval: Geo. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

OTHER reduction of breeding stock; 1 pair Crests, £8 8s.; ditto, £7 7s.; ditto, £5 5s.; ditto, £4 4s.; ditto, £2 2s.; odd hens from 21/-; best possible blood; approval or inspection; cold room: Tyson, 169, Sloane-st., London.

BUFF Crest-bred cocks, 10/6; variegated ditto, 8/-; 2 grey hens to match either, 10/- each; clear Crest cock, 12/6; yellow rough dark Crest cock, 10/6; has thrown stock twice as good as himself; see Norwich and Mules: Lilley, 5, Mysore-road, Lavender Hill, London.

MONSTER 1910 exhibition dark Crested cock, large drooping crest, immense body and very heavily feathered, sure winner in good competition, only 25/-, honestly worth £3; Barnett's Palace winning strain; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

SHOW Crests and Crestbreds, matched up for breeding; each bird can win; 3 pairs, £10 10/-, £12 12/-, and £15 15/-; all worth double; stock birds, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, and 60/- each pairs; single birds from 15/6; approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Iley, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I want to reduce my stock of Crests and Crest-breds; no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-; single birds from 7/6; sent on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestaut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex.

MUST clear, £12 or nearest offer, 13 Crest and Crest-bred, 35 Plainhead Norwich, seventeen or more cocks, cold room bred; six double breeding cages, 4 ft. 3 ins. by 18 ins by 12 ins.; one single ditto with necessary appliances; can be seen any time: 66 Scrules-road, Brockley.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 30/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CHOICE exhibition dark Crested cock, large drooping crest, sure winner, only 17/6, honestly worth 30/-; also massive feathery Crest-bred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6, cheap at £1, or 22/6 the pair; Barnett's Palace winning strain; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

NO rubbish offered, only large, heavily feathered, healthy, and typical specimens, a credit to purchaser as well as myself. Should you require an odd Crest or Crestbred cock or hen please state requirements; can guaraatee the highest possible satisfaction; specially selected pairs, properly matched for crest breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, upwards; all cold room bred; travelling cage free; approval anywhere: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

HIGH-class Crests, Crestbreds, best strain in England: I have sold as many winners as anyone anywhere; I don't exhibit; I breed for my customers to win; 12 years chairman Preston Cage Bird Society, Judge of a hundred shows, 30 years' breeder of high-class Crests and Norwich Plainheads; I have some grand birds for sale, cocks or hens; fanciers wanting good birds reasonable should write me; approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

HAVE you ever noticed these prices, which are very exceptional for the quality offered? The fact is, I have an enormous stock; no one in Norwich, or out of Norwich, can give anything approaching the value, whatever the price selected. Full particulars of any bird required can be given, simply because I hold them. Crested hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, to 100/-; Crest-bred hens, 3/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6, to 40/-; Crest-bred cocks, big, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, to 20/-; Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, to £10. Amongst my collection are clear buffs and yellows, evenly-marked do., variegated do., and some very useful greens indeed; all on approval; travelling cages, 3d. extra: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PLEASE note following exceptional value in highest class Crests and crestbreds, Barnett's strain, monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, £1; monster wing marked dark Crest cock, 16/-; massive heavy feathered variegated dark Crest cock, 15/-, grand crest; monster green Crest hen, grand crest, 15/-; monster variegated ditto, 15/-; massive feathery clear Crest hen, 12/6; monster green crest-bred cock, grand head, 25/-; monster variegated crestbred cock, grand head, £1; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; monster variegated crestbred hen, nice head, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/6; all grand stock birds in perfect condition, from my winners. Approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers whole of his show Crests, also following Cinnamon-bred Crestbreds of his unrivalled strain; clear buff hen, 30/; variegated hen, 1st Cheltenham, £5; ditto, £3; ditto, £3 10/-; Crest-bred cock, best living, £5; Cinnamon grey hen, 30/-; also, not Cinnamon-bred, large clear yellow cock, grey Crest, 30/-; evenly marked dark Crest yellow cock, from two Crests, 20/-; clear buff cock, grey Crest, 25/-; yellow green cock, immense Crest, £3 10/6; nearly green buff Crested hen, 35/-; two variegated buff Crestbred cocks (sire sold for £25), 50/-, 40/-; enormous dark Crest buff cock, £4; two variegated buff Crest-bred cocks, mother won 15 firsts, 35/-, 50/-; variegated buff cock, extra large rough Crest, 52/6; ditto, large young Crest, £4; two yellow green cocks, both winners, 50/-; ticked buff Crest-bred cock, grand head, 30/-; green Crest-bred cock, 25/-; lightly variegated yellow Crest-bred cock, show bird, £2 10/-; large variegated yellow Crest-bred cock, 4th Cheltenham, 70/-; yellow green cock, nice crest, 30/-, approval.

A. MOIR,

Winners at Falkirk and Stirling, and other shows; Crests and Crest-breds, cheap to clear, 20/- pair, upwards: Greenside-st., Alloa, N.B.

W. READ

York-rd., Guildford, Surrey, breeder and exhibitor, has a few good Crests and Crestbreds for sale, cheap; all own breeding; seen any time.

NEAME'S EASY PAYMENT SYSTEM.

From 1/- per week; why delay? no such terms offered elsewhere; birds forwarded on receipt first payment; Crest, Plainhead, Norwich, Yorkshires, etc.; all secretaries should join my great bird club; you will save pounds; send for terms; stamp reply: 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH and French Frills, cocks or hens, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; rare value; imported direct: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

NEAME'S CARD.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs; approval, stamp: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

1910 buff and yellow York. cocks and hens, cheap; approval: Gore, 377, Walton Breck-rd., Liverpool.

SELF yellow, 20/-; self buff, 17/-; foul yellow, 12/6; foul yellow hens, 7/6: Bratherton, 26, Fairclough-lane, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens and clears, good length and type, price 10/-, 12/- pair; singing cocks, 7/6: Matthews, 17, Baradale-road, Liverpool.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have some splendid Yorkshire greens for sale, reasonable: S. Donaldson, 25, Eton-st., Walton, Liverpool.

BEAUTIFUL Yorkshire Greens, h.c. Gosport Show, fine marking, cocks 7/-, hens 3/-, 1910 birds: Mrs. Johnstone, Addiscombe, Outram-rd., Southsea.

YORKSHIRE, Norwich and Border Greens, best strains, also few clears, pairs, or singles; prices reasonable: Walker, 197, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.

SEVEN foul-green and one variegated Norwich Border Fancy hens, five 3/6 each, and three Crests 4/- each; lot 25/- or nearest offer: E. Anstee, 6, Belmont-road, Luton, Beds.

FIVE good strong healthy Green Norwich hens, grand type, quality and colour, 5/- each, or the lot 20/-, extra cheap to clear: W. Vardy, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaithe, Notts.

MAGNIFICENT 1910 exhibition yellow green Norwich cock, rare type and quality, grand colour and depth of chest, only 15/-, honestly worth 30/-; also extra choice yellow green Norwich hen, grand type, head, neck, and full of quality, only 7/6, cheap at £1; cold-room bred; genuine bargains; approval Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

Lancashires.

CLEAR buff coppy hen, 10/-; deposit: A. Ackroyd, 9, Greenacres-rd., Oldham.

A few Lancashires for sale, price reasonable, young birds; approval: Arthur West, 90, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

FEW pairs of Lancashires, 18/- pair, yellow and buff; healthy; giving up: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

TWO pairs of Lancashires, 15/- and 18/- pair; healthy; approval; cold-room: Fitton, 41, Laurel-st., Rochdale.

BUFF Coppy cock 12/-, buff Plainhead hen 10/-, approval: Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

LARGE massive Lancashire Plainheads, cocks and hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

TWO splendid buff Plainheads, cocks, 10/- each; very cheap, approval; stamp reply: T. Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

LANCASHIRES for sale, few coppies and Plainhead yellow and buff, 1910; approval, deposit: John Swalwell, 146, Middleton-rd., Oldham.

BUFF Lancashire Coppy cock, 10/6; another, deformed claw, 7/-; Crested hen, 6/6: Plainhead, 4/6; approval: J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

SEVERAL buff and yellow Plainheads and Coppies, cocks and hens, which must be cleared at reduced prices; stamp reply, deposit: Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, 1910 bred; only two yellow and three Buff Plainhead cocks left; can offer grand Buff coppy cocks, bred from my winners, from 20/- to 60/- each; all 1910 bred; stamp reply: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

Lizards.

FOUR Silver Lizard hens, 2 Gold cocks, 1910, bred from winners; stamp reply: F. Steeple, 133, Balfour-st., Oldham.

HIGH-class Lizards, bred from my well-known winners, from 10/- pair; inspection invited; approval: Lawton, Sumner-st., Glossop.

ALL my Lizards for disposal, pairs 7/6, 9/6, the best strain in the world; odd cocks, 5/-, 6/- each, 1910 birds: Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-road, Crompton, Shaw.

HIGH-class Lizards, bred from my Manchester, Rochdale, and Palace winners, cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/-; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

THE Lizard Prince, winner Lizard Champion Challenge Trophy, 1911, winners and specially matched pairs cheap; approval; inspection invited: Rukin, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

GIVING up Lizards: 2 Gold cocks, 1 Silver, 8 Silver hens, 1909 and 1910 birds, mostly clear caps, cocks 7/6 each, hens 5/- each; best blood obtainable: Griffiths, 31, Moss-st., Garston, Liverpool.

EXCEPTIONALLY good pair of Golden-capped Lizards, cock clear, hen broken, 10/-; 1909 clear capped cock, from above pair, 5/-, or what offers?: H. Shears, 72, Victoria-avenue, New Bilton, Rugby.

YOU can obtain some of the best blood in the Fancy, from my winning strains, bred and exhibited by myself, cocks from 7/6 to 15/-, hens 5/- to 10/- each: E. Ollerenshaw, 37, Freetown, Glossop, Derbyshire.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards, cocks from 8/6; hens, from 6/6; properly matched pairs, from 17/6; every bird bred from my champion diploma strain; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous challenge cups, can spare few choice specimens. Cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, ditto; few grand pairs, 40/-, 60/-; approval with every pleasure; inspection cordially invited; 20 years' standing strain.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

FOUR Norwich hens, from good strain, 3/6 each: Pavy, Colne, Wilts.

GOOD, vigorous 1910 hens, 3/-, 8/6, and 4/-: Barker, 123, King's-avenue, Clapham, S.W.

GRAND variegated Norwich cock, champion bird, only 4/6: Enoch Hart, Stanley, nr. Derby.

FEW nice Norwich for sale, cheap: Chilton, 137, Vine-st., Ashton Old-rd., Gorton, Manchester.

TWELVE Norwich cock Canaries, outdoors aviary, bred, in full song: Lovegrove, 58, High-st., Banbury.

CAN spare 6 large Norwich cocks, very stout, 8/- each, 1910, in full song: Dewis, Bond-st., Nuneaton.

NORWICH hens, good, healthy, last year's birds, 3/6 each: Cooke, 80, Selwyn-avenue, Richmond, Surrey.

EXTRA large buff cock, 2nd Inverness, in song, 15/-, approval, deposit: Todd, Murray-place, Inverness.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Sib.-bred hens from 3/6; good yellow Norwich from 5/- each.

FEW prize bred Norwich for sale, cheap to clear; approval, stamp reply: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

NORWICH cock Canaries, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 3/-; approval: Turner, 8, Devon-st., S.S., Glasgow.

TEN pairs of good strong healthy Norwich for sale, cheap; stamp reply: Powley, 38, Napier-street, Norwich.

TEN good typical 1910 Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, 4/- each, 30/- the lot: Jobson, Grovehill-rd., Beverley.

THREE Norwich cock Canaries, 5/- each, good songsters, also 3 hens, 2/- each: Roach, Burghfield, Reading.

GRAND Norwich hens from 3/6 each; cocks from 7/6 each; all cold-room reared: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper.

GOOD Norwich birds (outdoor aviary), 10/- pair, grand singers, cocks 8/6: Miss Ibberson, 21, Wilbury-villas, Hove.

GOOD yellow cocks 7/6, 10/-, ticked 6/6, buff cock 7/6, hens 2/6; outdoor bred: P. Johnson, Studley, Warwickshire.

DEALERS supplied with large healthy Norwich cocks in full song, also hens: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-road, Norwich.

LARGE colour-fed Norwich hen, 6/-, worth 7/6; Norwich cock, 5/-; cold-room bred: Ernest Folkard, Heworth, York.

NORWICH for sale; buff cock, variegated ditto, buff green hen, cheap, approval: Taylor, 113, High-street, Brechin.

BARGAINS in prize-bred Norwich and Yorkshires; cocks from 7/6, also cages, giving up: 23, Atherton-street, Prescot.

FOR sale, a few good large Norwich cocks, from 7/6 upwards: T. Harrop, 21, Park-street, Kirby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

HOPKINS' champion Norwich; three grand buff cocks, size, colour, type, quality, 15/- each: 126, Bury New-rd., Bolton.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens form, 3/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED, good unflighted yellow hen, well up in size and head, good price given: Sargent, Hensey View, Launceston.

LARGE, chubby buff, also buff marked Norwich cocks, 10/- each; three hens, 11/-: Eastoe, 188, Thorold-rd., Ilford.

FEW good Norwich, single or pairs, related to my winners; approval, stamp: Silver, Peel-st., Winson Green, Birmingham.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, will send on approval Norwich cocks, 10/6, 15/6, 20/6; hens, 10/6, 15/6, 20/6, upwards.

LARGE clear yellow Norwich cock, 10/6; hens, 3/6; buff cock, 10/6, hen 8/6; approval: Buffery, Comer-rd., Redditch.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, healthy breeding condition, cocks 10/-, hens 4/-: Miss Tanner, Great Brickhill, Bletchley.

NORWICH cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; pairs, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; Bullfinches, 2/6: James, Kirton-Lindsey, Lincoln.

NORWICH, few good stock birds for sale; approval; stamp reply: W. Hampton, 25, Damacre-rd., Brechin, Farfarshire.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, from 7/6, hens 5/-, to clear; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham.

SOME good Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, cocks from 8/6, hens from 4/-: John Crawford, 11, Braeside-st., Glasgow.

NORWICH hens from 4/6; cocks from 8/6; matched pairs, 12/6: Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Matthias-rd., Newington Green, N.

W. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn; from my prize strain; pairs £1 upwards, single hens 7/6 upwards; on approval.

BARGAIN; 2 Norwich unflighted hens, yellow and buff, big variegated cock, 10/6 lot: 5, Sandhurst, Polygon, Southampton.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 10/-; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; approval: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

BIG variegated buff Norwich cock, 7/6, bred from winner, exceptional good feeder with young: Eddy, Bellevue-ter., Penzance.

TEN pair of good Norwich from 7/6 each, or will sell cheap or exchange Lizards: McCully, 169, Windleshaw-rd., St. Helens.

GOOD Norwich; cheap cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; approval willingly: A. Oscroft, 12, Cowley-st., Old Basford, Nottingham.

NOTICE; grand lot Norwich for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

NOTICE; will give 4/6 each for good Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries in soug; hens, 2/-: J. Thorn, 87, Plumstead-rd., Woolwich.

BUFF Norwich cock 5/6, grand book on cage bird management, by Wallace, 3/6; offers, Wright, Oakthwaite-rd., Windermere.

TYPICAL buff cock, two 2nds, £1; another, can win 15/-, one 10/6; also few hens, from 5/-: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

EXHIBITORS: grand even-marked yellow cock, 1st Newport, 17/6; clear buff cock, 1st club, 15/- (bargains): Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, lovely singers, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs 6/6, 7/-; real bargains; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NORWICH prize-bred yellow and buff cocks, from 6/6; hens from 4/-; cash or deposit: Triffit, 29, Prince-st., New Wortley, Leeds.

MUST be sold, good stud of the best show strains, or in pairs, cheap, with all appliances: Barker, 5, Parkdale-rd., Plumstead, Kent.

LARGE unflighted buff marked cock, 10/6, clear yellow ditto, 8/6; yellow marked cock, 1909, 8/6: Howes, 108, King's-rd., Gosport.

ON sale, two pairs of Norwich and three buff hens, good breed, £1, or sell separate: Roskell, 143, Edmund-st. West, Rochdale.

STOP! yellow cocks, local winners, from 7/6; also few pairs of Crests, from 12/6; approval: Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

GRAND Norwich, cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/6 upwards; buffs, yellows; own breeding: Robinson, 121, Minor-st., Failsworth, Manchester.

SEVERAL grand typical clear Norwich cocks, unflighted yellows, buffs, size substance, quality, 12/6 to 18/6; approval, stamp: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

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W. W. FRISBY has two stylish 1910 yellow cocks to dispose of, from winners, 12/6 each; bargains; approval: Station-rd., Long Buckby.

TYPICAL Norwich, good strain, grand stock birds; cocks and hens from 7/6 to 25/- each; no rubbish: Dalling, 55, Boutport-st., Barnstaple.

DEALERS supplied with large, healthy Norwich cocks or hens, cocks in full song; price on application: Miles, St. Andrews, Norwich.

Giving up the Fancy; five pairs of Norwich Canaries, will sell or exchange anything useful: 65, Constance-st., New Basford, Nottingham.

LOWTHIAN, 33, Foster-st., Penrith, has some real typical buff Norwich cocks for sale, bred from winners, from 10/6 upwards; stamp reply.

SIX Norwich cocks, 6/- each; 10 yellow and buff hens, 4/6 each; stamp for reply to: J. Charlesworth, 91, Dimsdale-parade, Wolstanton, Staffs.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

TYPICAL Norwich, same strain as my own winners, yellows and buffs, cocks or hens, from 7/6 upwards; state wants: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

TWENTY large Norwich breed pairs, 8/6; cocks, full song, 6/6; hens, 2/6; breeding cages, 1/9; Roller hens, 2/3: Hellier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea.

A quantity of young hens, cold, bred from good feeding strains, 1/6, 1/9, 2/- each; lovely singing cocks, 4/- each: C. Leventon, Melton Mowbray.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room bred, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

SIX Norwich cocks to clear, 7/6 each; clear buff, 1st 2/- selling class, 15/-; 4 buff hens, 5/- to 10/-; approval: Burdett, Todd-st., Wingate, Durham.

NORWICH.—I am selling the whole lot of 24 large typical hens, yellows and buffs, no reasonable offer refused: Lee, 15, School-st., Benwell, Newcastle.

FEW extra nice Norwich stock birds left, from our winning strain, late J. Needham, of Leicester: Mrs. Needham, 62, King's-rd., Old Trafford, Manchester.

FEW good 1910 Norwich for sale; cocks from 5/0 to 7/0; hens, 2/0 and 3/6; approval; state requirements: Lord, 34, Montford-st., Salford, Manchester.

CLEAR yellow hen, large buff hen, also joiner-made breeders, large flight, show case with cages, cheap to clear: Churchard, 20, Ruskin-st., Shepherd's Bush.

PLAINHEADS, large buff variegated cock, 10/6; large buff variegated (almost green) hen, 10/-; yellow variegated hen, 7/6: Davidson, Stationer, Montrose.

W. ALLEN, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs., has unflighted buff cocks for sale, colour fed, bred from winners, large, typical, healthy birds; approval; 7/6 each.

LACK, Hairdresser, Glenthorpe-road, Hammersmith, cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, 5/- to 20/-; see show reports Battersea, Hastings (L.C.B.A.); typical Norwich.

HIGH-class Norwich pair 25/-, another pair 15/-, clear buff cock 15/-, worth double; approval: Logan, Stretton House, Humberstone-la., Thurmaston, Leicester.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, through pressure of business must sell the greater part of his Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; state wants; approval.

HAVING selected birds for breeding, can spare some good Norwich cocks and hens, cheap; same as my winners: Wm. Kemp, Rose-row, Redruth, Cornwall.

I can spare one yellow and 1 yellow variegated Norwich cocks, 3/6 each; 1 pair Borders, 5/6; approval: J. Garbutt, 21, Niagara-st., Heaviley, Stockport.

1910 yellow variegated cock, 1 clear and 1 variegated buff hens, 1 yellow cinnamon hen, good type and quality; reasonable; approval: Jolly, P.O., Johnshaven.

CLEAR yellow cock, 10/6; buff ditto, 8/6; variegated, 6/6, 7/6; splendid quality; approval; stamp reply, deposit: F. Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

CLEAR yellow cock, 1st Narbeth, also ticked buff hen, 45/- pair; will breed winners, worth double; approval willingly: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

I HAVE a few good Norwich to part with, bred from winners, and can win, cheap; approval, or inspection invited: Peter Shaw, 232, Meadowpark, Dennistoun, Glasgow.

GRAND 1909 clear yellow cock, slightly var. 1910 buff hen, a model pair, £3; honestly worth £5; bred from best blood obtainable; pairs from 15/-: Kirk, Furnisher, Lowestoft.

TYPICAL high-class Norwich, same strain as my own winners, large yellow hen with good broad head, 15/-; others, 7/6 and 10/- each. Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

MASSIVE framed, clear, colour-fed yellow Norwich hen, big winner, also buff hen, won several honours, accept 12/6 each; approval: Hawkes, 300, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

CRYSTAL Palace; some rare pairs for sale at this show; see them and judge for yourself; also few buff cocks left, 7/-; genuine bargains: Kew, 8, Queen-st., Margate, Kent

EXTRA large yellow green marked cock, 8/6; variegated ditto, 6/6; yellow hen, 3/-; 1909 birds; unflighted yellow York cock, 8/6: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton, Lincs.

GRAND lot Norwich hens, cleare, yellows, and buffs, some large as Thrushes, indispensable for stock or muling purposes, 5/- to 20/- each: Lugton, Show Secretary, Galashiels.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/3, 5/-, 6/-, 7/0, 10/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

BARNES' champion strain, typical variegated buff cock and marked yellow cock, 9/0 each, also self yellow cinnamon cock, 6/6; clear buff cock, 4/6: Coward, Panton Hall, Wragby.

BUFF Cinnamon marked Norwich cock, and dark-wing marked half-brother, full song, 8/- each, suit a breeder; two small buff Norwich hens, mother of Mules, 4/- each (see Mules): Lilly.

NORWICH yellow cock, winner, cards sent, price 15/-; also buff cock, prize winner, cards sent, 10/-; Crest-bred cock, 8/-; all approval: Richard Heaviside, Oaks, Evenwood, Bp. Auckland

TWO clear yellow cocks, 20/-, 15/- each; two variegated buff cocks, 15/- each; two clear, one variegated buff hens, 10/-, 15/- each; good type and quality; approval: Ure, Helenvale, Bonnybridge.

NORWICH, some large birds, from my winners, yellow and buff cocks 10/0, hens from 5/-, worth double, overstocked; some good breeding cages cheap; Fellows, Hill-la., Southampton.

MASSIVE cobby Norwich, few real clinkers, cocks, 6/6, 7/0, 10/6; hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/0; matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; from my winners; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

NORWICH Yellow cock and Buff hen, 12/6; one Yellow cock and one ticked Buff cock, 10/- each; all unflighted; on three days approval: Hollows, Thomas Fitton-st., Smallbridge, Rochdale.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads and Crests, large or small quantities; all cold-room bred; prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks (singing), warranted clean, healthy, 4/6, 5/-; cobby young hens, right sort, 2/6, 3/-; high-class stock birds cheap; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

STRONG Norwich Canaries, bred and wintered in outdoor bird-room; buff cocks, singing, 7/- and 8/6; buff hens, 3/- and 4/-; cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/6: Hooker, 2, Gayhurst-road, Dalston, London.

S. Prince has still some grand Norwich for sale cheap, from well known winning strain, cocks from 7/6, pairs 10/6 up; honest dealing; state requirements, or call: 16, Burnthouse-rd., Heanor.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 15/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs 15/-, 20/- upwards; state wants and price (about); approval; stamp: Geo. Harland, 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

FOR sale, some prize-bred Norwich, Sandiford's, Dobinson's, Irons' and Grey strains; no better blood in the Fancy; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delavel, Northumberland.

BARGAINS in Norwich, monster 1909 yellow cock, 20/-; extra large 1909 buff cock, 15/-; variegated yellow hen, 6/-; extra large buff hen, 5/-; approval, deposit: Young, Mechanics' Institute, Alford, Lincs.

HAVING sold Norwich cocks, have several unflighted medium-size hens, buffs 5/-, yellows 6/-, large year-old hen, good head, shape, 10/-; approval, cash or deposit: Duckett, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

PRIZE bred Norwich for sale, buff cock, 7/6; 6 yellow and buff hens, 7/6, young healthy and typical; birds sold from this strain last year bred winners; approval, deposit: J. Tait, 1, Monkton-rd., Jarrow.

40 cocks and hens for sale, they are all prize bred; hens from 4/-, cocks from 6/6, pairs from 12/6; specimens of same strain on exhibition in limit and stock classes at Palace Show: Freestone, Colegate-street, Norwich.

GREAT sacrifice to effect speedy sale, several exceptional short thick-set typical colour-fed buff and yellow Norwich hens, of grand type and quality, 5/- and 7/6; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

TYPICAL Norwich, short and thick, Bullfinch type, cold-room bred, yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; grand lot of hens, yellows or buffs, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

NORWICH, nine large young hens, yellows, 2/6; buffs and green variegated, 2/- [redacted] large green variegated cock, 5/-; four large [redacted]s, 4/6 each (full song), approval: Allen, 30, [redacted]eet, Wellingborough.

TYPICAL yellow and buff cocks, 0/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, matched, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; week's approval, deposit: Apply: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

FEW good, healthy, typical Norwich, 1910 birds, also some very good 1909 ditto; cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-; hens 3/6, 5/6, 7/6. All cold-room bred: Illingworth, 4, Roxburgh-terrace, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

TYPICAL stock birds, direct from winners, splendid heads and necks, perfect feather, cocks from 7/- to 20/-; specially good hens from 5/-; own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Northaven., Ramsgate.

CHANGING residence, must sell all my stock; 100 birds for disposal, bred from big winners; cocks and hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, and upwards, many unflighted; cash or deposit; approval: Rev. B. Nume, Saltash, Cornwall.

NORWICH, 10 pairs, all large young birds, bred from good stock, cocks 7/0, hens 5/-, or exchange; wanted exhibition yellow variegated cock or clear yellow hen: Peter Burt, 44, Pottery-st., Gallatown, Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

A few good birds left to spare from my well-known strain; novices desiring to breed show birds this year will do well to write me; many winners sold this season: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

R. HANFORD, Osmaston-rd., Derby, offers grand selection Norwich cocks at 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; smart hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; specially selected pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval willingly; cash or deposit; illustrated price list free.

MONSTER 1910 exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

TWO Buff unflighted Norwich cocks, brothers to unbeaten yellow, 15/- each; also grand Borders, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; 7/6 pair; including several winners; approval willingly: French, Newsham, Northumberland.

A. Sloan, 292, Denmark-street, Possilpark, Glasgow, has few Plainhead yellow and buff cocks and hens for sale; all of my winning strain; stamped reply; can be seen after 6 o'clock, any time on Saturday, or approval.

H. B. MORE, 52, Marino Parade, Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk, large grand shape Norwich, valuable stock birds, clear yellow, clear, ticked, and foul green buff cocks, also songsters, clear buff hens, cheap to clear; stamp; approval willingly.

A. W. CURTIS, champion Norwich breeder, winner of upwards of 300 prizes, including challenge cups, medals, etc., for best unflighted and best Canary in show, have for disposal unrelated pairs, 12/6 upwards: 8, Fabian-rd., Fulham.

MASSIVE exhibition yellow cock, large head and neck, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, recently cost £2; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

CHAMPION large Bullfinch-typed Norwich, feathered like wax, properly matched to breed winners, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, and 50/- per pairs; singles from 7/6; show birds; cheap, approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

BUFF cock, 1909, 8/6; yellow cock, 1909, 10/6; a few good buff hens, 3/6; two clear yellow hens, 4/6; 1910 two yellow Yorkshire cocks and two buff variegated, 6/- each, or £1 the four; all 7in. birds; on approval: Postmaster, Whent, Shoeburyness.

NORWICH: Overstocked with buffs, guaranteed related to my winners, cheap to clear, 5 buff cocks, clear, ticked, and variegated, bred 1909 and 1910, 8/6 each; great bargains; untried buff hens, same strain, 4/6, 6/6, and 7/6 each; Hindle, 340, Whalley Range, Blackburn.

A. E. SILK has without doubt the finest stud of Norwich in the Fancy; grand pairs or single birds, these, which will breed winners; pairs from 20/-; single birds from 10/-; finest strain living; hundreds of winners sold yearly; approval: Judge A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

HIGH-class Norwich show and stock birds, cages, etc.; must sell at workmen's prices; from 7/6 per pair; grand birds, colour fed, own breeding, cold room; state wants fully; on approval; cash or deposit: W. Wiberley, Barlow House, Stoney Stanton-rd., Coventry.

SAVAGE, Westfield Aviaries, Goole, offers champion selection of Norwich Plainhead cocks at 6/6; some fine specimens at 8/6, 10/6; gems 12/6, 15/-; my matched pairs at 10/6 and 12/6 are incomparable; a few pairs at 8/6; approval with pleasure, cash or deposit.

PRIZE-bred Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, fit to show, full song, 7/6 and 10/-, delivered three days before payment; hens, 3/6 and 4/6; genuine show birds; birds' stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield, 47, Wood-st., Ashton; Manchester Birds' Stores, Loudon-rd., Manchester.

WM. Bowyer, Gladstone-street, Leek, can spare show and stock birds, price from 7/6; 2 unflighted yellow green cocks, good size, splendid type, 25/- each; also 4 green hens, 3 yellow, one buff, 10/- each; 2 ticked yellows, 3 buff hens, 20/- each; worth double; approval.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class cobby Norwich, bred from noted winners, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, matched pairs to breed winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, all carriage paid, on 7 days' approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

THESE words are definite. Consequent on increasing age, my stock of champion Norwich must be reduced; every bird for sale; pairs from 20/-; single birds from 15/-; write me; state wants; compelled to reduce my stock; inspection invited: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

CHAMPION Norwich for disposal; few real gems, cocks and hens, 7/6 to 30/-; some slashing buff hens, that can win; birds we sold won Newcastle, Halifax, Bradford, Morecambe, Scottish National; no better blood in the Fancy: Messrs. Amblers, 29, Sefton-rd, Morecambe.

UNFLIGHTED clear yellow cock, 1st Poplar, 3rd Leyton, 17/6; paired to typical buff hen, 25/-; few pairs typical Norwich from 15/-; also few good buff and yellow hens from 5/-; all related to my winners at Leyton, Poplar, L.C.B.A.: Teasdale, 9, Lockhart-st., Burdett-rd., Bow, London, E.

EVEN-marked buff cock, fit for keen competition, 21/-; yellow marked cock, a gem, 15/6; large clear buff cock, winner, clinking stock bird, £2; ticked buff cock, a good sort, 18/6; buff hen, no better, fit for Palace, 10/6; ticked yellow hen, winner, 25/-: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

YELLOW cock, grand bird, 10/-; clear yellow hen, nice shape, 10/-; clear yellow hen, won 3 1sts in members' shows, 12/6; 2 unflighted clear yellow and buff variegated cocks, 9/- each; approval on receipt of cash, or deposit: Wm. Forster, 6, Hett Hills, Pelton Fell, S.O., Co. Durham.

LARGE, typical yellow cock, rare type and quality, good size and substance, only 17/6, cheap at 30/-; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, sure winner, only 10/6, honestly worth £1, or 21/- the pair; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

MASSIVE framed, exhibition, colour-fed buff and yellow Norwich cocks, large heads, short neck, and thick-set bodies, with rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, mostly winners, make champion stock birds, sacrifice 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

J. BERTIE, cage bird judge, has to sell very large, stout body, big-headed yellow marked cock, with splendid clear buff hen, 1910, 40/-; large buff cock, stout body, great head, with splendid typical yellow marked hen, 40/-; either pair worth double; approval, stamp: 521, Woodboro'-rd., Mapperley, Notts.

A. Hobson, winner of Sheffield Cage Bird Society's special by 58 points out of a possible 63, for Norwich bred by exhibitor, has for sale good hens from 5/-, cocks from 7/6; all related to winners of above and at Manchester, Sale, Doncaster, Sheffield open, etc.; inspection invited, Sundays excepted: 60, Langsett-avenue, Wadsley, Sheffield.

NORWICH Plainheads, direct from the breeder, large clear yellow or buff cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, and 10/-; clear yellow or buff hens, 3/6, 4/0 and 5/6; pairs matched for breeding, 10/6; dark Crested wing-marked hen and Crested cock, grand pair, 15/-; satisfaction guaranteed; stamp reply; approval, deposit: C. Dicklnson, Wells, Norfolk.

HERE is a chance of a lifetime. Pure Norwich, Bullfinch type, feathered like wax, short tails and flights, all unflighted, about 20 birds, cocks and hens, yellow or buff, cocks from 7/6, hens from 6/-, all from our winners; satisfaction guaranteed, on approval, cash or deposit: Phillips and Mitchell, The Aviaries, Marazion, Cornwall.

FIRST-class Norwich Plainheads, cheap to clear; see latest wins: Treharris, Swansea, Cheltenham, Llanlkeith, Haverfordwest, Llanelly, Pentenbach, Six Bells, Harrogate, Haltwhistle, Kilmarnock, Irvine, Ludlow, Taunton, many others; few birds, cheap; state wants; also Crests and Crest-breds, cocks or hens, single or pairs; approval, cash deposit, stamp: Particulars, Edwards, Tailor, Leominster.

HIGH-class Norwich, Bullfinch type, good heads, fine silky feather; I have sold as many winners as any fancier in England; 30 years' breeder of high-class Norwich and crests, judge of a 100 shows; fanciers wanting good birds can get them from me reasonable, and on approval; T. Billington, Wyrevilla, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

SELLING out: About 40 Norwich and Yorkshires, some excellent birds, best pairs Norwich £2 10/-, Yorkshires £2, some grand odd cocks £1, also breeding and show cages; this is a genuine clearance, as every bird must be sold, an excellent chance to get some really class birds, at giving away prices: Massey, 35, Osborne-rd., Southport.

EXTRA choice exhibition yellow hen, rare type and quality, grand substance of body and depth of chest, sure winner in good company, only 15/-, honestly worth 30/-; also grand exhibition buff hen, large head and neck, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, sure winner, a gem, only 12/6, recently cost 30/-; genuine bargains; approval: Warninger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

I offer no small rubbish, but large typical healthy birds, that will please old as well as new fanciers, and bring credit and new customers to myself; cocks 5/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, upwards; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 7/6, upwards; selected cock and hen, matched for breeding, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, upwards; all cold room bred; travelling cage free; approval anywhere; state requirements: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

FAITH'S, Norwich this season wins 10 1sts, 3 2nds, 6 3rds; see reports, Banbridge, Dundalk, Ulster, Sligo shows; can spare 1910 ticked yellow cock, vhc Banbridge; 1909 buff hen, 3rd Banbridge, 35/- pair; 1909 ticked buff hen, 20/-; 1910 buff hen, 10/-; two 1910 variegated yellow hens, 1 10/6, 1 15/-; grand yellow variegated hen, slipped heel, 7/6; cash; approval, deposit; cheap, clear quickly: C. J. Faith, Banbridge, Ireland.

BEING compelled to get rid of my stock, am offering at following low prices: Cocks, ticked yellow, 1st medal Barnstaple, 2nd Hayle, 3rd Redruth, 3rd Liskeard, 25/-; clear yellow, 3rd Redruth only time shown, 20/-; clear buff, 1st special Liskeard, 1st Bodmin, 3rd Barnstaple, 20/-; hens, 5/- each; 15 22 x 12 fronts, Reece's, 15 seed hoppers, 15 white drinkers, 6 nest pans, wires, 4 feeding hens, 6/-; must sell; approval; stamp reply: Faulkner, Bellevue, Redruth.

NOTICE. It will pay you to give me a visit and see these. 50 pairs stout cobby Norwich in all colours, coldroom bred at workingmen's prices; cocks in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; a few special for show or stock birds, cocks 10/-, hens 5/- each; Inspection invited; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days' approval, cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Merceron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

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NOTICE; to effect speedy sale, must clear following Norwich cheap: Two variegated yellow cocks, unflighted (one winner of 3rd), 15/6 each; 2 variegated buff cocks, unflighted (one winner of 2nd), 16/-, 17/6; unflighted clear buff cock, 12/6; 2 unflighted clear buff hens, 6/6, 7/6; ticked yellow cock (sire to cup winner), 12/6; also following cinnamons: Buff cock (Godley's strain), 10/6; 2 yellow hens, 6/0, 7/6; buff hen, 5/6; two buff cocks, 7/6, 8/0; all bred from and related to Palace winners; approval, cash or deposit: Wright, 107, St. James-rd., Watford.

GRAND lightly marked unflighted yellow cock, teems with colour, extra quality, lovely type, well carried wings and short tail, do anyone good, 20/-; tip-top ticked unflighted yellow cock, extra good feather and colour, 15/-; clear yellow unflighted cock, another marvel for colour, 15/-; good big clear unflighted buff cock, extra feather and colour, 15/-; clear unflighted buff cock, 10/-; clear unflighted yellow cock, 10/-; very large 1909 buff cock, large head, good stock bird, 12/6, worth double; hens, yellow or buff, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-. Can be seen any day. I send on approval; see wins this season at Burnley, Wallinghorough, Bolton, Rochdale, Hucknall, Liverpool, Rochdale Good Intent, Eccles, all in open champion classes. Winner of Whitehead challenge cup for 1910. R. Allen, Hairdresser and Tobacconist, 196, Blackburn-road, Bolton.

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J. A. TYLER,

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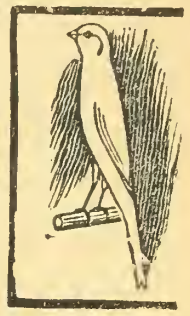
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CLEARANCE SALE. Leaving the Fancy, the whole of my valuable stock of Yorkshires for sale, including many winners this season, also about 20 stock pairs from 10/- per pair; breeding cages, show cages, and cases, all bird-room utensils; inspection invited: Harry Foden, 73, Mansfield-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

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Various Canaries.

CRESTS and Yorkshires for sale cheap; stamp reply: 435, Old Kent-rd.

HEN Canaries, good feeders, 2/6 each, Crest hen, 4/-, healthy birds: F. Edmead, Bury Fields, Guildford.

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CANARIES, young Norwich and Yorkshire for sale, typical birds, fine colour: Greenland, 54, Salisbury-road, Gloster.

PAIR Norwich, pair Yorks, 8/- pair; cock and 2 hens, Borders, 8/-; worth double: Robson, 9, Co-operative-ter., Crook, R.S.O., Durham.

WANTED, Canaries; will exchange exhibition self black Tumblers, Yorkshires, or Rollers preferred: Wm. White, Twizell-rd., Beamish, Durham.

CINNAMON and Norwich, in outdoor aviary, viewed by appointment, hens 6/-, cocks 10/-; approval, deposit: Miss Westley, Limes, Downend, Bristol.

MISS Richardson offers some good birds for sale, Seifert Rollers, Walton breed, hens 3/-, cocks 10/- to £1: Richardson, 20, Bigby-st., Brigg, Lincolnshire.

BENNETT, Breeder of high-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cold room bred, cocks 7/6 and 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-; inspection invited: 52, Queen's-rd., Aldershot.

E. HALL, giving up the Fancy, has 70 birds for sale; Yorkshires, Norwich, and Borders; grand cocks, 5/- each; hens, 2/6: 5, Holly-terrace, Whetstone, London.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of Yorkshires, Norwich, Border Fancies, and Rollers; cocks from 5/6; hens from 2/6; all carriage paid, on seven days approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Canaries, strong, healthy birds, cold-room bred; cocks in full song, 5/- each, 48/- dozen; hens in breeding condition, 2/6 each, 24/- dozen; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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FOR sale, 2 cock Linnet Mules, full song, 7/- each; 3 hen Linnet Mules, 1/- each: Wragg, Louisa-st., Darlington.

EIGHT Goldfinch Mules, pure Finch notes, full song, 4/- each, on approval: Henry, Highton, 48, Henry-st., Notts.

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Genuine; clear Buff, for light muling, Sib.-bred, 3/6 and 4/6; do. clear Yellow, 4/- and 5/-; pink-eyed do., 5/6 and 6/6; others, for dark muling, 3/-, 3/6, 5/-. For Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins, etc.; cage, 3d.; light and dark Mules, cocks and hens, List free.
W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

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For sale, three Hybrids, red-crested, green hen Cardinal, in perfect health, flying in aviary, one hand-reared 60/-, two reared in aviary 40/- each: Armstein, 30, Strand-parade, Cork.

VARIOUS BIRDS.

FOUR fine Canaries, hybrid pair, Greenie Bullie, h.m., cheap to clear: Clegg, New Marske-by-Sea.
GOOD Canaries for sale, cocks 10/6, hens from 3/-; English prize Goldfinch, 10/6: G., 123, Grabam-road, Wimbledon.
AVIARY, cost 25/-, contains prize Yorkshire cock and hen, and hen Greenfinch Muler, 30/- lot: J. Winterbottom, Drayman, Jordan-st., Glossop.
FIVE shilling breeding cage and pair Yorkshire Canaries, 8/6; cock and two hens, Yellow Budgerigars, 10/-: Tom Smith, Jackson Bridge, New Mill, Huddersfield.
YELLOW marked ready Yorksbire cock, singing, 6/-, 7/-; twice cage-moulted cock Chaffinch, 2/6; hen, 1/-; cock Greenfinch muler, 2/6; steady cock Blackbird, 2/6; finger-tame cock Robin, 2/-; cock Bullfinch, piping, 2/-: Weaire, Snodland, Kent.
TWO pair young Zebra Finches, nesting, 12/-; two pair 1910 singing Roller Canaries, 14/-; pair grand-coloured Bullfinches, 3/-; pair Red-crested Mealey Redpolls, 2/6; well-pencilled cock Linnet, hen Canary, sure mulers, 4/-; all selected outdoor aviary birds; offers entertained: Garner, Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs.
PURCHASERS wanted for 3 1910 house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 4/6 each; Linnet cock and show cage, 1st, special and 3rd Bideford, 1910, 10/-; Seifert Roller cock, 1910, untrained, 5/6; three Seifert hens, 1910, 3/6 each; 2 yellow Yorkshire hens, 1910, 3/6 each; 2 Yorkshire show cages, 2/6 each; 2 Goldfinch show cages, bow fronts, 3/- each; 2 single breeding cages, complete with wire partitions, feeders and nest pans, 5/6 each; one double do., 7/6; approval: deposit: Fred Kivell, East-the-water, Bideford.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

FOR sale; green Budgerigars from outdoor aviary: Mrs. J. Waldy, 1, Green Park, Darlington.
FOUR pairs aviary-bred Green Budgerigars, 4/6 pair, 16/- lot: F. Clarke, 4, St. Bede's-ter., Sunderland.
ON sale, two rose-breasted Cockatoos, 16/- each; splendid condition: Husegood, Swintun, Manchester.
BEAUTIFUL pair Budgerigars, pink of condition, from outdoor aviary, carefully packed, 6/6: Walton, Market Lavington.
GUARANTEED outdoor Green Budgerigars, 5/- per pair, or 3 pairs for 14/-: Patrick, 2, Waterden-crescent, Guildford.
BUDGERIGARS, cocks, green 2/9, yellow 3/3; two yellow hens, 4/- each: Watts, Thorniloe, Christ Church-road, Surbiton.
BLUE Bonnet, hen, show condition, wintered unheated outdoor aviary, 35/-: Mrs. Hartley, St. Helen's Lodge, Hastings.
AMAZON Parrot and cage, sell 35/-; or exchange Foreigners, Waxwing, Hawfinches: Shaw, 27, Derby-rd., Sawley, near Derby.
ACCLIMATISED Indian Green Parrot, talks and whistles, 18 months old, 16/-, with cage: Davis, 73, King-st., Fenton, Staffs.
PARROT, South African, silver grey, nice bird, acclimatised; fine large cage; £3: 115, Rose Vale, Gt. Homer-st., Liverpool.
GRAND Atlas Weaver, show form, 7/6, or exchange other Foreigners: Allum Bros., 22, Avenue-rd., Hampton-on-Thames.
BUDGERIGARS, one yellow cock, one green cock, two green hens, adult, 10/6 lot: Jones, Foxdale, Witton-street, Stourbridge.
WANTED Parrot, talking, in exchange for 5 Norwich cocks and 6 hens, or best cash offer: 2, Crossla., Radcliffe, nr. Manchester.
BUDGERIGARS, 5/6 pair; Green adults, outdoor aviary bred, pair Cockatiels, 10/6; packing 3d. extra: Breton, Pinewoods, Ash, Surrey.
PARROT, South African Grey, good Amazon, extra fine birds; reasonable indeed; no cards: Principal, Dispensary, Hopwood-la., Halifax.
GOOD Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, says a few words, 25/-; on approval; deposit, Editor: Irwin, Ellerslie, Harrington, Cumberland.
WANTED genuine talking African Grey Parrot, must be first class talker, and cheap for cash: Grosvenor House, Foley, Fenton, Staffs.
IF you want Budgerigars, or a good reliable Parrot, send for my list (see my advertisement on p. 109): Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.
WEST African Grey Parrot, acclimatised, in large square cage, good talker, mimic, part exchange Canaries: Ware, Broadway, Dorchester.
YOUNG Green cock Budgerigars, excellent condition; must clear; overstocked; 2/- each; approval: Howard White, The Grange, Carmarthen.
BLUE-fronted Amazon Parrot, acclimatised, started talking nicely, grand plumage, very healthy, 30/-: Benj. Ratcliffe, 105, Smithy Bridge, nr. Rochdale.
YOUNG Blue-fronted Amazon, talking nicely; list sent; stamp reply; good plumage; good square cage, 30/6: Mrs. W. Hughes, Great Milton, Wallingford.
FROM outdoor aviary, healthy acclimatised hens, Rose Cockatoo, 6/-, Ring-necked Parrikeet 2/6; cock Budgerigars 2/-: Miss Latham, Park Hill House, Croydon.
EXCEPTIONALLY fine Green Parrot, very intelligent, capital talker, Time please, He's got them again, Here come auntie, Kiss me quick, many other sentences, 12/6: Brown, Horse Shoe Hotel, Bulwell, Notts.
LAVENDER-headed Lovebirds, 2/- pair; Bronze-wings, 2/6 pair; Waxbills, 2/- pair; Javas, 1/8; cock Green Singing Finch, 8/-: White, 259, Harrow-rd., London, W.
ACCLIMATISED talking Parrots and cages, adult Budgerigars, Canaries, Cockatoo, selling cheap; full particulars: Mrs. Lambert, Blindgrooms, Shadoxhurst, Kent.
NOTICE; bargains, for working men only; real Tricolour Grey Parrot, talks, whistles, never swears, good family pet, 25/-, including cage; fortnightly instalments accepted: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.
MUST be sold. Pair fine Green Budgerigars, 7/-; good Yellow cock, 4/-; pair Lovebirds, 6/-; fine pair Yorkshires, 10/-; cock house-moulted Chaffinch, 2/6; also cages, husks, and utensils; full particulars from M. E. Neal, Westhaven, Shoot-up Hill, Brondesbury, London, N.W.

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GRAND Alexandra Parrot, prize winner, show condition, best cash offer, or useful exchange; all letters answered; stamp reply: George Brown, Midtown, High Harrington, Cumberland.
JAVA Sparrows, 3/-; White, 7/6; Tricolour Nuns, 3/6; White-headed Nuns, 3/-; Budgerigars, adults, 6/-; prices are for true pairs, and all are selected from a large importer's stock: Perring, 12, Brunswick-rd., Leyton, Essex.
SALE, pair prize Indian Ringneck Parrakeets, aviary-bred, £2 2s.; wanted, Canaries, Budgerigars, Java Sparrows, Zebra Finches, Mannakins, etc; cheap for cash; aviary-bred preferred: Mr. Wallice, "Fernleigh," Sea View-terr., Plymouth.
AFRICAN Grey talking Parrot; advertiser having real talker would like to correspond with bona-fide Parrot lover wanting genuine bird, thoroughly acclimatised, £4 10s. accepted, worth £10; approval; only those really wanting good bird requested to apply: "Owner," 45, St. John's-terrace, Gainsborough.
GREEN Amazon Parrot, exceptionally clever, plain talker, about 200 words, long sentences, whistles tunes, bugle calls, etc., greatest mimic living, laughs, cries, imitate everyone's voice, 4 years old, splendid plumage, comes on finger and talks; approval before payment: A. Ashcroft, 17, Houghton-st., Liverpool.
ORANGE Bishops 2/-, Squirrels 4/-, Red-crested Cardinals, Indian Parrots, Scarlet Weavers, 5/- each; pairs: Budgerigars, green, 5/6, hens 3/6, yellow 7/6, hens 4/6; husks 6d.; Cockatiels, 11/6; Chinese Painted Quails, 15/-; Weavers, in colour, Madagascar Lovebirds, Javas, 2/6; Golden-fronted Conures, 17/6; Mandarin Ducks, 35/-: H. Lewis, 76, Wellington-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.
PARROTS Parrakeets, Lories, Lorikeets, Cockatoos, Macaws, Pies, Jay, Thrushes, Troupials, Tanagers, Hawks, Eagles, Owls, Cranes, Thisses, Herons, Cassowaries, Waterfowl, small Ponies and Sheep, Teddy Bears, Chameleons, Tiger Cats, Jerboas, Mongooses, Raccoons, and other small animals; also ivory carvings, china, bronzes, netsukis, shells, implements of savage warfare, etc.: Jamrach, 180, St. George's-st., East.
"BUDGERIGARS and Cockatiels: How to Keep, Feed, Breed, and Teach to Talk." By C. P. Arthur This handbook is written by a specialist in the keeping of these 2 popular varieties of foreign birds; the information given in it is of a most practical and concise nature, and no keeper of these birds can afford to be without a copy; price, 6d. post free: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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OUR BIRTHDAY NUMBER.

Some Expressions of Opinion.

I think CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number, and its coloured plates, a treat.—C. Moore (Lincoln).

I'm telling lots of people about the Birthday Number; it was a treat to see.—W. Williams (Carnarvon)

Allow me to compliment you upon CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number, which was a grand threepennyworth.—W. Brown (Whitchurch).

The coloured plates in CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number are simply grand, especially the one depicting the different seeds for British birds.—Messrs. Lovegrove and Lovegrove (Henley).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is a marvel! I think the plates are wonderful, and that of plants and seeds is one of the finest guides the Fancy could have; it is so real. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—J. Alfred (Pontlatlyn).

I am a reader of your CAGE BIRDS Your Birthday Number was very good, and the plate on wild seeds is a splendid help for bird fanciers, who may know them by name but not by the plant.—D. Robinson (Todcaster).

I think CAGE BIRDS the best for fanciers; I would not miss it for anything. It is a grand paper. The Birthday Number is excellent; the coloured pictures being splendid.—W. Johnson (Exeter).

Many thanks for including my unflighted Yorkshire among the season's winners in your Birthday number, which is grand. It came as a real surprise to me, as I had no idea you intended doing so.—H. Knight (Cambridge).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number eclipses every other number you have yet produced. It is well worth a shilling. It reminds one of the old saying: The older you are growing, the better you are.—L. J. Penaluna (Blackwood, Mon.).

I am highly pleased with the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. The one plate alone, of Wild Seeds, is a treat to British bird keepers, as it will enable them to find the different plants and seeds so essential to us British bird keepers. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—W. Meyrick (Knighton, Radnorshire).

I send a few lines to show my appreciation of CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number. I have been a reader of your paper for the last eight years, but I honestly think that the 9th Birthday Number is the best ever issued. The plates are grand, especially that of "Wild Plants and Seeds." I wish your journal every success.—David Robertson (Forfar).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is a treat indeed. The plates are something grand.—Dr. Evans (Pontardulais).

I am delighted with the coloured plates (especially the "Three Graces" and "Plants and Seeds for Birds") in the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS.—Frank Litchfield (Newport Pagnell).

I am well pleased with CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number. It is a work of art, and full of valuable instruction. I have passed on a copy to a youth who has taken to the Fancy, and who, I have no doubt, will become a regular reader of your weekly publication.—Thos. Smith (Glasgow).

CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is even better than I expected. It is all interesting—from beginning to end. And your coloured plates are simply beautiful, and a credit to your artists. Again, I wish you and your valuable paper a Prosperous New Year, and all readers of CAGE BIRDS.—L. Walters (Featherstone).

I must congratulate you upon your splendid Birthday Number threepennyworth. It far exceeds my expectations, and the rapid strides it has made in the past will, I trust, be exceeded in the near future. I wish very many happy returns of the day to the "King of Papers," CAGE BIRDS.—A. J. Notley, secretary of the Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.

Allow me to say that CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number is really superb. You could not have produced a plate of more general interest than that of the wild plants. The supplement altogether is quite a work of art in every way. Thanking you for what is worth far and beyond what you charge for this unique production, and wishing you the continued success you so richly merit.—W. E. Sturley (Newport, Mon.).

You have given the Fancy many excellent productions during your long career, but, in my opinion, nothing has been so well done as is your Birthday Number. It is simply superb, teeming with good things for the Fancy. I beg to tender you my heartiest congratulations upon the same. I hope your splendid enterprise will be fittingly rewarded.—John B. Waterman (Dulwich, S.E.).

I feel I must wish my old friend and counsellor, CAGE BIRDS, very many Happy Returns of the Day, and must also congratulate you on your wonderful and well-merited success during the past nine years. I often wonder what we birdy men would do without CAGE BIRDS. I consider it the birdy man's "Enquire Within." The Birthday issue is a gem, and ought to be in the hands of all lovers of birds. The plates I consider fit to hang on the walls of mansion or cottage. I wish you still further success.—C. E. Miller (Uttoxeter).

What a grand Birthday Number CAGE BIRDS has given us this year! It is doubly interesting to me, for, although I have kept and bred birds for thirty-five years, it is only since taking your paper (just over nine years ago) that I have taken to exhibiting. It is just over nine years since I bought my old Goldie-Bullie. A good many have been bred, and have gone during this period, including a few which I have bred myself, but I am very pleased to tell you that my old bird is going almost as well as your paper, and he returned from Spalding Show recently with a 1st prize card on his cage. Although I cannot expect my old bird to last much longer, I hope to see CAGE BIRDS always to the front.—W. Andrews (Olney, Bucks).

I must congratulate CAGE BIRDS and its staff on the production of such a superb Birthday Number. It is the best (to my mind) that you have produced during the four years I have been in the Fancy. By your plates you have shown me two birds I have only known by name, viz., the white-winged Lark, and the Masked Shrike. The Bee-eater I have seen depicted before, but not so well re-produced; the colouring of the plate is simply grand. The plate of "Wild Seed Plants" is a credit to Mr. Norman, and with Mr. Prior's notes fills (and I am sure every British bird fancier will agree with me) a long-felt want, leaving nothing to be desired. Your Crest plate is also first-class, and is well got up. I close wishing CAGE BIRDS every success; may it see many more birthdays.—John Young (Glasgow).

Many Happy Returns of the Day. The three beautiful plates with CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number are indeed grand. "The Three Graces" are just what the Crest breeders would like to produce. "Strangers Within the Gates" are indeed grand looking specimens; and last, but by no means least, "Wild Seeds and Plants for Bird Keepers" is the finest plate ever produced by any paper. I have this one framed already. If British bird fanciers would only take a tip from me, they, too, would have it framed. Three grand plates (all published by CAGE BIRDS) which every British bird fancier should have framed are: "A Family Party of Goldfinches," "A Trio of Popular Finches," and that beautiful plate of "Wild Seeds" in the Birthday Number, which will make a grand trio, with "Wild Seeds" plate in the centre. I wish CAGE BIRDS a Prosperous New Year.—A. H. C. Legg (Perth).

(The publication of many other kindly letters has had to be deferred, owing to the pressure on our space.—EDITOR.)

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OUR JIG-SAW PUZZLE.

Result of the "Jumbled Canary" Competition.

On the front page of our recent Birthday Number we printed a very jumbled-up illustration (a silhouette of a Norwich Plainhead), and offered a prize of one guinea for the reader who succeeded in cutting it up and pasting the parts on paper or cardboard so as to represent as closely as possible our artist's original of this jumbled up Black Canary. The competition, as we had hoped, proved a very popular one.

Quite a large number of the competitors solved the puzzle correctly, and the prize, therefore, as stated in the conditions governing the competition, goes to the one who sent in the most neatly arranged attempt. This proves to be

Mr. William Oliver,
6, Murieston Terrace,
Edinburgh,

to whom a cheque for one guinea will be sent in due course. The effort of this competitor not only tallies with our artist's key-drawing, but it is also the neatest in appearance and general make-up.

Following hard after comes Mr. W. Bailey (Lowestoft), whose solution also is very neatly arranged. Other competitors whose attempts do them great credit: Mrs. Giddins (Potters Bar), Mrs. G. Bowden (Ardwick), the Misses B. Francis (Coventry), T. Hawes (London, N.W.), D. Hawkes (Leytonstone), A. Ogden (Crewe), E. G. Watts (Hendon), and F. Wood (Bourne End), and Messrs. W. A. Butler (Southampton), T. Coonoy (Elgin), W. Cumming (Dundee), C. Dunn (Stockton-on-Tees), G. Gilan (Edinburgh), Fred Hammond (Bradford), T. H. V. Hayter (Beeston), Chas. Hollis (Nottingham), E. J. Lamb (New Malden), Alex. W. Mantach (Dalkeith), W. Mitchell (Long Buckby), A. Moorman (Carishrook Castle, Isle-of-Wight), Walter Pawley (London, S.E.), G. Pridham (Plymouth), and H. Sculthorp (Kettering).

THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

Routes for Visitors.

For convenience of visitors, we again append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.).—Take the Underground from Praed Street to Victoria or Aldersgate Street; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station. Or take the Bakerloo tube (see from Marylebone).

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.)—"Bakerloo tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station. Or go to Baker Street Station and take the train to Victoria.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.).—Passengers stopping at Willesden at or about 2 o'clock should enquire if there is a train due for the Palace, as it is possible to save an hour or more this way.

ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), and KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.) Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace. Or take the City and South London (tube) Railway to London Bridge.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.).—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

WATERLOO (L. and S.W.R.).—Take halfpenny car to Elephant and Castle (or the "Bakerloo" tube), then transfer to Chatham Railway.

Victoria, Ludgate Hill, St. Paul's, Snow Hill, Holborn Viaduct, Moorgate Street, and London Bridge.—Rail direct to the Palace from these stations.

Direct trains to the Palace also run from Willesden and Clapham Junctions.

NOTE.—We cannot undertake to deal with any results of the judging other than by postcard or telegram.

Visitors to the show should not omit to pay "Cage Birds" stall (at the entrance to the show) a visit, and leave their signatures in our "Visitors' Book." Ask the attendant in charge of the stall for whatever publication you want. It will be a pleasure to supply you.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

THIRSK.—Feb. 21, Public Rooms. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden. 10 open classes: Yorks. 6 (2 for novices), Nor. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Ent. close Feb. 14, to J. Bell, Ingramgate, Thirsk, Yorks.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY B.B. & M.C

General meeting held Market Tavern, Jan. 28th. There was a good muster of members. Mr. D. Duncan, jun., in chair. Winners of season's competitions were then read out:—Open Section: 1st, T. Inman, 162 points; 2nd, J. P. Stamp, 63 points; 3rd, D. Duncan, junr., 49; 4th, J. Bousfield, 34; 5th, G. Brumley, 21; 6th, B. H. Wilson, 13; 7th, J. Meaduw, 7. Amat. Section: 1st, F. Archer, 75 points; 2nd, J. Lane, 45; 3rd, J. Beattle, 35; 4th, J. Isherwood, 14; 5th, H. E. Parkin, 7; 6th, F. F. Potter, 5; 7th, J. Wilson, 4; 8th, P. Jowett, 2; 9th, J. Netherwood, 1. Will any member finding these incorrect please communicate? There was also a heated discussion re the alleged Linnet staining. Lane and Jowett, Hon. Secs.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road. London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

R. LEWIN, Aviaries, 58, Marlborough-road, Oxford. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules. 30 years' experience.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

J. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WILCOCK, The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. 25 years' Breeder & Exhibitor leading shows.

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FEBRUARY 25th, 1911.

Judge, J. H. Roe. **O. OWENS, 43, High Street.**

DERBY SHOW Dec. 2 & 4, Secretaries please note!

The January issue of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—is graced by a charming picture of Mr. H. Goodchild's, of the renowned Sky-blue Budgerigar, which is accompanied by notes on the species by Mr. O. Millsum. Mr. Wesley T. Page writes on "The Cutthroat," and Miss L. Peacock contributes an article on "My Aviary and its Inmates." Everett's Parrot forms the subject of some notes by the Rev. G. H. Raynor, while Mr. Maurice Amsler, M.B., gives readers some "Nesting notes for 1910." Other articles, notes, etc., and illustrations complete a capital issue which forms the first instalment of a new volume.

I have resigned my position as secretary of the Northern Yorkshire C.C., writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle-on-Tyne). Mr. Coomber has taken over the position. He is a near neighbour, and a keen Yorkshire enthusiast, so that under his control the club should flourish. We are holding a smoking concert at the Lockhart's Roma Cafe, on Feb. 16, when the medals won by members will be presented; fanciers are invited to attend (price 1s. 3d. each). As already announced, I am resigning the secretaryship of the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. through lack of time. We have had a very pleasant and successful year. Our show still holds its own as the largest out of London and Edinburgh, and we are hoping next year to eclipse Scotland's capital.

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Twitterings.

Will secretaries kindly note that our show date is changed from Nov. 3 and 4 to Dec. 2 and 4? writes Mr. W. Stevens, secretary of the Derby C.B.C.

Will secretaries please note that the Sutton-in-Ashfield Amalgamated Society hold their next annual show on Nov. 17th and 18th? writes Mr. R. Nuttall, Sec.

Our show is fixed for Nov. 2nd and 3rd, open to Kent, writes Mr. H. Wray, secretary of the Chatham and Dist. F.A. Will secretaries please note and arrange to avoid clashing?

I have taken CAGE BIRDS since the 85th number and always look for it on Friday nights when I get home. I am sure it gets better as it gets older.—G. Arrowsmith (Chesterfield).

All prize money and cash for sold birds was paid out in six days after show, writes Mr. F. Bowman, show secretary of the Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A. Will anyone omitted please write me?

Kindly note that I have taken over the secretaryship of the Huddersfield O.S., and that all communications should be sent to me at 40, Imperial-road, Egerton, Huddersfield, writes Mr. F. J. Sykes.

The pair show of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S. will be held on Feb. 25, and not Feb. 23, as previously announced, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec. The social evening in connection with the distribution of prizes will be held March 2nd, and I hope to make this more attractive than any yet promoted by the society.

I sold my entire stock of Yorkshire Greens to Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, writes Mr. Geoff. Benson, and since I sold them I have purchased the whole stock of Yorkshire Greens of Mr. C. Pickup (Bradford), including his Palace winners of 1910. I have entered two at the forthcoming Palace show, which may lead the majority of fanciers to think that Mr. Metcalfe did not buy the whole of my stock.

Messrs. Bishop and Colton, the hon. secretaries of the newly-formed Sheffield O.S., write: We have been successful in getting The Right Hon. The Earl Fitzwilliam, D.S.O., to stand as president, with the following vice-presidents: Right Hon. Charles B. Stuart Wortley, K.C., M.P., Alderman Geo. Senior, J.P., Samuel Roberts, Esq., M.P., Rev. James Smith, M.A., J. C. Barnes, Esq., Dr. J. G. Mylan, B.A., M.B., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., and Dan Mullins, Esq.

The annual dinner of the L.C.B.A. takes place on Monday evening next, Feb. 6, at the Holborn Restaurant, and Mr. John Tyson (169, Sloane Street, S.W.) writes: We shall be pleased to arrange for the comfortable seating of parties if they will notify us not later than midday Monday next as to the number required. We are hoping the entertainment will exceed any previously presented, and to provide for extra pleasure there will be a curtailment of toasts.

NEXT WEEK.

Great Crystal Palace Show Number.

Full Report by Experts. An Exquisite Coloured Plate.

A CRITICAL Report, thorough and complete in every detail, will be given in our next issue of the Great Show being held at the Crystal Palace this week-end. This number will also contain many special and topical articles appealing to every bird-lover, no matter what branch of the Cage Bird hobby he may be interested in. And, above all, accompanying it will be one of the most beautiful and life-like Coloured Plates it has ever been our good fortune to put before our readers. **Order your copy of next week's "CAGE BIRDS" at once.**

Advertisers will need no reminding of the special advantages attaching to advertising in this issue, with its remarkable circulation. We would impress upon them, however, the necessity of sending their announcements to reach us **not later** than first post Tuesday next, February 7th, and earlier if possible. Advertisements may be handed in at **"CAGE BIRDS"** Stall, which will be situated at the entrance to the showroom. Be in time, Advertisers!

I have been compelled to part with all my stock, writes Mr. Faulkner (Redruth), on account of which I shall not be exhibiting for a time.

Will Mr. Law, of Wolverhampton, kindly send me his address? I shall then be pleased to answer his enquiry, writes Mr. H. Lewis (Handsworth).

I have been compelled to remove from 76, Hartington-terrace, and my address in future will be 50, Armstrong-terrace, South Shields, writes Mr. James Barrass, secretary of the South Shields C.B.S.

The Great Horton O.S. will hold a special meeting on Saturday, February 11th, at the Butcher's Arms. New members wishing to show at our first show must be accepted at this meeting. All members requested to attend.—J. Holroyd, Hon. Sec.

The 1910 balance sheet of the Glasgow West End C.B.C. shows a balance on hand of £11 4s. 10d., which, considering the society is a new one, is highly satisfactory, reflecting credit on the sec. (Mr. Wm. Proudfoot) and the other officers of the club.

I am sorry to have to inform you of the death of Mrs. Neshit, wife of Mr. Thos. Nesbit, one of our esteemed members, writes Mr. William Knowles, secretary of the Beamish and District C.B.S. The sympathy of all our members goes out to him in his sad bereavement.

I have now been a subscriber to your fine paper, CAGE BIRDS, for four years, and am sure no paper is better for fanciers. I have also had the last three numbers of the Annual, and have ordered this year's through my local stationer. Wm. F. McIntosh (Glasgow).

Would the gentlemen that claimed birds at Scottish National, Edinburgh, in class 22, belonging to Messrs. Miller and Alcorn, kindly communicate with them stating their number, also colour of bird, and much oblige Miller and Alcorn, 13, Hope Terrace, Leith.

Mr. J. W. Norris, the hon. sec. of the British Roller C.C., and his fellow officials are to be congratulated on having a credit balance to record for 1910 of £7 0s. 7d., which, with £5 6s. 6d. standing to the credit of the New Cup fund, shows the club to be in a good financial position.

The area of the East Ham and Dist. F.A. has been extended to include 6 miles from the "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, East Ham, and I hope fanciers in the districts of Bow, Mile End, Hackney, Dalston, etc., will speedily become members, writes Mr. H. Rutter, the Hon. Sec.

Kindly note I have changed my address from The Bee Hive, Pentonville Hill, to The Brewery Tap, Trundley-road, Lower Road, Deptford, where I have built a spacious club room specially adapted for singing contests, writes Mr. Frank Rab.

The Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S. is having a show of pairs of Yorkshires, Norwich and Hybrids at the monthly meeting at headquarters, where we hope to see a good muster of birds and fanciers, writes Mr. W. Richinson, the Secretary. Mr. J. Perry will be critic. Three shillings will be added to each class. Three of our members—Messrs. Walker, Havenhand and Justice—have promised 10s. each for a series of tablo shows, and not two, as mentioned in our report.

Will fanciers and secretaries please note that I have been appointed secretary of the Kirkcaldy C.B.S., so that all communications regarding this society should be addressed to me at 18, St. Clair-place, Kirkcaldy, Mr. T. Arnott having resigned the secretaryship owing to the lack of time, writes Mr. E. McAnally. But he will act as assistant. Also we are having a two-days' show and hope by having a good classification to receive their support as in former years.

In sending us a copy of his society's balance sheet for the quarter ended Dec., 1910, showing a balance of £5 12s. 8½d., Mr. J. C. Birch, the secretary of the Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A., writes: The society purchased new staging (costing £5 5s. and the season's exhibitions show a loss of £3 15s.; and £3 was spent on specials, which reduces the balance at bank, having commenced the season with £11 5s. in hand. We hope to gradually increase our balance in the present year.

Mr. C. W. Law, Hon. Sec. of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S., sends us a copy of that society's 1910 balance sheet, which shows a balance in hand of £5 0s. 3½d. This, although a few shillings less than the amount brought into the accounts from the previous year, is a very creditable result in view of the fact that the expenses during the past year were heavier than formerly. The society is to be congratulated on its financial standing.

PORTRAITS OF WINNERS.

Exhibitors desiring their birds (winners or otherwise) at the Palace Show to be sketched by one of our artists (Mr. Norman or Mr. Goodchild) should notify the attendant at CAGE BIRDS' stall, who will give terms and all particulars.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Feb. 3, 4, 6 & 7.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace).—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.)

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).

Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke.) W.V.

Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)

Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(G. Lawton, 159, Werrington Road, Stoke-on-Trent).

Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terr.).

Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 22, Leicester Street.)

Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street.)

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.)

Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.

Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)

Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.

Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)

Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond Street.)

Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.

Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road).

Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)

Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)

Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hill St.).

Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).

Nov. 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Street).

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

October 17th and 18th are the dates selected for the annual show of the Western Counties O.S., at Plymouth. The judges-elect are Mr C. A. House (Norwich and Yorkshires), Mr. J. Robson the other sections.

Catalogues at the Crystal Palace.

Owing to the Printers' Strike, the printers of the Crystal Palace Show Catalogue have returned the proofs, being unable to execute the work. Every effort is being made to have the work done, and the indulgence of exhibitors is desired should there be any delay in the dispatch of catalogues on Friday.—J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager of the Crystal Palace Show.

New C.B.S. for Edinburgh.

May I remind fanciers and friends of the meeting to be held Feb. 4th, in the Cairns Memorial Church Hall (next Hearts Foothall Park), Gorgie-road? Any who find it impossible to be present and are desirous of becoming members, will oblige by forwarding their names. It is hoped there will be a large meeting. Attendance does not necessarily commit one to membership.—J. I. Mackie, Secretary (pro tem), Gorgie P.O., Edinburgh.

A Piping Canary.

We this week had the opportunity of listening to a Canary which can pipe in the manner of a trained Bullfinch. This novelty is in the possession of Mr. Albert Brown, the well-known bird-dealer, of Sclater Street, E. It is an ordinary Roller Canary, and came over from Germany. This bird mingles snatches of some tune or other with its ordinary tours, and the effect is decidedly quaint and laughable. The notes are exactly the same in tone and volume as those uttered by the trained piping Bullfinch. This "piping Canary" would be a worthy companion, we should think, to the "talking Canary" we are to hear this week-end at the Palace Show.

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Face Value versus Pedigree.

A paper on the mating of birds, read by Frank Cole before the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. on October 8th.

(Concluded from page 459.)

What thoughtful man would think of mating two closely-related weaklings, or two birds related possessing the same fault? Without the slightest doubt one must by so doing concentrate that weakness. On the other hand, what disease or weakness can be inbred or concentrated from the mating of healthy relations? Our friends tell us that we lose stamina thus. But do we? And if so, is it the use or abuse of inbreeding? We are pointed to the Crested variety of Canary, and are told that the cause of its present condition was inbreeding. Is this so? Crests, like all other varieties, have been inbred. But look further afield. The first thing that strikes one as he looks at this variety is that it is a "bundle of feathers." It has very little action compared with birds of the other varieties, and it sits on the perch for quite long intervals. Now, I ask you, is not that want of action one of the first signs of weakness? What Norwich or Yorkshire breeder would tolerate such inactivity without knowing there was something wrong with the health of the bird and straightway trying to remedy it? Some Crest breeders, I suggest, do not trouble to do this. They flatter themselves that their birds are improved by being loose in feather, and they breed with them.

Perhaps they do mate blood relations, and the result of mating those weaklings is all put down to inbreeding. Now, who was to blame? Not the principle, but the man who wilfully ignored that weakness. He did not exercise the same amount of care with regard to their health as he did with regard to their feather properties.

We are also told that inbreeding will produce sterility. If this be true, we should not at the present day have our Canaries as we do. They would long since have proved sterile; and the very fact that we have them to-day in all their beautiful types and colours is evidence that judicious inbreeding is not only beneficial but permanent. One of the first signs of sterility is the young being found dead in shell. I do not mean a few in the first round, but two out of four in the second and third nests—fully developed chicks unable to free themselves. The thoughtful breeder says at once This won't do; something is wrong. If he has been breeding too closely he gets a change of blood. The other man takes no notice; he is quite content with the two survivors, forgetting, as our friend says, "they were tainted in constitution"; and in the next year or two the eggs are practically clear. He will not blame himself. Oh, dear no! Poor inbreeding gets the credit.

Is that right? Why blame the effect and not the cause? The man who caused sterility by injudicious breeding was to blame for not exercising proper care. He would not pair two birds possessing the same fault in feather properties, yet did not hesitate to mate two birds possessing inherent weakness. Remember the old saying, "It was not the first straw that broke the camel's back, but the fool who put the last one on."

Judicious inbreeding does not mean loss of stamina, neither does it produce sterility; and to suggest that it does is an insult to all those hard-headed fanciers, past and present, who have with such careful thought produced our present-day Canaries, and who, having done so much, give the lie direct to the sentimentalist.

A Simple Case.

I will give you a very simple case of judicious inbreeding. We must first presume a fault in our strain. For argument's sake let it be head weakness. We purchase a cock to meet this deficiency (bred right), and mate it to one of our hens. The result of that mating is 50 per cent. of blood of each bird. We then select the best young hen and mate her to her sire—result, 75 per cent. blood of sire. Thus do we concentrate that good point. Suppose we are among those who say we must not mate that father to daughter; we should have to pair the result of that first union with our own stock, when the result would be, not 75 per cent. blood having tendencies to good heads, but 25 per cent., with 75 per cent. bad blood. Now, mate this 25 per cent. into your stock and you have practically lost the benefit of that good point. Which is best? I ask you as men of common sense, where is the harm? Again, where can the loss of stamina come in?

Yes, but you say, that first union might not show any improvement. Admitted: but it is there. It must be inherent, and all the more reason why you should inbreed to bring it out before you disperse that blood into your strain.

But inbreeding does not only mean the mating of birds closely related in blood. After a few years all our birds must necessarily be related more or less. It is true the table of affinity does not contain the different degrees of relationship, and I am truly sorry for the conscientious breeder; but we know from our pedigree book that there are family connections, and to my mind it is just as much inbreeding to mate these family connections as to mate pure blood relations. It is the judicious inbreeding of these family connections that builds up a strain and identifies it as one's own. It is also just as much inbreeding to mate two birds possessing certain characteristics whether related or not.

Inbreeding means breeding in, no more and no less. A precocious youngster once said to his father, "Aye, dad, why is it the colour of Goldfinches is so similar?" The old wag replied, "I guess it's inbreeding, for old Noah knew a thing or two when he only took two in the Ark."

An Important Point.

There is just one point more that I will touch upon, and that is, do not endeavour to build a strain in one season. How many starters in the Fancy have purchased show birds, and before they have served their apprenticeship find themselves in the highest section? Money makes more champion exhibitors than brains. It is not long, however, before this class retire because they have not the time, or, in other words, they themselves have got shallow pockets, or else liver complaint. They selected from face value; fortune smiled, but she is a fickle dame. The blood was so mixed and could only bring disappointment.

I would recommend the starter to purchase stock birds from a reliable breeder, and then deal with them systematically. One year remedy one fault, and having done this take another; but don't let the other go wrong again. I know many breeders who rely on sire or dam to control certain points, and each year purposely mate up one faulty and one good bird. This means that every youngster has only a 50 per cent. chance of reversion to that faulty parent. Is that right? No; the whole of the progeny are unreliable, and the element of chance predominates. The best cock should be mated to the best hen. This will materially reduce your pairs because you will soon have fixed up your good birds, and have all the bad ones left. Let it be so. As the gardener prunes his rose trees and thus perfects a few blossoms, so deal with your birds. Then, by your systematic breeding will you produce a reliable strain. It may take years, but what is worth having is worth working for. A perfect strain, perfect in pedigree and perfect in progeny, is what I commend to your endeavours. It is a high ideal—an impossibility, I admit—but remember the old precept, "Shoot high, though perchance you may only hit something as the arrow falls."

In conclusion, I do not ask you to accept my views; I leave them with you for careful thought. If, after that you do not agree with them, ignore them. One man's meat is another man's poison. The fight is with the strong. To the careless man I commend selection, but to the thoughtful, systematic breeding. Pedigree first, and if that be right, select from that pedigree. In this way pedigree supersedes or displaces mere selection by superior power. Blood will tell, and by keeping that blood under control will success be sustained. If after due care one of your pedigree purchases does not turn out as you expected, do not throw all the blame on the vendor. Try to find out whether you are not equally to blame, and I venture to suggest that in most cases you will succeed. Study the bad points in your birds; the good ones can then better take care of themselves. Having found them get rid of them systematically.

I thank you for your kind attention. I invite your opinion and criticism, and would remind you that to spare the rod is to spoil the child; and as the woman once said when reproved for beating her child, "Aye, but I smacks 'em while I got the chance; I can't when they be grow'd up." I urge you to discuss the questions I have raised. I know I have spoken strongly, perhaps you may think too strongly; but, to my mind, the subject cannot be dealt with by half measures.

The Discussion.

The chairman now declared the meeting open for discussion. Mr. Cole had, he said, remarked that he would hit hard, and he had certainly done so. He hoped, however, that they were not all converted, and invited them to ask any question on the subject. A very interesting and somewhat animated discussion followed.

One of the questions asked was: How often should fresh blood be introduced?—Mr. Cole: I should like to answer that question by showing you this chart; I call it the selection chart.

First of all, does my friend know that from 3 pairs of birds it is possible to obtain 36 different families, not one of which is related to the other? I will explain what I mean. In the chart before you, you have 3 cocks and 3 hens. We can mate No. 1 with 4, 5, and 6. No. 2 with 4, 5, and 6, and No. 3 the same. This would produce 9 different families. No. 7 is the family produced by cock 1, hen 4. No. 8 is produced by cock 1, hen 5, and so on through the line to 15, which is produced from cock 3, hen 6. This is the first step.

Family No. 7 can be mated with families 11, 12, 14, 15; family No. 8 with 10, 12, 13, 15; family No. 9 with 10, 11, 13, 14, and so on through the 9 families, taking care that in no case the same number appears in both birds.

I do not say it is necessary or advisable to make these matings. This can only be ascertained from the birds themselves, whether they are suited one with the other. If the result of these matings is not satisfactory, and I could not see any advantage in inbreeding I should certainly get a change of blood. As I have said, you may find a cock although apparently suitable, does not "hit it off" with a certain hen. It is useless proceeding with this pair, so try a change. Don't go here and there for fresh material, but use up what you have. This chart cannot be objected to by the sentimentalist, and should provide material for several years breeding.

In reply to another question on pedigree, Mr. Cole produced chart No. 2.

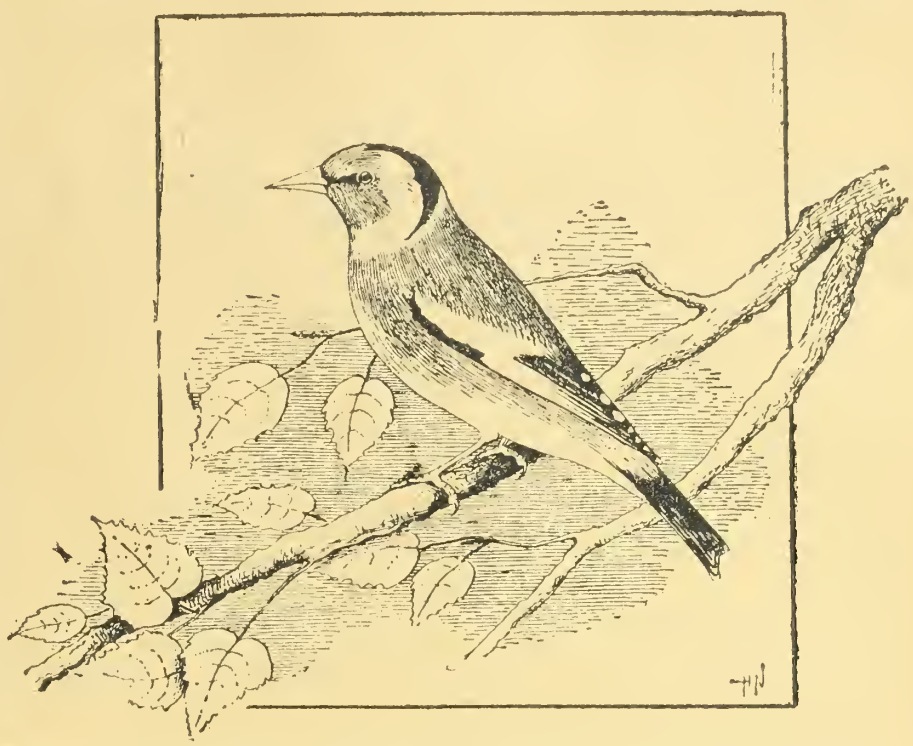
I should like to draw your attention, he said, to a pedigree chart. It is known as Beech's Poultry Table, and you will see it shows how by inbreeding from one pair of birds 5 families, each differing in blood from the other, can be produced. If you look at the chart you will notice broken and unbroken lines. The broken lines indicate the female side and the unbroken the male. We have no choice for the first mating. No. 1 must be paired with 2, and we produce 3, which is, of course, half the blood of each bird. We now take a male from 3 and mate back to his mother, No. 1, and we produce 4, which is three-quarters blood of dam. A female from 3 mated to her sire 2 produces 5, which is three-quarters blood of sire, and consequently only quarter blood of dam. We now take one bird from 4 and one of the opposite sex from 5 and produce 7, which is again half blood of original pair 1 and 2. Females from 5 mated back to 2 produce 8, which is ⅜ of No. 2, and a male from 4 mated back to No. 1 produces 6, or ⅜ blood of original dam. We now take a male from No. 8, and a female from 6, and for the third time produce half the blood of original pair, which we number 11. Starting again, we select a male from 6 and a female from 4 and produce family 9, which is 13-16ths blood of original dam and only 3-16ths blood of sire.

We now select a male from 9 and a female from 11, and produce 14, which thus becomes 21-32nds of the blood of No. 1, thus preserving her strain of blood. A male from 13, which is 13-16ths the blood of sire No. 2, mated to a female from No. 10, gives us family 17, which is 9-16ths the blood of sire. No. 16, produced by a male from 12 and a female from 10, is again for the fourth time half the blood of the original pair. No. 18 is for all practical purposes the blood of the original sire.

I should like to impress upon you, however, that it is useless trying simply by inbreeding to produce any desired point unless that point is inherent or apparent. Inbreeding is a means to an end, namely, the fixing of a certain point, and although, if I thought it advisable to mate the closest of relations I should do so without hesitation, I should not inbreed merely for the sake of it.

Other questions discussed were breeding or feeding for size, the colouration of wild birds in certain districts, breeding for markings, etc.

The discussions were taken part in by Messrs. Tringham, Tomsett, Hazel, Richardson, Goodwin, Austin, Cracknell, Carpenter, Hollands, Mazzoni, Morgan, Norris, and Steed. A very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cole and to the chairman for presiding brought to a close one of the most successful meetings of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.



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THE PRODUCTION OF YORKSHIRES.

Lecture before the Wombwell and District B.F.A.

Meeting held Jan. 14th. We were favoured with a lecture by Mr. J. Eyre (Dodworth). Mr. Eyre, in his opening remarks on the breeding of the Yorks., said that he believed in getting all things ready for breeding—cages nice and clean, with no crevices to harbour red mite. He strongly objected to the use of enamelled cages, and advocated white lime with a solution of soda. I use sand trays, he said, which I damp with paraffin on the under side; and I find that by the use of sand trays I disturb the birds less thus than by taking the whole cage front out when breeding. I believe in one man dealing with one variety only, as no man can serve two masters. The vital point is pairing up of stock, and I should advise you as novices to select a bird with a good pedigree, but see that the bird is good as well as its pedigree. It is not always best to get show birds for stock. Always go in for a silky-feathered bird; and I don't believe in introducing the Lancashire, as you can only expect long-feathered birds from such a cross. Get them in good condition, as they are liable to quarrel if not in good condition.

I feed on the best Spanish Canary seed, with rape occasionally, throughout the winter, giving the hens a little niger seed two or three times a week, starting about six weeks before pairing up. I am not a believer in double-buffing, and only resort to double yellowing in order to reduce the quantity of coarse feather. Use a green or a cinnamon to a clear, the marked bird for preference on the cock side, when breeding for colour. I always take the eggs out each day and substitute a dummy one, until the hen has laid her third egg, and I feed her on good plain Canary seed during incubation. I don't believe in giving too much green stuff, as it tends to give the young ones diarrhœa, and on no account do I give it when it is frosty.

I find a good plan in steadying the birds is to take the cages in the hand and pass them to any visitors you might have, and thus get the birds used to being handled. Look well after the claws and tails, see that they are clean, as it is difficult for them to show position if their feet are clogged up with dirt. I never inbreed nearer than cousins as I find that by in breeding nearer than cousins as I find that by in breeding too much the birds lose their vigour and stamina. It is well occasionally to introduce fresh blood. During the moult keep a good look-out for red mite, as they are liable to suck all the colour out of the birds.

The following is my preparation for colour-feeding: 5 pounds of sweet pepper, two pounds of hot pepper, one pound of sugar and two ounces of almond oil. I use the bath freely during the moult, keeping the sun off the cages for successful colouring. Many birds lose on the show bench through not being clean, and not having clean show cages. I strongly advise all fanciers to build up a strain for themselves, and not keep buying one here and there. Mr. B. Malpass asked: Do you believe in pairing two yellows?—No; I don't believe in it. You get shorter birds. You might try it when you have a lot of coarse-feathered birds.

Mr. G. Rostrance: How do you get length in the Yorks.?—Have the cock bird on the strong side, the hen not to show a hollow neck. I never bred quality and type with a large hen, but always with a medium-sized one.

Mr. J. W. Dean: How would you improve length of flights without lengthening the body?—By using a quarter-bred Belgian; but the offspring will have a tendency to be thin in the neck, and it takes a lot of judicious pairing to get rid of thin necks. You could also try a bird with extra long flights; but bear in mind that when you lengthen one feather you lengthen the whole.

Mr. H. Crossley: Do you believe in running one cock with two hens? I never make a practice of pairing my show birds with two hens, but if I have a good stock bird I run it with two.

This concluded Mr. Eyre's lecture, and I am sure we all benefited by it. A hearty vote of thanks was given him.—J. Hudson, Sec.

Swifts Colliding.

Two Swifts have been known to fly together with such force that they have both fallen to the ground one of the two being killed.

The Jay in Scotland.

The Jay is somewhat rare in Scotland, and is only locally distributed. Like the Magpie, it would soon increase in numbers if left undisturbed, as it lays from four to six eggs, and generally manages to rear a full brood. When once out of the nest, young Jays are able to take care of themselves fairly well, so that not many of them go under.

How I Breed My Yorkshire Canaries.

ALBERT BURTENSHAW (Worthing).

(Continued from page 53.)

Moulting and Colour-Feeding.

When the young are eight weeks old the most likely looking show birds I put in pairs to moult. The very best I put entirely by themselves to make certain they do not get plucked by the others. I commence to feed them with colour food every day, and I keep it up right through the moult. I begin with it weak, and work it up to full strength, continuing with the same quantity and the same strength until the finish of the moult, when I reduce it to three times a week.

The head is usually the last part of a bird to complete the moult: you will then want to reduce the strength of your colour-food, also the quantity, to get an even colour all over, otherwise you will have what is known as "fiery heads," meaning a different colour on the heads than on the body. To get your birds even throughout pay strict attention to them in the last stages of their moult.

Mixing the Colour-Food.

Give the birds their usual seed during the time they are on colour food, and on no account remove their seed vessel. Make it so that they can clear it up every day. Use one pound of tasteless pepper and four ounces hot cayenne pepper; well mix these together for every six birds that you want to moult. I find that it works out well at that. Give in the strength of two spoonfuls of tasteless pepper to one hard-boiled egg, and a slice of home-made bread rubbed through a sieve; add a teaspoonful of brown sugar (known as "raw" sugar), and when the birds are half-way through their moult add the same amount of pure ground linseed meal, well mixing it, as most birds do not care for linseed; but when used as above it has the desired effect, namely, to produce sheen. Also give a slice of boiled carrot between the wires three times a week for a month, as it tightens up the feathers splendidly. Allow a free use of the bath, but only when the weather is warm. I use sawdust through the colour-feeding season. I hang up their grit in a drinker inside their cage; they keep nice and clean then, and it saves the use of the brush a good deal.

Add twenty drops of the following solution, well mixed in the colour-food:—Put two drachms of hay-saffron to four ounces of best rum, and let it remain for seven days, then strain off and keep it well corked up. Three times a week place one or two drops of this solution of iron in the drinking water—fresh daily, mind you—enough to colour it.

Sheeting Down.

Keep the birds as best you can out of the sun. I use a sheet hung about four inches from the cage fronts to within a foot of the floor. By hanging the sheet away from the cages the birds get a current of fresh air up between the two. This keeps your birds nice and clean, and also steady. When you are in the room of an evening draw your sheet back for the time you are in the room: and when you retire for the night draw it again to shade them from the early sun, if, that is, the bird-room window faces east.

Conditioning Foods and Sheen.

There are different opinions as to the best way to produce sheen in getting birds into good trim for the show bench; and to those who have had good results from their own system I would say, by all means stick to it, as I am myself a firm believer of old friends. I might say that I do not care for many drugs used for getting birds fit; I use them only when they are needed in sickness.

I find that with careful attention through the moult there is not much to do to get the birds in trim. I give a mixture of three parts of best Spanish Canary seed, one part of summer rape seed, half part maw seed, and half part white millet, three times a week; on the remaining days I give Spanish Canary seed only, as seed diet. But three times a week I give egg-food with a teaspoonful of pure linseed meal, and enough tasteless pepper to colour the egg-food; I add twenty drops of sherry to it, and well mix altogether. Also I supply boiled carrot, ripe apple, and sometimes a small English tomato, but more so when they are on colour food.

I also make free use of the sprayer. For this I add to one pint of soft water one teaspoonful of pure glycerine, when it is time for me to send out to the birds' first show. It should be done about four days before as it gives you time to look them over, and time for them to fine down, that is, to groom themselves.

Training Young Birds.

This is most necessary, also a most important matter. One cannot spend too much time with his birds if he wants them steady; and unless they are steady and are of good position, the chances are against them. I hang a Yorkshire show cage on their stock cage, and let them go in and out at will. I place some little tit-bit in the show cage, and get my birds used to me, and used to the moving of the cage. Then I place them in the show cages (when I can spare the time) for a few hours—seven or eight cages together. I also place between them a thin board that will come level with the topmost square wire round the cage. I place a small piece of apple between each two cages, when I find that the youngsters draw themselves up to their utmost to get a look at their neighbour, also to get a peck at the apple. They will also get used to their show cages as well.

Clean Cages.

It is useless to send out birds and cages that are dirty, and it only wants that the owner of one shall see how it looks when in company with a well staged lot of birds for him to feel sorry that he sent his out dirty; and I feel sure that he would not do so again. But with care (as indicated) there will be no need for anything beyond the occasional washing of the birds' legs, tails, and flights, if they are sprayed twice a week, as before-mentioned.

Run the birds in a show cage that will answer for a spraying cage; have two thin pieces of board, and lay on the two bottom perches. Have them cut so that the two cover the bottom over, leaving the top perch for the bird to stand on while you are spraying him. Wash the show cage well, also the perches, and have them spotlessly clean.

Sending Birds to Shows.

Read carefully the rules of the show you intend sending to; it will save the show officials and yourself a lot of trouble. Send your birds off in good time, with the bottoms of their cages covered with plain Canary seed only, and send them in boxes or baskets that give no trouble, either to the one who unpacks or at the time of repacking for the return journey. Cages tied in paper with string are not only a source of danger to the birds, but are a great nuisance to show stewards and packers. Get a good outfit to begin with.

Should you be one of the "unfortunate exhibitors," take your defeat like a man, and try again; let the judge please himself, and let us abide by his decisions. In conclusion, make up your minds to breed your own winners. Little credit attaches to the man who buys his show birds to win with.

A Lady's Experiences of Canary Breeding.

Miss BANDOCK (London, N.E.).

My experience, though certainly not much, nor very exciting, may interest your readers. I started last season with one pair of birds a friend giving me a few directions as to how to go on. I supplied myself with a good-sized breeding cage, and all necessaries for the birds' welfare and housekeeping. I introduced the birds to one another on the 1st of May, and on the 11th the first egg was laid; and so on, one each morning till there were five. I should here say that I knew absolutely nothing about the hobby, and as I wanted to know many things and did not wish to wear out my friend's patience, I did the best thing I could do—I bought "Canary Breeding for Beginners," by Claude St. John, and started taking in CAGE BIRDS (which I have done every week since).

A Proud Moment.

On the evening of the 13th day of incubation I spent a good bit of my time listening by the side of the cage, but without result. I was with the hen again at 4 a.m. the next morning, and wasn't I proud when I heard some faint little "chips"!

I prepared some egg-food as directed in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," having boiled the egg over night. That same night I managed to get just a peep into the nest, where I saw three little mouths wide open. Next morning another chick was hatched, which left one egg; this proved to be clear. I ought to say that I had taken away the cock bird during incubation.

Lettuce and Bread and Milk.

The hen fed the youngsters on lettuce and bread and milk principally. I gave her a supply of egg food only once a day, as I found she fed the babies all day long on the two first-named, and only very intermittently on egg food. All four youngsters were on the perch on the 15th day, and as the hen was anxious to nest again, I put them in a nursery when they were three weeks old, and returned the cock bird. The mother fed them till three more eggs were laid, when she handed them over entirely to her mate; but by this time they were cracking the seed nicely, and getting fairly "on their own."

The second nest was more successful than the first, as five eggs were laid, and all hatched out.

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Notes on the Raven:

In Captivity and its Native Wilds

By "NEWCASTLE."

Having a little knowledge of the Raven, one of our largest British birds, I will try and write it down for the benefit of the readers of CAGE BIRDS. The Ravens are fast dying out, as game preservers wage a constant war against them. The birds seem to inhabit the more northern parts of England and Scotland: Ireland also has its share of them. I have never heard tell of many in Wales and the South of England, although there are some, as the Rooks and Crows many a time get the blame for the damage the Ravens do. About ten years ago I could have gone for a walk and seen fully half a dozen pairs, where, at the present time, I may not come across a single pair.

The Raven is a glossy black in colour, and has a thick black beak and dark legs. Unlike the Rook, he has no bare patch at the base of his bill, the feathers coming close up and ending with hair-like bristles. The eyes are brown. He is a good deal broader across the back and shoulders than the Rook, being a bird of more substance altogether.

Very Innocent-looking.

Ravens pair for life, and no birds are more attached to each other. When walking about in a grass field, they have a queer way of bobbing their heads up and down. To see a pair thus in a field you would think them as innocent as any of the other birds; but if you observed them for very long you would soon see that all the others give them a wide berth. And they very often get the field to themselves even from their own kind.

The only time I have ever seen more than a pair together was in July, 1909, when I saw four, two of them being young ones that had not been long out of the nest. They feed a good deal on worms and slugs, but when these are scarce they will attack both hares and rabbits, generally picking their eyes out first and soon making an end of them with their strong beaks. In the spring time they will also attack the lambs in the fields; in fact, the farmers in one part of the North were complaining of the Crows destroying the lambs, but I have an idea it would be the Ravens who were the offenders, as I have never known the Crows to attack any animal unless it was dead.

There are very few farmers who seem to know the difference between a Rook and a Raven. The Raven takes good care you don't get much nearer than a hundred yards of it. The gamekeeper will not have it near his preserves, so it generally takes to the scattered woods of outlying districts wherein to build its nest, where, however, it fares very little better, as some of the boys seeking birds' nests climb the trees and take either the eggs or young. Or sometimes the keeper comes across the nest and puts a shot through it. The old ones, of course, can take pretty good care of themselves. When building their nests Ravens are very cunning, and should anybody be about they "clear out," and don't come near again till the party has gone.

Ravens at Home.

I came across a nest in the April of 1909; it was built high up on the topmost branches of a tall oak tree. I had never noticed the nest before, and so was rather curious about it. The trees had not broken into leaf, so I had a good view of it, and although I was about seventy yards off at the time, the old one slipped off. The tree was about the worst I ever climbed, and the nest was perched on the highest branch that would bear it. There were four eggs in the nest; they were green in colour with brown and grey spots. The nest was two feet or more across, and was lined with grass and a little wool. The outside was built of sticks. The parents reared two young ones, which I saw with the old birds the following July.

Young Ravens stick to the nest as long as they can, and even after leaving it return many a night to sleep.

The first Raven that I ever saw caged was caught at a farm; it is very rarely that Ravens will venture near a dwelling of any sort. The snow had been lying on the ground for a month or more, and he was dying of hunger. He was given some of the small birds that were caught, which he ate a fast as they were supplied. He soon became familiar and would eat any scraps from the table that were given him. He would take them from your hand and would snap at a finger if he got a chance. After being caged for nearly a year the door was left open accidentally one day, and he escaped.

Enormous Appetites.

About six years ago a friend of mine got four young Ravens from a nest in a large beech tree. They were of a dirty black or brown colour. The largest was about full feathered, while on the smallest the feathers were only just breaking through. It is curious, by the way, that, in the nests of nearly all birds of prey that I have come across, there have been little and big young ones, and especially so in the case of Hawks and Owls. The young Ravens had enormous appetites and could have kept a small butcher's shop gong. They never seemed to be satisfied. Young Ravens seem to require to be fed on all kinds of animal food, or there is not much chance of one's rearing them. When adult, Ravens will eat anything that the Jay or Magpie will eat, and I have seen them eat corn when there was nothing else to be had at the time.

There is a great deal of mystery attached to the Raven by old writers. And I don't wonder at it, for there is very little chance of observing the habits of these birds unless they are feeding or nesting, and in the latter case you have to be pretty smart to keep out their sight. In the winter time I have seen them feeding on the seashore, where most of them go when food turns scarce in the country. As cage birds, Ravens would be interesting to those who care large birds, for there is not another bird in the British Isles to compare with them for cunning and intelligence.

The Second Pair.

Now I must tell you about my second pair, which were anything but a success. First of all the hen's nest-building was all wrong, so, after having recourse to my "Canary Breeding for Beginners," we made a first-rate nest, which her ladyship approved of. She laid one egg, then missed a day, and so on till four were laid. On the third morning of incubation, I found one egg on the cage floor; on the fifth morning I found another; which reduced the number to two. She sat out her time well, but the eggs were both clear. I gave her a fortnight's rest, and fed her as advised in my guide book; then I mated her again, and five eggs were laid this time, two being laid in one morning (I make special mention of this, as I was told it couldn't be; but I am very positive about it, as I attended my birds entirely myself, and knowing how erratic she was over her first nest, I took particular notice).

She again, during incubation, brought three eggs out on to the cage floor, and at the end of fifteen days I found she had one clear egg and one chick dead in shell. However, I didn't discard her. I have had her in a large cage, and hope to do better with her this season.

The Method of Management.

The following has been my method of management all through. I carried out the advice and instructions given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and found out what the mother bird fed best with and gave her a fresh supply of same five times a day, the first meal being at 4 a.m. Egg food was served first, then a young fresh leaf of lettuce, and a little bread and milk; then soaked rape, and next crushed hemp seed; and for the last meal bread and milk again. All nine birds were brought up on these foods, and they have never once looked back from the time they left the nest.

I clean out all cages regularly once every week, and all food vessels after each meal, taking away all stale pieces from the floor of the cages every night. All through the season I dusted the nests and corners of cages with insect powder and painted all crevices once a week with paraffin. I had no red mite at all till the moulting began. I don't know if it is usual for these pests to make their appearance specially then, but I noticed many queries on the subject in CAGE BIRDS. I followed out the advice given there, and am glad to say that I soon got rid of them.

At the end of the breeding season I had a "cut" at making a cage for my birds for the winter. I got two good-sized Sunlight soap boxes, and fixed them so as to make one or two, as wanted, with a wooden slide. I sent to one of the advertisers in CAGE BIRDS and got all requisites. I thoroughly scrubbed and distempered the boxes; I varnished the outside black.—two coatings were enough—and although it was not a very handsome flight, I certainly thought it was when I put my first nest of birds into it. And to see how they enjoyed using their wings repaid me for all the bits chipped out of my fingers and various other discomforts I had to put up with.

I sold seven of the birds, and the other two are, at the time of writing, nearly "singing my head off." I hope this experience will encourage some one beginning in the hobby this season, as I was last. My advice is this: *Before* you mate up, go to the first paper shop, and get CAGE BIRDS; then send to CAGE BIRDS offices for those invaluable books, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Then you can feel you are well armed for any emergency that arises.

Wood Pigeons Roosting.

When going to roost wild Wood Pigeons are exceedingly careful not to be detected. They generally fly to the summit of the tree they choose, and, after surveying the surrounding district for some time, flutter down to their roosting sites in the lower branches.

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Preparing for the Breeding Season.

EDWARD BINGHAM (Biggleswade).

The breeding season will soon be upon us, and we must have everything in proper order ready for starting business. Now is a good time to go over cages, etc., and give them a good clean. If they are enamelled inside, wash well, and dry thoroughly; then procure some petrol and a small brush, and go carefully round the joins, and the ends of perches—it is certain death to red mite (but beware and do not put the petrol near a naked light, as it is highly inflammable). If you use lime-washed cages, clean them out, and go over the joins in a similar manner; leave out in the air for smell to go off, and the cages will be ready for use. Also the nest pans should be cleaned, and treated in a similar manner.

The next thing to think about is the stock. Cage all the cocks off in separate cages, as they are likely to be quarrelsome as the season advances. The hens should be allowed to fly together in the flight-cage until you are ready to pair them up. They will thus get plenty of exercise, and so be braced up for the great strain they will have to endure a little later on.

The cocks should be given a more liberal diet, as generally they are not in such a forward condition as the hens; hence so many unfertile eggs the first round. Give a small teaspoonful of egg-food about twice a week, and also twice a week a teaspoonful of the following seed mixture: 1lb. each hemp, niger, German rape, and gold of pleasure; ½lb. each maw, red and white millet and linseed.

Pairing Up the Stock.

About the end of March or the beginning of April (according to climatic conditions) will be time enough to pair the birds up. You will be able to take from the pairs three nests in the season, which is ample for any pair of birds. They should be allowed a little egg-food each day now until the hen starts to sit, when it must be stopped, and plain Canary seed given during incubation.

After pairing, keep an eye open to see that no quarrels take place. I mean by this, make sure they do not injure one another; of course, there are generally little differences to right before they settle down to housekeeping. Should they quarrel a lot, put one each side of the wire partition if you use double breeding cages, and if single breeders, hang so that the birds can see one another. After two or three days of separation you will generally find them calling to one another: then you can let them go together, and they will nearly always settle down to housekeeping in a proper manner.

Now hang on your nestpans and give a little moss or cow hair for preference, and as soon as you see the hen busying herself carrying it into the nest pan, give her sufficient to build her nest with, unless, of course, you use felt linings, which I much prefer, as they do not fill up the nest so, and one is able to see the eggs and young birds much better.

On the evening of the thirteenth day after the hen has commenced to sit, give them some egg-food, made of four Osborne biscuits to one hard-boiled egg, as on the fourteenth morning if all has gone well and the eggs are fertile, the young will hatch and will want their breakfast. If any eggs have failed to hatch, remove same on the fifteenth morning, because if left too long they may get broken as the young birds get stronger, and will make a nasty mess. Do not interfere too much—just have a peep every morning and evening into the nest to see if all the young ones are alive, as nothing is more detrimental to the health of young birds than a dead brother or sister in the nest.

To those fanciers who do not care for the job of making egg-food with egg and biscuit, I would recommend them to try the following, which saves a lot of time, and I find answers as well: 2 small cupfuls Spratt's cod liver oil cage bird food, a small teaspoonful of castor sugar, a pinch each of maw seed and salt, and just enough boiling water to make it crumbly moist; allow this to cool.

The Egg-binding Trouble.

Sometimes fanciers are troubled with egg-bound hens during the early part of the season. I am a firm believer in prevention being better than cure, so when the hen is building her nest I always give my birds the following to drink: Put 1 tablespoonful of common treacle in 1 quart of water, continuing to give the bird same until she has laid her clutch.

Keep an eye on the old birds, as they will soon start nesting again, and will perhaps pluck the young ones for the purpose of building their new nest. Should this happen, put the young into a nursery cage, and hang on the front of the breeding cage; or if you use a double-breeder, transfer to the other side of the wire partition, and the cock will finish feeding them off through the wires.

In about a month the youngsters will be able to do for themselves, and after thirty days they can safely be put into a flight by themselves, giving them egg food and crushed hemp and canary seed. Do not crush more than the birds will eat in a short time, as it soon goes rancid and will then cause trouble. When six weeks old they will crack seed for themselves. The egg-food should now be given in very small quantities about three times a week, and the birds should not be allowed too much water, as there is not the least doubt that too much egg-food and water is the cause of hundreds of deaths every season.

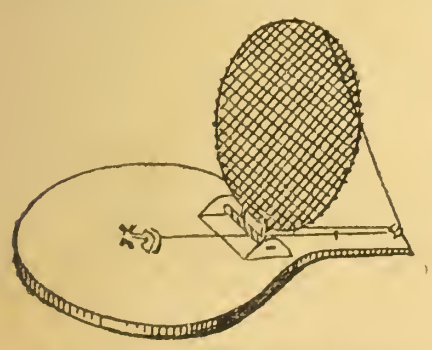
When about eight weeks old they will start to moult, and if intended for show purposes, should be given colour food. Remember, that the moult is a critical time with young birds, and they require to be kept in as bright and as airy a place as possible, free from draughts; there need then be little fear but that they will come through this trying ordeal all right.

The Nightingale at Home and in Captivity.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 53).

Before we discuss the Nightingale as a cage-bird it may be advisable to say a few words about trapping, and in this connection I should like to call your attention to a curious old book, which I picked up for a few shillings. It is called "The Bird-Fancyer's Delight: or Choice Observations and Direc-



A 17th Century Nightingale Trap.

tions concerning the Taking, Feeding, Breeding, Curing and Teaching all sorts of Singing Birds. The like not extant. London: printed in the year 1711." The author is anonymous, but it is evident that he was really an expert in the management of the Nightingale, to which subject the greater part of the book is devoted. The following is his description of a spring net-trap as made 200 years ago. Although we may smile at the quaint expressions of mediæval English, the description is so lucid that I have found no difficulty in sketching the trap as described: "Take a net made of Green thred or silk about the compass of a yard, made after the fashion of a shove net to catch Fish or or a Cabbage-net; then get some of your large sort of wire, bending it round and joyn both ends, which you must put into a short stick about an inch and a half long; then you must have a piece of iron with two Cheeks and a Hole of each side in which you must put some Cat's gut or fine Whip-cord three or four times double, that so it may hold the piece of wood that the Ends of the Wire is put into, and with a Button of each side of the Iron twist the Whip-cord that so the net may play the quicker; you must fasten the net to the Wire, as they do a Shove-net to the Hoop; then get a board of the Compass of your Wire and joyn your two Checks of Iron at the Handle of your Board and put a piece of Stick about two inches long and a Hole at the Top of your Stick, which you must have a peg to put in with two Wires, an Inch and a half, to stick your Mealworms upon; then tye a string in the middle of the Top of your Net, drawing the Net up, having an Eye at the end of the Handle to draw your Thred through; pull it till it stands upright, then pull it through the hole of the stick that stands in the middle of your Board and put your Peg in the Hole, and that will hold the String that the Net cannot fall down; you must put two worms upon the wires before you put it in the Holo and set it as gently as you can that the bird may throw it down with the first touch. . . ."

This antique trap is interesting, I think, as being the forerunner of our modern spring net-trap. I have shown the hoop, which carries the net, in an upright position partly because the details are thus more easily seen, and partly because it is so described, but when set, it would of course be pulled down flat. The twisted cat-gut which actuates the hoop would be twisted up tightly by turning the "button" from right to left. It may be asked why cat-gut should be used for a spring when wire was available for the hoop. The answer probably is that steel-wire (which alone is of any use for springs) was not made at that time. I think the trap would work all right: the bird would peck at the mealworms, thus loosening the small peg and the string which holds back the hoop would then be released. The same bait apparently was used then as now.

Catching a Nightingale is not a difficult feat, and yet I tried several times before I succeeded. I first tried driving a bird towards the trap, as often recommended, but this I found impossible. I then set a number of traps in different places, the only result being that I caught all the Robins in the district and some of them several times over. I then tried a trap-cage with a male as a call-bird, but this did not seem to attract, though I expect a hen call-bird would be effective in the last week of April. Finally I marked the exact bough on which a cock 'Gale was in the habit of singing and placed the trap exactly underneath, and then I did not have to wait long.

To distinguish a cock from a hen when taken out of the trap I have not found at all easy, and our 17th century author seems to have been of the same opinion, for he says: "I have had perfect brave cocks, Song-Nightingals, and that a great number of them, that have been very small and little, having all the marks ascribed to them to be hens." He gives us a useful hint, however, when he tells us that if the hen (of a pair) is caught, the cock will at once commence to sing loudly, but, if the cock is caught, there will be silence.

The Nightingale in Captivity.

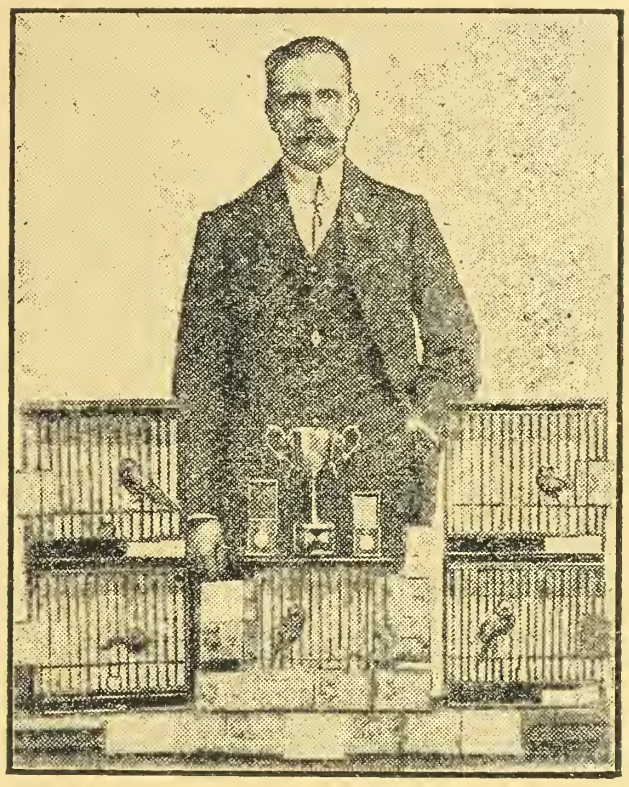
Everyone must answer for himself the question whether it is, or is not, justifiable to cage a Nightingale. Personally, I am an ardent protectionist of our rarer birds, but I am convinced that, in the case of species in which the males outnumber the females, a moderate amount of trapping (of males) is quite the reverse of detrimental. Let us, however, agree on one point, namely, that no one should undertake the task who has not sufficient knowledge and leisure to keep the bird as it should be kept.

It is odd that Philomel should be popularly regarded as a difficult subject, because I have found him far from delicate and, being by nature a deliberate, thoughtful and affectionate bird, he usually takes very kindly to cage life.

The beginner should commence with a hand-reared bird: all that I have owned have been the most delightful pets which would come to the whistle and could even be carried about in the pocket, but not one of them ever learned to sing. Personally, I think it very cruel to take more than two young birds from a nest, and two are enough for anybody.

The Brancher, caught in August, is soon reconciled to a cage, but it is not easy to distinguish cocks from hens, and, though they sing better than nestlings, they are seldom first-rate. I have seen it stated that Philomel does not sing in the winter in Africa. If this is so, how is it that the young birds, which leave us in September without any vocal attainments worth mentioning, return in the following April accomplished songsters? The Chiff-Chaff and the Willow-Wren sing throughout the winter in the sunny south, so why not Philomel?

If we want a really fine songster we shall have to obtain a spring-caught bird, and this, of course, means breaking a law—and a wise law, too! I think too much has been said about the difficulty of "meating off" these April birds. I have caught several, and have been singularly lucky with them, and yet I have taken no further trouble with them than to put them in a canvas-topped cage (not darkened), and to supply them with gentles, mealworms and crumbled sponge-cake mixed up together in a glass feeder. The one I lost was lost in this way. In my absence from home it was fed by a housemaid who gave it plenty of gentles, but some of these were in the larva and some in the pupa stage. The larva took refuge beneath the pupa (as they always will, if they can), and the bird had not learned to eat the pupæ—so it starved!



Mr. J. WOOLH USE, Assistant Secretary of Sheffield C.B.S.

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The Norwich Plainheads in this photograph have won many First and Special Prizes, including the handsome cup; the centre bird (a marked buff) has secured twelve firsts, etc.

Wild Bird-Life.

Notes on Pairing.

At the time of writing these notes the weather is exceptionally mild for the month of January, and when the sun happens to force its way through the clouds one can almost imagine it is springtime instead of the depth of winter. Considering we have had very little severe weather this season, it is not surprising that the present unusual conditions are affecting the bird life of the country-side. The selection of partners for the breeding season in the case of some species takes place directly after the moult, but the majority of wild birds defer this important function until a month or so prior to nesting, and where we have an exceptionally severe time, it is in many cases put off until what one might term the last minute.

In the mating of birds there appears, to the writer, to be a distinct difference between our resident and our migratory species. The former (as remarked above) pair any time after the moult, and pairs of most of them may be seen in the fields and meadows during the short days, either quite alone, or feeding a little distance away from the main body, or flock, of their kind. When we consider that the spring warblers which first reach our shores are, in the majority of cases, male birds, and that the hens no sooner arrive than they at once pair and go to nest, sometimes within a very few days, there does not appear to be much time lost in the preliminary courtship.

Gulls and Sparrows.

In the London parks many Seagulls frequent the open water and grass plots. These live chiefly upon the food thrown to them by bird lovers, but occasionally one manages to secure a fat London Sparrow. One has been seen to catch a Sparrow while drinking, and drown him by holding him under water.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Loss of Voice.

C. C., Sheffield.—You must find out the cause of the bird's loss of voice in the first place, and remove it before you can hope to cure its effects. This will be practically certain to be found among these causes—constant draughts, damp, or extreme fluctuations of heat and cold. See these are all removed; keep the bird in a fairly warm place which is equable day and night, and free from the fumes of burning lights in the evening. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part of summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give either a spray of watercress or a morsel of banana, and a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

Protracted Moulting.

H. G. H.—In all probability the bird's position is the cause. Remove to a position further in room, out of the way of draughts, and not too near a fire or burning light, so that the day and night temperature will be as equable as possible. See also that cage is free from red mites. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on alternate days give a pinch of hemp and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. The dirty appearance round neck is the dirt and grime which gradually accumulates there. The bird bathing will not remove it. The only way to do this is by hand-washing, which is not advisable as a practice. Birds' appetites and other conditions vary so much that no hard and fast rule can be laid down as to quantity of seed required by a bird in 24 hours. But a fair sized teaspoonful per day is quite sufficient for the average normal Canary. I doubt whether any Canary in confinement would ever starve on this quantity, and some would grow fat upon it.

In a Bad Way.

C. Quinn.—The bird is suffering from so-called asthma in an extremely bad form, and I doubt whether you will do any good for it, or even if it will survive long. Keep it in a cosy place, not too near a fire of burning lights, and not necessarily very warm, but quite out of the reach of draughts and great fluctuations of heat and cold. Examine cage well for red mites, which I suspect are troublesome, and if any are found, thoroughly eradicate them. Keep the bird as quiet as possible until it has got over some of its excessive nervousness. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod-liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw and a morsel of banana or watercress. At the end of a fortnight stop all extras and feed plainly for a fortnight, then revert to the above dietary for another fortnight. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and on the alternate days in the latter half give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. After this give 20 drops of a mixture of two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, plus six grains of iodide of potassium, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards. Shall be glad to hear result at end of this time.

From Now Till April.

J. Cooke. — (1) I think the hen shows a more promising form for the season this time than last year, and I see no reason why you should not try her again. But as you are so desirous of not drawing another blank season, why not get another hen and run the cock with each one alternately, leaving the hens to hatch and rear the broods by themselves. If you decide to do this try to get a thick clear yellow pink-eyed Yorkshire, bred from clears if possible, for his second mate. You need not trouble about getting a typical shaped hen. One that is too stout for good Yorkshire breeding—a waster—will do better. (2) Continue to feed hen on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape in the egg-drawer, and twice a week on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and linseed. On each of the remaining alternate days give a little green-food or banana, and twice in the first week give a grape with the skin broken. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week dissolve in each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid; give this every second day. Continue above feeding until end of February, and if hen is then getting too forward reduce the extra items by two-thirds until end of March.

Breeding and Training Roller.

H. I. R.—To go fully into details of all your questions would necessitate quite a long article, which cannot possibly get in here. Therefore, I would advise you to get the nutshell booklet on the "Roller (or Song) Canary," 2½d. post free, from our manager, and look out for the part of "Our Canaries" which will deal with the subject in due course. Meantime the following brief replies will help you along. Open wire cages are not to be commended for any breed, save in exceptionally well placed rooms or surroundings, much less the Roller, which is apt to suffer from voice troubles. Box cages are the best. But for training high-class singers, open wire cages are frequently employed, which fit in a close box or cabinet, with doors on front to open or close at will, which fully answers the purpose of a box cage proper. When birds are in training the doors of the song boxes are opened more or less according as the birds are high or low in song—those that are too high being shut up to keep them steady and prevent them corrupting others, whilst the low soft singers are given more light. For early disposal of trained singers it is advisable to cage up the cocks separately from the flights as soon as they are full grown and the sexes distinguishable. If your cages are all arranged on one side the room, the opposite wall would be a good position for the tutor or tutors. If all round the room, put one in centre on each side, or hang one in middle of room. The actual position must depend to a certain extent upon the size, shape, and position of room. Hang them where they are quite free from draughts, and you get the best effect from their song. All the tutors should preferably be of same strain. As to whether the breeding stock should also, is, save perhaps in the best contest singing strains, a matter of taste. In breeding high-class singing Rollers, colour and appearance is of no moment whatever. All you need to do in this direction is to mate yellow with buff, and a clear with a marked or ticked, to keep a certain amount of green blood in your stock, or you may, as you suggest, occasionally use a green stock bird. But the bird's performances must decide which are kept for stock.

Loss of Sight (H.W.).—I suspect bird is suffering from cataract, in which case you will find on examining the eyes closely that they have a rather clouded, milky-white appearance in the pupils. There is absolutely no cure for it, so you need not worry the bird by useless treatment. If you keep it in the same cage it will get along very well, and its affliction will be scarcely noticeable, as it will soon get expert at finding its way about.

Bites his Feathers (Yellow Peril).—Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Twice a week give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. On each of the alternate days give a spray of watercress. Continue this feeding for a fortnight. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and add ten drops of lemon juice daily for three days. Allow him to bathe freely in mild weather.

Not in Song (Anxious).—It is not very unusual for birds when they get as old as yours to be a little late in resuming song. See that he is not exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight. In the water mix six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whiskey, six each of glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, shaken well together, every second day for a week.

Resting Flat on Perch (A. J. A.).—The bird is probably a trifle overfed. She will probably pull herself together in time for the breeding season. Feed for a fortnight on plain Canary only as staple. Twice each week give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on each of the remaining days a spray of watercress, morsel of apple or banana, or a grape with the skin broken open. In the drinking water give twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Injured Foot (Mac, Airdrie).—My experience is, these deformities, particularly when arising from injuries in adult birds, and when all the toes are affected, are quite incurable, and I consider all mechanical methods of rectifying the deformity just so much pain inflicted upon the patient for no good purpose. If only one of the smaller front toes is turned under it is easily remedied by tying it to the centre toe, but it has to remain tied permanently for many long months. Other methods are illustrated in Part VI of "Our Canaries." But, candidly, I would advise you to leave it alone. There is no reason why it should not breed successfully. I have had them do so myself. Many thanks for good wishes and efforts on behalf of CAGE BIRDS.

Wheezy and Coughs (M. Knight).—See reply to "C. Quinn" in this issue, and treat your bird as advised therein for a month, which should put it quite right, if not too for gone to be cured.

Pair with Asthma (Viaduct).—You should not keep the birds too warm—just away from the cold side is sufficient. Treat them as advised to "C. Quinn" in this issue for a month. You will make a big mistake, by the way, if you breed with this pair of birds; both similarly affected as appears to be the case.

Yawning Border Fancy (M.S.).—Your bird is just beginning to fall a victim to the evil effects of hanging in the window. Remove him at once to a position further within the room, where he will be quite free from draughts, and do not put him too near a fire in order that the temperature may be fairly equable. Neither place him where he will be exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Having attended to these points treat him exactly as described to "Anxious" for bird not in song, which should set matters right.

Song and Cinnamon (W. H. Lovelock).—(1) See reply to "C. C., Sheffield," for treatment of the Yorkshire cock which seems to be singing but makes no noise. It is quite possible he may have fully recovered his voice long before it is time to mate up for breeding. If bred with there is no reason whatever why his progeny should be similarly affected, unless you expose them to the same causes. (2) If the bird is a clear you should mate him with a cinnamon-marked or ticked buff hen with the object of breeding cinnamon-marked and clears. House's "Canary Manual," which our Manager would send you, post free, for 1/2, would probably suit you. "The Yorkshire Canary," by H. W. Battye, same price, also deals with cinnamon-marked breeding. In due course you would also find the subject dealt with in "Our Canaries" now publishing in monthly parts.

Pecking at Feet (A. H., Brighton).—You should have said whether the bird is getting old, and has large, coarse scales on feet. Try the following treatment, and if it does not remove the trouble, write again, and give the above information, when I will further advise you. Keep cage and perches quite clean, and the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Keep a scrap of something in wires for it to peck at, either green food, fruit, or a bit of cuttlefish. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea, in the water every second day for a week. Catch the bird and bathe the feet for a minute or two in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid in half a teacupful of warm water—then dry gently, and anoint them with a little zinc ointment. Do this three times in a week.

Not Breeding (Spivinix).—The failure to breed last season is no criterion that he will not breed this year. Feed on a staple of plain canary. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately. Twice a week on the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, or egg food, with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed mixed in it, and on two other days a like quantity of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. Give a morsel of fruit or

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green food three times a week, and as soon as you can find young growing dandelion, give him two leavee a day until ready for mating. When the proper time arrives mate him with a lusty young hen that is anxious to go to nest.

Utilising Shed (Willing Starter).—You could certainly breed in the aviary you describe with the birds flying loose, but the number you suggest would overstock it. Six hens and two cocks would be quite sufficient for breeding. The cement floor should be covered with a good layer of gritty sand, and the window in front covered with half-inch mesh netting nailed on to a light frame, hinged so as to be easily raised or lowered if desired. For this number of birds ten or a dozen nesting sites should be hung about—not too near each other. But, on the whole, I think you would probably do better by breeding in cages. Starting at about 12 in. from the floor the back of shed facing window would accommodate six single breeders 20 in. long in three tier. In each of these you could keep a hen and run each of the three cocks alternately with two of them, and the space left on the end of the shed would accommodate, two large flights, to which you could remove the young after leaving the parents.

Loss of Plumage (Novice, W.C.).—She is probably "getting on in years," which would partly account for her condition. Examine cage well—not the bird—for red mites, scraping out any open joints, cracks, and corners with a pin on to a sheet of white paper. If you "unearth" a lot of hidden mites, as you may, overhaul cage and thoroughly eradicate them. Keep her in a fairly warm place, which is equable and free from draughts. Allow her to bathe freely in mild weather. For staple diet give a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. Three times a week for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphate to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled with maw seed. On two other days each week give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts inga, teazle, linseed, and millet, and on the remaining two days each week give a spray of watercress or a morsel of banana. As regards breeding, you should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager; or read the article on "How to Breed Canaries Successfully," in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which will shortly be ready.

Frequent Fits (Amadis).—The frequent fits are most likely due to a slight effusion of blood into the cranium, causing pressure on the brain, and considering the bird's age, it is doubtless the beginning of the end of its career. Keep it quite quiet in a comfortable place, not too warm, and free from draughts. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a month give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the alternating days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle, and on the remaining alternate days give either a morsel of banana or spray of watercress. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. It is possible this may pull it round nicely, though it will probably never be much more good.

Non-Success, etc. (Paradox).—You treat the hens too liberally for the season. In another reply you will find full details for feeding from now until the beginning of the breeding season. First of all, treat your hens as advertised to "R. Town" in this issue for three weeks, but add a pinch of inga seed to the diet twice a week. After this preliminary treatment, look up the other reply and continue the diet there advised until time to mate, or follow the advice in "Canary Breeding for Beginners" for winter feeding. The soft food you use is not necessarily the cause of your non-success. Many fanciers, I believe, have used it with excellent results, and I doubt whether you would do better with a mixture of egg flake. The above handbook, and "Our Canaries," advocate, as you say, the usual egg and biscuit, simply because it stands pre-eminent when properly used. But you quite overlook the fact that both these books give a great variety of foods which may be safely used for rearing young, as experimented with. Also, you will find "Our Canaries" give the first place to egg and bread crumb, with a good word in favour of trying a good wholemeal bread in preference to the fashionable superfine white.

To prevent Egg binding (Arda).—Read reply to "Paradox," and adopt same advice as therein given, except that you need only keep the hens on the spare diet advised to "R. Town" for a fortnight. Give about a third part of a teaspoonful of inga to each hen twice a week from now until mated, and when mating up see they are well supplied with cuttlefish, and smash up a little old mortar to a coarse powder and strew on the sand on the cage floor.

A Foursome (Know-more).—(1) The exercise the birds get by flying about conservatory and digging up the soil in the pots must be very beneficial. Provided only that chemical fertilisers are not strewn on the surface soil of the pots, I should say the practice was certainly good for the birds, but possibly bad for the gardener's temper. (2) If the conservatory is well ventilated and the birds not close to the aviary, there could be little or no harm in painting it indoors. At same time, if quite convenient, it would be better to do this work outside. Distemper may, of course, be used inside in any case. (3) A good distemper is better and wears longer than whitewash, as well as looking more cosy. I have never used the colour you name, so cannot say anything about it. (4) The sprouting seeds are excellent green food for the birds. By all means go on using them.

Too fat to breathe (R. Town).—See the bird is kept out of reach of draughts and is not exposed to the fumes of burning lights, nor to extremes of heat and cold. Feed on a staple of canary seed only, and for the next month limit the quantity to a fair-sized teaspoonful per day. Twice each week reduce this quantity of canary by one-half and make up the quantity with summer rape, and once each week give just a pinch of canary and a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut sopped in cold milk as its daily ration. Four or five days a week give a liberal supply of watercress, or any similar green food you can get quite free from frost. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for two days; after that give 20 drops of whisky, the same quantity of Epsom salts, and ten drops of lemon juice every third day for a fortnight.

Song and Lamps (A Beginner).—(1) Because a cock Canary does not sing, it does not necessarily follow that none of his sons will sing. It is quite possible he may have sons that are quite capable songsters, especially if allowed to hear a good singing cock in their callow days. Still, in breeding for singers pure and simple, it is most advisable to breed as far as possible from good singing cocks, and hens which are descended from good songsters. (2) The choice between a gas jet or paraffin lamp as a safe light for a bird-room depends, in my opinion, very largely upon the owner. Carelessly used, there is probably nothing to choose. Both are as bad as each other, and used with proper care and discretion one is no worse than the other. Gas is the least trouble and most convenient; that's all that can be said in the matter. In the showman's phrase, "Yer pays yer money an' yer takes yer chice!" But why use either if it is not for heating? (3) No, there is no harm whatever from hanging birds about the same level as paraffin lamps. That is about the best position for them.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Breeding Budgerigars.

T. S.—(1) Yes, and do well. Plenty of branches should, however, be either affixed to the walls or planted in tubs and placed about the room, as these birds delight to climb about, fly from place to place. Provision for this will tend to their general well being. While it is quite true a single pair in such a room would ultimately settle down and breed, it is also equally true that they breed more freely in company, and I certainly advise you to start with one pair each of the Yellow and Green varieties; at the same time, do not let this deter you from commencing with the single pair. No artificial heat will be required, but you must arrange for efficient ventilation without draught, and the window must be covered on the inside with half-inch mesh wire netting. (2) Late March or early April will be time enough to put in the husks; provide a shallow pan of old mortar rubbish in lumps, and also keep cuttlebone hanging about the room, also crush any egg-shells you get, and scatter them about the room, as this will reduce the risk of egg-binding to a minimum.

A Feather Puller.

A. G. S.—Put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the daily supply of drinking water every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose; on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Spray the bird every other day either with quassia solution or with a weak solution of fir tree oil, avoid getting the solution into the eyes as far as possible. The cage cover and all perches should also be well scalded with boiling water to get rid of possible minute parasites. Diet: Seed mixture, two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, dari, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds,

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the whole to be well mixed, and to form the bird's staple diet. Also supply ripe fruit (apple cores and grapes are usually taken readily), nuts (shelled walnuts are best), and a few pieces of plain biscuit, which can be moistened in the chemical food and water if the bird so prefers it, grit and cuttlebone must also be supplied, and pieces of branch, cotton reels, etc., for the bird to cut up. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. You will need to persevere with the above, as recovery of plumage in such cases is only gradual, the habit of pulling being very difficult to eradicate.

An Ailing Budgerigar.

A. M. P.—It almost appears as if the Budgie had some skin eruption, and the bird should be caught, and the yellow substances well bathed with tepid water, and then lightly annointed with any cooling ointment twice weekly till the trouble yields. I don't doubt but what the trouble will yield to treatment, and the plumage be renewed in the course of the next two months. I should, twice weekly, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water (ordinary size cage drinker), and on the other days colour the water with chemical food. Give the bird a little ripe fruit (apple is as good as any), and keep a millet spray in the cage as well as the usual seeds. I should certainly destroy the busk, though I do not think the trouble is contagious—more likely constitutional; in such case there may be a periodical recurrence, have had similar cases and have not used the birds again for breeding purposes. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

Aviary Queries.

A. W. Ware.—Yes; the Budgerigars, Canaries, and Finches are kept together by many, but if you let the Budgies become at all numerous you will be certain sooner or later to be occasionally picking up maimed and mutilated Finches. For breeding birds I should allow one square yard of floor space for each breeding pair. The fitting will principally consist of lining the walls with twiggy branches (pea sticks answer well), and hang up numerous nesting receptacles (husks and boxes), at least double the number you have pairs of birds. There should also be several seed hoppers, etc.; it is bad practice to force all to feed at the same place, as the latter tends to quarrelling and loss. You will also require a good sized shallow bath—porcelain photo-developing dishes answer well, and are easily kept clean. The arrangement shown on plans should answer well, and in your southern country should give good results. Once inch square quartering is ample for interior framing.

Budgerigars Not Nesting.

Tickle.—Are you sure you have a true pair? In case you do not know the sexual distinction, I may say that the cere over the nostrils is blue in the male and brown in the female when the birds are in breeding condition. If they are true pair they are either weak or young, and in consequence their eggs have so far proved unfertile. Probably about April or May things will right themselves, and they will hatch out and rear their young all right. In the meantime give them a slice of ripe apple daily, with Canary, white and spray millet seed, and a few crushed oats two or three times a week, also grit, cuttlebone, and water, the latter may be lightly coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food, which will tone them up a little. As soon as you can obtain it, let them have an unlimited supply of green grass flower (seeding green); it is their natural food, and will bring them into breeding condition better than anything else, but it must not be given when tainted with frost or when sodden with rain or dew.

Apparatus for Shelling Seeds (Lovebirds).—I cannot call to mind any apparatus for shelling seed; I usually do this by rubbing the seed on a flat board with a flat iron, and then blowing away the husks; but an enquiry of some of our large advertisers should get you what you require if such an article is on the market.

Parrot with Overgrown Beak (Springburn).—You will have to cut the beak back to normal length with a pair of sharp nail-nippers, but if you are not accustomed to this operation you had better let your local veterinary or some fancier friend cut it for you. Keep a piece (lump) of old mortar rubbish in its cage, and also a clump of hard wood for it to cut up. This should prevent a recurrence of the trouble.

Diet for Californian Quails (H. J.).—Small corn of any description may be given, but my Quails have lived almost entirely on Canary and millet seed. A little scalded chicken meal or any good make of biscuit meal should also be given, with, say, half a dozen mealworms daily. In the summer when insect life is plentiful almost any kind of insect may be captured and given them, also greenfood, and when they have young for the first week of their life some live ants' "eggs" should be given. They must be provided with a sand bath.

Atlas Weaver (N. Booper).—Will reply to this query in full next week, as several species have been known by the above dealer's name, and I do not care to quote without looking the matter up The price you gave is about right, and while Weavers are very shy breeders in captivity, you should stand a chance of doing so in your pheasantries. The most natural accommodation for them would be a small reed bed and clumps of bamboos.

Budgerigars (L. A. K.).—It is quite possible to tame adult Budgies, but I doubt your ability to teach them to talk. Carry out the directions given in our booklet on this subject. You are too impatient re the taming process; let the birds get to know you, and go about the matter very quietly and steadily, the hen will ultimately gain confidence from the demeanour of her mate. The cage ought to be double the size every way than the size you quote, though it is quite possible they may nest therein; but picture the result—an adult pair of Budgerigars and a brood of, perhaps, five or more in an ordinary Canary breeding cage!

Aviary Queries (George).—(1) The birds ought to go outside till May, when, if you provide a warm (weather-proof) shelter shed, which must be well lighted, the birds can be left outside altogether and should thrive, providing the aviary is large enough for ample exercise. (2) Get your aviary erected, plant the flight as a garden, and put the birds out about mid May, according to the season. (3) Not if you follow above directions. (4) See reply to Query No. 1.

A Talking Amazon (A. E. R.).—Your bird is a Yellow-fronted Amazon, and if in tight plumage, with a lengthy vocabulary, and does not screech, it should command £3, or even more if it would display its ability to the would-be purchaser. I am assuming that the yellow you mention is on the forehead immediately above the beak—if the yellow patch is on the back of the head (nape), then it is a Yellow-naped Amazon, and of a little more value than the above. You can easily distinguish a Blue-fronted—the forehead, that is, the front of the head immediately above the beak is blue.

Lovebirds, Waxbills, etc. (Opal).—(1) No, I do not think seeing each other through the divisions of the cage, but in the confines of such I fear it is only the Cutthroats that will breed. (2) It is better to supply a little soft food as well as their usual seed mixture; but I have had very robust young Cutthroats reared on nothing but dried ants' "eggs," seed, and greenfood. (3) Canary, white and spray millet will suffice for the Lovebirds, with greenfood and a little ripe apple with grit, cuttlebone, and water, is about all they require. (4) All the birds bathe, and a bath should be hung over the open cage door daily for them to take their tub. All the birds should do well under the conditions given above, providing they get light and air without draught.

Procuring a Singing Finch (Viaduct).—The outward sexual distinctions, i.e., in plumage, of the Grey and Green Singing Finches are infinitesimal, and I fear I can only advise you, if possible, to see your birds before purchasing, and choose a bird that is singing a little at any rate. The Grey is the best songster, but the Green is the prettiest bird, and is a songster of more than average merit. 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. would be a fair price for a singing bird, and, say, 5s. for a new imported cock. Supply Canary, white and spray millet, also a little British Finch mixture for them to pick over; they will also require greenfood, cuttlebone, grit, and water ad lib for drinking and bathing. A little fruit, apple, or banana, or anything they will take, is also very wholesome.

Cross Mating a Gouldian Finch (Laurie).—I never say any suggested cross is impossible, for it occasionally happens that the apparently impossible comes off; nevertheless, I must confess that mating the Gouldian with either a Canary or Greenfinch is not likely to yield any fruitful result. The Gouldian Finch is about equal to a small Border Fancy Canary. The combassou has very close affinity to the Whydahs, and is not likely to yield any result mated with a Canary. The most likely birds to cross with the Canary would be the Alario Finch, Grey and Green Singing Finches; in fact, any of the genus *Serinus*, also either of foreign Siskins, such as the Hooded and Black-headed. The birds named would live in an unheated room, but the cages for foreign species should be larger *pro rata* than those usually given to similar indigenous species.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Dead Budgerigar (L. Steinhardt).—Bodies for post-mortem examination should not be sent to me, but direct to Mr. G. Yates (note rules under heading "Post-mortems"). I have sent the body of the Budgerigar to Mr. Yates, and if you will forward the necessary fee direct to him he will give you an opinion as to the cause of death.

Buzzard and Bustard (A. Rutter).—My memory played me a scurvy trick last week when replying to your question. Is is the Bittern which is celebrated for its loud "booming" note—not the Bustard. The latter is remarkable for the extraordinary "display" indulged in during the courting period by the male.

Offensive Excrement (W. Pugh).—I should give this Canary a little milk sop (not too sloppy) daily, well sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) dissolve as much crystals of citrate of iron and quinine as will just cover a sixpence. You can get one ounce of the crystals from any good chemist. Keep this up for a few

Breeding Matters (Senmas).—(1) This Bullie hen may quite likely breed this coming summer, despite the fact that she laid no eggs last. (2) You must not get too big a Goldie hen to mate with the cock Siskin. If your heart is set on this cross, why not try two pairs (the sexes reversed)? (3) In my experience, mealy Redpolls are not good breeders in a cage.

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days (fresh daily), and the character of the excrement will, I feel sure, soon become normal. Give the Siberian Goldie a teaspoonful of hemp one day and a dessertspoonful of cracked sunflower the next day. As a stock mixture use teazle 3 parts, canary 2 parts, linseed 1 part, and a sprinkling of summer rape.

An Outdoor Aviary (Bird Lover).—Your place will accommodate comfortably a big number of birds, but if you have designs upon breeding with them, then you should be content to limit their numbers somewhat severely. You could include a few pairs of Canaries with perfect safety. Do not have more than one pair of Chaffinches, Bullfinches, Bramblefinches, and Yellowhammers. Would one dozen pairs of British birds satisfy you, and 2 or 3 pairs of Canaries? I think that would be about the "safety limit." Of Goldfinches and Linnets you could have two pairs; then there are the Redpoll, Twite, Siskin, and Reed Bunting, all seed-eaters and interesting birds, and more-or-less likely breeders.

Matching Pairs (Constant Reader).—(1) If a Mule (dark) comes with a distinct white throat mark, this is fatal to its chances on the show bench. But the hen you mention may quite likely never throw a Mule so marked. If I were you I should get a very big, bold-headed buff cock, more-or-less heavily marked, to mate with her. Next year you could double-yellow with one pair, if you get two suitable birds. (2) The best mate would be a clear yellow Norwich cock, bred from clear parents. If any marked birds come from this mating, do not cross them into your muling strain, but use only the clears.

Canary and Greenfinch (No Nom-de-plume).—The Greenfinch-Canary mating is a very common one, though it is somewhat unusual for the cock to be the Canary and the hen the Greenfinch. It is quite likely that you would get fertile eggs, but the hen Greenfinch may not hatch them out, and if she does she may not rear the young. All Greenfinch hens are not by any means to be relied on in these respects. You could put the eggs under a hen Canary, of course. The Goldfinch-Greenfinch mating produces a handsome Hybrid, but it is not a rare one, nor is it difficult to breed

The Case of a Goldfinch (Joey No. 2).—It is possible that "Joey No. 2" is being worried by red mites? It reads like it. If a bird is ailing and gets listless, these pests flourish amazingly, and their attacks serve to hasten the bird on the downward path. Look into this matter. In the meantime, give the Goldie some thistle, dandelion, and niga seed (mixed) every day. Stop giving the niga in the stock mixture. Let him have a strong tonic. Get one ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphites B.P. (Fellow's Syrup) from a high-class chemist, and stir a good half teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water fresh daily. This, as I am frequently stating, is a grand tonic and building-up medicine, soon puts birds "on their feed," and assists them to put on flesh. But if there is anything organically wrong with a bird, no medicine is likely to cure it. Good, of course, a tonic!

A Linnet (W. White).—I don't think you are feeding the bird to [illegible] "Canary mixture" sounds like it anyway. You should send 2½d. to CAGE BIRDS for a copy of the "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet; this will tell you the correct method of feeding, how to get the bird into breeding condition, and give you a lot of other useful information. Afterwards, I shall be glad to answer any question you desire to ask me.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr C.B. Club.—Feb. 6, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Table Show classes: 1 A.V. Pair Can., 2 A.V. Muling Pair (Finch and Canary), 3 Hyb. Pair. Mr. Kelly judge.—C. C. Irvine.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Onward Hall, 8. Table Show of Yorks. Pairs; judge, W. Slater (Wilmslow). Amat. Judging Competition.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Feb. 7, P.S.A. Room, 7.45. Table show of Nor. Matched Pairs, yell. cock and buff hen, buff cock and yell. hen; judge, Mr. J. E. Davies (Stockport).—H. Foden.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 9, "Horse and Jockey," 8. Table Show of Breeding and Hyb. Pairs.—W. Richinson.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Victoria Hotel. Annual prize distribution, supper and concert; supper at 5.30, concert 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each; fanciers invited.—M. Skirrow.—(No date given.—Ed.)

British Roller C.C.—Feb. 4, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin-le-Grand, 6. Ann. gen.—J. W. Norris.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Feb. 8, Jolly Gardeners, 8.30.—A. Lupton.

Broxburn C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Public Hall, 8. Ann. gen. Bal. sheet. Intending members cordially invited.—W. M'Laren.

Bolton O.S.—Feb. 6, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8. Ann. bal. sheet, Whitehead Challenge Cup, etc.—P. Brierley.

Bramley O.S.—Feb. 6, Unicorn Hotel, 8. Bal. sheet, etc. Meeting is important.—W. Maltby.

Barrow C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Club-room, 7.30. Summoned meeting. Classification of Nest Feather Show, also ann. supper and presentation of cups, etc.—W. C. Templeton.

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Raikes Hall Hotel, 8.15. Ent. taken for show at Poulton.—J. R. Crossley.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), on "Breeding and Management," etc. Friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Brighton C.B.A.—Feb. 8, headquarters, 7.30. Table Show: Nov. Pairs, Yorks. Pairs (champ.), Yorks. Pairs (novice), A.O.V. Can. Pairs, Bullfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, Dark Mules. Judge, Mr. A. Burtenshaw (Worthing). Judging Competition, etc. Cheap train to Palace Show Feb. 6, leaving Brighton 10.25, 3s. 9d., inclusive.—W. H. Gibb.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Feb. 7, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Auditor's report, arrangements for pair show, elect new members.—J. Swindley.

Codnor Park C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Portland Arms, 6.30. Stock Pair Show, birds to be staged by 6.30. Friends invited.—J. H. Mitchell.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Feb. 6, City Cafe, Methven Street, 8. Auditor's report, elect. office-bearers.—J. Kerr.

Crewe O.S.—Feb. 8, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Table Show of Can. and For.; ent. fee, 3d.—T. Hancocks.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Soyle Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for annual affair.—W. Hinchliffe.

Darlington C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Half Moon Inn, 8. Ann. gen., election of offices, etc.—H. Todd.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Feb. 8, George Hotel, 8. Arrange classes for Pair and Table Shows; elect. judges for Ann. Open Show Nov. 11. New members invited. R. S. Black.

Eastfield Side C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Masons' Arms, 6.30. Table Show of Stock Pairs (members), 7 classes, etc.—R. Nuttall.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Feb. 4, White Hart Inn, 7. Presentation of prizes and social; fanciers and friends cordially invited.—W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Feb. 6, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Election of judges and enrol new members.—D. D. Horne.

Forfar C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Granite Bar, 7. Judges for open show, etc.—J. Fyfe.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Feb. 10, Clarendon Hall, 8. Table Show of Matched Pairs, 7 classes.—W. Prondfoot.

Glasgow C.B.A.—Feb. 7, Duncan, 71, London Street, 8. Committee meeting. Financial statement, etc.—F. Bowman.

Greenwich and Deptford C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Cecil Rooms, Woolwich Road, 8. Disposal of effects belonging to society.—H. R. Hearn.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Ann. gen.; elect officers, etc.—Holden and Curry.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 4, Griffin Hotel, 8. Nomination for officials for 1911, etc.—J. F. Thackray.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Feb. 9, Wadsworth View, 8. Mr. F. Greenwood will give a washing exhibition.—W. Collinge.

Hull C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Pair Show; judges, Messrs. Calam and Brumby.—E. R. Ridley.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 6, White Hart Hotel, 8. Members' Winter Show Feb. 11; 11 classes. Members please bring birds and let's have a good show; judge, Mr. H. Stead.—F. J. Sykes.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Feb. 4, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8.—W. Cottingham.

Kent County C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Barton-rd. Boys' School, Dover, 8. Election of officials and com. for 1911, correspondence, and gen.—G. Sanderson.

L.C.B.A.—Feb. 8, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel-st., 8. Adjourned A.G.M., bal. sheet, etc.—W. H. Mugford.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Fanciers invited.—W. A. Wilson.

Longton C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Castle Inn, 8. Bal. sheet, table show.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Masons' Arms, 7. New members enrolled, open 10 mile radius.—W. B. Smart.

Leith O.S.—Feb. 11, Liberal Club, Hope-st., 3.30. Table show and judging competition.—G. Brown.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Church Square Hall, 6. Table show, meeting later, prize money, etc.—J. A. Turnbull.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 11, Miners' Hall, 7. Show of F.M. Greenfinches, fix classes and judge for pair show.—J. Pollock.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table Show, Nor. pair matched for breeding, open; ditto, novice, A.O.V. Can. ditto, J. A. Tyler.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Feb. 9, Oldham Hall, Oldham-st., 8. Pair show. Judge, Mr. S. Hadwin. 4 Yorks., 4 Nor., 2 Bord., and 1 Hyb. or muling pairs.—F. Eccleston.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Feb. 4, Lockhart's, 55, Briggate, 8. Judging competition, fanciers invited.—F. W. Waltou.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 7, White Swan, 8.30. Table show, yell. and buff unflig. hens, green or broken green hen (any age).—J. E. Wood.

Middleton C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Old Boar's Head, 8. Arranging lectures., etc.—J. Oldham.

Manchester and Northern C.O.S.—Feb. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Yorks., draw for bird and cage; please let me have all tickets.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 4, Headquarters, 8. Classification members' shows and judges.—H. Grange.

Nelson C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Thornton's Restaurant, 7.30. Shall we have F.F. show; if so, when and where?—J. Gregson.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.45. Lecture on Yorks., by Mr. F. Steeple, also table show of same; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Cope.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Church House, 8.—T. H. Tiffen.

Portobello C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Masonic Hall, Tower-st., 8. Discussion of rules.—J. Bell.

Peterborough C.B.A.—Feb. 9, White Horse, 6. Ann. gen., election of officers, members' show, etc.—H. Popple.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Roundabout Inn, 7.30. Presentation of prizes; Mr. H. Hill has kindly consented to present prizes; members, wives, and friends invited.—H. Raistrick.

Polmont C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Boyds Tea Rooms, 7. Election of office bearers, intending members invited.—R. L. Leitch.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 7, "Prince of Wales," 8. Arrangement for members' show, 1911.—H. Martin.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Commercial, 8. Schedules for season, etc.—J. Lewis.

South London Col. and F.A.—Feb. 9, Headquarters, 7.30. Cage bird pair show, judge Mr. R. Brownlie; additional special for best muling pair.—N. Caunter.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 7, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Table show of matched pairs of Can. for breeding, prizes 5/-, 2/6, 1/6, no ent. fee, also important business, Judge Mr. J. C. Barnes.—Bishop and Colton.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Jolly Carter, Ashton Old Road, 8. Stock pair show.—A. Smith.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Feb. 6, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Table show, matched pairs, Nor., Yorks., and Mule or Hyb., entry fee 3d., Mr. J. Rathbone judge, and lecture on breeding and rearing.—J. Pitchford.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Feb. 11, Public Hall, 6. Table show, cock Can., A.V. hen, A.V. Redpoll, F.M., A.O.S. Brit. F.M., Brit. H.M., judge Mr. W. Johnston (Blackwood).—W. Melvin.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Feb. 4, Club Room, 7.30. Election of officers, etc.—S. Morley.

Tonbridge F.S.—Feb. 8. "Red Lion," 8 sharp. ann. meeting, rep. and bal. sheet, election of officers, date of show, etc.—P. Stonestreet.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Feb. 7, Village Schoolroom, 8. Exhibition of pairs, visitors invited.—A. H. McLean.

Walsall C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Vine Hotel, Cross-st., 8 Fixing date of table show, etc.—F. Price.

West of Scotland O.S.—Feb. 4, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting and table show of matched pairs, new members now being enrolled.—W. Hutchison

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Station Hotel, 7. Lecture by Mr. J. M. Macdonald, with lanteru views, "A Ramble Round the Dist."—J. R. Evans.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Members' show, birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. C. Whiting. Specials for best hen and cock, also vhc, hc, and c, birds. Extra novice competition, 4 classes.—H. C. Crossley.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Feb. 11, nt Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7. Ann. meeting, election of officers, auditors' report, etc.—J. Hudson.

Walkden C.B.S. — Feb. 7, Institute, 7.30. — H. Howard.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Norman K. Jackson.—I cannot trace anything of a contagious nature on examination of Norwich hen, and think that you might remain easy upon this score. There is no doubt your bird contracted a chill, and later suffered a relapse, brought about by prevailing bad weather conditions. The swollen condition of the eye would be but a part of the catarrhal process.

Charles Ross.—Siskin died of pneumonia, predisposed to by exhaustion and loss of condition, attributable to the incessant irritation to which it was subjected. There was present on the skin a number of small parasites, which accounted for the symptoms of uneasiness and irritation, causing the bird to pick itself. Should you ever encounter this condition again amongst your birds, spray them, or allow them to bathe, preferably the former, in a weak solution of sulphurated potash, using one drachm crushed to a powder, and dissolved in a pint of warm water. This is a very effective parasiticide. Having used it myself with great success, I can confidently recommend it. A bird so impoverished would fall a ready victim to lung affection during wet and cold weather

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Flashlight Photograph (Frank Rob).—We shall be very pleased to receive and publish the flashlight photograph you kindly promise to send us.

A Black Canary (W. J. Thomas).—We really cannot undertake to reply direct to every competitor—it would need a whole staff of clerks to do so. The winner is announced in this issue.

In Vancouver (S. B. G.).—We have no information as to any cage bird club in Vancouver, B.C. Canaries in Canada and the States fetch very much higher prices than they do in England—the cost of transport, of course, largely accounting for this.

Cuttings (A. Chilcott, W. Guppy, F. Scott, and others).—We tender you our best thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent.

Suggestion for a Plate (A. Young).—We will give your suggestion our consideration, but it is too late to give effect to same this season, as our arrangements were completed some time ago.

A Roller Organ (New Fancier).—We regret that we cannot publish your letter as to which is the "best" organ, for it would be unfair to our advertisers. Get the opinions of some prominent Roller fanciers privately.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Knowing Throstle.

One morning last winter I threw some bread in the yard for the birds. Soon after I saw a Throstle carrying a piece of the hard bread to a waterspout, where it soaked it. It then carried it away to a more quiet spot, where he ate it.—Sent by L. Rogers (age 13), 82, North-street, Wolverhampton.

*A Mischievous Parrot.

A young lady once went into a shop. When she had got inside, someone called out, "Shut the door, will you? Don't you know any better? It's cold outside." The young lady went back to shut it, and then when she looked up she was surprised to see a Parrot. The young lady smiled to think how she had been deceived, and turned round to look at some chocolates, when someone said, "What can I get for you, miss?' Without looking round, she said, "If you do not hold your tongue I shall pull your tail." Then she turned round and saw the lady who owned the shop. Both ladies laughed very much, and Pollie said, "Wasn't that funny?"—Sent by A. Clements (age 10), 99, Dempsey Street, Stepney, E.

**A Clever Canary.

"Dickie" didn't like the muslin which we had to put around the bottom of his cage to save the seed litter, and so pecked at it until it became untidy; and as it was rather troublesome having to take the muslin screen off whenever we cleaned the cage, I have of late pinned a piece of plain muslin round the food vessel. But little birdie did not like this at all, and every day the muslin was found pulled off. So I determined to fix the pin so that it would not come out. I felt sure it wouldn't come out, but I had scarcely left it when I saw the muslin fall and heard the pin drop in the cage. The little rogue had picked the pin out. I now put the pin where it cannot be easily reached.—Sent by Ronald Roberts (age 7,) 106, Dixon Street, Swindon.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Usual quality singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Jan. 29th, when a good number of birds competed for three good prizes. Result: 1, 2, shared by Farrar and Cblp; 3, Chip. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen, A. Binns, and J. Smith.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest, held at King's Head, Shannon-st., January 29th, when 16 birds sang. 1, Stead; 2, Butler; 3, Madden. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers, C. Cooper, and J. Melia. Grand Canary contest, Feb. 5, first bird up 7.30.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Skinner's Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe-lane, usual quality singing contest January 29th, when 13 birds competed, and some good singing was heard. Result: 1st, Lunn; 2nd, Green; 3rd, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Grainger and Simons.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Special meeting will be held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, off North Street, February 5th, 8 o'clock p.m., to form a properly controlled club of Linnet and Canary fanciers, for contest singing. The object is to introduce novices into the sport, also to bring us more in contact with different clubs of other towns, that are singing matches home and away with them, either quality or time. So will all fanciers of Leeds and district please try to help us with this club, and turn up to make rules, etc., as contest singing at present in Leeds seems to be on the wane? Will fanciers of other clubs please pass their opinion of this idea?—Joe Hargreaves.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. usual weekly contest held February 28th. Result: 1, McMillan; 2, Ross; 3, Pullin. Judge, Mr. Rough; timekeeper, Mr. Campbell Contest next Saturday, 4 p.m., for a copper kettle, open to all; only members' points count for cup.—W Ross.

WARRINGTON.

Open Linnet singing contest for time and quality will be held at Mr. Longmore's "Railway Tavern" on February 25th, when a reasonable sum will be added according to entries. All welcome. Entries 1s. per bird.—J. and W. Mather.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club for time and quality contest, January 29; entry of 40 birds. But we were compelled to give twelve members their money back, as we could not get it over in the time, although we reduced the time, and there was some very good time done. The time done surprised us all; we held the contest for time and quality. Three prizes given for each class. Prize winners: R. Stathan, 1st, 154; R. Stathan, 2nd, 128; and D. Banks, 3rd, 110; quality: J. W. Jones, 1st; J. W. Jones, 2nd; and R. Statban, 3rd.—J. M'Allister (Secretary).

ERITH.

Open race held January 29th, when 5 pairs were hung, 10 minutes singing. Mr. D. Jones gave a special for winner. 1, Baker, 3 score, 14 spl.; 2, Barnett, 3 score, 11 spl.; 3, Beacham, 2 score, 14 spl.; 4, Wilders, 1 score, 11 spl.; 5, Roper, 1 score, 1 spl. Meeting Jan. 29th, when Mr. J. Turner and C. Curley were elected members. Open race, Feb. 5. —J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held "George and Dragon," Bridge-st. We had a record entry since we started the club, their being 41 birds to sing for three very good prizes. After a tight race, the awards were: 1, Potter; 2, Sweeting; 3, Nelson. Your paper CAGE BIRDS is doing a lot of good for us. We see strange faces every week.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, Sheffield, January 29th, when 14 birds entered for three specials. Time singing, 3 minutes:—1, Thompson, 84 secs.; 2, Brown, 61 secs.; 3, Shimwell, 33 secs.; Cole, 30 secs. Contest every week end. Wanted new members to join the Whitsuntide contest; going strong. Apply to secretary, A. Brown, 11, Bold-st., Attercliffe Common, Sheffield, or to Mr. J. Grundy, Club nights every week-end from 8 to 9'clock.—J. Grundy

Correspondence.

A Protest at Paisley Show.

SIR,—I desire to inform all those concerned that the protest against the buff hen which won the cup at our New Year show has been considered by my committee, and has been unanimously dismissed.

A. M. BAIRD, C.B. Sec. of Paisley Show.

To Steady British Goldies.

SIR,—Can any of the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS, kindly tell me the best method of steadying a British cock Goldfinch? I am compelled to keep the bird indoors. Does keeping him in a double-breeder with a hen Canary (separated off) help at all? I shall be very grateful for any advice on the subject.

"STARLIGHT."

Wirework Fly-traps.

SIR,—The wire-work fly-trap about which "Another British-bird Lover" enquires in your last issue is, no doubt, Perrin's patent Balloon Flytrap. This is oval in shape, and is made of fine-meshed tin wire. At the base is a well, in which, according to the instructions issued, the user "must place a small quantity of sugar, on which sprinkle a few drops of vinegar." I have used these traps with great success for ten years. Most large ironmongers retail them at 6d. a-piece. I think keepers of insectivorous birds will find these traps extremely useful.

(Rev.) G. H. RAYNOR.

A New Cage Bird Society for Kettering and District.

SIR,—I am pleased to be ablo to inform you that at a representative meeting of fanciers it was resolved to form a Kettering and Dis. Cage Bird Society, with a radius of six miles. Officers were elected, and Mr. Chas. Martin is to be the first chairman and Mr. Len Usher treasurer. The subscription has been fixed at 2s 6d. per annum for full members, or 1s. per annum hon. members. The headquarters are to be the Rifle Band Club, and the meetings the first Monday in each month. All fanciers are cordially invited to be present at next meeting, February 6th, at 8.15 prompt. All communications should be sent to me.

J. ROBERTS, Sec.

114, St. Peter's Avenue, Kettering.

Are Birds Fruit-eaters?

SIR,—I was somewhat amused to read the letter from Mr. John Canning, in which he asserts that the Starling, Blackbird, and Thrush are not fruit-eaters. I venture to think that if he lived in the same locality, and had the same chances of observation as myself, he would quickly alter his views. My experience of the Starling is that he is a perfect terror for fruit, such as cherries, choice pears, apples, etc. The Blackbird and Thrush can be bracketed together as being quite as big sinners as the Starling, but they go about their business in a different manner, so that they are not so noticeable to the casual observer, nevertheless, they are exceedingly fond of fruit, for if they can get free access to a bed of strawberries, currant bushes, or gooseberries, they will very soon let you know whether they are fruit-eaters or not. The Bullfinch is another bird that can do with as much fruit as he can get, such as raspberries, currants, and plums, etc. I rather fancy that if some of our so-called experts were to live in the country they would be a little surprised how our wild birds live during the different seasons. I will give one little instance. My little boy found a Thrush's nest with young last summer, and, says he to me, "Dad, what do you think the old ones were feeding their young ones with?" "Slugs and snails," says I. "No," said he, "they were feeding them with strawberries." After questioning him, I did not doubt his word, for a gardener friend of mine has caught five or six a day that have managed to find their way under the nets put to protect the strawberries.

HY. J. D.

The Cuckoo in Captivity.

SIR,—I was quite delighted with the clear and beautiful reproduction of my Cuckoos in your Birthday Number. They have been much admired. You will be sorry to hear that on January 16th the young hen bird died. I think it caught cold in moving, as they are at present half naked in the moult, the old ones looking much like Rip Van Winkle after his twenty years' sleep, and the young one losing the pretty markings that reminded me so much of the cut onyx stone. I do hope the young one will live. It is rather hard to bring them well over Christmas, and then lose them. The old Cuckoo sits as usual in the window on a perch (not caged) the greater part of the day, and it is amusing to hear the remarks passed on him. Sometimes he is a stuffed bird; then a curious kind of a pigeon; a foreign bird; a Blackbird; and if a person happens to guess right the others laugh and say, "You're the Cuckoo, I should think." This morning two gentlemen returned to the window to have another look, and went off saying, "Well, what on earth can it be?" I have lost my hen Thrush; indeed, she was stolen, and afterwards cruelly used, the woman putting a cat in the cage when taxed with the theft. I thought of going to law about it. I fetched an inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. to her. However, the child that saw her do it was too young for a witness, and he told me I could recover the value of the bird in the county court, but as I afterwards heard that the child had been beaten, and I could not forget its little frightened face, I let it pass. It would not have been much consolation if she was only a "common little Thrush." She taught a lesson to many a lad round, one telling me that if he had known what trouble and pains these birds took to build their nests he would never have robbed them of their eggs. She was never short of snails from these boys.

(MRS.) E. M. SARGEANT.

A New C.B.S. for Smallbridge.

SIR,—We have formed a society, namely, Smallbridge and District Cage Bird Society, and our Headquarters are the I.O.G.T. room, Garside-street. We are having a general meeting on Monday, February 6th, and shall be glad if fanciers will attend, and oblige,

W. LANYON.

Flock Hall, Smallbridge, Rochdale.

National British B'rd and Mule Club Annual Meeting.

SIR,—The annual general meeting of the N.B.B. and M.C. will be held in the Board Room at the Crystal Palace on Saturday next, at 6 o'clock. All fanciers interested in British birds are cordially invited to attend, to consider very important business concerning the recent legal decision on British bird keeping.

PLUMBRIDGE AND CARR, Hon. Secs.

The Growing of Early Dandelion

SIR,—I desire to thank Mr. F. Johnson for his kind offer to send on to me some roots of his prospective dandolion grown from seed planted on the ninth day of the first month in this year. I will be more than pleased to hoar of his success and to receive the dandelion. At the same time I think he rather misquotes me in saying I do not think it possible to grow dandelion from seed. What I intended to convey was that it was a very uncertain way of starting to grow dandelion that would certainly be in evidence early enough and in good fettle to give to the birds to get them into condition to begin housckeeping, and also to fill the little upturned beaks that come afterwards. I continue to be convinced that the best way to start a bed is to get the roots, because you can then watch their growth from the day you set them, and so know that your crop will be there when wanted. We were cutting young dandelion until after the moult last year. Mr. Coulson was looking at my young dandelion on Christmas Day, and remarking on its earliness, and I have been cutting a little of it all this year. But the sparrows were playing havoc with the young leaves, so we have stretched wire over the bed. Mr. Steele also informs me that his dendolion bed is "going strong,' with plenty of green showing. Other dandelion growers are also all doing well in this district; there are many growers about here now, all from planting the root. I enclose specimens gathered a week ago from my own garden, grown only 10 minutes' tram ride from the centre of Manchester city. You will notice the Sparrows have been sampling some of it, and I say, no matter how it has been grown, either from seed or the setting of roots, that as a health giver, a health preserver, and also as a most valuable green food for the feeding of young during the breeding season, dandelion stands alone in my experience. If more of our fanciers would give us of their experiences, like Mr. F. Johnson, there would be fewer failures in our bird rooms, and our knowledge of the Bird cult would quickly grow, to our own and the birds' advantage. I would have replied to Mr. Johnson last week, but we suddenly met the sorrow of our life by a cutting from the "Capo Times"—my only brother, one of the best-known commercials in the Colonies, met with a fatal accident whilst bathing. He died on Christmas Day in the Somerset Hospital. I have bathed in the same bath in the open air at Christmas time, little thinking when I left him behind on "Afric's sunny shores," that he would meet his end in that way.

W. DOWNING.

The Hollies, Polygon Avenue,
Stockport-road, C.O.M., Manchester.

[The young dandelion sent by Mr. Downing is excellent.—ED.]

Is It Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

SIR,—A friend of mine was out catching Goldfinches last week), when the cage drawer slipped out. This happening to be a wide one, the bird got out. He tried for some time to capture him, but all in vain. He left the cage there with the door open, and left the place for four hours. To his surprise, when he returned the little bird was back again in his cage, and stayed in while he went to him. Does this not settle the question? J. E. JONES.

Proposed New Society for Small Heath (Birmingham) & Dis.

SIR,—I see it is proposed to form a new society for the above district. I cannot see why, as it is only about two miles from the club-room of the Birmingham C.B.S.—tram passes door. But if it is necessary, let us at least have a sound foundation. Being present at the general meeting of the Birmingham C.B.S., I heard two letters read accusing members of lending birds for the open show, also champions showing in novice classes, and showing in their wives' names. The cases were thrashed out, and found to be groundless. Does the writer prefer to fly rather than face the members accused? I say, stick to the old club, which needs all the help it can get, seeing the heavy losses which it incurred at the last two open shows. I hope it is not a case of leaving the "sinking ship." But who said "sinking ship"? I hear all the debts are paid, and it has about 50 or 60 members.

SMALL HEATH.

The Cage Bird Union Annual Meeting.

SIR,—I enclose herewith report and preliminary balance-sheet of the C.B.U. Will you kindly state that the meeting at the Crystal Palace will be held at 3.30, the room to be announced on the show office, in the show-room.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

Letter sent out to Delegates.

SIR,—I enclose herewith the Executive Council's report and preliminary balance-sheet, which is to be presented to the meeting of delegates to be held on Saturday next, February 4th, at 3.45 p.m. prompt, at the Crystal Palace. Agenda for the meeting has already been supplied the Secretary of your Society. The Council trust that you may be able to attend, and that such discussion and suggestions may be forthcoming as will put the Union in a better position than at present, and that the rules may be so amended (if possible) as to make the Union agreeable to all societies. I have tendered my resignation as Secretary to the Union. Mr. de Mallet was the only other nominee for the position, but will not act.

Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, Sec. C.B.U.

Report of the Executive Council for 1910-11 to be submitted to the delegates at meeting on February 4th.

There have affiliated to the Union this year 73 societies, and 33 shows have been granted licenses, against 130 and 50 respectively last year, 148 and 73 in 1908-9, and 131 and 91 in 1907-8. The falling-off has taken place chiefly in the Northern and the London districts, the Newcastle district accounting for 14 societies, and 18 in London and the South did not renew membership. The Council much regret this falling-off in support, and particularly regret that the seceding societies, after repeated solicitations, would not give any expression of opinion as to the cause of their actions. An adjourned meeting of delegates was held in August, the seceding societies being invited to attend and give expression to their views, but not one responded. Though many societies intimated their withdrawal for various reasons not connected with the Union, only 4 or 5 gave, as reason, dissatisfaction with the Union or its rules. The Council have consequently been at a loss to know how to remedy the causes of these secessions.

An arrangement was come to early in the season between this Union and the Yorkshire Union, to each uphold the other's suspensions, and throwing the Yorkshire Union's shows open to Union members. This matter had been given as one cause of many societies not joining the Union, and it was hoped when this arrangement was made, many more societies would affiliate, but it only had the effect on bringing one into the Union. The restrictive rule (22) has also been given as the reason for these secessions, and at the adjourned meeting of delegates the rule was thoroughly discussed and it was decided it would not be beneficial to delete the rule. Another reason, given by the Secretary of a London Society for London clubs refraining from rejoining was, the suggested extension of the rule (22) to debar Union shows from accepting entries from non-Union members, and he intimated they were all willing to rejoin if this extension was not adopted: but although the rule was not extended, none of these societies rejoined.

There has been practically no clashing of shows, except by arrangement, in a few instances in the congested District No. 7, which it is proposed to divide. Shows held under the Union's rules have been particularly well supported, and on the whole the members have been loyal to the rules and have confined their support to Union shows. Several members have, however, taken the course of presumably resigning their society in order to show at non-Union shows, and it is proposed to amend the rules to prevent this in future. In only 3 or 4 cases have members been reported for exhibiting at non-Union shows, and the Council have had to suspend a number for infringement of the rule on this point. Following on these suspensions the Council decided to waive the rule that licenses could only be granted to mixed shows, and offered to grant licences to any shows applying for same up to the end of the present season.

In co-operation with the London Federation and the Yorkshire Union, a petition has been sent out to all affiliated societies for their members' signatures, which it is proposed to present to the railway companies.

Only five members have availed themselves of the Compensation Scheme, and the medal competition has only had half-a-dozen entrants

The Council express their disappointment at the lack of support to the Union, and trust that at the meeting the rules will be discussed, and if desired so amended as to make the Union acceptable to all, and that such a promise of support will be given as may again bring the Union up to its former strength. The Council have met three times during the year, viz., February 4th, March 19th, and December 17th.

Balance sheet (subject to audit and amendment).

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	28	8	0
Affiliation Fees	20	2	2
License Fees	8	5	0
Show Rules sold	3	3	8
Bonus for advert. on Rules and Appeal fees	5	4	0
Compensation Scheme Fees		5	0
Bank Interest		8	2
Assets.			
Typewriter, less depreciation £7 0 0			
Duplicator 1 15 0			
£8 15 0			
	£65	16	0

	£	s.	d.
Postages	6	1	2
Show Rules Postages	1	18	0
Delegates' Railway Expenses	8	16	7
Council, ditto, 1909		18	8
Council, ditto, 1910	14	1	8
Sundry payments, Hire of Rooms, and Appeal Fees returned	2	17	2
Printing and Stationery	3	17	6
Advertising Show Dates	8	0	9
Secretaries' Salaries, Raynes and Lythgoe	15	15	0
Medals	1	10	0
Legal Charges	16	8	
Bank Commission	1	0	
Balance	1	2	8
	£65	16	0

How to Solder with Resin.

SIR,—Will some of your readers, through the correspondence columns kindly tell me how to solder wire fronts with resin instead of using spirits?

LINNET.

Making Doors in Wire Netting.

SIR,—I should be glad if some reader could give me a hint how to make neat, small doors in wire netting fronts to cages and aviaries. Punch bar fronts lend themselves easily to the convenient sliding door, but I find difficulty in putting neat and convenient doors in an expanse of wire mesh.

J. H. HARDS.

Darlington and Shildon Shows.

SIR,—I think it very unfair for Darlington to hold their show on the same date as Shildon, only about seven miles distant, as Shildon intend to have an open show (I understand by the members) this year. As this has been Shildon's show date since the commencement of the society, I don't think Darlington will do any good by changing their date. As a lover of justice and a good exhibitor, I don't like to see one show trying to outwit another so near at hand.

EXHIBITOR.

New Cage Bird Society for Boldon and District.

SIR,—A special meeting was held in the Boldon Colliery Institute on January 28th, with the intention of trying to form a Cage Bird Society for the above-named district. The meeting proved very satisfactory, and the Boldon and Dist. C.B.S. was established. A good muster of cage bird fanciers turned up, and rules were formed and adopted. Anyone wishing to become a member will be heartily welcomed at our next meeting, date of which will be published in CAGE BIRDS. At the next meeting we are holding a table show of Canaries and British.

A. WIDDOWFIELD, Sec. pro. tem.

The Mystery of Siberian Goldfinches Dying.

SIR,—Kindly allow me to answer J. H. Barrett re Siberian Goldfinches. I used to lose a great many Siberian or Russian Goldfinches at one time, but I happened to visit a bird show up in Wales, and quite accidentally I came across an old lover of Goldfinches, and the subject came on; and as he knew more about Siberians than I did, he told me a few things about moulting them. The chief trouble, he said, was in regard to the wings, in which a lump formed in them. I have had many like this, but since I built flights I have had less. Gently pull the feathers out and gently squeeze the had matter out until blood comes. After putting a little vaseline on, turn the bird into the aviary or flight cage, as I believe, like Mr. Barrett, in giving plenty of exercise. Inga seed I don't care for, but some birds would soon die if not given a little of it. I beg to differ with Mr. B. as regards medicines. I am a great believer in them, seeing they have saved me many a good bird which, had I not given them medicine, would, I feel sure, have died. I may tell Mr. B. that I have so much faith in medicine that I have written a small book for my own use, "How to treat, and what medicine to give"; and I have found it to be my best friend in cases of sickness in birds. Lucky, indeed, the fancier who has never a sick bird or two during the breeding season, as I myself am not so fortunate. I hold with Mr. B. as regards salts. I trust Mr. Barrett may moult many a Siberian and English bird.

W. LLOYD.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Guisborough Show.

SIR,—I had a similar experience to Mr. Radley at this show. I sent six entries so as to arrive a day before date for closing entries. As on the Thursday I had not received my class numbers, I wrote the secretary, asking him if he had received my entries. He had not the courtesy to reply, but on the day of show I received my numbers. As, of course, it was then too late, I did not send birds, but wrote Mr. Mays, asking him to return entry fees. I received from him the following "courteous and gentlemanly" reply (letter enclosed). Your readers can judge for themselves, after reading this letter, whether he intended returning entry fees or not. Seeing the kind of man I had to deal with, I did not trouble him further, but wrote to Mr. Cook, chairman of this society, whom I have always found a good fancier and a gentleman, asking him to bring the matter before his committee, as I could do nothing with the secretary. He kindly did so, and he it is we have to thank for the return of our entry fees, and not the secretary. In his letter, Mr. M. states they do not have marked catalogues, yet in their schedules, rule 15, it states catalogues with list of awards sent to exhibitors who enclose 4d. with entry fees. I sent 6d., and received catalogue on the Monday after show, but not marked. I did not intend troubling you re this matter, but seeing Mr. May's misleading letter, I felt compelled to support Mr. Radley in his just complaint.

G. W. CUTHBERTSON.

January 2nd, 1911.

SIR,—Yours to hand this morning. You say that I have made a muddle of your entries, but there is two opinions about that, for the muddle is your own fault, because if you had sent your entries at the right time you would have had plenty of time to let me know that you had not got your tickets. Your tickets were sent at the beginning of the week, straight back for you, and I expected that you had them. But it is the post office officials' fault, not mine, and seeing that you are an old exhibitor, you ought to know that your birds could easily have been ticketed if you had sent them, which is no excuse. You only sent word that you had not got them on Thursday, and I sent you another lot straight back, which you have not said anything about. So the post office is your place of grievance, not to me; therefore, you shall get no money returned from me, and as for catalogue, I have sent you one.

R. MAYS, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—I sent four entries to Guisborough eight days before the show date. I also sent the money for a catalogue, but I have not received one yet. Neither did I get any tickets for my cages, so I did not send my birds to the show. Then I wrote to the secretary to kindly refund my money. He wrote back saying: It will not wash with me, for I am not going to return money back to anyone. Then, when he sees Mr. Radley's letter in CAGE BIRDS, he sends me my entrance money back, but no catalogue nor any money for it either (but he has sent me two very insulting letters). Now, Mr. Mays, do you think we are all liars? I have seen a letter this week from Mr. Cuthbertson, saying you had treated him in the same manner. Mr. Mays, the next time you have a show, I hope you will keep a clear head, and not go muddling in this manner.

LUTHER DYSON.

The Southern Norwich P.C. Annual Meeting.

SIR,—The annual meeting will be held at the Palace Show on February 4th, at three o'clock sharp, in Board room (opposite the bird show), when the result of voting will be given out, also the position of the club for 1911 season. Will all members kindly return their votes by February 2nd, and let us have a record vote? If possible, the names of winners of cups and specials will be called out. Any alterations for the working of the club can be brought forward. Fanciers having any special interest in Norwich are cordially invited, and can join at the close of the meeting.

F. S. MATTHES, Hon. Sec.

Proposed New C.B.S. for Oswestry (Shropshire).

SIR,—A number of fanciers in the town of Oswestry (Salop) have decided to start a cage bird society. We have agreed to hold a meeting at the "Coach and Dog" Temperance Hotel, Church-street, on Saturday, February 4th, at 8 p.m. Will those fanciers wishing to join kindly attend? Or, if unable to do so, if they will send their names to me, we will be only too pleased to enrol them. I hope we will have a good attendance, for Oswestry I have found is a good field in which to commence or re-new a cage bird society.

E. J. EVANS.

9, Whittington-road, Oswestry.

The Late Sheringham Show.

SIR,—Referring to "Nosey's" letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I should like to tell "Nosey" that I have had an interview with the secretary re this matter, and he informs me they were not exhibits which were being carried by a certain official of the show, but six show cages which this official was lending to the secretary for the use of an exhibitor, and personal friend of the secretary. But I was unable to find out if the same exhibitor was Mr. ——, for whom special classes were provided, owing to the exhibitor having entered Crests and Crest-breds in Plainhead classes. Perhaps some other exhibitor can explain this, and also say why four of this exhibitor's birds were not wrong classed.

W. H. N.

A Plaint from Wigan Linnet Singers.

SIR,—I cannot understand the attitude of the Wigan secretary in referring to Leigh not attending their contest of January 21st. In the first place I ask what is the reason that Wigan has withdrawn quality from their contest, and only gone in for time? I understand that they have always had quality before; is it because they cannot win at quality? They say that they patronise us, and we don't patronise them. Well, our contests are for quality and time, and I think if they want us to patronise them, their's should be the same. I go further: I will guarantee that if they hold their contests on the same lines as we do, then we shall exceed their entries to us, by double, at their own contests. But our contention is that any contests should be held for the benefit of all, and to keep quality out is against the interests of Linnet singing. Then, again, we have another grievance against Wigan. We attend a contest at Warrington, when it comes to the knowledge of the Wigan secretary that Leigh was about to get up a testimonial on behalf of the Brothers Green. Now, I should like the Wigan secretary to give a reason for not even keeping to his promise to let me know the result of his meeting with regard to the Green fund. I take it that he does not like the idea of having to play second fiddle to a junior club, and because he was late in the field, he will not take the active part in the matter that he should. If this testimonial does not prove a success, they cannot blame Leigh, but the clubs around them. I, as secretary of the Globe Inn Linnet Club, also wrote him in reference to another contest that we are going to hold, so that I can fix a date, and not let it clash with theirs, but he treats this with contempt by not answering. I will conclude by stating that I hope to see all old and many new faces at our next open Linnet singing contest for time and quality, on February 4th, at 1 o'clock, at the Globe Inn (Bradshawgate, Leigh).

J. M'ALLISTER, Sec.

The Hirst Universal C.B.S.

SIR,—A meeting was held in the Universal Social Club, Hirst. We decided to form a cage bird society, to be called the Hirst Universal C.B.S. We have secured a nice room in which to hold our monthly meetings, also a large concert room in which to hold our annual show—a room splendidly adapted for the purpose. Fanciers are cordially invited to attend our next meeting on Saturday, February 25th.

R. MIDDLETON, Sec.

New Society for Pateley Bridge and District.

SIR,—We have formed a new society, and having extended our radius to 15 miles, we shall be glad to have new members. Seeing we have such enthusiastic fanciers as Mr. T. Balfe and Mr. P. H. Marsden, we feel sure that the cage bird section will be a success in every way. Our first show will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Pateley Bridge, on February 11th. Mr. Marsden will judge the cage birds.

R. WEATHERHEAD, Hon. Sec.

A New Seed for Birds.

SIR,—We herewith enclose you a sample of a new grain for cage birds, which we are putting on the market, called "Nuseed." It is of African origin, and is much relished by Canaries and other Finch-like birds, and, moreover, is used by the natives as food. It is highly nutritious and wholesome, and would form a welcome change to the list of seeds now before the public. The seed can be seen and samples of it obtained free from our stand at the Palace Show. From the comparative analysis of two seeds readers will observe that it is a well-balanced ration. "Nuseed": Moisture 10.20, oil 5.20, albuminoids 14.38, digestible carhohydrates 67.56, indigestible woody fibre 1.23, mineral matter (ash) 1.43. Millet: Water 12.85, oil 4.56, albuminoids 11.08, carbohydrates 59.46, mineral matter 4.60, sand and silica 2.15, woody fibre 7.45.

TROWER AND CO.

The Use of Clap Nets.

SIR,—Some years ago a discussion, headed "How to Arm Nets," brought forth correspondence of a most interesting and helpful character from a number of practical people who evidently knew what they were writing about, and I would fain start another discussion in connection with the trapping of birds, if you will grant me the hospitality of your columns. I have used ordinary clap nets for years, but have never been satisfied with their speed and suitability to meet the ever-varying circumstances which confront the person who likes to spend a day in the country trapping his own birds. Apart from the cumbersomeness of clap nets, with their poles and other somewhat heavy accessories, they cannot be made to come over quickly enough to capture a wary bird, that shoots upwards between them, and refuses to fly laterally into either net. My nets are ten yards long, and work on poles 5 feet 4 inches in length. They are made of the finest thread, and I know the way to set them properly. Yet a change in the direction of the wind in an hour or two after setting, plus the springing up of a stiffish little breeze, will often impede the action of one net, and allow "the catch" to escape. Do what you will, the old clap net is slow, and unsatisfactory, and wants a lot of handling. A correspondent wrote once to say that his clap nets were worked on the "come-and-go," half-pole, system, and as such he never missed the quickest bird. What is the experience of others? My poles would (on this plan) be 2 feet 8 inches long, and would be less effective for netting birds on the wing? Would a pair of nets 8 yards by 5 feet be much faster? What is the best length, width, and colour, and which the best thread for a pair of Goldfinch nets?

A CATCHER.

The Disqualified Yellowhammer at the Scottish National Show.

SIR,—I notice Mr. Jones states that Mr. Russell was asked to allow the bird to be sent to your Mr. G. E. Weston, but refused. Now, I happened to be in the room when Mr. Russell came in (about 7.30) and I distinctly heard him say to the secretary that he would have his bird examined by an expert. They then agreed to send the bird away the next day. So I think Mr. Jones is quite out of place in saying that Mr. Russell refused to allow his bird to be sent away.

A VISITOR.

SIR,—I am glad "Bath Fancier" is satisfied and does not require any further information, but I think he should apologise through your paper for the uncalled-for remarks as to the failing eyesight of some of the greatest judges in the cage bird Fancy who gave my bird the prizes. Perhaps, however, "Bath Fancier" would prefer to see the judges examining each bird with a *large* magnifying glass, the same as was used at the Bath Show! Mr. S. E. Jones, whom I know only too well, says that Mr. Bull and TWELVE committeemen were satisfied that the bird had been trimmed. Imagine thirteen altogether peering through a large magnifying glass at a poor little bird! Out of the thirteen, I understand four or five only were cage bird fanciers, and the remainder pigeon, poultry and rabbit fanciers; a very nice collection to give an opinion on a British bird. Two or three of these committee men have informed me that they knew nothing whatever as to what they had to decide; but I expect it was a case of "follow the leader." It is surprising the amount of enthusiasm created when there is a chance of an objection or protest. I cannot understand why Mr. Jones should say I refused to send the bird under Mr. Weston. This is an absolute untruth, as I agreed to send the bird away under this expert judge of British birds on the following morning, after the bird had rested and been fed, but it was insisted upon by one or two (perhaps the "little clique") that it should be sent away immediately after the show, viz., 9 p.m. Naturally I would not agree to their proposal, as I considered that my suggestion was a fair way of dealing with the matter, especially after the bird being frightened the whole afternoon and evening. I do not wish to discuss the points of the bird with Mr. Jones, and time will tell the tale. My advice to him is, "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you."

F. RUSSELL.

A Goldfinch Problem.

SIR,—"Marchpane" would like some of your readers to inform him wherein lies the fault of his treatment of Goldfinches. I have kept Goldfinches for nearly twenty years, have fed them in different forms, and they all did well. I got one a few months ago from a well-known English dealer, and I am treating it in an entirely different fashion from my previous methods (although they all did well). I feed him every day when I come home from work, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I also, of course, give him clean water, but prefer to keep the vessel on the outside, and being very particular to wipe it out clean before refilling. Now, as to my method of feeding this bird (and you ought to hear him sing): I fill his drawer up three-quarters full of Canary seed, a pinch of inga in my three fingers, the same of teazle, with a small pinch of thistle between my finger and thumb. Now, he gets no more until the next day at the same time, so if he thinks fit to "wipe up" all or most of his tit-bits, other than Canary, he has just to fall back on the plain bread until he is fed next day. Here, then, "Marchpane," in my opinion, lies your fault; you are far too good to them; do not give them as much rich seeds as they are able to gorge themselves on at all times, be sparing with all but your Canary, do not flinch from this method, with an occasional spray or bath, and I am sure you will be able in a very short time to listen to his sweet song.

AYRSHIRE LADDIE.

THE PROTECTION OF WILD BIRDS.

A PETITION TO THE HOME SECRETARY.

Help by Signing it at the Crystal Palace Show.

The National British Bird and Mule Club are moving to present a petition—a copy of which is appended—to the Home Secretary relating to the Wild Birds Protection Act (County of London), and they want all bird-keepers to help in the matter by appending their signatures to this said petition. It is intended that copies shall lie on all the stalls at the Crystal Palace Show—if permission to this effect can be obtained from the Palace authorities, and Mr. Ramsden, the show manager—so that visitors to the exhibition this week-end should not neglect the opportunity to append their names to this appeal.

To His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Home Affairs, the Right Hon. Winston S. Churchill, the Petition of the undersigned in relation to wild birds.

In consequence of a recent judicial interpretation of the Acts relating to Wild Birds, 1880 to 1896, and By-law No. 809, dated July 17th, 1909, relating to the County of London, the possession, sale and purchase of such wild birds legally and lawfully taken in other districts has become prohibited in the said County of London till they have been taken a considerable period before being brought inside the boundaries of the County of London.

We, the undersigned, therefore petition that such Acts of Parliament and By-laws shall be so altered and amended that wild birds legally and lawfully taken in other districts can be brought alive into and legally held in anyone's possession in the said County of London, as previous to above-mentioned decision.

We would also point out that the said By-law for the County of London was made for the protection against taking such wild birds in the County of London, and not against wild birds legally and lawfully taken in other districts and brought into the County of London.

We would also further point out in consequence of such judicial interpretation it causes serious loss of business to dealers, seed merchants, bird food providers, cage makers, and other kindred trades, resulting in loss of employment to a large number of workpeople engaged therein, also acting as a great detriment to the leading exhibitors and fanciers at London bird exhibitions held at Crystal Palace, Horticultural Hall, and various local districts, also considerably curtailing the hobby and pleasure of bird-keeping among the working classes.

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Club Reports.

MIDLAND COUNTIES YORKS. C.C.

General meeting held Crown Hotel, Birmingham, January 19th, Mr. Wells in the chair. The members expressed regret that the competition for this season had been so bad. They were of the opinion that now the club is being properly looked after the prospects for next season are very bright, and with the hearty support of members we shall soon be one of the strongest specialist clubs in the kingdom. The winners of the point specials are Mr. P. V. Williams in the champion section and Mr. J. Clempson in novice section.—Beck and Andrews, Secs.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Annual business meeting, held Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, 17th January. In the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. Wright) through indisposition, Mr. Black occupied chair. Financial statement adopted. Relying upon the Association being more heartily supported, it was decided to continue the show, which will be held 23rd September. Mr. W. Hart appointed hon. president; Mr. Wright president; Mr. Councillor J. Hogg vice-president; secretary and treasurer, Thomas Smith, 10, Lochside Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow; auditors, Messrs. Batcrin and Fraing; with a representative committee. Membership tickets (3/- each) will shortly be issued; any fancier not hitherto in touch with the society will be supplied on application to the secretary.—Thos. Smith, Sec.

TORBAY O.S.

Mr. A. N. Innes presided over the annual meeting, Jan. 16, Pope's Temperance Hotel. Balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £3 19s. 11d., was adopted after discussion. Some alterations in the rules were proposed, and after due deliberation confirmed. Mr. H. Whitley was re-elected president, and Mr. W. J. Ham vice-chairman. Mr. J. N. Jeffery was elected secretary in place of Mr. C. Parnell, resigned, and Mr. J. Jeffery, jun., assistant secretary. Mr. W. Drew was elected auditor, Mr. J. B. Eastley hon. solicitor, Mr. F. W. Puddicombe hon. auctioneer, and Mr. A. N. Innes hon. treasurer. Committee, Messrs. A. N. Innes (chairman), Mr. H Daw (vice-chairman), J. Webber, A. Nicks, G. Mudge, G. Heathman, F. Badcock, H. Fletcher, G. Hynes, P. Lamble, W. Hodge, J. Bastard, P. W. Mugford, and F. Sanders. Annual show fixed for October 25th, a pair show March 8th, and first feather show July 18th. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded meeting.—J. N. Jeffery, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) O.S.

We are considering the advisability of introducing novice members' classes at our shows this year, and if we receive the support of novices, will give a good special for competition in those classes alone. The society is now open for membership to the county of Notts.; subs., 3s. per annum. We shall hold three shows this year (in addition to table shows). Fanciers, especially amateurs, will find it to their advantage to join us, as grand specials are given. Every member showing last year at the three shows received a special, the lowest value being 5s., which record, we think, is hard to beat. At our last show a grand extra special in the shape of a ham was presented by Mr. J. B. Caunt for competition in the British Hardbill classes, the prize falling to Mr. J. Wood. Tickets for open table show, Feb. 11th are now available, price 1d. each, and every ticket entitles holder to compete for a good singing Canary. There will be seven classes—two Nor., two Crests, and three Brit.—and a good special will be given in each section, in addition to prize money. The entrance is 6d. per cage. J. Bunn (secretary), 80, Westwood-road, Nottingham.

NORTHERN COUNTIES N. & C.C.C

Meeting held Jan 18th, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger-street (near Monument), Chairman, Mr. R. W. Smith presiding. Re holding a table show at our next meeting, February 15th; decided, to hold one with four classes: Cl., tkd., or variegated, yell. unflig.; ditto buff; hen unflig.; and pairs for breeding (old or young). Mr. J. Curran (Gosforth) was unanimously elected to judge. Also carried, that the entrance fee be 6d. per cage; prize money to be paid on the sliding scale—3, 2, and 1. Re the medals won over shows where our patronage had been given, it was decided that the Secretary get some samples and have them on view at the February meeting, when a final selection will be made. Members entitled to medals: Messrs. A. Holden and R. Hope (Morpeth); F. F. Lawson and W. Curry (Newcastle), T. Winter and F. Ayre (Blaydon), R. W. Smith and R. Topping (Gateshead), the champion medal winner being the first-named in each instance; latter the novice. The medals will be presented at annual meeting in March (date later). Specials for most points over shows were won by Mr F. F. Lawson (champion) and R. Hope (novice). I will be glad to hear from any fancier who resides in Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland, who would like to join our ranks (subs. 2s. 6d.). For particulars, etc., send to me.—W. Curry, Sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual tea and concert, in connection with the prize distribution, held Jan. 14th, Bankfoot Schoolroom. A good number of visitors attended. A splendid tea was provided, as well as a long and really excellent programme. Mr. J. Brown (who was to have appeared as humorist) could not attend owing to illness; but we were admirably helped over the difficulty by one of our own members—Mr. D. Lowe, the man with the stick. Mr. J. Lawson, another member, also came to our assistance. The chairman was Mr. R. Hallilday (ex-president Yorks. Union). The presentation was made by Mrs. J. C. Clark, the vicar's wife, who said she was proud to do anything for our society. At 4.30 p.m. everyone found a place at the table. The lady workers then had a busy time right up to 6 o'clock. At 7.30 o'clock the chairman opened the concert with a few remarks. Miss N. Sykes, Mr. A. P. Barraclough (tenor), Miss J. Ogden, Miss E. Murgatroyd, Miss E. Lupton, Miss A. Murgatroyd (elocutionist), Mr. P. Sykes (bass), Mr. D. Lowe (humorist), and Mr. J. Lawson contributed to the evening's entertainment, one and all being much appreciated. At the close of the first half of the programme Mrs. Clark presented the prizes to the successful exhibitors. The first prize was won by Mr. G. Hudson, who scored 154 points (and wins the society's cup); 2nd, F. Gelder, 119 (flower stand); 3rd, Mr. C. Hardaker, 98 (pair of vases); 4th, Mr. B. Wilman (cruet); 5th, Mr. J. Taylor (coffee pot); 6th, Mr. C. Priestley (case of spoons); 7th, Hinchcliffe, Horsley; 8th, Mr. J. Lawson; 9th, Mr. C. Baslow. Extra Novice Competition: 1st, Mr. H. Taylor (dress length); 2nd, Mr. W. North (gilt rose bowl). A large number of consolation prizes were dealt out to every member who had shown a bird irrespective of counting. The second half of the programme was then proceeded with. Mr. W. North afterwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Clark, which was seconded by Mr. J. Lawson, and carried amidst applause. Mrs. Clark replied. The Secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, alluded to the good work done by that gentleman on behalf of the society. During the 18 months the society had been in existence Mr. Halliday had filled the positions of lecturer, judge, and chairman. Mr. D. Lowe seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the lady workers, and the singing of the National Anthem, after which all the artistes were entertained to supper, along with the members' wives and friends, and the most successful undertaking (financially) ever attempted by the society was brought to a close.—F. Gelder, Sec.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held Schoolroom, Jan. 21st. Election of officers:—Chairman and treasurer, Mr. W. Booth; committee, Messrs. W. Beale, C. Bacon, W. Dobbs, W. N. Booth, A. Simpson, H. Maltby, H. Smithurst, W. Palethorpe, and E. Bent. Also decided, to hold table show, Feb. 25th, for stock pairs, Canary A.V., Muling or Hybridising pairs, 6d. each exhibit. All exhibits to be staged 6.30 p.m. Annual subscription is now 2s. 6d. instead of 3s. 6d. All wishing to join may do so by applying to the secretary.—F. Maltby, Hon. Sec., Back Lane, Westwood, Jacksdale, Notts.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE C.B.F.S.

Annual meeting, held Jan. 19th, Raikes Hall Hotel. Mr. G. Young occupied the chair. Balance-sheet passed and read showing a very satisfactory balance of £5, against 7s. 7d. of last year. Officers elected for 1911: Chairman, Mr. G. Young; vice-chair, Mr. J. Lightbown; sec., Mr. J. R. Crossley; treasurer, W. Binns; auditors, J. Kersham and W. J. Bevan; committee, Messrs. T. Patteson, H. Human, S. Clexley, J. Sheard, H. Reekle, S. Brown. Proposed by Mr. W. Binns, and seconded by Mr. J. Lightbown, and carried, that we lower our subscription from 6s. to 4s. for the ensuing year, and entrance fee 1s. I should be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join.—Jas. R. Crossley, Hon. Sec.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.S.

Annual supper held Jan. 21st, headquarters, "Mason's Arms," when about 50 members and their wives sat down to a splendidly arranged repast by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bradbury. After supper there was a grand concert, and with Mr. J. Vaughan in the chair, everything went on merrily. Mr. J. Carlin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess; it was seconded by Mr. J. Wright and carried with musical honours, to which Mr. Bradbury suitably replied. The Society had engaged Mr. J. Allen (tenor), who, with Messrs. F. Beadall, J. Smedley, J. Wright, and A. Wright (Mr. J. Carlin at the piano), made things very lively. The Society grows week by week, and is composed of fanciers who take a lot of interest in the Society's doings. The singing of "God Save the King" closed the evening.—R. Nuttall, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A

Fortnightly meeting held Fawcett-street Cafe, Jan. 21st, Mr. G. Davidson presiding over a good attendance. Mr. W. F. Swan moved that we have a table show Feb. 18th for pairs matched for breeding, A.V., confined to members who have never won a first in open competition. Mr. R. Newcombe kindly promised to give a single breeding cage for most entries. Agreed to charge sixpence per cage, the proceeds to go to the first three in the following proportion, viz., 6d., 1s., 1s. 6d. Mr. Waters moved that Mr. J. Risehorough judge, and give a short lecture on the different varieties shown. Mr. Risehorough promised to do so, and I am sure the members have a treat in store, especially the younger members, who will no doubt turn up in good numbers. Mr. Swan moved that we have a social evening, on a date to be fixed probably at next meeting, the secretary and treasurer in the meantime to get particulars, etc.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH (Open) O.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 14th, Buchanan's Hotel. Mr. D. Martin (pres.), occupied chair. The financial statement was submitted; it proved one of the best for some years, showing a surplus to the good. Office-bearers elected:—Pres., D. Martin; hon. vice-pres., J. Dalgleish. Re the sec. and treas., the present holder of the office could not see his way to accept the position, and being asked to reconsider his decision, finally declined. Mr. W. Thornton was proposed, his nomination being very popular. He requested leave to give the matter his consideration, to which the members agreed. Such a well-known judge and exhibitor holding the secretarial reigns would be a tower of strength to the society, and it is earnestly hoped he will decide in our favour. Auditors, J. Sinclair and A. Stavert; paid committee, A. Begbie and J. Robertson; hon. com., J. McLennan, J. Hendry, C. R. Drysdale, D. Campbell, P. West, M. Petrie, A. Paterson, and P. McNiven. A deal of discussion took place on the date of and hall for next show. The matter was submitted to the committee for report at adjourned meeting at an early date, for the completion of business. Votes of thanks to the officials brought the meeting to a close.—J. R. Meikle, Secretary (pro. tem.).

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A

Annual general meeting held Leyton Constitutional Club, High-road, Jan. 16th, Vice-President, Mr. S. C. Rhodes in chair. Mr. Ovenden proposed, and Mr. Bartlett seconded, that the balance-sheet be adopted as read; this was carried unanimously. On the proposition of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Albany, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers. A letter was read from Mr. C. R. Carr, late Vice-Chairman, regretting his inability to attend meeting owing to the illness of his wife, requesting also that he should not again be elected to office as he was afraid he would be unable to attend meetings. Proposed and seconded that the committee have power to invite Mr. Carr to attend all committee meetings during year. Mr. J. A. Bartlett was elected Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Dalton taking his place on committee. With these two exceptions the officers remain as last year. In the absence of Mr. F. Williamson, Mr. C. H. Cooper moved that a novice section be formed for British birds. After some discussion this was carried. Mr Bartlett's motion re specials at annual show was lost. Mr. C. H. Cooper very kindly promised a special for most points during year for amateur or novice section at the discretion of the committee. Mr. Wilson also promised two specials for points for two shows. Vote of thanks accorded Messrs. Cooper and Wilson for their generosity re specials. The case of Mr. Bennett in the courts was mentioned, and a collection was made resulting in 13s. 6d. towards the fund for his defence. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed meeting.—Forse and Son, Hon Secs.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held January 28th, College Inn. The society has removed back to the "College Inn," where we had our first table show, which was won by Mr. G. Stringer with a nice clear yellow Norwich cock. It was the best meeting we have had for some time, all business being done in good time. Decided, to have a table show for breeding pairs next meeting.—B. Bailey, Secretary.

UDDINGSTON & DISTRICT O.S.

Annual general meeting held Reading Rooms, Jan. 19th. Mr. H. Donnon (president) in chair. Financial statement submitted to auditors, and after being read over by secretary, adopted on a motion of Mr. W. P. Campbell, seconded by Mr. W. Young, showing a good balance on the right side. Election of office-bearers: President, T. Prentice; vice-presidents, G. Munro and H. Donnon; treasurer, J. Shepherd; secretary, Jno. Kilpatrick; auditors, J. Junor and W. P. Campbell; committee, W. Taylor, W. Young, J. Bowman, J. Junor, and W. P. Campbell. A motion to revise rules was left for committee to draw up new rules and report to monthly meeting. A vote of thanks to chairman ended the business.—John Kilpatrick, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Annual meeting, followed by a table show, held at new headquarters, The Auction Rooms, Bond-street, January 11th. There was a large attendance, Mr. C. Pearson presiding. After reading the report, the following officers were elected: President, Capt. G. C. Tryon, M.P.; vice-presidents, Lord Newlands, Hon. W. F. Rice, M.P., the Mayor of Hove (Alderman Barnett Marks, Esq., J.P.), W. R. Campion, Esq., M.P., and Mrs. Patrick Wisden; treasurer, Mr. J. Roast; auditors, Messrs. A. Goble and P. Small; hon. solicitor, W. Graham Hooper, Esq.; hon. secretary, Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond-street, Brighton; committee, Messrs. Absalon, Akehurst, Bicknell, Boxell, Cadman, Dandridge, Flook, Burtenshaw, Pearson, and Sharpe. Fourteen new members were added. New rules were framed for what is hoped will be a most successful year. This concluded the business.—W. H. Gibb, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Annual meeting, held Jan. 17th, headquarters, Ahlett's Cafe Room, Mr. J. Burns in the chair. Balance sheet for past year, brought forward by Mr. G. Morton and passed. Election of office-bearers: Chairman, Mr. J. Burns; vice-chairman, Mr. S. Hadwin; treasurer, Mr. G. Morton; auditors, Messrs. Watson and Moss; committee, Messrs. Hawkes, Richardson, Greatrix, Sands, Howlett, and Bird. The following motion, "That all members outside the borough be our hon. vice-presidents—Miss Thorburn, and Messrs. Radcliffe, Cave, Handley, Rogers, Morris, Hadwin, Isaac, Young, Edwards, Cooper, Rock, and Porter." The next motion was re entrance fee for evening shows; decided, that 7d. be the fee—6d. in prize money and the 1d. to reserve funds. Carried unanimously. Decided, that Mr. J. Burns judge pair show, Feb. 21st., all pairs to be shown in one cage. Mr. Young (New Brighton) will judge British birds, Mules, and show of Canaries, March 21st. Four new members elected. New members should send names to me (84, Rodney Street), or to any of our members. Subs., 2/6 per an.—A. E. Lloyd, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting and election of officers, Headquarters, Jan. 17th. A good number of members attending, Mr. H. E. Tringham in chair. In his opening remarks, Mr. Tringham reviewed the successful work of the society during the past year, and called attention to our very satisfactory financial position. The society was still going ahead on progressive lines. An interesting and novel list of fixtures is to be arranged. Several new members elected. Election of officers:—Patrons, Fred Hall, Esq., M.P. (Dulwich), — Richardson, Esq., M.P. (Peckham), A. Bonar Law, Esq., and A. Laing, Esq.; president, J. Crowe, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. E. Crowshurst, G. Dansie, E. S. Lugg, D. Mabey, J. Robson, J. B. Waterman, and S. H. Whitlock; hon. solicitor, H. W. B. Tweed, Esq.; hon. treasurer, W. Hodson; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. S. Matthews and F. Cole; hon. assistant sec., Mr. H. W. Tomsett; committee, Messrs. H. W. Tomsett, L. J. Richardson, A. Cunningham, D. Reeks, H. E. Trugham, C. Botting, A. Goodwin, S. H. Stephens, J. W. Norris, J. W. Cranfield, C. L. S. Mazzoni, and W. B. Cracknell. Votes of thanks to last year's officers, proposed and unanimously adopted. Vote of thanks to Mr. Tringham for his duties in the chair brought the meeting to a close.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.S.

Annual meeting held December 24th, Buchanan's Hotel, Edinburgh. Mr. C. R. Drysdale (president) occupied the chair. The financial statement was submitted; this showed we had a most successful season. £14 3s. 4d. was left for prize money purposes, and was divided into equal sums of £1 8s. 4d. per class. Messrs. Whitefield and Lile, auditors, gave their report. It being decided to hold another show on September 30th, 1911, the following office-bearers were elected to carry out the necessary work:—Hon. pres., C. R. Drysdale; hon. vice-pres., W. Thornton; sec. and treas., J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian-road, Edinburgh; auditors to be elected next meeting; acting committee, J. McLennan, J. Dalgleish, A. Paterson, W. Allan, J. B. Kerr, and A. Stavert. Rules were re-adopted. Classification:—Scotch Fancy 8 classes, and Belgian Fancy 2 classes. Annual subscription fixed at 3s., entitling each member to exhibit ten birds and admission to show. The executive return their thanks to all members for the splendid support given them, and it is their intention to still further increase the popularity of this society by sending out their membership tickets to all Scotch Fancy and Belgian exhibitors in the kingdom. Votes of thanks to the officials brought meeting to a close.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, held headquarters, Public Library, Stoke Newington, Jan. 18th, Mr. T. R. Trower (president) in chair. A good muster of members were present. Balance-sheet submitted, and showed a cash balance of £9 2s. 7d. (being an increase of £3 on the year's working), and assets to value of over £23. The total turnover for year is £75 9s. 8d., against previous year's total £51 15s. 1d. Mr. A. J. A. Marley, one of the auditors, moved the adoption of the balance-sheet, which was carried unanimously. Motion, "That we have novice classes in British section," was thoroughly discussed, but was defeated. A suggestion that we substitute limit classes was discussed, but met with the same fate. Motion, "That we accept lady members, at 2s. 6d. subscription, without nomination fee," carried unanimously. Election of officers: Chairman, G. Mortlock; vice-chairman, S. Williams; committee, Penton, Cawthorne, Ayling, Lacey, Cook, Bell, H. R. Mortlock, and Castell; auditors, Mortlock and Marley; treasurer, H. Sweetman; assist. secretary, P. W. Jeffries; secretary, R. P. Harper. Seven nominations were handed in, which included three ladies. Mr. J. Robson was appointed to judge pair show, Feb. 15th; young stock show, June 17th; annual, Nov. 10th, at the latter in conjunction with another, to be appointed later. Secretary announced he would like to see Borders exhibited at our shows, and in order to encourage these classes offered a cup, to be competed for at the annual show for the best young Border, on condition there were three exhibitors. The five-guinea cup, generously offered by Mr. T. R. Trower, is to be won by the runner-up to Rennie Trophy, on account of the very close results for the trophy at past shows. Mention was made that new show staging would soon be required; decided, to invite tenders for same, capable of holding 500 exhibits, and to leave final decision to committee. Diplomas won during year were distributed. Vote of thanks to Mr. Trower concluded meeting.—R. P. Harper, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Members are requested to attend annual general meeting, Workman's Hall, Romford-road, Stratford, E., Feb. 9th, at 8 p.m. sharp, when balance-sheet for 1910 will be presented. Officers, etc., will be elected. New members elected at last meeting; Messrs. G. Stanton, R. J. Cage, W. Tufnell, and Mrs. A. M. B. Stow. Fanciers joining now will be in time for their names and addresses to be inserted in the 1911 Year Book. The Society is open to the United Kingdom, and caters for all sections of the Fancy; yearly sub. is 2s. 6d.—W. Maxey.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting January 23rd, which was badly attended. Mr. Curtis in the chair. Messrs. G. N. Thurley, F. Lingley, A. Crockett, S. Fuller, and A. G. Rodley were elected members. Letters were read from Mrs. Crowder, J. Robson, G. Gardner, F. Tibbs, Mrs. Clark, P. H. Harris, W. Francis, F. W. Thorpe, R. J. Watts, Rev. H. A. Soamee, and J. Abrams. An expression of sympathy was directed to be conveyed to Mr. F. Tebbs at his continued illness. The Reverend H. A. Soames, of Lyncroft, Bromley, Kent, was nominated for membership. Messrs. C. Prior, H. Norman, and A. Silver were nominated as British judges for the young bird show on July 1st (this being an oversight on the secretary's part). An interesting draw of questions then took place.—V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A

Meeting held Wellington Hotel, Hyde, January 7, members from Macclesfield, Hyde, Denton, Oldham, Glossop, Hazel Grove, and Rawtenstall, attending. Usual business quickly gone through, a pleasant feature of same being the proposal of new members in Messrs. Whipp, Shaw, W. Shaw (Hyde), and A. Wellings (Prescot). The secretary then read an account of the club exhibition at Hyde, which showed a profit of 8s. 8d., this profit being added to the special fund, and divided as per rule. Income, 129 entries, £3 15s. 3d., £1 17s., gate receipts £1 5s. 8d., total £6 7s. 11d. Expenditure: Prize money £3 4s. 6d., specials £2 5s., show expenses, £1 7s. 9d.; left in secretary's hands, 8d.; total £6 17s. 11d. All prize money and specials have been paid out. Chairman also presented extra specials as follows:—Toronto medal, best Lancs., Mr. Wellings, junr.; medal best bird in show, and Mr. E. Fuller's special of a Lancs. for best novice Lancs., Mr. N. Stansfield. Mr. A. Hordern gave a silver cup for most points in novice Lancs. classes, which caused much amusement, and was won by W. Ridgard. Mr. Ollerenshaw won Toronto medal best Liz., and Mr. J. Rukin Ramsden's special—best col.-fed Liz. General meeting at Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Oldham, in March. —John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

First annual general meeting held Clarendon Hall, January 25th ("Burns' Night"), Mr A. Miller presiding over a large attendance. A large amount of business was transacted. Balance-sheet for 1910 adopted with great satisfaction, showing total income of £33 9s. 2d., and a total expenditure of £22 4s. 4d., leaving the handsome balance of £11 4s. 10d. in bank. This, after buying new staging for 350 birds, clearing working expenses, etc., is most encouraging. The Society is composed of some of the best, most experienced, and enthusiastic fanciers in Scotland. Office-bearers elected: Pres., Mr. H. Jamieson; Vice-Pres., Messrs. C Campbell and A. Crawford; Sec. and Treas., Mr. W. Proudfoot, 145, Henderson-st.; Committee, Messrs. J. Thomson, J. Hardie, A. Symington, A. E. Bibby, J. G. Adam, W. Loan, and J. Pinnock; Auditors, Messrs. R. B. Gibb and J. Smith. Decided, to hold table show for breeding pairs Feb. 10th; I hope members will favour us with a large entry. Monthly meeting same date. Date of annual members' show decided on, to be held same Saturday as last year (18th November). We cater for all varieties. Annual sub., 4s.—William Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Points gained for challenge trophies, season 1911:—Lancs.: Champions—J. Oldham 99 points, E. T. Turner 95, A. Hordern 85, G. Fitton 70, W. Adams 59, E. Fuller 33, W. Lee 27, J. Vickers 20, and J. Swalwell 6; Novice—J. Laycock 71 points, N. Stansfield 38, W. Ridgard 37. Liz.: Champions—J. Rukin 147 points, J. Hampshire 112, H. Oliver 74, W. P. Barnes 71, J. Dewsnap 65, A. Martin 11, E. Fuller 4, and J. Lee 1; Novice—E. Ollerenshaw 132, W. Bacon 74, A. E. Boeworth 31, B. Salway 27, E. Thompson 24, E. F. Bosworth 10, G. Fitton 4, and N. Stansfield 13. Mr. J. Oldham wins ch. Lancs. challenge trophy, Mr. Turner runner up in champion section; Mr. Laycock wins Lancs. novice trophy, Mr. Stansfield runner up; Mr. J. Rukin wins Liz. challenge trophy, Mr. J. Hampshire runner up in champion section; Mr. Ollerenshaw wins Lizard novice trophy with Mr. Bacon runner up.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

Result of voting for officers 1911-12:—Auditors: Messrs. Heath and Robson elected practically unanimously. The post of hon. secretary: It was felt by an influential section of the members that on the present occasion it should devolve upon a provincial member; this, however, could not be brought about, as one or two gentlemen able and willing to carry out the duties of hon. sec. were strongly of opinion that the hon. sec. should be perched on the hub of the universe—London, to wit. It was decided, on further consideration, to nominate once again the late popular hon. sec., Mr. John Tyson. It is the wish of the members, as evidenced by the voting, that this gentleman will be once again induced to grasp the reins of office, and by so doing ensure a spell of prosperity to equal that achieved under his previous administration. Committee: T. Heath 56 votes, J. Robson 53, R. Rhodes 50, G. Ley 48, J. Tyson 45, F. W. Barnett 44, J. S. Clarke 43, R. L. Crisp 40, T. Taylor 38, J. Dobson 37, G. Colledge 37, Rev. G. W. Joyce 35, T. J. King 34, W. E. Greeves 33, H. Mills 33, R. Armstrong 30, J. Brotherton 28, R. B. Tope 27, J. Broad 25, J. Franz 22, T. R. Ind 20. Judges: T. Heath 57 votes, J. Robson 56, R. Rhodes 49, T. Taylor 42, J. S. Clarke 41, J. Tyson 41, J. Dobson 38, Rev. G. W. Joyce 38, W. E. Greeves 37, T. J. King 33, R. B. Tope 28, G. Colledge 24. 60 voting papers sent in.—J. S. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held headquarters. Unanimously decided that all prospective members could take part in the table show of matched pairs of Canaries for breeding at next meeting, Feb. 7th, and participate in all prizes, 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d.; no entry fees. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Buck up, you would-be members, and bring your birds.—John A. T. Woodall.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Annual meeting held Swan Hotel, January 28th, good number of members being present. The club financially is in a very good position, commencing the year with a balance in hand of £14 8s. 7d. Members' show arranged at club house for February 11th. Four new members enrolled. In future it is our intention to patronise other shows, with specials to be competed for by members of the P.R.C.C.—Andrew Percival, Hon. Sec.

ABERDEEN O.S.

Meeting held Trades Hall, Jan. 27th, president Mr. W. Allan in chair. Classification: Alterations and additions were made; three open classes for unflighted Nor. yell. cocks, buff cocks, hens any col; Crested section, four classes yellow crested cock or hen, crested cock or hen any variety, C.B. cocks, C.B. hens, one class for Belgians, and one for Scotch Fancy. In British bird section one class added for hen seedeaters. In the members' section it was arranged to give fixed prize money:—10s. for 8 entries, 1s. entry money. Three well-known judges were elected.—J. Bryson, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jolly Carter, Ashton Old-road, Jan. 26th, Mr. Willis presiding. Balance-sheet read and passed, showing a balance in hand of £5 7s. 1d. Election of officers:—President, Mr. H. Smith; vice-president, Mr. Willis; committee, Messrs. Berry, Gardner, Chilton, Day, Cleaver; treasurer, Mr. H. Hipsley; assist.-sec., A. Smith; sec., Mr. F. Washbourne; auditors, Messrs. J. Siddall and T. Berry. Arranged to hold stock pair show Feb. 11th, birds to be staged by 2.30; 8 classes: Yorks. cl. yell. cock and buff hen, cl. buff cock and yell. hen, Norwich same as Yorks., Borders and A.O.V. nat. col., muling pairs, hyb. pair, A.O.V. Brit.—A. Smith, Assist.-Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Washing competition held headquarters, Jan. 24th, before a good muster of members and friends. Messrs. W. Blakey and L. Briggs were appointed judges, and six competitors took part for the society's two money prizes. No time limit being adopted, it gave those present a good opportunity of seeing the birds washed to the best possible advantage, and the efforts of each were appreciated. 1st prize, Mr. R. Wilkinson; 2nd prize, Mr. G. White. The society is still increasing in membership; four new members were proposed during evening. Intending members would do well to attend next meeting, Feb. 7th, when Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) will give his lecture on the breeding and management of Canaries.—H. Hill, Secretary.

DERBY C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 28. Balance sheet presented, and showed balance in hand of £3 2s. 9½d., considered very satisfactory. Officers for 1911 elected:—Pres., Mr. F. H. Bainsford; vice-pres., Ald. J. Fletcher, Coun. J. Newton, Messrs. J. Bexson, J. G. Fox, E. Fox, J. B. Griffiths, J. H. Roe, R. Rhodes, W. Stevenson, R. Theaker; chairman, Mr. W. H. Eley; vice-chairman, Mr. J. H. Sharman; treasurer, Mr. W. Stevens; committee, Messrs. A. Dolman, T. W. Evans, G. Colledge, J. Watts, H. Ramsey, E. C. Johnson, R. Hodgkinson, J. H. Drakeley, J. Pegg, A. Hicking; auditors, Messrs. Wharam and Bamsey; secretary, Mr. W. Stevens. It having been pointed out to us that our open show dates would fall on the same day as Leicester Hand-in-Hand Society (who usually held theirs on those dates), and that the new Sheffield Club had chosen those particular dates, we decided to alter our date and hold our show December 2nd and 4th, as we did not wish in any way to mar the success of any show if we can help it, but it will be impossible to alter it again. Messrs. H. Strange and Thomas proposed for membership.—W. Stevens, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 5th. Vote of condolence passed to Mr. Currah, our chairman, on the death of his mother-in-law. Members listened to a very pleasing address from the vice-chairman, Mr. J. Shepherd. Commencing his life as a fancier, with a nest of Sparrows (which had to be removed during building operations near his home at Dipton) he traced the growth of his love for birds in various towns, until he finally settled down in Newcastle near his birthplace. In each city birds and birdy men attracted him and many anecdotes he related of his experiences, chief of them all being his forcast of the result of a certain young lady's exhibits. In this case he said they would both win, and being right, there was nothing for the young lady to do but follow his advice always, which she had done faithfully to the present day, and it is difficult to know whether Mr. or Mrs. Shepherd is the keener bird lover. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Shepherd. Members' prize money paid out. Decided, to hold a social for which a sub-committee was formed to make arrangements; date [illegible] Show date fixed for October 20 and 21.—T. C. Crawhall, Hon. Secretary.

CODNOR PARK AND DIST. C.B.S

Meeting and washing exhibition held January 28th, club-room, Portland Arms. A good number of members and friends turned up to hear Mr. Admitt lecture on "Washing Birds," also to see him put the birds through their tubbing, which was done with much ease and clever handling, that showed the lecturer had washed many in his time. The lecturer uses three hasins, two camel hair brushes, and a sponge to finish the birds off with. He dealt fully with how to handle birds, and the use of brushes. He put three Canaries and one Goldfinch through the wash. The drying cage used was one with tank for boiling water, wire front and glass back. Re the drying cage, all details were explained so that it was impossible for the youngest member not to be able to understand. Whilst birds were drying we got on with our business. Proposed and carried that as many members as can get to Eastwood (Notts), on February 4th, go to a meeting called to form a Cage Bird society, to try and get the Eastwood fanciers to amalgamate with us, and make one good society. We are willing to hold meetings alternately at Eastwood and Codnor Park. Also proposed to pay Secretary for his services for the coming year, seeing our membership is increasing at every meeting. Balance sheet for 1910 showed a substantial balance on the right side. Arranged to hold a stock pair show February 11th: Canaries, Mules, and Hybrid pairs; also classes for novices; birds to be staged by 6.30 p.m. Will members please bear in mind and bring birds in good time? All fanciers are invited, admission free.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

The Testing of Exhibition Birds.

A GLASGOW SOCIETY CAST IN DAMAGES.

Judge's Amazing Explanation: "Beautifying" a First Prize Goldfinch

An action against the City of Glasgow Ornithological Association and Alexander MacDonald, Crow-road, Partick, Glasgow, secretary and treasurer, was brought before Sheriff Mackenzie, at the Glasgow Small Debt Court, by Alexander Dalling, Bank Clerk, Little Boghead, Bathgate, for £10 10s., for loss and damage sustained by the pursuer on account of his Foreign Goldfinch having been injured by the fault of the defender, or their officials, so as to render it unfit for further show purposes. The case was heard to-day (Tuesday) after an adjournment from a fortnight ago, and after evidence from both sides, Sheriff Mackenzie awarded pursuer £2 15s. damages and expenses.

The Terms of the Action.

The defenders held their 57th annual show and competition at the Drill Hall, 138, Stirling-road, Glasgow, on 21st and 22nd October, 1910. The pursuer duly entered on terms of the rules in the Foreign Goldfinch class. While the birds in this class were being judged, the judge and other officials of the defenders removed the pursuer's bird to the secretary's office, and there applied some chemical to the head of the bird, with the view of ascertainng whether the bird had been artificially coloured to improve its appearance. While the said test was being carried out, the chemical used injured the eye of the said bird, and, consequently, the bird is no longer available for showing purposes. The said judge and officials had no right to apply any chemical test to the said bird. In any event, the test was applied in a negligent and careless manner, and without proper precautions being taken to prevent the bird being injured. The said bird was awarded 1st prize in its class. Such were the terms of the action.

An End to Its Winning.

The pursuer, Mr. Dalling, gave evidence that his bird was in perfect condition before going to the show, and after judging the bird was suffering pain owing to the treatment received at the test for stain. Nothing had been taken from the bird during test, and the judge awarded it first prize. Pursuer contended that he lost a full season's showing of the bird, owing to the eye feathers being burned out, thereby throwing the bird out of show condition, and possibly damaging it for all time. The pursuer complained of the insolence he received when he made complaint to the officials, and in consequence of damage to bird he placed the matter in his agent's hands.

Mr. Wm. Sharp (Bathgate) spoke to the bird's good condition before the show, and on the Saturday of the show he saw the bird in evident pain, owing to the chemical used. He thought it quite possible for the bird to have gained further honours, and quite worth the full catalogue price (£4 4s. 4d.), at which it was entered at the show.

Mr. Andrew Muir (Bird Dealer, Saltmarket, Glasgow) saw the test taking place before several committee men. He considered the bird a good one. Asked as to what chemical had been used, he admitted that he did not know. On being asked if glycerine and water had been used, he laughingly said he could not say.

Said One Judge to the Other.

Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate), who judged the show along with Mr. Peter Pettigrew, saw the bird tested, but advised Mr. Pettigrew, who tested the bird, not to do so, as he might injure the bird. He (Mr. Bald) would hesitate to test a bird so near the eye. He never heard of glycerine and water being used as a test to take off any colouring matter put on. He personally used liquid potash. He admitted that the bird was still bare of feathers around the eye, and thought something more powerful than glycerine had caused the bareness.

Mr. Jas. Livingstone (Bathgate) gave evidence as to the condition of the bird before and after the show. On the Saturday at the show, the bird appeared to have been tampered with, and was sufferng great pain. He was about to call in the R.S.P.C.A. people, owing to the mischief that had been done, and was convinced something stronger than glycerine had been used. He said no chemical should be used without the consent of the owner. He was of opinion that the bird was able to have won 13 first prizes. Some people, he said, were very fond of testing.

Mr. T. Todd (Partick) gave evidence as to seeing the test, and so far as he knew, it was a serious test—not a mock test. He could not say what had been used, but the bird after testing was evidently in pain, and its value considerably lessened.

Mr. T. Bell (Bo'ness) said he would have bought the bird had it not been for its condition on the Saturday of the show. It was suffering pain.

"A Mock Test."

Mr. Peter Pettigrew, who judged and tested the bird, said the bird in the court was not the same bird, or else it had gone through some process. (Laughter.) He said he used glycerine and water when testing the bird.

The Sheriff: Why glycerine? Would that take off colouring?

Mr. Pettigrew: I put on the glycerine to make it look nicer.

The Sheriff: What right had you, as judge, to make any specimen look nicer.

Mr. Pettigrew then said he used the glycerine to take off the colouring matter.

The Sheriff: But why glycerine? Is it a solvent?

Mr. Pettigrew said he really had gone through a mock test, just to see how far his maligners would go.

The Sheriff: I really do not understand you.

Questioned as to this mock test, Mr. Pettigrew admitted that along with Mr. Connelly and Mr. Adams he pre-arranged to hold a mock test, and the liquid he used was glycerine and water. What influenced him in doing so was just to test how far his maligners would go. Mr. Pettigrew admitted that the bird was outstanding—but not valuable.

Asked if he once paid money to some Coldstream fanciers, owing to an error of his in the testing of their birds, Mr. Pettigrew went to some length in explanation.

Mr. J. H. Adam (Glasgow) said he was a judge and reporter. He saw the bird after the test, and it appeared as if it had been washing.

Mr. Connelly said he saw the bird, and thought it had only been washing. He heard that glycerine and water had been used. Along with Mr. Peter Pettigrew, he arranged that a mock test should be carried out.

The Sheriff: Are you a member of committee?

Mr. Connelly: No.

The Sheriff: What right had you to arrange a mock test?

Mr. Connelly: Fanciers had a spite against Mr. Pettigrew, therefore a mock trial was arranged.

Mr. Marlin (vice-president) said he saw nothing wrong with Dalling's bird. He spoke to Dalling half an hour before leaving the show. He was present when the test was made, but could not say what was used. He never heard of glycerine being used to take off colour. He usually used benzine, and would not think of using glycerine.

Mr. Black (president) said officially he did not hear complaint made at the show, and he quoted a rule of the Association, showing that the Association were entirely free in the matter. But the Pursuer's Agent, on raising the point had the concurrence of the Sheriff that the rule was not material.

Mr. MacDonald (Secretary) admitted he saw the test taking place, but was too busy to pry into the matter. He had had no intimation of the injury until after the show.

Another witness was called for the defence, and caused much merriment by his answers.

Mr. McLeod Sinclair (Bathgate), agent for pursuer, spoke at length, submitting he had established his case.

Mr. Cameron (Glasgow) agent for defenders, followed, and contended that pursuer had failed to establish responsibility, so far as the Association was concerned.

A Verdict for Plaintiff.

The Sheriff, on summing up, said that negligence and the carelessness of a chemical was, it was quite evident, the cause of the damage to the bird's eye and feather, and on the evidence it was quite established that the bird was a good specimen. Otherwise, it would not have gained first prize in such a strong class. Regarding the mock trial, he thought no one was entitled to "beautify" a bird in such a fashion as Mr. Pettigrew tried to make out he had endeavoured to do, and taking everything into consideration, the damages would be £2 15s. and costs.

HASTINGS UNITED C.B.S.

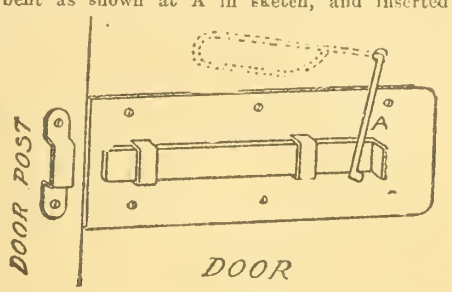
Annual meeting held Royal Oak Hotel, January 19th, Mr J. Stevens presided. Letters were read from members unable to be present through ill-health. The Secretary read the statement of accounts, the treasurer being away through illness. Income for year, £62 5s. 2d., expenditure £60 1s. 4d., leaving a balance in hand of £2 3s. 10d. The report stated that the year had been an unfortunate one. The Society's greatest loss was the death of the President, E. E. Clark, Esq., who had always taken so much interest in the society, and whose place they had that evening to fill. Mr. W. Ellis, winner of Society's silver challenge cup for the third time, it now became his own property. The annual open show resulted in a loss owing to the poor support received from outside. The best shows had been the five evening shows, which had been well supported. Balance sheet and report were adopted. Chairman said he did not think they had much to grumble at, as owing to the generosity of the winning member, they were able to show a balance on the right side. Officers for 1911 elected: Rev. J. Paterson, President, subject to his approval; Vice-Presidents re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Councillor E. H. Harden; Treasurer, Mr. T. G. Coombs; Auditor, Mr. W. Ellis; the committee re-elected. The election of Hon. Sec. was not so easily disposed of. Mr. A. E. Godden, present Hon. Sec., said he was unable to take the office this year, his business taking up so much of his time. No member present being willing to fill it, after much discussion the Chairman suggested applying to the Labour Exchange for one. Decided, to hold general meeting February 15th to elect hon. secretary, Mr. Godden consenting to remain secretary pro tem. Decided, to open membership to Kent and Sussex in place of the 20-mile radius. A vote of thanks to Secretary and Chairman concluded meeting.—A. E. Godden, Hon. Sec.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 480.
An Aviary Door Fastener.

Sent by Mr. W. Little, Tullie Street, Warwick Road, Carlisle.

The sketch is of a fastener suitable for an aviary door. It can be obtained of any ironmonger. It is placed on the inside of the door and opened from the outside by means of a key made from a piece of strong iron wire bent as shown at A in sketch, and inserted

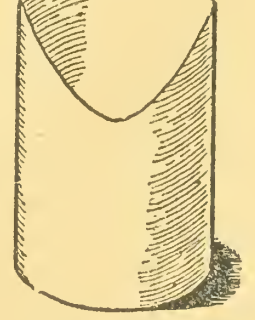


through a hole bored in the door a little above the fastener. The door can be readily opened and closed with this key. On entering the aviary the door can be secured by this catch, thus doing away with an additional fastener, which is necessary when a lock is fitted that can only be worked from outside. By twisting the key right round, the bolt can be shot or drawn as required.—W. Little.

No. 481.
A Useful Seed Scoop.

Sent by Mr. A. J. Shipton, 71, Cloudesdale Road, Balham, London

I enclose a sketch of a very useful scoop for taking seed out of the tins and putting into the pots or hoppers. All is required is: I get a twopenny spice tin; cut it into shape seen



in sketch; and turn the edges of the part I cut down and hammer down neatly. Larger ones of the same can be used for sand, etc. They look very neat, and are most useful —A. J. Shipton.

FISHGUARD (Pemb.).

This now well-known port held its first show on January 25th. Eight classes were put on for cage birds, open to the Counties of Pembroke, Cardigan, and Carmarthen, and drew 40 entries, which Mr. Hodges judged. The show was in the Temperance Hall, a suitable place, nice and warm, and well lighted. There was a good attendance, and the interest taken in the event all round should encourage the committee to greater efforts in the future. Mr. J. W. Rogers acted as hon. sec., and he was ably backed up by a good working committee.

NOR. CK. (5): 1, Price; 2, Portman; 3, Tallett; res, Evans. HEN (4): 1, Portman; 2, Price; 3, Tallett; res, Evans. YORKS CK. (4): 1, Portman; 2, 3, we missed. HEN (2): 1, Evans; 2, Portman. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, Evans; 2, Portman; 3, Tallett. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, 3, Ray; 2, vhc, Portmnn; hc, Nicholas. A.O.S. (8): 1, 2, Ray, Hawbinch leading, 2nd Waxwing; 3, Spurry; vhc, Thomas; ex 3, Price; hc, Portman. LOCAL CAGE BIRD (5): 1, Miss Jenkins; 2, Mrs. Evans; 3, Eynon; vhc, Owen.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual general meeting, held Headquarters, 25th Jan., Mr. J. Curry (chairman) presiding. Secretary reported that owing to cups and medals not having come to hand, he was unable to present the balance sheet. Mr. J. Curry expressed a desire to be relieved of the duties of chairman, and Mr. T. C. Crawhall also resigned position of secretary. The resignations were accepted with regret and hearty votes of thanks were passed to both. Following officials elected: President, G. W. Cuthbertson, Esq.; vice-president, Mrs. R. Irwin Dees, W. J. Taylor, Esq., T. Pearce, Esq., Dr. C. D. O'Neal, J. Curry, Esq.; chairman, Mr. T. C. Crawhall; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Shepherd; committee, Messrs. W. Cockburn, J. Davison, D. E. Kent, J. Harrison, W. Mather, Dr O'Neal, W. J. Taylor, G. S. Ellwood, J. H. Leach, J. Carr, R. Tindale, J. Parker, M. Wigglesworth, F. Johnson, J. E. Atkinson, T. B. Tomlinson, R. Butler, W. Curry, and C. S. Dix; auditor, Mr. J. E. Atkinson; secretary and treasurer, N. R. Coomber, 20, Myrtle Grove, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Smoking concert will be held Lockhart's Roma Cafe (not the club's headquarters), 16th February, 7.30 p.m.; tickets, 1s. 3d. each, when the presentation of cups and medals will be made. While the business was progressing, Mr. T. C. Crawhall was judging the pair show. Four classes were provided, two champions and two novices, the entries coming up to 34.

CHAMP. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Ellwood; 2, Tindale; 3, Tomlinson; 4, Dix. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Ellwood; 2, Tindale; 3, Dix; 4, Parker. NOVICE. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Leach; 4, Coomber. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Coomber; 2, Atkinson; 3, Leach. If the young produced from the pairs benched are anywhere equal to their parents, all I can say is: Look out, Bradford! Will club secretaries kindly note address of hon. secretary.—N. R. Coomber, 20, Myrtle Grove, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Shows.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Table show held White Swan, January 17th. Classes provided were for hens (old birds), and although numbers were not large, the quality was good. Mr. G. Wheatley judged, and his awards gave satisfaction.

OPEN: YELL. HEN: 1, Peberdy; 2, Pole; 3, Gibbins. BUFF: 1, 2, Hulse; 3, Sarson. NOVICE: YELL. HEN: 1, Chambers and Son; 2, Sherriff; 3, Kilsby. BUFF: 1, Moores; 2, Chambers and Son; 3, Kilsby.

HALIFAX O.S.

Members' show held Grn.... Hotel, 8 p.m., January 18th. Classification all unflighted birds. Entries totalled 63. Councillor Sutcliffe judged the Norwich section, and Mr. H. Whitaker the Yorkshires

YORKS CK. (8): 1, Walsh; 2, 3, Townsend. HEN (6): 1, 3, Cundall; 2, Walsh. YORKS GREEN: 1, 2, Cundall. NOVICE CK. (11): 1, 3, Stobart; 2, Wild. HEN (18): 1, Saville; 2, 3, Barron. NOVICE GREEN CK.: 1, Wilkinson; 2, 3, Simpson. HEN: 1, 2, Simpson. NOVICE NOR. CK. (8): 1, 2, 3, Heap. HEN (8): 1, 2, Heap; 3, Hudson. NOVICE BRIT: 1, 2, Benn.—H. Whitaker, Assist. Sec.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show held Jan. 21st, Holme-lane Schools, Tong-road, 62 birds staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill judged and appeared to give entire satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, Wilson; 2, Clarke; 3, Padgett; 4, Dawson. BUFF (7): 1, Wright and Son; 2, 4, Padgett; 3, Gledhill UNEV., ETC. CK. (8): 1, Casey; 2, Wilson; 3, Gledhill; 4, Clarke. CINN. (5): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Clarke; 4 Firth. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (11): 1, Gledhill; 2, Casey; 3, Wright and Son; 4, Padgett. BUFF (11): 1, Padgett; 2, Wright and Son; 3, Casey; 4, Walker. UNEV., ETC. GREEN (4): 1, 2, Dawson; 3, Clarke; 4, Gledhill. CINN. (5): 1, Wright and Son; 2, Gledhill; 3, Wilson; 4, Smith.—J. Smith, Sec.

BATLEY AND DIST. O. AND F.S.

Last winter show, held Talbot Hotel, Jan. 28th, when S. Dean (Bradford) judged, his awards giving entire satisfaction. Mr. P. Imesom wins Mr. H. K. Clarke's special for most points, also wins gold medal for most points throughout the season. Mr. G. G. Stafford, runner up, wins silver medal.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, Imesom; 3, Stafford. 2: 1, 3, Kershaw; 2, Imesom. 3: 1, Imesom; 2, Kershaw; 3, Stafford. 4: 1, 3, Imesom; 2, Kershaw. 5: 1, Imesom; 2, Stafford. 6: 1, Kershaw; 2, 3, Imesom. 7: 1, Kershaw; 2, 3, Stafford. 8: 1, 3, Stafford; 2, Imesom; 2, Stafford. 6: 1, Kershaw; 2, 3, Imesom. 7: 1, 2, Stafford; 3, Pickles. Will members please note, annual meeting held Feb 13, at 7.30 prompt; a lot of business to get through.—G. G. Stafford, Hon. Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Members' show, held St. Wilfred's Rooms, Corporation Street, Jan. 26, when about 90 birds were staged. Mr. P. Waring officiated as judge, and his awards met with general approval. Messrs. Marsh and Barton won silver medals for most points gained by four nominated birds.

OPEN SECTION: YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Dent; 2, 4, Anderton; 3, Leeming Bros. BUFF: 1, Marsh; 2, Moss; 3, Mrs. Knight; 4, Anderton. YELL. HEN: 1, Mrs. Knight; 2, Marsh; 3, Leeming Bros.; 4, Anderton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Marsh; 2, Mapp; 3, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Johnson; 2, Mrs. Knight; 3, Anderton; 4, Marsh. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, Marsh; 2, Mapp. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Marsh; 2, 4, Anderton; 3, Leeming Bros. GREEN YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Pyke. BUFF: 1, 2, Pyke. YELL. HEN: 1, Issott; 2, 3, Pyke. BUFF: 1, 2, Pyke. NOVICE SECTION: YELL. NOR. CK.: 1, Barton; 2, Metcalf; 3, Brown. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, Winders; 3, Brown; 4, Harwood. YELL. HEN: 1, Barton; 2, Harwood; 3, Winders; 4, Brown. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Metcalf; 2, Darlington; 3, Winders. HEN: 1, Winders; 2, Barton; 3, Darlington. BUFF: 1, Harwood; 2, Barton; 3, Brown. BUFF HEN: 1, Metcalf; 2, Barton; 3, Harwood.

DENTON AND DIS. C.B.S

Second show of season held on Jan. 14th, Brotherhood Institute, Stockport Road. Entries came up very well, 124 birds being staged. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged, and his awards were well received. Show was opened by Mr. W. Cleaver. A vote of thanks was passed to him, proposed by W. Hopwood, and seconded by T. Rowbottom. Mr. T. Blease occupied the chair. Messrs. T. Blease and Son won Hyde's special, Messrs. Hopwood Bros. the club special, Messrs. B. Salway, S. Marlow, Gavin and Broadhurst, J. Holden, and J. Harrison also won specials. Bird and cage given by the society for winning number in tickets was won by Mr. T. Skervin, Stockport Road. Most points: Hopwood Bros. 42, T. Blease and Son 40, J. Holden 33, Gavin and Broadhurst 33, S. Marlor 32, J. Harrison 24, Gregory Bros. 23, W. Midgley 22, T. Rowbotham 17, J. Jones 16, B. Salway 15, J. Oliver 11, N. Stansfield 11, R. C. Gatley 10, and C. Foden 5.

LIZ., GOLD CAP (2): 1, Stansfield; 2, Salway. SILVER (2): 1, Salway; 2, Stansfield. B.C. (6): 1, 3, Salway; 2, Stansfield; 4, Harrison. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (2): 1, Oliver; 2, Marlor. BUFF (4): 1, Gatley; 2, 3, Marlor; 4, Oliver. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Marlor; 3, Gatley. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Marlor; 2, Oliver. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Marlor; 3, Gatley. BUFF (2): 1, Gatley; 2, Marlor. YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Marlor; 3, Gatley. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Marlor. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Holden; 4, Gregory Bros. BUFF (2): 1, Harrison; 2, Holden. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Midgley; 2, 3, Holden. BUFF (5): 1, Midgley; 2, 4, Holden; 3, Harrison. UNFLIG. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Midgley; 2, 3, Holden; 4, Gregory Bros. BUFF (5): 1 2, Gregory Bros.; 3, Harrison; 4, Midgley. NOVICE.—NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, 3, Blease; 2, Hopwood Bros.; 4, Rowbotham. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Holden; 2, 4, Gregory Bros. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Hopwood Bros.; 2, Blease and Son; 3, Rowbotham. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, Blease and Son; 2, Hopwood Bros.; 4, Jones. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (3): 1, Joncs; 2, 3, Blease and Son. BUFF: 1, Rowbotham; 2, 4, Hopwood Bros.; 3, Blease and Son. YELL. HEN: 1, Blease and Son; 2, Hopwood Bros.; 3, Gregory; 4, Salway. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Hopwood Bros.; 3, Jones; 4, Blease and Son. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Rowbotham; 2, 3, Gavin and Broadhurst; 4, Harrison. BROWN LINNET (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gavin and Broadhurst. SISKIN ETC. (4): 1, Midgley; 2, 4, Gavin and Broadhurst; 3, Harrison. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (6): 1, 4, Gavin and Broadhurst; 2, Harrison; 3, Foden. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Blease and Son. GIFT (4): 1, Marlor Bros.; 2, Oliver; 3, Jones; 4, Gregory Bros. SELL. (4): 1, Hopwood; 2, Oliver; 3, Jones; 4, Midgley.—W. Hopwood, Sec.

NORTHALLERTON.

Annual members' show held Town Hall, January 26th. Judge, Mr. Stainthorpe, whose placing of the cards left nothing to be desired. It was hoped A. C. Orde-Powlett, Esq., M.P. (the president) would have been present to open the show, but unfortunately he was prevented from doing so.

YORKS., CL.: 1, 2, Cotton; 3, Dunnington. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Cotton. NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Hodgson. SELL., 7s. 6d.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Cotton; 3, Dunnington.—Richardson and Walker, Hon. Secs.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Show held Ablett's Cafe Room, Jan. 17th. Mr. Hadwin judged. Entries came up magnificently. Every class was well filled. Everyone was well satisfied, and had a good run.

YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, Hawkes; 2, Young; 3, Morton. BUFF: 1, Morton; 2, Greatrix; 3, Harding. YELL. HEN: 1, Lloyd; 2, Young; 3, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, Young; 2, Hawkes; 3, W. Young. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Morton; 2, Hawkes; 3, Young. BUFF: 1, Young; 2, Morton; 3, Greatrix. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, Howlett. BUFF: 1, 3, Howlett; 2, Hawkes. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Howlett. BUFF: 1, 2, H. T. Hawkes; 3, Howlett. Some of the birds are big open show winners, and Mr. Hadwin had a tedious task to find the best for Mr. Handley's special (a pipe and case). Mr. H. Hawkes wins with a clear yellow cock. Other species: Most points, Mr. Hawkes 1st; 2nd, Mr. Young; 3rd, Mr. Howlett; 4th, Mr. Morton; 5th, Mr. Harding.—A. E. Lloyd, sec.

GORLESTON, SOUTHTOWN & DIS.

Second annual show held January 12th, Queen's Memorial Hall, High-street. Mr. H. Hart (Lowestoft) judged the cage bird section, where both the quality of the exhibits and their number were undoubtedly good. The secretarial reins were in the able hands of Mr. J. C. Hall, to whom a great deal of credit is due for the successful issue of the show

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Keymer Bros.; vhc, Crowe. BUFF: 1, vhc, Keymer Bros.; 2, Wacey; 3, Barton. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, medal, Barton; 2, 3, Dady; vhc, Hoy. BUFF: 1, 3, Dady; 2, Keymer Bros.; vhc, Barton. YELL. HEN: 1, Keymer Bros.; 2, vhc, Dady; 3, Symonds; hc, Barton. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, Hoy; 3, Keymer Bros.; vhc, Dady. CINN.: 1, 2 Wacey; 3, Green; vhc, Barton. CREST: 1, vhc, Barton; 2, 3, Wacey. C.-B.: 1, Barton; 2, Wacey. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dady; 3, Read. SELL (15s.): 1, Barton; 2, vhc, Dady; 3, Read. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Barton; 2, Keymer Bros.; 3, vhc, Read. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Crowe; 2, 3, Dady; vhc, Barton. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, vhc, Dady; 3, Keymer Bros. A.O.S.: 1, 2, 3, Keymer Bros.; vhc, Dady.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES N.M.B. & F.B C.

Meeting held 122, Ingram-st., Mr. Pettigrew presiding over a good attendance. Agreed, to get up a presentation for Mr. McInnes, who is leaving us for Queensland. Pair show next business It was one of the best we have held for a long time, some of the birds being well-known winners in open competition. Messrs. Liddle and Thomson, as judges, were set a very hard task, the birds being of such a high standard, but their awards were well received.

CL., ETC., NOR. PAIRS (15): 1, spl, 2, McFarlane, 1st pair of grand birds for type and quality, fine feather, in grand condition, 2nd very little behind winner; 3, Shearer, nice pair, grand heads, real Bullie type, close up; 4, Johnstone, really good pair, lovely feather, grand style and condition; 5, 6, Cant, two well matched pairs; 7, Connelly. VARIEG. NOR. (18): 1, spl, 2, spl, McFarlane, another grand pair, in good condition, real Bullie type, well staged, 2nd well up on winner; 3, Renfrew, pair of good ones, staged in first-class order; 4, Johnstone, fine pair, in grand condition; 5, Knox; 6, Connelly; 7, spl, Shearer. CL., ETC., BORD. PAIRS (10): 1, Renfrew, lovely pair of Bord., in nice condition, well staged; 2, King, very close up on winner; 3, McInnes, another grand pair, nice feather and condition; 4, Johnstone, fine condition, staged in first-class order; 5, Frew; 6, Drysdale; 7, Small. VARIEG. (12): 1, spl, 2, spl, McInness, two pairs of grand Bord., feathers like wax, staged first class; 3, Renfrew, nice pair, very fine feather, close up on winner; 4, Johnstone, another very nice pair; 5, Frew; 6, Knox; 7, Drysdale. A.O.V. PAIRS (9): 1, Knox, nice pair of Yorks, in very fine feather and condition; 2, Forrest, another pair of Yorks, very close up on winners; 3, Frew, pair of nice Rollers, in good condition; 4, Renfrew, very fine pair staged in first-class order; 5, Small; 6, Drysdale; 7, Ballantyne.

RUGBY C.B.S.

Ten-mile radius show, held Jan. 21st, Geisha Cafe, a fine room for a show. Entries were good, numbering over hundred. Norwich were a fine collection, and in all classes the birds excelled in type and quality. Mr. J. Allen judged, and gave general satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, hc, Brooks, nice short bird, good head; 2, 3, Dickens, similar to No. 1, not so goo din winge; 3rd, another good bird, very little to choose between the three; vhc, Leng. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Dickens, good head and neck; 2, hc, Leng, wee shade longer, good feather; 3, Veasey, fine head, might be a trifle shorter behind; c, Labraham. YELL. UNFLIG. (7): -, Leng, nice bird; 2, c, Dickens, larger bird, fails only in wings; 3, Veasey; vhc, Brooks; hc, Garrett. UNFLIG. (6): 1, Leng, nice bird all over; 2, hc, Labraham, good head; 3, vhc, Dickens; c, Garrett. NOR. HEN (11): 1, Garrett, good feather; 2, Dickens, another fine bird; 3, vhc, Leng, grand head, short tail; hc, c, Veasey. NAT. COL. CK. (5): 1, 2, Grant, good head; 2nd, fine type; 3, Brooks, head and wing mkd., falls only in head; vhc, hc, Labraham. NAT. COL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Brooks, very nice type; 2nd, mkd., nice bird; 3rd, good head; vhc, Watts; hc, Hill. NOVICE YELL. (9): 1, 3, Veasey, cl., good bird; 3rd, nice bird, wee shade long; 2, Matthews, mkd. wing and head; vhc, Watts; hc, Hill; c, Barnwell. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Veasey; 1st, food one all through, little to choose between them; hc, c, Hill. A.O.V. (4): 1, Dickens, good yell. cinn.; 2, vhc, Westley, another nice cinn.; 3, Labraham, nice saddle-backed Yorks. A.O.V. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 3, vhc, Westley, good cinn.; 2, Brooks, Nor. variog. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Skipworth, fine Greenfinch-Bullfinch, good col.; 2, Matthews, Linnet-Bullfinch, nice bird; 3, Bradley, Goldfinch-Can., good size and feather; vhc, Bond. FOR. (5): 1, Hill, Cardinal, nice bird, well shown; 2, Skipworth, Parrot, good condition, an entertaining exhibit; 3, hc, Westley, Java Sparrow, good condition; vhc, Dickens. BRITISH SMALL (14): 1, Westley, Nuthatch, fine bird, good col., well shown; 2, pair Yellowhammers, good markings; 3, Hill, Bramblefinch, good col. and markings; vhc, Matthews; hc, Brooks; c, Labraham. BRIT., LARGE: 1, Westley, Waxwing, nice exhibit. Special for most points in Nor.: Dickens; Novice, Veasey; A.O.V., Westley; Mule or Hyb. Skipworth; British, Westley.—E. Westley, Hon. Sec.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

First members' show of year held St. John's School, Paley-road, January 28th. 118 birds were staged, and the adjudications of Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton) gave every satisfaction.

OPEN SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Casey; 2, Shaw; 3, Wilson; 4, Firth. BUFF: 1, Robinson and Sharp; 2, Bleazard; 3, Shaw; 4, Atkinson. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Casey; 3, Firth; 4, Gledhill. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Robinson and Sharp; 3, Clark; 4, Booth. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Casey; 2, Helliwell; 3, 4, Hodgson. HEN: 1, 3, Shaw; 2, Casey; 4, Helliwell. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Robinson and Sharp; 2, Hodgson; 3, Helliwell; 4, Bleazard. HEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, 4, Wilson; 3, Gledhill. NOVICE SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Rawes; 2, Hodgson; 3, Hall; 4, Walker. BUFF: 1, Luty; 2, Walker; 3, Rix; 4, Heseltine. YELL. HEN: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Rix; 4, Rawes. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, Hall; 3, Tolson; 4, Hodgson. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Heseltine; 2, Luty. HEN: 1, Tolson. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Heseltine. HEN: 1, Rix; 2, Rawes.—L. Booth, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual pair show held January 21st, headquarters, Sydney Arms, and it proved a great success, as it was generally voted the best the society has ever held, both as regards quantity and quality. A good deal of interest was evinced, many members and visitors putting in an appearance; and we are pleased to be able to state that this society is now very strong numerically and full of vitality. Messrs. Treasure and Pounsett, the hon. sec. and show manager respectively, had all the arrangements perfect and the exhibits nicely staged. The silver medal for most points gained by a novice was won by Mr. Price. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards.

CREST CK. AND C.B. HEN: 1, 4, Hiles; 3, Hands; 4, Macanechy. C.B. CK. AND CREST HEN: 1, Hands; 2, 3, Macanechy; 4, Hiles. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Kenyon; 2, hc, Pounsett; 4, Childs; vhc, Taylor; c, Scrivens. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Kenyon; 2, 3, Pounsett; 4, Childs; vhc, Scrivens. BORD., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Madagan; 3, Lewis. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Lewis. YORKS., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Hiles; 2, Bamery. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Hiles. A.O.V.: 1, Madagan; 2, Lewis. BRIT. AND CAN.: 1, 2, Pounsett; 3, Lewis; 4, Brown; vhc, Brown; hc, Stephens; c, Scrivens. TWO BRIT. (for Hyb. breeding): 1, 2, 3, Stephens. FOR.: 1, 2, Treasure. NOVICE, CAN.: 1, c, Dent; 2, vhc, Hope; 3, Price; hc, Smith; 4, Sollis. A.V. (for muling): 1, Price; 2, 4, Elston; 3, Smith; vhc, hc, c, Sollis.

ROCHDALE GOOD INTENT AND HEYWOOD C.B.Ss. (Combined)

Inter-club show held Temperance Club, Rochdale, between the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. and the Heywood C.B.S., Mr. H. Thomas (Middleton) judged.

YELL. YORKS: 1, Barlow; 2, J. Lees; 3, Faulkner. BUFF: 1, 2, Faulkner; 3, Barlow. HEN: 1, Horrocks; 2, 3, Faulkner. YELL. NOR.: 1, Faulkner; 2, Hartley; 3, Leach. BUFF: 1, Barlow; 2, Faulkner; 3, Lees. NOR. HEN: 1, 3, Leach; 2, Lees PAIR: 1, Barlow; 2, Adams and Hartley; 3, Collinge. NOVICE: 1, Pleasance; 2, Smith; 3, Wilson. A.V.: 1, Newill; 2, Dearden; 3, Radcliffe. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, McMurdo; 2, Adams; 3, Perry. Rochdale's President's special for best bird was won by Mr. P. H. Barlow, also spl. for pair class Most points: Yorks classes, Faulkner; Nor., Leach Points: Rochdale 148, Heywood 104.

Second inter-club show held Jan. 21st, Rechabite Hall, Pine-street. Each society staged 36 in 9 classes. Mr. R. Barras placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. Competition was very keen. A good attendance of fanciers turned up. Best in show special, Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale); Mr. W. Leach won special for best 3 birds on prize money, after tieing with Messrs. Lees and Faulkner. Rochdale again won on points by 22—Rochdale 137, Heywood 115. Result on both shows, Rochdale win by 66 points.

YORKS YELL. (8): 1, Meadowcroft; 2, Lees; 3, 4, Faulkner. BUFF (8): 1, Barlow; 2, 4, Faulkner; 3, Howarth.' HEN (8): 1, 3 4, Faulkner; 2, Howarth. NOR. YELL. (8): 1, Leach; 2, Hartley; 3, Wilson; 4, Waddington BUFF (8): 1, Lees; 2, Faulkner; 3, Lees; 4, Waddington. HEN (8): 1, 3, Leach; 2, Lees; 4, Moscrop. A.V. PAIR (8): 1, Meadowcroft and Marsden; 2, Collinge; 3, Adams and Hartley; 4, Barlow. NOVICE, A.V. (8): 1, Pleasance; 2, Noonan; 3, Moscrop; 4, Butterworth. BRIT. (8): 1, McMurdo; 2, Adams; 3, 4, Perry. SELL., 30s. (8): 1, Leach; 2, Tregnall; 3, Hartley; 4, Radcliffe.—A. H. Meadowcroft, Sec, Heywood C.B.S.

DALMELLINGTON.

43rd annual exhibition of the Dalmellington O.S., held Public School, Jan. 28th. Entries were rather disappointing, but we have the assurance that another year will see a revision of things, and that instead of confining the area, it will be opened up to include the whole of Scotland, an arrangement which we admire. Mr. Gavin Alston made the awards, and his task was an easy one.

CAN. CK. (6): 1, 3, 6, Richmond, 1st buff Nor., nice head and neck, clean cut, fine quality, 3rd yell. Nor., neck mkd., good head, boxy feather, well placed; 2, 4, Burgess, very fine cl. buff Bord., rich col., fine quality, grand wings and tail; 5, Barbour. HEN (5): 1, 3, Richmond, 1st yell. cl. Nor., good head and neck, fine short feather, nice wings and tail, grand col., 3rd cl. yell. Nor., rich col., nice quality; 2, Barbour, neck mkd. yell. Nor., fine wing carriage, short tail, A1 col.; 4, Burgess. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (4): 1, McCluny, good square blaze, nice bars and buttons, lovely condition; 2, Rodgers, wee bit narrow on head, rare body and other good properties; 3, J. Rorke, fine face, only beaten in tanning; 4, McLean. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Rorke, 1st grand col. and markings, very fine feather and condition, 2nd little behind winner in size, good breast work; 3, Rodgers, grand size, well staged; 4, Bigham. LESSER REDPOLL (8): 1, Heron, house-moulted, grand size, lovely condition; 2, McHattie, field-moulted, very smart, perfect shape, well marked, in grand condition; 3, W. Rorke, field-moulted, best of feather and condition; 4, spl, Graham; 5, McCluny; 6, McLelland. GREENFINCH (5): 1, Burgess, lovely condition, level feather and nice pollsh; 2, Heron, wee bit narrow in body, fine feather and condition; 3, Graham, field-moulted, grand head and lovely tone of grass green col., well staged; 4, Bigham; 5, Rorke. A.O.S. (5): 1, 2, McCluny, leader Bramblefinch, good size, well spangled, 2nd Yellowhammer, grand size and feather, and condition, well staged; 3, Richmond, house-moulted Bullfinch, fine size, lovely cap and breast col.; 4, spl, Rorke, Hawfinch; 5, McLean. SELL., 5/- (3): 1, Burgess; 2, Rorke; 3, McHattie. HEN, BRIT., A.O.S. (6): 1, McCluny, Siskin; 2, Burgess, Bullfinch; Richmond, wrong classed, Bullfinch.

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SHIPLEY O.S.

Final show for present season held Jan. 17th, at Headquarters. 138 birds were staged. The cards were placed by Mr. Hartley Drake, whose awards were well received.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, L. Crossland; 2, H. Martin; 3, Towers. BUFF: 1, J. B. Martin; 2, Long; 3, Tillotson. UNEV MKD. : 1, Mason; 2, Long; 3, Crossland. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Long; 2, Grange; 3, Batty. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Long; 3, Brown and Son. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, H. Martin; 2, Crossland; 3, Johnson. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, 3, Johnson. UNEV. MKD.: 1, 2, Bloomfield; 3, H. Martin. CINN MKD. YELL.: 1, Brown; 2, Towers. BUFF: 1, Towers; 2, Brown; 3, Grange. YELL. HEN: 1, Towers; 2, Mason; 3, H. Hudson. BUFF: 1, Mason; 2, F. Stirk; 3, Brown. FOUL MKD.: 1, Towers; 2, C. Garnett; 3, Gait. NOVICE CK.: 1 3, Harney; 2, Holmes. HEN: 1, Harney; 2, Stirk; 3, Execll. H. Martin again wins cup for most points throughout season, with 77 points, the following being runners-up: L. Crossland, 71; P. Mason, 68; H Long, 67; H. H. Towers, 50; W. Batty, 49; J. B. Martin, 49; E. Grange, 48; J. Harney wins the novice medal with 42 points.—H. Martin Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Maria Stuart Halls, Crosshill, January 27th, Mr. Robt. Jeffray (vice-president) presiding over a good attendance. Secretary submitted balance-sheet for year ending December, 1910, as audited by Messrs. A. Torrance and J. Granger, showing a credit balance of £10 2s. 9d., which was found most satisfactory. Office-bearers for ensuing year:—Chairman, Mr. R. Thomson; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Miller; secretary and treasurer, R. Heggie; committee, Messrs. R. Rennie, J. Steel, D. Aitchison, J. Powell, jun., G. McDowall, R. Jeffrey, W. Cathcart, and T. McCubbin; auditors, Messrs. J. Taylor, and A. Naismith. Rules were gone over and slight alterations made. Three new members were elected. Table show held for the benefit of members who did not win a special, and members who won one special only at annual club show in November. 1 and spl, 4 and hc, W. Cathcart; 2 and spl, D. Wilson; 3 and spl, W. Hayes; vhc and c, J. Steel. Also a pair show held.

NOR. PAIRS: 1, spl, 3, McMechan; 2, Rennie; 4, A. Naismith. YORKS.: 1, spl, Heggie. BORD. PAIRS: 1, spl, 3, Thomson; 2, Steel; 4, Dunbar. CRESTS: 1, spl, Thomson; 2, 3, Yates. MULING OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, spl, McMechan; 2, 4, W. Dunbar; 3, Rennie. Mr. Robert Jeffray judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Next meeting Feb. 24th, at 8 p.m. New members cordially invited. Robt. Heggie, Secretary, 48, Clincart-road, Mount Florida, Glasgow.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

That ever-progressive metropolitan society, the City and Suburban A.C.B., held a very successful combined show of matched pairs, British and Foreign birds, on Jan. 28th, at headquarters, the Church Institute, Paddington Street, W. The handsome showroom was nicely filled with high quality birds, and an enjoyable time was spent by the members and visitors. Mr. V. Wynn, the painstaking hon. secretary, supervised the arrangements in his usual admirable manner, and was afforded excellent assistance by Messrs. Curtis, Dickinson, Offord, Sanders, Pooley, Page, and other willing members. The matched pairs of Canaries made a fine display; the specials for best pairs went to A. W. Curtis (champion), F. Knight (amat.), Pickard (nov.), and Mrs. Thynne (ladies). The Hybrid pairs were extremely interesting, and the novice members made a grand showing. Spl. for best pair fell to Mr. C. Prior, with a fine British Goldie and hen Siskin. The British birds were a grand lot, the struggle for honours in this section being very keen between Mrs. Weston and Messrs. C. Prior (sp. for most points), P. H. Harris (spl. best bird, with his Hawfinch), Botting, Page, Grahame, Curry, Clements, Offord, Pickard, Thrower, Wynn, and others, who staged some fine exhibits. The Foreign section was distinguished by a simply charming Purple Sugar Bird, beautifully staged by the Hon. Mrs. Bourke, which won the spl. for best lady's bird. The judge was Mr. J. Robson.

NOR. (CHAMP.) (7): 1, spl, 2, Curtis; 3, hc, Mrs. L. M. Thynne; vhc, c, Harper. (AMAT.) (5): 1, spl, 2, 3, Knight; vhc, hc, Dickinson. (NOVICE) (11): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Hart; 3, spl, Jeffries; hc, c, Thurling. CREST (CHAMP.) (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne. (AMAT.) (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dickinson. (NOVICE) (5): 1, spl, vhc, Pickard; 2, 3, hc, Sanders. YORKS. (CHAMP.) (6): 1, 2, Ayers; 3, vhc, Burton. (AMAT.) (8): 1, 2, c, Monger; 3, vhc, hc, King. (NOVICE) (22): 1, 2, hc, Tebbs; 3, Brumbridge; extra 3, Clements; vhc, spl, Lloyd; extra vhc, Crockett; c, Sanders. BORD. FCY. (CHAMP.) (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne. (NOVICE) (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Parry. A.O.V. (CHAMP.) (3): 1, 3, Curtis (Greens); 2, Wynn (Cinn.). GOLDIE AND CAN. (3): 1, 3, Clark; 2, Mrs. Weston. TWO BRIT. (4): 1, spl, Prior (Goldie-Siskin); 2, 3, Page (Greenle-Hawfinch, and Redpoll-Siskin). FINCH AND CAN. (NOVICE) (6): 1, 2, Dickinson (Greenie and Bullie); 3, Parrington (Linnet); vhc and spl, Mrs. Parry; hc, c, Offord. TWO BRIT. (NOVICE) (10): 1, spl, c, Dickinson (former Goldie-Greenle); 2, Parrington (Greenle-Linnet); 3, vhc, hc, Offord. GOLDIE (cage-moulted) (5): 1, spl, Clements; 2, Prior; 3, Harris; vhc, Curry; hc, Miss R. Shepherd. DITTO (non-cage-moulted) (3): 1, 3, Prior (British); 2, Mrs. G. E. Weston (Siberian). BULLIE (6): 1, Pickard; 2, Harris; 3, Botting; vhc, Mrs. Weston; hc, Prior; c, Mrs. Parry. LINNET (cage-moulted) (7): 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Page; 3, Harris; vhc, hc, c, Prior. DITTO (non-cage-moulted) (8): 1, Prior; 2, Mrs. Weston; 3, Botting; vhc, Offord; hc, c, Page. GREENIE (cage-moulted) (5): 1, spl, Botting; 2, Harris; 3, Mrs. Weston; vhc, hc, Prior. DITTO (non-cage-moulted) (4): 1, 2, vhc, Page; 3, Offord. SISKIN (4): 1, Thrower; 2, Harris; 3, Prior; vhc, Mrs. Weston. REDPOLL (11): 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, vhc, c, Prior; 3, Page; hc, Harris. TWITE (6): 1, Harris; 2, Curry; 3, Miss Shephard; vhc, Mrs. Weston; hc, c, Page. CHAFFIE, ETC.: 1, hc, Prior (former Bramble); 2, Page (Chaffie); 3, vhc, spl, Mrs. Weston; c, Botting. A.O.S. FINCH (5): 1, spl, Harris (Hawfinch); 2, Mrs. Weston (ditto); 3, Botting (ditto); vhc, Page. YELLOW BUNTING (6): 1, Botting; 2, Harris; 3, vhc, Prior; hc, c, Wynn. A.O.S. BUNTING (6): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston (Lapland); 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Wynn (2nd Cirl, 3rd Blackheaded). A.O.S. FINCH, ETC., HEN (6): 1, 2, Mrs. Weston (Hawfinch and Corn Bunting); 3, c, Wynn (Yellowhammer); vhc, Harris (Hawfinch); hc, Prior (Siskin). SOFTBILL BRIT. SMALL (4): 1, vhc, Hon. Mrs. Bourke (Wren and Grey Wagtail); 2, 3, Miss Shephard (Grey Wagtail and Nuthatch). DITTO, LARGE (2): 1, spl, Grahame (Waxwing); 2, Pooley (Song Thrush). FOR. SEEDEATERS (1): Mrs. Parry (Teneriffe Native Canary). INSECTIV., ETC. (1): Hon. Mrs. Bourke (Purple Sugar Bird). SELL., CAN. PAIRS (8): 1, 2, Ayers; 3, King; vhc, Crockett; hc, c, Burton. SINGLE (1): Crockett.

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WANTED, Canaries; exchange Scotch blankets; sell 25/-; English lever watch, £2 10/-: John Leckie, 12, Graeme-st., City, Glasgow.

WANTED, Sandow's developers, in good order; exchange good cock Canary or British, to value: Charles Lewis, Aviaries, Highbridge.

WANTED cash offer for 6 Yorkshire cock Canaries, worth from 7/6 to 10/- each: Stansall, 15, Gladstone-st., Mansfield, Notts.

WANTED Roller or yellow Norwich, exchange grand Palace aviary, 3 domes, sliding partitions: Mr. Benton, West-st., Tamworth.

WANTED quarter-bred Belgians, Yorkshire hens, stock birds; state lowest price; on approval: J. Pullan, Ship Yard, Harrogate.

WANTED 4 Yorkshire hens and 1 cock, 1910, for English Lever watch, cost 60/-: Silverwood, 106, Crowther-rd., South Norwood.

WANTED young healthy Parrot; state all particulars to Wm. Forshaw, 1, Davis-terrace, London Bridge-rd., Irishtown, Dublin.

WANTED offers in Canaries for a good old violin and bow; Canaries first; or sell, 15/-: D. Bain, Railway terr., Fortrose, Ross-shire.

WANTED, Rollers, cocks, exchange silver lever watch, heavy chain, value £2; birds first: Iles, 21, Colomb-street, East Greenwich.

WANTED singing cock Canary, exchange two variegated hens, sell 2,6 each: Andrew Dawson, 27, Stana-st., Dennistoun, Glasgow.

WANTED birds, cash, anything useful; exchange 173 "Cage Birds," 62 to 235, complete, 26 plates: Johnson, 41, High-rd., Willesden.

WANTED long, clear buff Yorks cock, healthy; exchange band sewing machine, good order, sell 12/-: 25, Engadine, Wandsworth.

WANTED yellow Yorkshire hens; will exchange Italian mandoline and case; satisfaction assured: Oakdene, Collier Row-rd., Romford.

WANTED copper portable boiler, rustless, perfect condition, exchange Norwich Canaries to value: A. Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

WANTED, good unflighted Dark Crested stock cock and Crest-bred hen; approval: Vaughan, Milton Villas, Penn Fields, Wolverhampton.

WANTED 3 cock Goldfinches, exchange 2 hen Canaries, pair Bullfinches, pair Greenfinches, hand-reared: Hursey, 26, Frogmore, Wandsworth.

WANTED 2 cock Goldfinches, exchange 1 pair long distance Homers, ring R.P., good strain: J. Porter, Spring-gdns., Earlsheaton, Dewsbury.

WANTED Edison phonograph, exchange grand Norwich Canaries, camera, large engraving: Fred Terry, 14, Pellatt-rd., East Dulwich, London.

WANTED good Linnet Mule, pure Linnet song or useless, give pair good Norwich and cock Goldfinch Mule: G. Wells, 171, Highgate, Kendal.

WANTED men's boots, 10's, lady's, 5's; exchange Crestbred cocks, 12/6 each; mutual approval: Maddocks, Cowley Manor-gdns., Cheltenham.

WANTED, offers 12 pairs, 8 odd hens, Yorkshires, colour-fed, splendid condition, approval: Peter Vernon, Station-road, Dove Holes, nr. Buxton.

WANTED cocks, Nonpariel Bunting, Aurora Finch; hens, Bicheno, Hooded Siskin, Pintail Nonpariel: Hetley, 114, Church-rd., Norwood.

WANTED large Norwich Roller crossed clear hens for muling cock Goldfinch, safe with eggs: E. Carroll, 8, Joule-st., Moston-lane, Manchester.

WANTED to exchange, Black Spaniel bitch, 3 months, from winning parents, for Yorkshire Canaries: Radbone, 10, Baker's-lane, Ealing.

WANTED genuine Siberian cock Goldfinch, must have good blaze, will give three good Yorkshire hens: Cross, 34, St. George's-hill, Everton, Liverpool.

WANTED offers of unflighted hen Canaries for twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, caught Hounslow: Burns, 17, Patrick-rd., Greengate, Plaistow.

WANTED variegated singing Linnet Mule; Norwich hens; exchange British for muling hybrid breeding, exhibition: J. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

WANTED, very large high-class Norwich hen, 1910, also large Siberian Bullfinch hen, exchange singing cock Goldfinch Mules: A. Fitzjohn, Star-street, Ware.

WANTED Canaries, will exchange violin in case, 22/-, mandoline, 10/0, guitar, 8/6, all in good condition: Miles, Draper, 843, Garratt-la., Tooting, London

WANTED, cock and hens, Canaries, large or small quantities, cheap for cash; will deposit cash with Editor: Carter, 45, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED pair of Yorkshires, with show cage, for stock, will give pair Norwich buff cock and yellow-marked hen, or sell 18/-; yours first: Fuller, Newsham.

OFFERS good unflighted Norwich hen for yellow-fronted Amazon, 35/-, or Lemon-crested cockatoo, 40/-, cages included: Robertson, 191, Links-st., Kirkcaldy.

WANTED hen Canaries (Rollers preferred), exchange Vols. 1 and 2 Cassell's Gardening Dictionary, value 15/-; offers: Holtby, Burton-on-Stather, Doncaster.

HEN Canaries wanted for cash, or exchange cock Goldfinch Mules, yours first, will give 1/6 each for Norwich: Hall, 199, Liverpool-road, Patricroft, Manchester.

WANTED Norwich hens in exchange for oil painting, 19 by 25, entitled "The Morning Meal": also 28 coloured plates; offers: Randall, 14, Chapel-lane, Spalding.

WANTED 2 big yellow or buff Norwich or Yorkshire hens, exchange 2 fine cock Goldies; approval; Canaries first: Dawson, Jeweller, Leintwardine, Herefordshire.

WANTED ladies' skirt lengths, send patterns, exchange 1 hen, 3 cock Bullfinches, 3 cock Greenfinches, splendid birds: A. Nevard, Rose Cottage, Myland, Colchester.

WANTED, offers in Yorkshires or Crests in exchange for two cock Goldfinch Mules and pair of Norwich: Lincoln Holden, Dove Lane Bakery, Darwen, Lanes.

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, cocks and hens, small or large quantities; birds of all kinds bought; state prices: Manchester Bird Stores, London-rd., Manchester.

WANTED offers in Rollers for No. 1 rifle, bolt action, self-ejector, or ¼-plate hand camera; birds first; aproval: Holt, 86, Ash-terrace, Shaw, nr. Oldham.

WANTED, Lancashire Coppy hen, exchange three pairs of long distance Homers, no rubbish offered or wanted; full pedigree given: R. Barber, Draycott, nr. Derby.

NOTICE! Will give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, 10/- for Crests; also a Scotch Fancy wanted: M'Reand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED good muling Goldfinch cock, will exchange yellow Lane-Yorkshire cock, mutual approval; Goldfinch first: Robt. Williamson, jun., Cellardyke, Anstruther.

WANTED weekly for cash, cock and hen Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Brambielinches, etc: Wm. Wilson, "Scotland's Largest Naturalist," 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

WANTED good Canaries, in exchange for carving knives, table knives, forks, spoons, razors, cruets, teapots, etc.; state wants and offers: W. Hinchliffe, 36, Hunt-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, Yorkshires or Norwich, select for wire haired terrier, demon for fox or otter, and warranted to earth for either, or sell £2 2s.: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes, N. Wales.

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries, give in exchange Liver and White Spaniel dog, thoroughly broken gun and ferrets, especially good on birds; offers: Pratt, Jeweller, Teignmouth.

WANTED, large Siberian cock Goldfinch, house-moulted preferred; exchange good pair Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow-marked hen, 1910 birds, sell 12/6: Mawson, Sherburn Hill, Durham.

WANTED good talking Parrot and cage, in exchange for Black Pug maiden bitch, champion pedigree, lady's companion, value 4 guineas, approval: Clarke, 27, Charles-st., Kettering.

WANTED Crested Canaries or breeding cages in exchange for ten thousand mealworms, all my own breeding: Address, William McEwan, c/o Benton, Grocer, 107, Reid-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

WANTED a very large clubby clear yellow Norwich cock (non-flight), give from £2 upwards, or exchange a good pair of Crests; nothing but good wanted: J. and J. Symons, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

WANTED, good yellow-green Plainhead hen, or clear yellow; will give three good buff hens, on small side, well bred, value 11/-, approval, must be good: John Smedley, Nottingham-road, Gilt Brook, Notts.

WANTED small Pom, exchange Edison Gem phonograph, about 60 records, value 50/-, or mandoline, case, tutor, the two in good order, value 25/-, or birds to value: D. Roberts, Woodfield-ter., Blackwood, Mon.

WANTED, Canaries in exchange for 14 racing homers, 4 have flown Maremnes, 300 miles, the others all stages to Jersey and Guernsey, or sell, 50/-, great bargain: Lloyd, Bristol and Dis. Homing Society, 380, Stapleton-rd., Bristol.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinch Mules or Linnet Mules, for cash; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; also wanted puppies, rabbits, guinea pigs, fowls, and anything alive: Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED fishing creel or box, collapsible landing net, and good tackle book, exchange Yorkshires to value; 18 pairs good Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens 4/-, pairs 10/6 to £1; approval, deposit: Garbutt, Poplar-ter., Bingley, Yorks.

WANTED Canaries, full song, exchange 1909 Linnet, lovely songster, grand colour, highly commended, time shown, 6/-; 3 pairs new ice skates, unused, 7/6 lot; 136 rare stamps, 6/-, worth 30/-; lovely singing Goldfinch, richly coloured, 6/-; approval: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

LARGE green Norwich cock, cinnamon bred, exchange following cocks: Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, Mealy Redpoll; wanted Norwich hens: exchange pair Game Bantams, rook rifle, Redpolls; letters only; offers Canaries invited: Gunning, Shinrone, King's Co.

WANTED, cock Canaries, in full song; state prices; will give 1/- each for small hens, Norwich and Yorkshire 1/6 and 1/9; best prices given for Linnets, Larks, Goldfinches, and Bullfinches: must be healthy, for shop in main thoroughfare, doing about best trade in Yorkshire; talking Parrots and monkeys bought: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirgate, Wakefield.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

TWO pair beautifully polished ox horns, 2/6 pair, bargain; birds preserved and mounted: Salt, Taxidermist, Waterloo-st., Lynn.

BRITISH and tropical butterflies, humming birds mounted for ornamental purposes. Nature study cases; lists: Ford, Naturalist, Stourfield, Bournemouth.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

EXCHANGE 2 hen Goldfiuch Mules for good coo Skylark, in song: French, Holsworthy.

TWO pairs Bullies, fit for show, 6/6, exchange large hen Canaries: Emery, Beatrice-st., Oswestry.

HOUSE moulted cock Siskins 6/- each; or exchange class Norwich hens: R. Irvine, Perth-st., Blairgowrie, N.B.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule and Linnet Mule, on full song, for Rollers, offers: Ball, 9, Lower Green, Tipton.

WHAT offers for 4 pairs Bullfinches, 2 hen Canaries, 4 compartment trap cage: May, St. John's-rd., Mortimer.

15 hen Goldfinch Mules, 8d. each, or exchange for Linnets: F. Birchenough, 7, St. George's-street, Macclesfield.

HAND-reared Jay; exchange for yellow variegated Norwich hen, 1910, or sell 10/-: Jackson, 46, Alford-st., Grantham.

EXCHANGE cock Skylark and bow-fronted cage for two hen Canaries, or sell 5/-: G. Ansell, 35, Frampton-st., Hertford.

LARGE dark Linnet Mule, cock, sell 7/6; exchange yellow Norwich cock, mutual approval: White, 22, West-st., Paisley.

NORWICH, colour fed, cocks 6/-, 6/6, hens 3/-, 3/6, exchange trout rod, tackle: F. Lockett, 20, Picton-st., Leeks, Staffs.

NOTE: Will exchange 2 cock Goldfinches, 1910, for pair of Norwich, 1910; yours first: Evans, Catherine-st., Carmarthen.

WANTED to exchange 15 healthy hen Bullfinches for 3 cock Goldfinches, or offers: Enderson, Lyminge, Folkestone.

LINNET, winner two 3rds, exchange for large cock Hawfinch, or cock Goldfinch Mule, big blaze: Wright Belle-vue, Kilmarnock.

COCK Goldfinch Mule for 2 good big yellow Norwich hens; yours first: Hall, 199 Liverpool-road, Patricroft, Manchester.

EXCHANGE Linnet Mule or cock Bullfinch, both winners, for good yellow Norwich hens: Witton, 7, Winsley-rd., Colchester.

COCKS; Larks, Linnets, full song, 1/6 each; exchange Goldfinches, Canaries: Bram, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE light cock Goldfinch Mule, winner for good buff Yorkshire cock, or sell £1: Wills, West End, Wadebridge.

EXCHANGE one brown Linnet, three Greenfinches, cocks, suitable for muling, for pair Borders: Smith, junr., Inchbare, Brechin.

PERFORMING Redpoll, on bucket board, draws water, truck, and open box, rings bell; 130, Rosebery-sq., Rosebery-avenue.

DARK cock Linnet-Canary Mule, also cock Bullfinch, exchange cock Goldfinch Mule; offers anything: Davies, Builder, Narberth.

EXCHANGE 6 cock Greenfinches, cock Redpoll, for cock Goldfinch, sell 3/6: James, 9, Abbott's cottages, Hatherley-rd., Cheltenham.

HOUSE moulted Goldfinch, C. B. hen, 10/-, exchange Crested hen, on approval: M. Welsh, 6, Hardwick-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

TWO cock Goldfinches, mulers, full song, 7/6 each; exchange sewing machine, or good Collie pup: Thomas, Vronbache, Llangollen.

LOVELY cock Yellowhammer, aged 4 months, winner 3rd, in strong class, exchange cock Canary, or offers: Collinge, Bankside, Ramsp.

CHAFFINCH, two Bullfinches, cocks, Bullie, two Greenfinches, hens, 5/-; or exchange yellow Yorks. hen: Plummer, Friars Walk, Lewes.

THREE cock Bullfinches, 1 hen, cock Redpoll, 3 hen Goldfinches, good birds; sell, useful offers: Bert Rice, Raunds, Wellingborough.

WHAT offers in Britishers for an unflighted buff Norwich cock, house-moulted preferred: Turnbull, Oakbank-pl., Winchburgh, Scotland.

HANDSOME cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch; exchange for a good cock Goldfinch, write particulars: W. Smith, Leadenham, Lincoln.

HOUSE-moulted Linnet, hen Canary, large cock Greenfinch, hen Canary, exchange Siberian Goldfinch, yours first: H. Pennell, Warminster.

HOUSE-moulted hen Hawfinch 7/6, ditto hen Siskin and cock Redpoll 5/- pair, exchange; offers: Morrison, North Johnstone, Renfrewshire.

LINCOLNSHIRE Goldfinches, warranted cocks, 2/6, 3/- each; Redbreasted Linnets, well on seed, 1/-, 1/6 each: Bugg, Aviaries, Holbeach.

TAME hand-reared pet squirrel and cage, 3 hen Mules, hen Goldfinch, offers invited (letters please): Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

EXCHANGE for Britishers, or sell cheap, green cock Budgerigar, yellow hen, and young yellow: H. M. Coleman, 15, Castle-view, Clitheroe.

WHITE-Legged Goldfinch, cock Greenfinch, good birds, exchange good singing Canary; yours first: A. Wilsher, 32, Thornton-st., Hertford.

SIX Linnets, house-moulted, and contest cages, singing hard; what offers in Seifert Rollers? stamp particulars: Smith, 14, Oak-st, Leeds.

TYPICAL buff Yorkshire cock (Ambler's strain); sell 5/-; exchange 1910 stout yellow or buff Norwich hen: Griffiths, Bank Buildings, Llandilo.

REDPOLLS, house-moulted, sure mulers, grand condition, exchange muling British or hen Canaries: Duncan, Pitchroy, Blacksboat, Morayshire.

HEN Canaries 1/6, Larks and Linnets 2/- each, singing mad; juvenile's bicycle, no tyres, cheap: Jenkins, 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

EXHIBITORS; large selected cocks; Goldfinch, 7/6; Mealy Redpoll, 2/6; approval, deposit; exchange breeding cages; offers: Downing, Raunds, Northants.

LARGE dark Brown Linnet-Canary Mule, 3rd at Lynn in class of 16; exchange two large H.M. steady Bullie hens: W. White, Fleet-rd., Holbeach, Lincs.

EXHIBITORS: Linnet, Twite, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, 2/- each; exchange cylinder records, Canaries, anything useful: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, muling Linnets and Goldfinch, sell or exchange scrap metals, waste rubber, or what offers; stamp reply: F. Green, Bridge-st., Doven.

WILL exchange Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Chaffinch (cocks) for 2 muling hens; Norwich type, 1910 birds; approval both ways: W. H. Warren, 32, High-st., Penzance.

COCK Linnet 4/-, hen Bullfinch 2/-, cock Bullfinch, 1st and special, with show cage, 8/6; all housemoulted; exchange: A. E. Gardner, Parkfield Lodge, Potter's Bar.

EXHIBITORS; house-moulted Corn Bunting, also house-moulted cock Bullfinch, winner, 7/6 each; with show cages: exchange offers: Weedall, jun., 4, John-st., Winsford.

GRAND cock Hawfinch 12/6, cock Bullfinch, splendid colour, sure winner, 6/-, or offers in good cock Goldfinches; approval; yours first: Carter, Vine-st., Norton Malton.

WHAT offers in cinnamons or Norwich for large house-moulted cock Goldfinch, also good Linnet Mule; Yorkshire cocks from 5/6: Solloway, Brynhowell, Llangollen.

EXHIBITION dark yellow Linnet Mule, winner, 15/-, or would exchange for buff Norwich cock; approval both ways; yours first: Wm. Chambers, 4, Wood-st., Motherwell.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch or pair Bullfinches for Irish Terrier or Fox Terrier, also exhibition Goldfinch for bicycle covers; yours first: Pickwell, Edithweston, Stamford.

EXCHANGE 2 Goldfinch Mules, in full song, for 8 typical Yorkshires, 1 yellow cock, 2 buff hens; approval, both ways: Wright, 19, Alma-st., Laisterdyke, Bradford, Yorkshire.

COCK Linnets, 1/-, 6 for 3/-, cock Blackbirds 1/6, c.-m. Thrushes 2/6, Chaffinches 6d., 3 1/-; exchange Norwich Canaries, anything useful; approval: F. Guest, Moor-street, Quinton.

EXCHANGE grand exhibition cock Yellowhammer, cock Siskin, mealy Redpoll, hen Bullfinch, for two light muling hens, or pair Yorkshires: Cole, Clifford Villa, Foxhall-road, Ipswich.

EXHIBITION Siberian Goldunch, 10/6; British Goldfinch, 4/-; Bullfinch, 3/-, all cocks; exchange large cock Hawfinch, Yorkshires, or Norwich: Mitchell, South-st., Greenhill-lane, Alfreton.

FOUR POINTED Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 30/-, also parents of same, also Greenfinch and Canary breeders, 6 show cages, 3 breeding; offers cash, exchange: Norton, Station-road, Winslow, Bucks.

HOUSE moulted Goldfinch and Linnet, bred Mules, Goldfinch Mule, five hen Canaries, three cock Bullfinches, sell or exchange frame lights, flower pots, plants, anything: E. Beardow, Ashover, Chesterfield.

SIX hen Bullfinches 5/-, hen Goldie-Bullie hybrid 3/-, Mealy Redpoll 1/6, Lesser 1/-, house-moulted Chaffinch 3/-, few Yorks Canaries, exchange Goldfinches; offers: J. Wilson, Wold-st., Norton Malton.

NOTICE! Grand 1910 Norwich cock, prize bred, lovely songster, also grand hen Bullfinch, 1910, will exchange for 2 large yellow Norwich hens, or prize bred show homer hen: Hasler, Wennington, Rainham, Essex.

GENUINE large cock Bullfinch, extra good colour, make good show bird, exchange large yellow Norwich hen, Bullfinch type, or sell 5/-; genuine peathroat cock Goldfinch, 3/6; approval willingly: A. Hook, Dairy Farm, Lindfield, Sussex.

EXCHANGE Linnet Mule, winner, also Greenfinch cock, house-moulted, and hen, both proved Mule breeders; good birds, for good pair Norwich, or 2 yellow Norwich hens, 1910 bred; mutual approval: Duncan, 9, West Main-st., Whitburn, N.B.

TWO cock Bullfinches, 5/6 each; cock Chaffinch, 2/6; cock colour-fed Greenfinch, 7/6; cock Mealy Redpoll, 3/-; all winners; or would exchange for a large stout Norwich buff hen; wanted exhibition Mule or hybrid in exchange for a large colour-fed Orange Hangnest cock, or sell cheap: Wm. Christie, 637, Great Eastern-rd., Glasgow.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen for a good cock Goldfinch: H. Chapman, Regent-st., Beverley.

EXCHANGE grand buff Yorks. hen for yellow Yorks. hen, or sell 5/-: Allen, Travis-street, Littleborough, Lancs.

PRIZE-BRED cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock, 15/-; or exchange; offers: Lee, 13, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock for two Yorkshire hens, yours first: Duckworth, Haumerton-yard, Burnley.

EXCHANGE one pair Scotch Fancies for good 1910 Crest hen, mutual approval; sell 30/-: Dunn, Currie-street, Duns.

EXCHANGE pair young Border Fancies, prize bred, for pair young Yorkshires, or sell 12/6: Low, Wellplace, Cupar.

EXCHANGE five common Canaries, hens, for yellow or yellow-green hen, sell 1/3 each: Proctor, Hallam-lane, Ilkeston.

GOOD buff Yorkshire cock for buff cock and two hens, 15/-; winning blood: Ward, 44, Church-gate, Loughborough.

WHAT offers in Norwich hens for 90 "Cage Birds," 12 coloured plates, and 2 cock Greenfinch; Phillips, Woburn, Beds.

TO be sold, three good singing Canaries; what offers; unflighted: Hawley, 2, Vesey-st., Parkgate.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Lizards, 15/- pair; or exchange Fox Terrier dog; approval: G. Bennell, North-st., Lynn.

WILL exchange good buff Norwich hen for 2 cock Goldfinches, genuine offer: F. Slocombe, 21, Platinum-st., Cardiff.

LARGE clear buff Crest hen, 15/-, exchange green C-B hen or pair of Yorkshires: Walsh, 15, Union-street, Glossop.

EXCHANGE hen Canary for Redpoll, Chaffinch, Bullfinch hens; offers; approval: Percy Watson, Codnor, Derbyshire.

CREST-BRED cock, 7/6; or exchange for 15 wiro fronts, 17½ inches long, 9½ inches high: Sleightholme Cottage, Whitby.

CRESTED cock, cost £4 from King, exchange Crested hen, sell £3, yours first: Turnbull, Lochend Cottage, Dunbar.

SIX Norwich cocks, 26/-; or exchange Crest-bred hens or houschoid; offers: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Essex.

EXCHANGE, 3 Roller hens for Norwich or Yorkshire (hen), sell 7/6, or offers: Priest, York-road, Henley-on-Thames.

FOUR good feeding hen Canaries, 8/-; exchange Norwich cock or 2 muling hens: McDermet, 99½, George-st., Paisley.

FOR sale, three Norwich Canaries, one cock and two hens, offers: C. Hatcher, Rose Cottage, Bay, Gillingham, Dorset.

EXCHANGE Canaries for juvenile cycle, small frame; approval; yours first: Robson, Millbank-crescent, Bedlington.

HEAVY marked 1909 Crest-bred cock, 10/-, or exchange Borders: W. Baxby, 20, The Ridge, Woodlands, nr. Doncaster.

EXCHANGE 2 young Yorkshire cocks for pair of Borders, yours first: Sutherland, 4, Stannery-st., Kennington, London, S.E.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy buff plebald cock for a buff Norwich hen; no rubbish: James Laurie, 165, Broomloan-rd., Govan.

EXCHANGE yellow pied Scotch Fancy cock for good Plainhead cock, yours first: W. Binnie, Denny, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

THREE Norwich cocks, yellow Plainhead cock, buff Plainhead hen, all unflighted; approval: Liugard, 35, Marlborough-st., Burnley.

EXCHANGE Yorks. hens 1910, for 1910 cocks; no rubbish wanted or offered: Haworth, 339, Manchester-rd., Haslingden, Lancs.

TWO large, healtby, 1910, variegated hen Canaries and cage, 8/6; exchange: C. Punter, 5, Victoria-aveuue, Camberley, Surrey.

THREE cocks 3 hens, Yorks, 30/-, also flight, 6 fronts, offers (approval willingly): Fothergill, 33, Grove-street, Nelson, Lancs.

EXCHANGE good pair Yorkshire Canaries for good second-hand garden harrow, yours first: Bentley, 275, Astley-street, Dukinfield.

EXCHANGE good Yorkshires for Norwich, or sell 10/6 a pair and upwards: W. Gilsou, 62, Beechavenue, Garden Village, Hull.

MASSIVE clear body Crested cock, son of Taunton winner, 20/-; exchange for good Crest-bred hen: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater.

THREE small Norwich hens, 2/- each; exchange good large yellow Norwich cock; approval each way: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth.

GRAND clear yellow Norwich cock, 12/6; or exchange clear buff Norwich, unflighted hen; approval: J. Cooper, Long Buckley.

1910 Yorkshire cock, bred from winners, 14/-; or exchange gent.'s double albert; yours first: Thos. Freeman, Station-rd., Earls Barton.

EXCHANGE 4 light muling Canaries (hens) for 2 cock Goldfinches, or sell for 15/-: Linstead, 32, Brown's-rd., Surbiton Hill, Surrey.

GOOD Norwich pair, for violin, related to my winners L.C.B.A., Palace, etc.; sell 25/-: Write, Fuller, 41a, Vaughan-rd., Harrow.

GRAND pair of Norwich, pair of Borders, and double-breeder, accept 35/- the lot; or exchange: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

PAIRS prize bred Yorkshires and Norwich, 18/- pair, approval; exchange boys' suits; offers: Green, Beaconfield, Terrace-street, Somerset.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock, unflighted, for two buff Yorkshire hens, unflighted, sell 10/6: Taylor, Woodleigh, Dewsbury-rd., Wakefield.

GRAND pair of Norwich, valuo 25/-, exchange poultry; and grand Buff hen for pair of heavy boots: C. Harradence, Cemetery, Wishech.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires that can win for Norwich buff cock and buff hens, mutual approval: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-ave., Holbech, Leeds.

EXCHANGE 1910 buff Yorkshire cock, Shackleton's strains, for two buff Yorkshiro or Norwich hens; price 10/6: Haytock, Florence-st., Rochdale.

SELL or exchange 2 Crest cocks for one good Crest hen and one for good Lancashire coppy hen, or sell 30/-: T. Tressidder, Workhouse Hill, Padstow.

EXCHANGE five hen Canaries for a Whippet dog puppy, or anything useful, sell for 8/-: Clarke, "Green," Great Bowden, Market Harborough.

WILL exchango three buff Border hens for yellow piebald cock, or sell 3/6 each; yours first; approval each way: McFarlane, junr., Barrhill, Ayrshire.

TWO yellow wing marked dark Crests, 1909, 1908, cocks; will exchange for good Crest-bred hen, or sell 40/-; approval: Burns, West Barns, Dunbar.

EXCHANGE Buff Yorkshire hen, ticked head and wing, 1910, for yellow green Norwich hen, 1910: T. Barr, Swinhill-terrace, by Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

EXCHANGE pair grand Norwich or exhibition Borders, for foot-lathe, or foot machine: John Dalgliey, 10, River-st., Brechin, Forfarshire, N.B.

SEVERAL pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires to be sold, 14/6 pair; also house-moulted British; stamp reply: George Coneland, 14, Playhouse-yard, E.C.

SELECTED Hardbills, including winners, for sale, or exchange typical yellow Norwich: Hayward, 21, Marlborough-aven., Manley Park, Manchester.

ONE pair of Yorkshires, good size, from Dyke's, bred last season; will exchange for Seifert Roller in song: 1, Ettrick-place, Pollokshaws, nr. Glasgow.

LOOK, only 2 pairs Yorkshires and 2 pairs Norwich left, 20/- pair, exchange dress material, drapery, 24in. cycle; offers: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

WANTED Canaries, Borders preferred, or offers, in exchange splendid Whippet bitch, quartette white Polish Bantams: Miller, 11, Southern-rd., Basingstoke.

VARIEGATED Norwich hen, good feeder, three nests last season; exchange large buff or yellow hen for muling: Weatherill, Burbank-st., West Hartlepool.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; useful exchange; no cards; seen by appointment only: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

SIX champion colour-fed songsters, 6/- each, genuine bargains, must sell; what offers for lot?: Yates, St. Catherine's-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

TWO pair good Lizards for sale, 12/6 pair, or exchange for other varieties, Yorkshires or Cinnamons preferred: W. Fox, 60, Thomas-street, Craghead, Durham.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Balley's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

THREE young buff Dark-Crested cocks, own breeding, 25/- each to clear, approval or exchange laying pullets: J. Norwood, 103, Michael-street, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

TWO cock Goldie Mules, singing, real beauties, 5/- each, 9/- the two; exchange unflighted cinnamon Norwich cock, yellow; Jowett, 28, Portsmouth-avenue, Bradford.

LARGE green cock crossed Roller, in full song, 5/-; three hens, good feeders, 2/- each; exchange fowls or other live stock; offers: A. Rennie, 8, High-st., Prestonpans.

TWELVE good Yorkshiro hens for sale, 2/6, two 5/- each, or exchango Lancasbires: J. Richmond, Pateley Bridge.

BUFF Norwich cock, 1st Resolven, 30/-, exchange clear or ticked buff Yorkshire hen, Crest or Crest-bred hen; must be good: Muscott, Tremont-road, Llandrindod Wells.

BIG prize-bred Norwich buff cock, in full song, 7/6, exchange good 1910 stout buff hen: Burgess, Eastover, Bridgwater.

MASSIVE high-class Crests, strong healthy birds of the best blood, from 25/- pair, no little rubbish, part useful exchange entertained: Pennington, 87, Harrington St., Grimsby.

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshires, breeders; exchange 12-bore double, 1 brace Webley's revolvers, collection valuable butterflies, blue-roan spaniel bitch: Ware, Broadway, Dorchester.

EXCHANGE a buff tick cock (Shackleton direct) for a buff tick or marked hen; no rubbish offered nor wanted; sell 12/6; yours first; letters only: Percival, 43, Enville-rd., Ellesmere Port.

STAMP album, 540 good stamps, exchange for Yorkshire cock Canary or offers, garden roots, hardy perennials, names sent, cheap; exchauge anything: Johns, 166, Avenue-rd., Acton.

ROLLER hens, 2/- each, 5 for 9/-, good strain; fine Norwich hens, 2/6 each; exchange any for typical yellow Norwich hens, no rubbish: West, 133, Floyer-road, Small Heath, Birmingham.

WILL exchange 1 ticked, 1 variegated buff cocks, 2 variegated hens, 2 clear buff hens, all Norwich, colour fed, for Parrot or poultry, sell £1: E. Birchall, 15, Croft-st., Morecambe.

GIVING up Fancy. Yell. York. cock 8/6, buff hen 10/-, pair Norwich 21/-, yell. cock 9/6; stamp particulars; or would exchange anything useful for home: Clayton, Percy-st., Rochdale.

WILL give three pair Canarics and six selected Scotch Linnets, to moult for exhibition, for young black pug dog or Toy Brindle Bulldog, or sell 30/-: Alex. Chalmers, Panmure-st., Arbroath.

EXCHANGE pair prize-bred Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen; wanting pair unflighted Norwich, buff cock, yellow hen, or pair cyelo tyres, 28 by 1½, beaded: Bennett, Fountain-terrace, Bacup.

GREENFINCH mulo with show cage, commended Lynn open, Siskin mule with show cage, reserve Sherringham open, only times shown, exchange Canaries: Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

EXCHANGE two good prize bred 1910 yellow Norwich cocks, healtby, for two good typical yellow 1910 Norwich hens, or sell 15/- the two; approval: Marsh, 60, Milkwell-burn, Ebchester, Co. Durham.

GOLDFINCH cock, cross Norwich and German hen, two good German hens; exchauge good adult pair yellow Budgerigars or Roller Schoolmaster; yours first, or sell 11/-: Chippindale, 34, Derby-st., Accrington.

LOOK, exchange pair of Yorkshires, 1910, Taylor's strain, 12/6, brown Linnet, in song, with hen, sure mulers, 4/0, for pair of Borders, cold bred, approval: Brown, 3, Wellington-street, Stapleford, Notts.

LARGE 1910 Crest and Crest-bred cocks, and hens, Barnett's and Horwood's strain, from 12/6 to 30/- each, or would exchange for Borzoi dog with pedigree, as no use: William Twine, Bird Fancier, Hucknall Torkard.

CANARY-reared cage-moulted hen, Greenfinch, 11 eggs last season, ditto hen Linnet, also cock Linnet, mule breeder, and nice hen mule, give extra cash for pair large Norwich: A. Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

TWO pair Norwich Canaries, prize strain, 15/- pair; exchange sectional house, lady's cycle; offers; appro. Two good proved feeder hens, 3/- each, exchange Minorca cockerels; offers; yours first, or deposit with Editor: W. Green, High-st., Midsomer Norton.

BARGAINS; Yorkshire cocks, buff, 1st Cleator Moor, ditto 3rd, yellow, 2nd Harrington, £1 each; 7in. yellow hen, 2nd Egremont, £1; grand stock cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; exchango boots, organette, gramophone; offers: Ferguson, Collegest., Whitehaven.

FOR sale, 3 cocks and 1 hen, Border Fancy Canaries, 30/- the 4, or exchange for Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries; free-wheel bicycle, in good working order, and good condition, price 35/-, or exchange for Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, or Mules; approval: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

GRAND Lizards, cocks, Gold or Silver, 7/6, 8/6 each; very large yellow Norwich cock and Buff hen, to match, 20/-; also extra large buff Norwich cock and good yellow hen, 25/-, unflighted; exchange opera glasses, lady's gold watch, or anything useful; yours first: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

NORWICH, two even-marked yellow cocks, gems, 12/6 each; large clear yellow cocks, 10/0 each; grand ticked yellows and buffs, 8/6 and 10/6; one clear yellow hen, 10/6; one buff, 7/6; yellow cock, small side, 6/6; these birds are bred from leading strain, Woods', Stockport; boy's pneumatic bicycle, strong, 14 in. frame, 12/6; Anglo-German concertina, steel reeds, by Lachenall, 14/-; exchange poultry for laying or killing: Hibbert, 16, Ann-street, South Reddish, Stockport.

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE large green singing Finch, cost 7/6, for grey singing Finch, cock: Taylor, Foxley, 8, Brent, Devon.

AMAZON Parrot and cage, acclimatised, sell £2, or exchange for gramphone, yours first: Mr. O. Bennett, Ruardean, Gloucestershire.

FOR sale or exchange, Amazou Parrot, good cage, can talk, and very tame, 35/-, or mantel mirror, or offers: Fettes, 22, Guthrie Port, Arbroath.

SPLENDID Olive cock Tanager, 20/-, or exchange pair Black-headed Gouldians or Redheaded cock Gouldian: Miss Clare, The Hollies, 194, Coombe-lane, Wimbledon.

Miscellaneous.

MANDOLIN, 9/6; or exchange gramophone: Hood, 14, Frampter Park-rd.

PAIR prize-bred Silkies, 5/-; offers exchange; yours first: Redstone, Haverigg, Millom.

FIELD glasses 10/-, or exchange. What offers?: 197, Cambridge-rd., Bethnal Green.

WILL exchange gent's silver watch for British or Canaries: James Swan, Kirkcudbright.

PAIR 1910 Golden Pheasants, £1; hens, 7/6; offers: Howard, Station-rd., Burnham Market, Norfolk.

COPYING stamp camera, exchanged for anything useful, or sell 7/6: Lewis, 42, Bye-st., Ledbury.

REAL good house dog, sell 10/-; exchange anything: Arthur Shackleton, 28, Chatsworth-st., Keighley.

OFFERS wanted in Canaries for dulcimer, new, sell 21/-: John Leckie, 12, Graeme-st., City, Glasgow.

WHAT offer in Goldfinches for one dozen rubber heels, worth 1/- each: Davies, East-st., Llangollen.

FINE Lark, one Thrush, good (cages), 6/6; exchange offers: Hill, 99, Barkworth-road, Bermondsey.

EXCHANGE 5 pairs of Jacobins, red and white, for Rollers; offers: Higgs, 16, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

EIGHTEEN solid mahogany box cages and 14 hens, seen any time; offers to F. Rogers, 365, Caledonian-road.

BASSINETTE, pigeons, show birds, exchange Grey Parrot, Canaries: British, Hairdresser, 42, Walcot, Bath.

REAL Welsh fox skin, excellent tail, sell or exchange, not exactly full size: Davies, Square, Llandulas.

GUN, fires No. 2 B.B.C., exchange large typical buff Norwich hen: Grant, East High-st., B. Mill, Elgin.

GENT.'S heavy silver albert, cost 12/6, sell 6/6; few Seifert hens, 4/- each; exchange: Howland, Ockendon, Essex.

CAMERA, hand or stand, cost £1 15/-, exchange bicycle, approval both ways: Mitchell, Godstone, Surrey.

HAND sewing machine, by Weir, Long Acre; good order; exchange birds: Legget, 18, Almorah-rd., Islington.

ONE pair white Fantail, one pair reds, one pair blue; offers in exchange: Penfold, 76, Hoe-st., Walthamstow.

PAIR of roller skates and 3 cock Linnets; exchange German cock Canary or Goldfinch: John C. Ward, Swinefleet.

WILL give 6 new box cages for Selfert Rollers; offers; approval; deposit: Ellis, 8, George-st., Morecambe, Lancs.

GLAZIER'S diamond, made by Sharratt and Newth, Loudon; sell 8/6, or exchange birds: Swift, 4, Hartley-street, Oldham.

RETRIEVER dog, 12 weeks old, exchange pair good Canaries, best offer anything useful, sell 10/-: Little, Warcop, Penrith.

WILL give beautiful tea set, 21 pieces, decorated with violets, for Roller cock in song: Williams, China Market, Llanelly.

EXCHANGE Harmsworth History of the World, 51 7d. parts, for Borders: D. Camphell, 5, Comrie-st., Crieff, Perthshire.

CALABASH pipe, silver-mounted, good colour, cost 35/-; exchange Toy Pom bitch; offers: Love, 2, Court Park-lane, Tipton.

EXCHANGE ¼-plate camera, complete, for 28 x 1½ outer covers (anything): Ling, River View, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

CHAMPION pair Angona rabbits, big winners, sell 10/-; pair winning Mottled Tumblers, 10/-: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

WHAT offers cash or Canary hens for big single breeder, joiner-made double breeder: J. Williamson, Riddings, Alfreton.

TWENTY 8½ Pathe disc records, 21/-; exchange high-class Yorkshire; birds first: Thomas, 29, Stevenage-rd., East Ham.

TWO boys' suits, value 15/- each; for best offer in Canaries or British Hardbills: Devoy, Tailor, Sun-st., Stranraer.

EXCHANGE silver Lever, double curb chain, value £2, for Rollers, cocks; Rollers first: 21, Colomb-st., East Greenwich.

WANTED Canaries, Parrots, puppies, pigeons, birds, etc.; purchase or exchange other Fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WILL exchange box perfume, cost 10/6, for pair white Java Sparrows: McCallum, c/o Gardiner, 34, Wellmeadow, Paisley.

WILL exchange good violin and bow for common Canaries in song, or British Goldfinches: James Swan, Kirkcudbridge.

LEMON and white spaniel dog, trained gun and ferret, sell 30/-; offers: Browner, Ivy Cottage, Framroad, Merthyr Tydvil.

EXCHANGE metal flight or breeding cage, 5 feet long, 3 compartments, for high-class Crests: Hearsey, Bootmaker, Worthing.

EXCHANGE stand camera, ½-plate, for German hen Canaries, or sell 25/-, or offers: Leedham, 64, Sponlane, West Bromwich.

SPLENDID Fox Terrier bitch, good worker, kill anything, 15/-; or exchange anything: Bennett, 43, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

SALE or exchange, Sandow developer, for anything useful to value 10/-: Morris, 53, Abbey Hey-lane, Openshaw, Manchester.

EDISON standard phonograph and 60 records, £4, or part exchange Canaries: Bennetts, 59, Robert-st., Manselton, Swansea.

PHONOGRAPH, Edison Gem, good condition, latest, 37 records, sell 30/-; or exchange; particulars, stamp: 65, North Hall-st., Leeds.

WILL exchange a piano harp for Norwich Canaries, value 30/6; new: Mr. A. Campbell, 337, Main-st., Bonhill, Alexandria, N.B.

OFFERS. Wanted, Busson accordeon, 8 octaves, 25/-; pair of big stock Norwich preferred: Holder, 83, John-st., Bridlington.

SALE large black Pom., 2 years, 12/6, or exchange 1910 Seifert Roller, or new breeding cages: Thwaites, 210, Harehills-la., Leeds.

GUITAR by Douglas, good tone and condition, 10/6, or exchange anything; offers: F. Symonds, Westerfield Station, nr. Ipswich.

EXCHANGE pair of good Yorkshire Green Canaries for good powerful revolver: W. Alderson, Greenfield View, Skipton, Yorkshire.

ROOK rifle, 15/-; Toy dog, 15/6; exchange good Yorkshires, Norwich; approval; yours first: Lister, Langroyd-rd., Barby, Colne.

EXCHANGE white Pom., fowls or Canaries; cock Bullfinch, h.m., 3/-: Matthews, 155, Eleanor Cross-rd., Waltham Cross, Herts.

THREE pedigree Airedale pups 10/- each; 2 dogs 1 bitch; exchange Canaries, Foreign birds: Butler Quarter, Staplehurst, Kent.

WHAT offers number Amateur and Cottage Gardening, Work, Boy's Own, CAGE BIRDS, others: Etherington, Aldestone, Chippenham.

HARMSWORTH Encyclopædia, complete, 40 7d. parts, exchange for poultry or cash: Bassendine, Station-rd., North Walsham.

DOUBLE breeding cage offered in exchange for large 1910 Norwich songster; particulars to: 17, Pembroke-rd., Walthamstow.

EXCHANGE splendid brass hanging cage, cost 18/6, for Roller schoolmaster; offers; no rubbish: Fairey, Elwick-rd., West Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE case of drawing compasses, cost 7/6, for Roller cock; offers: Davison, 10, Commercial-street, Middleton, Hartlepool.

GENUINE long-distance pedigree Homer pigeons; will exchango for Budgerigars or offers: Keep, 24 North-field-avenue, Ealing, W.

ONE cock Linnet Mule, one Norwich cock, splendid songsters, for 3-compartment breeder: Wallhauser, 61, Wallerton-rd., Paddington.

EXCELLENT rabbit coursing dog, very fast; exchange Goldfinches or Bullfinches, or sell 15/-: J. Nairn, Glasgow Vennel, Irvine.

FOUR volumes Cassell's Practical Dictionary, Gardening, cost 8/- each, new, accept 20/-; exchange, offers: Wm. Binns, Alne, York.

COMPLETE set Japan's Fight for Freedom, unbound; sell 15/-, or exchange Foreigners: J. Hardbottle, 22, Abney-st., Leicester.

WILL exchange Crystal Palace aviary, two pair Canaries, for small dog, anything useful: Hutchinson, 71, Aberdeen-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Pathe records, in good condition, for Yorkshire hens, and wire fronts, 24in. by 14in.: Marriott, Ratby, Leicestershire.

EXCHANGE joiner's beading plane level, enamel letters, for Norwich hens: H. Way, 1, Borsden-st., Moorside, Swinton, Manchester.

CORONATION harp to sell, or exchange, for Roller cock Canary in song: Fred Morley, 10, Victoria-terrace, Outwood, near Wakefield.

STRONG Aircdale puppy bitch, 6 months old; exchange anything useful, or sell 12/6: Andrew Simpson, 116, East High-street, Forfar.

SEVEN racing pigeons, cost 15/- pair, exchange birds value £1; wire terrier bitch pup, offers: Rivers, 259, Watton-rd., Woking.

EXCHANGE prize-bred English tortoise doe, grandly marked, for cock Canary, good songster, or offers: Aspden, 11, Caldervale-rd., Burnley.

FOR sale, nice young Wood Pigeon, fed from hand, make splendid call bird, 6/-, exchange Canary: Brooks, Fountain Inn, Eaton Bray.

THIRTY records, exchange Goldfinches, offers; also large Crest-bred cock, also cock Siskin Mules; exchange: Todd, Lock-st., Darlington.

EXCHANGE high-class fancy pigeons, for real good cock Goldfinches, mutual approval: Bell, Dalston Hall, Dalston, Carlisle, Cumberland.

JOINER'S 4ft. cramp, cost 17/-, accept 10/-; buff Norwich hen, 7/6, exchange poultry, anything useful: 101, Hughenden-rd., Wycombe.

WINNING hen Bullfinch, sale, cheap, Crest-bred hen; exchange for Goldfinch and Bramblefinch: Stirling, 95, Crail-st., Parkhead, Glasgow.

ONE pair clap nets, new October, 15 by 4 ft., one trap cage, two spring net traps, for German hen Canaries: King, Haverholme, Sleaford.

3/4 VIOLIN, bow, and case, good, 13/6; pair of Yorksbire 7/6; offers, anything (letters please): Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

VERITAS hanging lamp, 2 brass chandeliers, all complete, also Primus oil stove; what offers Canaries?: Mead, 43, Broomhill-rd., Ipswich.

MAKE trousers or boy's overcoat, send patterns; exchange good Yorkshires, Rollers, Goldfinches, cocks: Phillips, 79, Arran-st., Cardiff.

BULL terrier, all white, with pedigree, £1, or exchange cock Canaries or Mules: Drinkwater, 39, Warner-street, Accrington, Lancashire.

SMALL Yorkshire terrier, cross, dog, sell, or exchange birds value 10/6, Rollers preferred: Webley, The Lodge, Lawnswood, Stourbridge.

WILL exchange winning Belgians, Silvers, tans, Dutch rabbits, for British or Norwich show cages or Canaries: Winterburn, Boston, Spa.

EXCHANGE lady's silver watch, full jewelled, good timekeeper, for Rollers, Norwich, or cock Goldfinches, sell 25/-: Lewis, Queen-st., Withernsea.

GRAND jet black Pomeranian dog puppy, 12 weeks old, champion pedigree, 35/-, or good exchange: Hayword, 3, Neville-street, Nottingham.

BURNS' works, 26 1/- parts, illustrated, all clean, for good buff Norwich hens, unflighted, sell 15/-; yours first: Dyer, Maud, Aberdeenshire.

WHIPPET brindle bitch, 20 months old, very fast, good stamina, 20lbs. weight, sell 30/-; exchange Canaries: Barns, 153, Globe-rd., Stepney.

NEW Crab hub brake, 12/6; also gent's silver watch, 10/-; or exchange for phonograph records: Adams, Eastwood, Todmorden, Yorks.

CAMERA and outfit, 12 ft. fishing rod, oxydised watch, Irish cross pup; exchange Yorkshires: J. Roberts, 159, Lupus-street, Pimlico, S.W.

GRAPHOPHONE, wants new spring, 24 records, various, exchange anything useful; no live stock; offers: R. Reynolds, Raunds, Northants.

BLACK Dutch doe, cost £1 direct from Lawson, Blackpool; exchange Canaries, buff or green Crest hen required: Stevens, Weygate, Guildford.

FOR sale, orchestral organette, perfect, with 12 tunes, 30/-; exchange African Grey Parrot; approval, deposit: Bendell, 4, Church-lane, Aldershot.

PAIR clap-nets, 10yds., hand made, 10/-; rabbit net 60yds., 7/6; exchange Canaries, disc records, anything: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE good pair hollow ground razors or good pair carvers, ivorine handles, for cock or three hen Canaries: Hinchliffe 36, Hunt-street, Sheffield.

IRISH-Airedale bitch, 12 months, capital watch, tackle anything alive, sell 10/-, or exchange poultry: Wilkinson, Rifle Lodge, Griffiths-st., Tipton.

THE Modern Physician, by Dr. Andrew Wilson, 5 vols., 27/6, or exchange for Yorkshires: Randall, 45, Pretoria-street, Featherstone, near Pontefract.

TWO double breeders, also some wire fronts, nest pans, glass seed pots, cheap; or exchange disc records: Starck, 43, Martell-rd., W. Dulwich.

WILL exchange Ancona cockerel, Jefferson's 240-egg strain, for genuine singing Hartz Mountain Canary, mutual approval: Preece, Hairdresser, Stafford.

OFFERS in young Rollers for pair clap-nets, pair skates, hand-reared cock Linnet, Redpoll, big Norwich cock; stamp reply: 33, Edward-rd., Bedford.

FERRETS, good workers, one 5/-, one very large, good for stud, 10/-, exchange Canaries, Mules or large cages: Underwood, Mitheringham, Lincoln.

WHAT offer in Borders or Norwich Canaries in exchange for 3 sample books of 300 greeting cards: Burton, New-street, Huthwaite, Mansfield, Notts.

BUFF Orpington cockerels, Cook's strain, April hatched; sell 6/6 and 7/6; exchange breeding cages, Yorkshire Canaries: S. K. Fish, Gillingham, Dorset.

GENT'S boots, superior quality, 14/6, ladies 10/6, on approval, in exchange for Canaries to value; stamp, particulars: Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

SILVER English Lever (cost 50/-), splendid timekeeper, wants cleaning, for 2 good Norwich hens, 1910, buff, variegated; yours first: Evans, Apsley Gulse.

PEDIGREE Yorkshire Terrier bitch (13 months); exchange or sell, 30/-; winning Yorkshire Canaries: Starbuck, 6, Chapman-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

TWO breeding cages, almost new, 3/- each; 3 Yorkshire hen Canaries, 3/6 each, giving up; exchange any above for antiques: Arthur Bristowe, Tarporley.

SIX solid oak back cages, with fancy metal pots, 13/-, almost new; side drum, 10/6; or exchange Canaries: Harrison, 11, River-rd., Upper Holloway, London.

SCHIPPERKE, handsome jet black dog, 18 months old, intelligent companion, sell 30/-; exchange Norwich songsters, Mules: Cooper, 70, Sceptre-st., Stepney.

SINGER sewing machine, complete working order, bargain, 20/-, or exchange; also 60-egg incubator, perfect order, copper tank and drying box, 25/-, or exchange anything; Mrs. Joblin, 17, Spa-rd., Bermondsey.

WILL exchange Bradbury sewing machine (hand), good condition, for D.B. or single B. gun or Canaries or British birds: T. Halliwell, South View, Osbaldwick.

SALE or exchange, very good Black Carrier cock, rung 1910; also good Arkangel hen, 10/- pair; Canaries preferred: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs.

CLAP nets, 4 yards by 1, 3/6; banjo, little repairing, 4/-; exchange pair Canaries, or 2 cock Goldfinches: Harris, Gardener, Broadwater, Wrasbury, Bucks.

FOX terrier dog, 18 months old, splendid house dog, smart, used to children, exchange 2 Norwich hens, or sell 5/-: Dollimore, 55, Fishpool-st., St. Albans.

FRET machine, in good order, with emery wheel, New Rogers, 12/6, worth double. What offers Canaries?: Binks, 21, Richmond-ave., Urmston, Manchester.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handled knives and penknife for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries, or 3 Norwich showcages: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-road, Sheffield.

GRAND pair Pile Bantams, winners, 15/-; also splendid pair of Jacobins, can win; accept 10/-; or exchange: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

DINNER, tea, toilet, trinket services, vases, Coronation mugs, jugs; offers, birds, cages, anything: China Stores, Brotherton, Ferry Bridge, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE lady's silver watch and chain for 2 Yorkshire cocks; also lady's silver watch for 2 Norwich hens: Wilshaw, Arthur-st., Ryecroft, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

SALE for £1, or exchange anything useful, bull mastiff dog, splendid guard, tackle anything, but quiet: Pearce, 84, Lansdowne-rd., Monton, near Manchester.

½-PLATE Kilto camera, tripod, carrying case, all accessories, accept 25/-, or exchange Canaries, gramaphone, fishing: H. Morrell, 96, Manvers-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE beautiful split cane fly rod, extra top, in case, value £1, for prize bred Norwich; approval both ways, yours first: G. Kirkbride, Heathwaite, Windermere.

MEERSCHAUM pipe, new; exchange singing Canary and cage; chronometer watch, exchange Parrot and cage; useful offers: 74, Carlyle-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

HAND lockstitch sewing machine, perfect worker, equal new, bargain, 30/-, cost £4; exchange Canaries or 10-inch records: Thorne, 14, Rendle-st., Westbourne Park.

DISC machine and 16 records, mostly 10-inch double sided, sell £2, or exchange birds, anything useful; approval: F. Radley, Elm-street, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

WILL exchange 4 good Border hens, 2 off evenmarks, 1 clear buff, 1 foul green, for 2 big yellow Norwich hens, or sell 15/-: A. Somerville, 22, Northgate, Peebles.

YORKSHIRE show cages, 3 and 2, with cases, by Hargreaves, as new; what offers in Norwich Plainheads? must be good: Dixon, 14, Claremont-av., New Malden.

EXCHANGE aviary, 3ft. 4in. by 1ft. 8in. by 2ft. 1in., with dome, sand tray, seed hoppers, etc.; offers Roller Canaries: A. Taylor, 23, Wellington-st., Fenton, Staffs.

NOVELS, mostly 4/6 and 6/- editions, 6d. and 9d. each, new condition; exchange for singing Roller, breeding cage, or anything useful: Crowther, Hampden-ter., Brighouse.

EXCHANGE double and single breeders, show and flight cages, and loose fronts, for Canaries, Mules, and Foreign birds: Dignan, Cage Maker, Portwood Aviaries, Stockport.

TWO silver English lever watches, 24/- each; B flat pocket cornet, 30/-; 50-egg incubator, 30/-, or offers invited: F. Swift, 18, South View, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar, nr. Huddersfield.

SET fire brasses, new, 8/6; Italian mandoline in case, perfect, 25/-, exchange pure Norwich hens or big cock Goldfinch, approval, deposit: Sanford, Kensington-road, Morecambe.

CAPITAL working hob lino ferret, 7/6; 2 hand-reared hen Greenfinches, 3/-; exchange Himalayan or Dutch rabbits, or offers Canaries: Davies, Albert View, Staff-rd., Newport, Salop.

EXCHANGE a set of mounted meat carvers, knife, fork, and steel, with staghorn handles, for 1 cock, or three hen Canaries: W. Staniforth, 12, Mudford-terrace, Shoreham-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE or sell, 14/-; good pair; officer's jackboots and trees, eights, for a good typical large unflighted clear buff Norwich hen; Weygang, 7, Gildersome-st., Woolwich Common.

BLANKETS, sheets, boots, suits, overcoats, etc., cutlery, tools, electro-plate, everything for the home given in exchange for Canaries; stamp: Manager, Exchange Co., 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

HOBBIES' "Treadle" fretsaw, cost 21/-; camping basket, fitted, complete, new, cost 28/-, exchange anything useful; Yorkshire Canaries for sale: 14, Avenue-road, Kingsheath, Birmingham.

MAHOGANY Palace aviary, zinc trap, 15/6; Foreigner's aviary, zinc trap, 5/6; 14 parts new standard work, 5/-; exchange Yorkshires or Norwich: Smith, 54, River-rd., Holloway.

EXCHANGE brass gramophone horn, 4ft. 8in. and telescope hanging stand, cost 25/-, for pair of good clear Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, birds first: Roberts, 80, Ancrley Park, Ancrley, S.E.

CH. D Irish terrier, smooth coat, 12 months, very affectionate and intelligent, house trained, sell or exchange for good Yorkshire cock: A. Lock, 12, Dudley Gardens, Ealing, London, W.

PAIR gent.'s strong boots (good), size 8, navvy pattern, little worse than new, cost 16/6; what offers, Peartree cock Goldfinches; mutual approval: Palfreeman, 9, Ask-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

SPLENDID pedigreed fawn pug bitch, two years, 30/-; nearly new 8-guinea gent's cycle, splendid condition, £3 10s.; exchange anything, yours first: Minikin, Naturalist, Grape-street, Keighley.

BULLDOG collar and leather padded bulldog chest expander, almost new, cost 16/6, exchange Canaries, approval: Jenkins, 15, Downing-street, Llanelly.

A REALLY good centre second chronograph stop, gold-plated watch, a good timekeeper, value £1; will exchange for good pair Yorkshires; birds first: F. Popple, Croydon House, Deeping St. James.

VERY good gent.'s Humber cycle, 24in. frame, free-wheel, rim, brake, good tubes and tyres, every part perfectly sound and perfect running order, easy-running cycle, 17/6: Albert Dobb, Penn-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

TRIO 1910 Old English Spangle Bantams, laying, Babcock's strain, 15/-; exchange single or double breeding cages or larger, must be clean, good condition; British or Siberian Hardbills: Whitford, Nantymoel.

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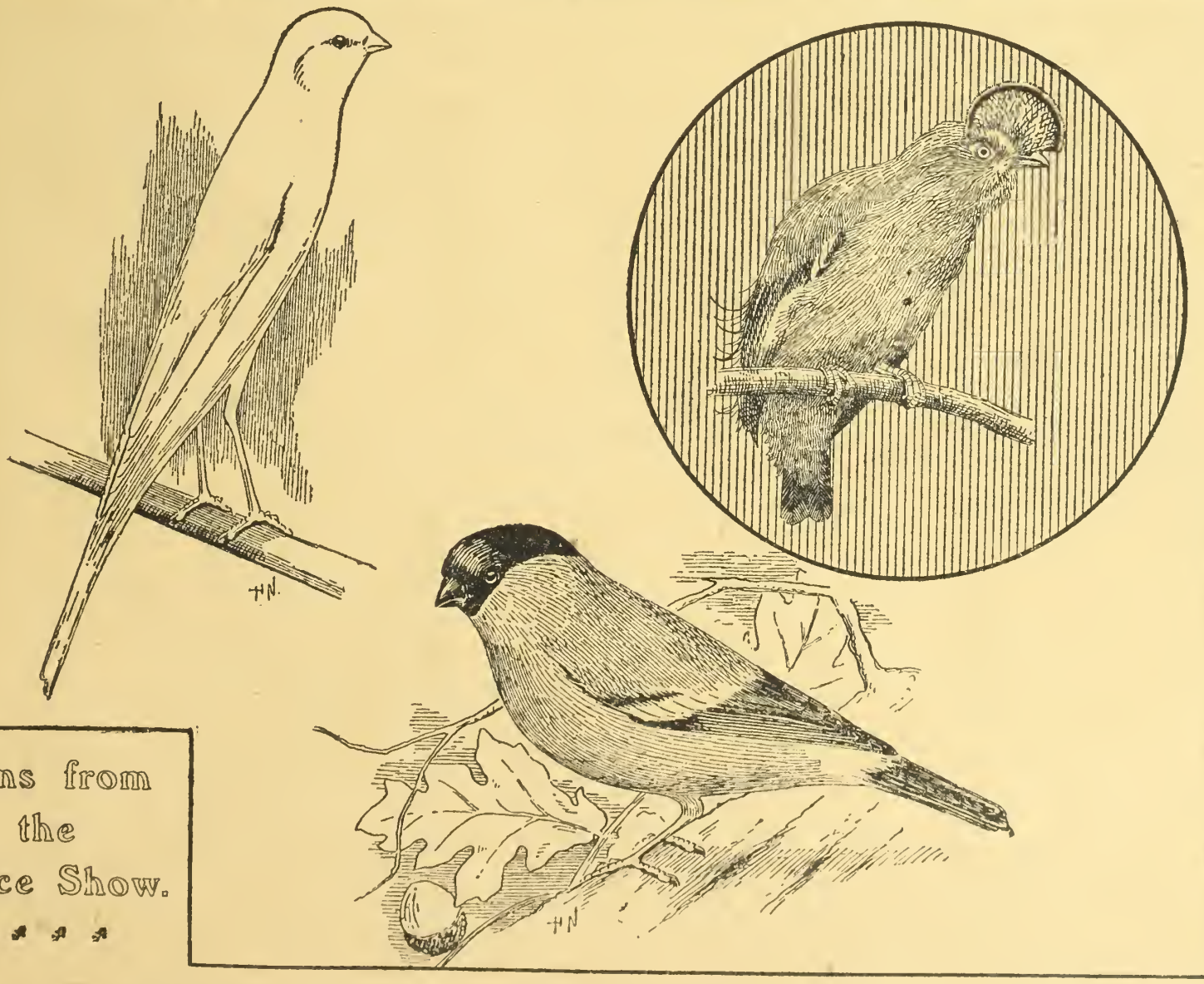
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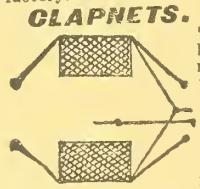
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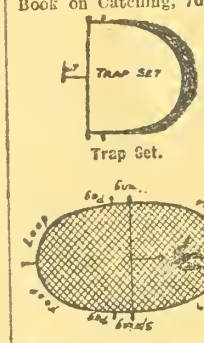
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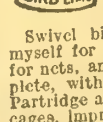
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LARGE massive buff Lancashire Plainhead cock and hen, exchange exhibition British, or sell 22/-: Mason, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

LANCASHIRES, three coppy hens, 1910, for sale; exchange Lancashire cock, Green, for Lancashire, good yellow; very good birds: D. M. Jones, Meirior House, Pwllheli.

YELLOW Coppy cock and buff hen, 35/-; buff Plainhead cock and yellow coppy hen, 25/-; buff coppy cock 20/-, extra large buff Plainhead cock 50/-; all on approval: West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, 1910 bred; only two yellow and three Buff Plainhead cocks left; can offer grand Buff coppy cocks, bred from my winners, from 20/- to 60/- each; all 1910 bred; stamp reply: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

TWO yellow Lancashire Plainhead hens for sale, 15/- each; also buff Coppy hen, or will exchange any of the above for short, chubby, yellow Norwich Plainhead hen: must be on approval: Albert Bowbotham, Steward, Clarksfield Conservative Club, New Earth-street, Oldham.

Lizards.

LIZARDS, cheapest and best ever advertised in this paper. List free.—Rudd.

LIZARDS for beginners, no fancy prices; one cock and two hens, 12/- the lot: Grimshaw, Westgate, Hale, Altrincham.

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HIGH-class Lizards, bred from my Manchester, Rochdale, and Palace winners, cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/-; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

CHAMPION Lizards, bred from my champion cup and diploma winners, pairs or single cocks, cheap; also some 1909 Gold. hens; inspection invited: Dewsnap, 68, Prince-st., Glossop.

THE Lizard Prince, winner both firsts, champion diploma, etc., Crystal Palace; see report; any show or stock birds, reasonable, approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 41, Hall Carr-road, Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

Norwich.

BREEDER'S CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, 149, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous challenge cups, can spare few choice specimens. Cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, ditto; few grand pairs, 40/-, 60/-; approval with every pleasure; inspection cordially invited; 20 years' standing strain.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

SIX 1910 Norwich hens, 2/3 each, cocks 6/-; approval: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

NORWICH hens for sale, 3/- each, exchange cock Goldfinch: Burton, Grocer, High-st., Plumstead.

BARGAIN.—3 Norwich cocks, full song, cold-room; last season's birds, 13/-: Lewis, Wilisbridge, Bristol.

NORWICH hens, good, healthy, last year's birds, 3/6 each: Cooke, 80, Selwyn-avenue, Richmond, Surrey.

COCK Canaries, Norwich, from 5/-; cock Goldfinches from 3/- upwards, fine birds: Norgrove, Wavenden, Bucks.

A FEW good Plainhead Canaries, 12/6 and 15/6 pair; approval: James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

FEW prize bred Norwich for sale, cheap to clear; approval, stamp reply: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

LARGE buff cock, 3rd; buff hen, vhc; yellow hen; exchange dark suit length; sell 25/-: Ernest Elms, Wisbech.

GRAND Norwich hens from 3/6 each; cocks from 7/6 each; all cold-room reared: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper.

GREAT bargain; massive clear buff Norwich cock, full song, 7/6; worth double: Clifford, Heal Paulton, Bristol.

GOOD slightly marked 1909 yellow Norwich hen, non-fed, 5/-: Stockwell, 131, Shadefield-rd., Ward End, Birmingham.

GOOD Norwich birds (outdoor aviary), 10/- pair, grand singers, cocks 8/6: Miss Ibberson, 21, Wilbury-villas, Hove.

LARGE Norwich hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; muling hens 2/9, 3/-; cold room birds: T. Bugdale, Bawdeswell, E. Dereham.

DEALERS supplied with large healthy Norwich cocks in full song, also hens: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-road, Norwich.

TWO variegated cocks, 5 variegated and 2 clear buff hens wanted; cash offers: Davies, 9, Boud-st., Newport, Mon.

EIGHT Norwich cocks, 5/- each, 3 hens 7/6, matched pairs 8/6; approval anywhere: John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

GOOD young Norwich hens, 3/- and 3/6 each, healthy, two for 5/6: Wyatt, 86, Rodney-road, Walworth, London.

MUST clear, 9 cocks, 26 hens, Norwich Plainhead, cold room bred; can be seen any time: 66, Sprules-road, Brockley.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens form, 8/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

FEW good Norwich, single or pairs, related to my winners: approval, stamp: Silver, Peel-st., Winson Green, Birmingham.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, will send on approval Norwich cocks, 10/6, 15/6, 20/6; hens, 10/6, 15/6, 20/6, upwards.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, buffs and yellows, 2/6 each; approval: Reay, 49, Flower-st., Carlisle.

NORWICH cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; pairs, 5/6, 8/6, 10/6; Bullfinches, 2/6: James, Kirton-Lindsey, Lincoln.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks, from 7/6, hens 5/-, to clear; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-aven., Munster-rd., Fulham.

NORWICH hens from 4/6; cocks from 8/6; matched pairs, 12/6: Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Matthias-rd., Newington Green, N.

W. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn; from my prize strain; pairs £1 upwards, single hens 7/6 upwards; on approval.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 10/-; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; approval: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

SIX excellent pairs Norwich, 1910, good, strong, healthy birds, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, approval, cash or deposit: Adcock Chatteris.

THREE typical Norwich pairs, 10/6 pair; also several good large hens, 3/- and 3/6 each; approval: Poore, 43, Guildford-rd., Ilford.

A FEW graud yellow or buff cocks left, of the best, from 7/6; own breeding; approval: Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

NORWICH cocks, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 5/-; about 40, Vardy-Spillman, etc.; approval, deposit: Terry, 13, Hampstead-rd., Brighton.

HIGH class buff Norwich cocks from 6/-; buff hens from 4/-; colour fed, approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

LARGE cobby Norwich cocks, in full song, and breeding condition, cold room, 7/6 each; approval: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

TWO green marked and two buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, make good stock birds, 7/- each: Spratt, Orchard-lane, Southampton.

NOTICE; grand lot Norwich for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

30 GOOD Norwich hens, young, healthy, ready to nest; buff 2/6, clear yellow 3/-, each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

SLASHING variegated cock, splendid stamp, 7/6; another, 6/6; grand buff hen, 3/9; bargains; approval: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some grand Norwich hens, including several winners, and 6 flighted yellow cocks, cheap.

PRIZE-bred matched pairs, variegated; Buff cock, Yellow hen, 10/-; typical Buff cocks, 7/6; approval, deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

BUFF hens, cheap, also few matched pairs, yellow cocks, variegated buff hens; approval on deposit: Bryson, 8, Broomhill-rd., Aberdeen.

BARGAIN, 2 clear Norwich buff cocks, colour fed, 1910, typical feather, 7/6 each, approval: Hoyle and Son, Grocers, Chipping, Lancashire.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6; real bargains; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NORWICH cocks, yellow variegated, 12/6, yellow marked 10/-, 2 buff marked 7/6 each; approval; deposit: Harland, Postman, Whitby.

SEVERAL grand typical clear Norwich cocks, unflighted yellows, buffs, size substance, quality, 12/6 to 18/6; approval, stamp: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

W. ALLEN, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs., has unflighted buff cocks for sale, colour fed, bred from winners, large, typical, healthy birds; approval; 7/6 each.

SIX good cocks in full song, 4/6 each; hens 2/-; warranted clean and healthy: Cooper, 9, Holland-rd., Leicester (late Halstead Street).

LARGE yellow, buff cocks, clears, singing, guaranteed healthy, 4/6, 5/-; also hens, 2/6, 3/-; approval: Scott, Keyham-lane, Hunuherstone, Leicester.

GOLDFINCH cock, house moulted, paired to hen Bullfinch; exchange for large yellow Norwich cock (Bullfinch type): Lewis, Parkside, Oswestry.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries; cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens, 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

TWO yellow cocks, two buff variegated cocks, yellow hen, buff variegated hen, five buff hens, approval: George Steven, 215, Montrose-street, Brechin.

TYPICAL Norwich, same strain as my own winners, yellows and buffs, cocks or hens, from 7/6 upwards; state wants: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

BUFF cock, 8/-; hens, yellow, 5/-; green, 8/-; 12/6 lot; cost double last year; giving up variety: Howell, Traquair Park, Murrayfield, Midlothian.

PALACE winner, 2nd, this week, buff Norwich cock, massive framed, typical, chubby bird, 25/-; bargain: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

NORWICH Canaries, cold room bred, cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens, 1/6, 2/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

NORWICH.—I am selling the whole lot of 24 large typical hens, yellows and buffs, no reasonable offer refused: Lee, 15, School-st., Benwell, Newcastle.

LACK, Hairdresser, Glenthorpe-road, Hammersmith, cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, 5/- to 20/-; see show reports Battersea, Hastings (L.C.B.A.); typical Norwich.

TWENTY Norwich cocks, full song, 6/- each; 20 hens, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6, 3 for 5/6; cold room, sex guaranteed; inspection invited: Bater, Jones-sq., Troedyrhw, Glaw.

FOURTEEN Norwich Canaries, some prize winners, also 4 flight cages and 3 breeders, no cards. What offers?: A. Woodward, Banstead-pl., Banstead, Surrey.

TWO pairs grand Norwich, 1910, large size, excellent quality, breed winners, 20/- pair, honestly worth 30/-; approval, cash or deposit: Adcock, Chatteris.

GOOD stout Norwich yellow hen, 4/-; two, same type, buff, 3/6; grand pair large 1908 birds, clears, 13/6; splendid value, approval: Porter, South-terrace, Darlington.

CLEAR yellow cock, 10/6; buff ditto, 8/6; variegated, 6/6, 7/6; splendid quality; approval; stamp reply, deposit: F. Tesseyman, St. Matthew's Schools, Camp-rd., Leeds.

TIP-top green hen, just the sort for producing quality and feather, 12/6: yellow hen, a clinker, 15/-; ticked yellow hen, 6/-; exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

BARGAIN; large, thick set, typical Norwich cock, exhibition bird, winner of several honours, in faultless condition, accept 12/6: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

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HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/3, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

SEVERAL unflighted yellow and buff cocks, bred from the best strains in the fancy, from 7/6 each; same strain winner of two cups at Luton: Litchfield, 32, Tennyson-road, Luton.

COBBY unflighted clear buff cock, 1st at Coventry, £2; clear yellow cock, bred 1909, 15/-, 2nd at Leamington; charming eye ticked buff cock, good size, 10/6: Brooks, Fruiterer, Leamington.

C. Carr, 37, Aveling Park-road, Chingford-road, Walthamstow, has four pairs champion Norwich to clear, 12/- pair; also eight buff cocks, 1910 bred, 8/6 each; on approval; inspection invited.

S. T. Jones, Lynton, Devon, can spare monster ticked buff cock, grand head and neck, 1908 bred, 25/-, a bargain; unflighted clear buff cock, lovely quality, 10/6, both from winning blood; approval.

I HAVE a few buff Norwich hens for sale, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; also 3 buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; all bred from my winners: Wm. Foxall, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-u-Lyne.

HARLAND'S noted Norwich yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; pairs 15/-, 20/- upwards; state wants and price (about); approval; stamp: Geo. Harland, 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

FOR sale, some prize-bred Norwich, Sandiford's, Dobinson's, Irous', and Grey strains; no better blood in the Fancy; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

HIGH class Norwich marked yellow cock, winner of two firsts, 15/-; ticked yellow cock, winner of first and second members', 12/6; also a few yellow hens, 7/6 each; approval: Palmer, Newby-street, Ripon.

TYPICAL Norwich, must clear, 7/- pair, well bred, healthy, good Siberian Goldfinch cock, yellow hen, large, 15/-; ditto 20/- pair; exchange Bullfinch hens or Hawfinch cocks: E. Harris, Murray-st., Montrose.

MASSIVE coppy Norwich, few grand stock birds, stout cocks, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6; coppy hens, 5/-, 6/-; properly matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; champion strain; approval willingly: Hattou, Windmill, Belper.

SACRIFICE owing to moving; 2 cocks, 4 hens, Norwich or Rollers, four-compartment breeding cages, nest pans, and utensils, complete, 25/- lot; all healthy cold room bred: 18, Gloucester-street, Aberdare.

HOLDEN'S noted Norwich, bred from and related to my winners at all leading shows, including Scottish National, and Palace; few for disposal; approval; stamp: 35, Rodsley Avenue, Gateshead-on-Tyne.

W. ADAMS, 28, Chartley-rd., Leicester.—I have decided to sell my winning birds and pairs at reasonable prices. Stock must be cleared; state wants; satisfaction guaranteed; all own breeding; deposit, approval.

TYPICAL yellow and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, matched, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, upwards; week's approval, deposit; Apply: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

VAR. yellow cock, 1910, and clear buff hen, 25/-; clear yellow 1910 cock and clear buff hen, 35/-; 1910 buff cock 15/-; related to my winners of two cups and medals, this season: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

J. WOODHOUSE, Sheffield challenge cup and second points special winner, has a few pairs for sale, from 20/- pair; few odd cocks from 15/-, related to above and winners at Tideswell, Grimsby, Hull, Ilkeston, Doncaster, Peterborough, Sheffield open, etc.; short, grand type; also Yorkshires; approval: 111, Oakland-rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield.

CHAMPION Norwich; few real good, clear ticked and variegated yellow and buff hens, plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality, from 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 21/- to £3 each, all cold room bred, strong, healthy, and vigorous; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

MY 10/6 pairs Norwich Plainheads are healthy, bouncing, typical birds, exceedingly fine value, grand breeding trim, cocks, grand specimens, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, approval, cash or deposit: Savage, Westfield Aviaries, Goole.

TYPICAL Norwich, a few pairs of good birds from 15/-; few single birds, cocks, from 8/6; hens 3/6; all related to my winners at Poplar, Leyton, and L.C.B.A., Teasdale: 9, Lockhart-st., Burdett-rd., London, E.

TYPICAL stock birds, direct from winners, splendid heads and necks, perfect feather, cocks from 7/- to 20/-; specially good hens from 5/-; own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, Northaven., Ramsgate.

CHANGING residence, must sell all my stock; 100 birds for disposal, bred from big winners; cocks and hens, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-, and upwards, many unflighted; cash or deposit; approval: Rev. B. Nume, Saltash, Cornwall.

A FEW good pairs of Norwich Plainheads for sale, from £1 upwards; these birds are all bred from Mr. T. Edward's champion strain; also a few odd hens, yellows and buffs, from 7/6: W. Midgley, 44, Oxford-rd., Burnley, Lancs.

TYPICAL Norwich. I can spare a few grand pairs splendid quality birds, from winners, 15/- to 26/-; also few good cocks, 10/- to 12/6; see leading show reports; approval willingly: William Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

DEALERS supplied with strong, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads and Crests, cocks and hens, cocks on full song, large or small qualities, all cold room bred, prices on application: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

HIGH-class Norwich, both exhibition or stock purposes, must sacrifice immediately; state wants and figure that will suit yourself, and they will be sent for your approval; inspection invited: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

A. W. CURTIS, champion Norwich breeder, winner of upwards of 300 prizes, including challenge cups, medals, etc., for best unflighted and best Canary in show, have for disposal unrelated pairs, 12/6 upwards: 8, Fabian-rd., Fulham.

GOOD Norwich for sale, buff cock (brother to first prize winner at Frome), and smart yellow hen, 15/-; two buff cocks, 10/- each; and good buff hen, 10/-, on seven days' approval, cash or deposit: H. Bennett, Cashes Green, nr. Stroud, Glos.

CHAMPION large Bullfinch-typed Norwich, feathered like wax, properly matched to breed winners, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, and 50/- per pairs; singles from 7/6; show birds; cheap, approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

A. BROWN, 7, Norman Avenue, West Wood Green, must clear this week, on account of moving —40 Norwich and Yorkshires, including many winners, Miles, Irons, Bailey, Amber strains; 15 double breeders, show cages; lot, cheap.

A. E. SILK has without doubt the finest stud of Norwich in the Fancy; grand pairs or single birds, these, which will breed winners; pairs from 20/-; single birds from 10/-; finest strain living; hundreds of winners sold yearly; approval: Judge A. E. Silk, Whitstable.

HIGH-class Norwich show and stock birds, cages, etc.; must sell at workmen's prices; from 7/6 per pair; grand birds, colour fed, own breeding, cold room; state wants fully; on approval; cash or deposit: W. Wiberley, Barlow House, Stoney Stanton-rd., Coventry.

E. Hindler, 340, Whalley Range, Blackburn, can spare a few unflighted hens, same strain as my winners; buffs, 3/-, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6; one only, variegated yellow, 10/-; one extra large buff, clear, 10/-; one each, clear yellow and buff unflighted cocks, 15/- each; others from 8/6.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class cobby Norwich, bred from noted winners, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, matched pairs to breed winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, all carriage paid, on 7 days' approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

THESE words are definite. Consequent on increasing age, my stock of champion Norwich must be reduced; bird for sale; pairs from 20/-; single birds from 15/-; write me; state wants; compelled to reduce my stock; inspection invited: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

SPECIAL notice; I have a grand collection of Plainhead Norwich, several bred from the same strain as my Norwich hen, which won at the Crystal Palace last week; prices to suit all: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. State requirements; stamp reply.

LARGE, typical yellow cock, rare type and quality, good size and substance, only 17/6, cheap at 30/-; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, sure winner, only 10/6, honestly worth £1, or 21/- the pair; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

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W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, winner 10 challenge cups, etc., has typical clear yellow cock, winner, 25/-; unflighted clear yellow cock, 40/-; cap-marked yellow cock, 25/-; large grizzle tall yellow cock, 35/-; clear typical buff cock, winner, 35/-; very typical clear buff cock, winner, 30/-; large clear buff cock, 15/-; hens to match, any above 7/6 or 10/- each; all on approval.

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NOTICE. It will pay you to give me a visit and see these. 50 pairs stout cobby Norwich in all colours, coldroom bred at workingmen's prices; cocks in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; a few special for show or stock birds, cocks 10/-, hens 5/- each; inspection invited; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days' approval, cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Mercerton-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

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GOING to New Zealand, must clear at once.—Two clear unflighted yellow cock and buff hens to match, 40/- a pair, cap marked, unflighted yellow cock, and buff hen, 35/-; yellow green cock, year old, and unflighted buff hen, 30/-; year old variegated cock, winner, and large clear yellow hen, £3; unflighted variegated buff cock, massive stock bird, 50/-; variegated yellow hen, 35/-; two unflighted variegated buff hens, 10/- each; clear unflighted yellow hen, 5/-; crested cock, winner of 3 first in variety classes, 30/-; also 7 dozen breeding cages, double ones, 4/6; single, 2/6 each; birds before cash; approval: W. H. Lindley, 5, Edward st., Wombwell, near Barnsley.

CHAMPION Norwich, same breed as the wonderful unflighted yellow of the season: 1, Scottish National, Preston, etc. Mr. Snowden, of Morecambe, breeder of the above champion, who is retiring from the Fancy, has placed into our hands his entire stock of birds for sale, including three massive buff cocks, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; some clinking buff stock hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each; few grand yellow hens, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- each; three small yellow hens, big bred, 5/- each; two lovely unflighted buff cocks, win small shows, 15/-, 20/- each; three pairs matched to breed winners, 15/- pair; the finest blood in the Fancy; stamp reply: Ambler, 29, Sefton-rd., Morecambe.

EIGHT unflighted yellow cocks at 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each, clears, ticks, and variegated, all of good size, type and quality, and teeming with colour; 8 unflighted clear buff cocks of good size, substance, red-hot colour, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6 each; one 1909 yellow cock, ticked, large bird, good head, 12/6; clear unflighted buff hen, 7/6; ticked, unflighted, and variegated unflighted buff hens, 7/6 and 10/- each; var. unflighted yellow hen, 7/6; 1909 ticked large yellow hen, 10/-; five yellow and buff hens, unflighted, nat. colour, 5/-, 7/6 each, all cold room bred, sound and healthy; inspection invited, approval; matched pairs from 12/6. See "Cage Birds" reports for wins: R. Allen, Hairdresser and Tobacconist, 196, Blackburn-road, Bolton.

MONSTER exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 21/-, honestly worth £2; also smart, typical yellow cock, rare size and substance, full of quality, can win, only 21/-, cheap at £2; also grand yellow hen, good head and neck, feathered like silk, only 15/-, worth double, also very choice buff hen, real model for type and quality, win anywhere, only 12/6, recently cost 30/-; also few grand yellow and buff cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, plenty of size, good colour, large heads and full necks, rare type and quality, cocks from 10/6 to £5 each; hens from 5/6 to £3 each, all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MY aim is value and satisfaction; read one opinion, which proves: Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth, 6/2/11. Sir,—Bird arrived safely; none the worse for long journey. He is a splendid bird, and perfect match for hen; he seems quite at home, and was singing to-day; delighted with his size, stamp, and colour; in fact, my friends think him gem. I had some from —— last year, but they were nothing like this. More orders to follow.—Yours, Corpl. H. W. Scores like above received this year. Splendid selection. Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6; specially selected pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; all in perfect condition, and cold room bred. Also champion Yorkshires, Crests, and Cinnamons. State wants. Selected Norwich songster, full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; all on approval, cash or deposit; list, particulars free: R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

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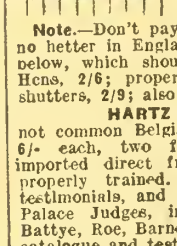
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SCOTCH Fancy, buff pied cock, yellow green cock, buff pied hen, good birds, all winners: John Robertson, 41, Prince Albert Buildings, Edinburgh.

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YORKSHIRES to produce winners; cocks, from 7/6, hens from 4/6; approval: Cook, Queen-st., Filey.

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YORKSHIRE Canaries, cocks 6/-, full song; variegated hens 2/-: Crockford, 21, Cook's Cross, South Molton.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

ONE pair Yorkshires, both clear, very good birds, 12/6; a bargain; and on approval: F. Shand, Fochabers, N.B.

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LARGE Yorkshire and Norwich cocks, 7/6; hens 2/6; cash or deposit system: C. Edwards, 17, Elmswood-rd., Birkenhead.

YORKSHIRES, good stock birds; two yellow and three buff cocks, two buff hens, cheap; approval: Barfe, Pateley Bridge.

YELLOW Yorkshires, cock and two hens, 1910—well bred, 12/6; bargain: Turner, 2, Thomas-st., Rowharton, Taunton.

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NOTICE; grand lot Yorkshires for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

BURTON.—Clearing out, grand opportunity for novices, going reasonable; inspection invited: Flat 6; 87, Gt. Titchfield-st., W.

CHAMPION buff Yorkshires, cold-room hens, from 2/6; cocks from 5/-; approval, deposit: Fred Laycock, Sutton Mill, Keighley.

OIL heating stove, 10/-, would exchange pair good Yorkshires; been used for bird-room with success: Thorpe, Sunnyside, Worksop.

FORTY good Yorkshires, yellows and buffs, Wilcock's strain, 8/6 pair; approval, deposit: Hunt, 57, Twinnell-rd., Easton, Bristol.

BUFF cock and yellow hen, mated to produce winners, 10/- pair, worth double; approval: Sutcliffe, 24, Windsor-road, Hebden Bridge.

MUST clear; typical Yorkshires 8/- pair, good yellow hens 3/-, room wanted: A. Wood, 51, Hand's-rd., Langley Heanor, Derbyshire.

HAVE left 8 cocks and 12 hens from my well-known winners; cheap; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

THREE pairs 1910 high-class Yorkshires, one pair of Greens, 8/6 pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Bowmar, 9, Nuncargate, Kirkby, Notts.

FEW Yorkshires, cocks and hens, including 3 winners, Frome show; prices reasonable; approval; worth double: R. Pinnell, Warminster.

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, at home all day; prices to suit anybody: Metcalfe, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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HIGH-class Yorkshires; cocks 10/6 to 21/-; hens, 5/- to 10/-; pairs, 17/6 to 30/-; cash or deposit; approval: Humphries, Birchett, Speldshurst.

MODERN Yorkshire cocks and hens from 5/- to £1 10s. each; approval; latest wins; Taunton, Truro, Falmouth: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, splendid lot, cocks and hens; all prices: Can be seen at "Boro' News" Office, 11, St. George's Road, Wimbledon.

SELLING off, Cinnamon-marked and clear pink-eyed cocks, from 5/-; pairs from 7/6; P.O. or deposit: Dearden, Spring st., Brighouse, Yorkshire.

MUST sell, overstocked, six pairs of Yorkshires; some fit for exhibition; together or separate: T. Woodall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire

UNFLIGHTED ticked yellow hen, from winners, 5/-, approval anywhere; deposit; particulars stamp: Shipley, 64, Victoria-rd., Longeaton, Notts.

YORKSHIRES, champion strain, good length and type, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6; approval: Hannaford, 65, St. Quintin's-avenue, North Kensington.

SEVERAL grand buff stock Yorkshires, good length and style for breeding winners, also few yellow hens, cheap to clear: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., E.

KIGHTLEY, Mount Pleasant-rd., Stroud Green.—Healthy Yorkshire hens, 1910, Greens, variegated; buffs, variegated, Cinnamon, 5/- each: approval.

FOR sale; few pairs of good Yorkshires from 10/- a pair and upwards, or exchange; good drapery: B. Holmes, 95, Dallon lane, Keighley, Yorkshire.

FOUR pair Yorkshire Canaries, one pair Norwich, 8/- pair, 37/6 lot; approval, deposit; particulars apply Laycock, 24, Crawshaw-street, Accrington.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, Belgian crossed, some 7 ins., from 7/6; also good Norwich, same price; stamp: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

COLD room, long stylish cocks and hens, bred from winners, Clapham, Battersea, Wimbledon; reasonable; approval: Holl, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

YORKSHIRES, high-class yellow cocks, from 7/-, hens 5/-, cold room bred, in full song: Saunders, Gardens, Little Basseltwood, Bassett, Southampton.

CINNAMON marked and foul yellow cinnamon Yorkshires, cocks and hens, very reasonable: Mill's, Elsinore, Westwood Avenue, Timperley, Cheshire.

YORKSHIRES, Ambler's strain; single birds 7/6, matched pairs 15/- upwards; lot cheap; approval, cash or deposit: O'Reilly, Nunthorpe avenue, York.



More Winners This Week.

Read following testimonials, which are only samples of scores I receive weekly:—From 6, Garden Terrace, Girvan, Scotland, Feb. 5th, 1911.—I am extra well pleased with the cock you sent me, and he won 1st and spl. prize at our show here.—Wm. Pitt to J. A. Taylor. Another from 31, Church Street, Bangor, Co. Down, Ireland, Feb. 6th, 1911.—The cock won 1st and spl. prizes, and the hen 2nd and spl. prizes, so you see they have done well for me, and I am highly satisfied.—D. Carleton to J. Taylor.

Scores similar to these received during last week, and all filed for inspection at any time. Champion Yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; Buff cocks, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song, and seven inches long. Pairs, carefully matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. In clears, ticked, marked, cinnamon-marked, and clear pink-eyed. Colour fed or natural colour, and all cold-room bred and kept. Extra good Yellow and Buff hens at 3/8, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Inspection invited at any time. Illustrated new price list post free. All sent on seven days approval at my risk to any part. Export orders a speciality.

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15 GRAND birds, to breed winners, cocks 10/- to £1, hens 7/6; cold room bred; warranted genuine—approval, Yorkshires: Smith, 289, Eccles New-rd., Weaste.

YELLOW or buff cocks, yellow or buff hens for sale, in the pink; inspection invited; stamp reply; 3 days' approval: H. Jennings, 3, Anne-street, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

YORKSHIRE cocks, full of quality, full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; carriage paid; approval: W. E. King, 3, Oak-street, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

H. C. HEDWORTH has 3 Yorkshire hens to dispose of, 2 clear yellows, 10/- and 7/6; one clear buff, 7/6; Amblers' pure strain; approval: Dudley-rd., Grantham.

WANTED two good stock pairs, Yorkshires, mated breed winners; exchange winning Jacobins, homers; approval: Particulars, write, Harry Butler, Hawarden, Chester.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, hens, 5/- upwards; buff cocks 10/-, approval, deposit: Arthur Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

CLEARING out clear and green variegated Yorkshire Canaries, Cinnamon bred, 1909/10; cold room, typical; cocks from 8/6: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundray-road, Leeds.

TWO pairs high-class Yorkshires, bred from winners; yellow cock and buff hen, buff cock and yellow hens, 12/- pair; approval: Watmough, Stanley House, Ruswarp, Whitby.

SIX pairs high-class Yorkshires, 3 double, 3 single, and 3 show cages, and case, baths, and sundries, £3 the lot; or separate: Turner, 28, Plumpers-rd., Tinsley, Sheffield.

PAIR of clinking Yorkshires, winners, the right type, will breed some grand ones, colour fed, only 8/6, with double breeder, 12/6; bargain: Miss ——, 68, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

YORKSHIRES, 2 pairs left, one pair 10/6, other 12/6; a few nice big unflighted hens from 2/6 to 7/6 each; all well bred and splendid feeding strain: Haines, Charlton, Chichester.

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1910, cold room; cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 5/6; 4 days' approval; cash or deposit, inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-road, Acton, London, W.

GRAND young yellow Yorkshire cock, bred from good prize strain, 10/6; buff hen, sister to above, 8/-; large birds; approval: H. Jackson, Station-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

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OWING to removal, must clear some of my Yorkshires; six yellows, eight buffs, cocks, from 7/6; few hens to match, 12/6 pair; same strain as my winners: Write or call, Wm. Rothery, 48, Darklane, Batley.



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Yorkshire cocks, grand birds, good length, and full of quality, and on full song, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each, upwards. Smart, racy, upstanding hens, full of "breed," 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- upwards.

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YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, colour fed, cocks 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 upwards; hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 upwards; carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION 1910 clear buff Yorkshire cock, winner, 25/-; typical yellow cock, 7/6; long slim buff cock, 10/-, full song; 2 buff hens, 4/- each, approval, deposit: John Radley, 259, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

NOT giving up Fancy or removing, etc., but have several real good Yorks. for sale from my winning strain, 6/6 upwards; approval; also winners; stamp reply; inspection invited: Jones, 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow.

GRAND long slim yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/6; lovely buff cock, 7/6; long slim buff hen, 7/6; another, 5/-; long slim yellow hen, 7/-; Bailey and Swanger's strain; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, typical cocks, from 5/-; smart typical hens, from 3/-; matched pairs, 8/- upwards; approval anywhere; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, winner at Yorkshire Union shows and Crystal Palace 1st and 2nd, have a few for sale; cocks from 6/-, hens from 5/- upwards; approval, stamp for reply: S. S. Rigg, Grove House, Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire.

HAVE purchased well known exhibitor's Yorkshires, not surplus, but show and stock; all picked birds, speedy sale required; all half price, pairs 20/- to 50/-; single birds, 10/- to 30/-; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

SELL following up-to-date Yorkshires:—3 yellow cocks, 10/6 and 12/6 each; 3 buffs, 8/6 and 10/6; 4 clinking hens, yellows, 7 each; buffs, 6/-; no better blood obtainable: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-terr., Bradford, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES, cocks, show or stock birds, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each, or exchange unflighted Norwich or bagatelle; approval both sides; yours first: W. Brotherton, 118, Springfield View, Doncaster rd., Rotherham, Yorks.

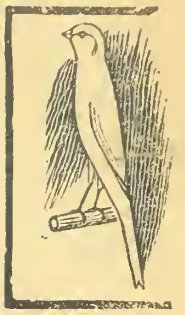
HIGH class Yorkshires, bred from my winners Sale, Altrincham, Eccles, grand birds, cheap to clear; room wanted; cocks 6/-, hens 4/-; worth double; cold room: Radford, 114, Second avenue, Trafford Park, Manchester.

CLEAR yellow cock, 1st and special, 15/6; ticked buff cock, 2nd, 15/6; clear buff cock, unflighted, 4th, 12/6; clear buff hen, he, 7/6; 1909 clear yellow cock, 8/6; clear buff cock, 7/6: William Baxby, Coal Aston, Dronfield.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, prize strain, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6; double breeding cages, 4/6, single 2/6, joiner made, will exchange toy pom bitch puppy to value, part cash, good points, pedigree, approval: Breeder, 21, Shirley road, Stratford.

FANCIERS wanting some real good birds, I think I can suit you; cocks and hens, prices reasonable; seen any time; must reduce to prepare for breeding; guaranteed healthy; approval, deposit: H. Smith, 115, Merton rd., Wimbledon.

Prize-Winning YORKSHIRES.



Read following testimonials, which proves without doubt that the reliable strain is absolutely the best in the Fancy, and for years past has bred and supplied winners at all the leading shows:—"8, Colenward St., Belfast, Jan. 29, 1911.—I have much pleasure in letting you know I have won 3 firsts, 7 seconds, 7 thirds, etc., and several specials, including special best Cinn. Marked at Belfast Show, and special for best Yorks. cock at Bangor Show, with birds bought from you, also with birds bred from stock birds from you. This should prove to fanciers requiring winners or stock birds that yours is a reliable strain for producing winners, and that fanciers can rely on being honestly treated by an honest breeder.—C. Tansey to L. Dykes." Another from Breakspear Road, Abbotts Langley, January 28, 1911:—"Received hen quite safe, and very well pleased with her; also thanks for the prompt attention paid to order, and I shall not forget you if I want any more.—W. Willis to L. Dykes." "George Street, South Hindley, near Barnsley, January 28.—I received the pair of Yorkshires in splendid condition, and am highly satisfied with them.—Thomas Holmes to L. Dykes." Champion long Yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; Buff cocks at 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, all on full song and seven inches long. Pairs carefully matched to breed winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair, in clears, ticked, marked, cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed, colour-fed to perfection or natural colour, and all guaranteed cold-room bred and kept, and in perfect health. Extra long racy Yellow or Buff hens, at 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; also some grand chubby Norwich at same price as Yorkshires, and a few choice Crests and Crest-breds, reasonable. Travelling Cages 3d. extra. All sent on seven days' approval at my risk, and safe delivery guaranteed at any distance. Easy payments arranged with genuine fanciers, and birds sent off at once. State wants. Illustrated price list free. Inspection invited at any time. If you want to win or stock birds to breed winners, I can supply you with the best blood in Fancy. Also a few recent winners, cheap.

Place your orders with the old reliable Breeder, Exhibitor, and Judge, who breeds his own winners, and has won over 300 cash prizes, cups, medals, etc., during the present season, at most leading shows, and remember I am the only one exhibiting of the name of Dykes, so am not claiming credit that is due to someone else.

L. DYKES, Reliable Aviaries, 70, Bolton Hall Road
BOLTON WOODS, BRADFORD.

WM. Furniss has some grand Yorkshires for disposal, same strain as my winners in open competition; all my own breeding, and cold room bred: cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6; approval, deposit: 43a, Hawthorne-rd., Hillsboro', Sheffield.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, for show and stock, clear yellow 1910 cock, winner, 15/-; bull, 1910 cock, winner of several honours, 15/-; others from 7/6 upwards; cold-room bred; approval, inspection invited: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class Yorkshires, correct type, 7ins. long, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each, matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, all carriage paid, on seven days' approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

WILLIAMS, 25, Arch-street, Hartlepool, offers lovely trio of Yorkshires, buff cock, yellow hens, unflighted, 30/-, approval, few nice buff hens at 7/6; show case and four cages 10/6; breeding cages, 40 by 19 by 11, 4/-; nice pair of Norwich, £1; must be sold; offers.

MAGNIFICENT matched pairs, 25/-, 30/-; grand cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, eighth Yorkshire Belgian cross, grand position and quality, matched with long typical Yorkshires, 20/- to 30/- pair, worth double; satisfaction, approval: Negus, 4, Monmouth-road, Abergavenny.

JOHN ED. PRIESTLEY'S champion Yorkshires, can spare a few, same strain as my winners at Bradford, West Halifax, Queensbury, clinking cock with two hens, 25/-; winners local show, others from 6/-; some clinking hens left; stamp: 258, Hanson-lane, Halifax.

FOR sale, 2 pairs of buff Yorkshire Canaries and box new breeding cages, 30/-, or will exchange for good pair, Seifert Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, gent.'s cycle, hand camera, ½ plate, portrait lense, or wide angles rectilinear, or anything useful: Woolridge, 27, Beaverhall-terr., Edinburgh.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, winners Darlington, Stockton, Middlesbro', Stanley, Derwent Valley, etc., cocks and hens, same blood, large upstanding, from 7/6, pairs properly mated 15/-, 16/6 upwards, exhibition specimens from 21/-; approval 4 days; 26 years' breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorks, show and stock, yellow-marked cock, 1st Darlington, Chopwell, Middlesbrough (Malton special best bird), 2 York, etc., 1 clear yellow, winner, several others; also 12 first-class stock cocks some 7in., 10/- to 25/-; few good hens; approval, cash or deposit: G. Simeson, 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York.

WHY pay fancy prices when you can get real good Yorkshires, cocks, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; stylish hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; matched pairs, 8/6 to 20/-; all in good sound condition, good feather and plenty of size; 3 days' approval; cash or deposit: Middleton Bros., Croft, Thwaites, Keighley, Yorkshire.

DRABBLE and Bennett, winners of the Sheffield and District challenge cup, have for disposal some grand Yorkshires; we are noted for type and quality; every bird own breeding, in cold room; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; few grand pairs, 20/- to 30/-; approval, deposit; inspection earnestly requested: 8, Slater-st., Olive-grove, Sheffield.

SELL ticked yellow Yorkshire hen, first prize winner Hebden Bridge, second Guisborough, vhc Halifax only times shown, 15/-; another ticked yellow hen second prize Hebden Bridge, third Wigan, 12/-; also Cinnamon ticked yellow hen, 7/-; few buffs, 4/-, 5/- and 6/- each; approval, cash or deposit: W. Spencer 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

THE old Yorkshire breeders have one of the finest selections of Yorkshires in the country; winners of over 100 prizes; see reports Middlesbrough Malton, Darlington, Keighley, etc.; cocks 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 5/6, 6/6; splendid pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/- 21/- Middleton Bros., 32, Ualty-st., Fell-lane, Keighley.

A MARVEL FOR THE MONEY

Mr. J. Thomson, of 29, Naburn-st., Glasgow, writes, Feb. 3, '11:—I must certainly congratulate you on the bird you sent me last week. It is really a marvel for the money. I shall recommend you to all my friends. Never saw anything to equal them. Thanks for birds; I am highly delighted with them; they are a splendid pair. I never saw anything to equal them yet, and I have seen a great many.—J. J. Connelly to G. Taylor. Arrived in good condition and well pleased.

From 16, Cambridge-rd., Kingswilliamstown, South Africa, received Feb. 4, '11:—Birds arrived quite safely and in good condition, per S.S. Kenilworth Castle, and am well pleased with all of them.—S. L. Domoney to G. Taylor.

I have thousands of flattering letters like above, all filed for inspection.

THE ORIGINAL TAYLOR'S YORKSHIRES.

For many years my aviaries have been known amongst Fanciers and the Press as "The Headquarters" for this popular variety. I have an exceptionally fine stock of Typical Yorkshires, including birds that have been bred from some of the finest strains in the country. Grand long upstanding birds, Colour-Fed or Natural Colour, and feathered like wax. All cocks in song.

Buff or Yellow Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; Buff or Yellow Hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; properly matched pairs, to produce winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- and 21/-.

Fine lot of Chubby Plainhead Norwich, at same prices as Yorkshires.

Please state your requirements.

Every variety of Canary and Cage Bird mentionable in stock, including Crests and Crest-bred, Lancashires, Cinnamons, Scotch Fancies, Lizards, cage-moulted Goldfinches, and some monster muling Hens; Hartz Mountain Rollers (Seifert strain).

My 58-page Catalogue contains illustrations of Breeding and Song Cages, and every known Bird-room Appliance, together with properly illustrated bird price list, post free on application.

GEORGE TAYLOR (E. Taylor's Successor),

The Yorkshire Bird Specialist,

3 & 7, Thornton Road, BRADFORD.

Easy Payments by joining Taylor's Bird Club.

LEAVING the Fancy, the whole of my valuable stock of Yorkshires for sale, about 14 cocks, 20 hens, 6 large flights, 12 single breeders, 2 double breeders, 6 baths, 8 Yorkshire show cages, 2 cases, 2 mills, 16 nest pans; offer wanted for the lot; or would separate; cheap; good exchange entertained: R. Welch, 95, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

GIVING up.—48 pairs of Canaries, in Yorkshires, Norwich, Border, cocks from 6/6, hens 2/6, pairs 8/6, 10/6; 38 double breeding cages, 3/- each, 2 for 5/6; 12 Canary cages, 1/-, 3 for 2/6; seed boxes, 2d. each, 1/9 dozen; water bottles, 10d. dozen; red mite traps, 1d. each, 10d. dozen; all at half price, or offers for lot: Rees, Berry House, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

G. E. SLADE has about 50 prize bred Yorkshires, Crests and crestbreds, for sale, cheap, to mate for the breeding season; Yorkshires, pairs from 12/6; Crests and crestbreds, pairs, from 20/-; see this week's issue for Palace winners, my stock needs no puff, and all cold room bred, seen any time; stamp, reply: 61, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, uneven marked yellow cock, 4th in 30/- selling class L.C.B.A., price 10/6; buff cock, 7-inch, grand stock bird, 10/-; yellow cock, will make show bird, 10/-; buff hen, 2nd in 11/6 selling class, price 7/6; large marked yellow hen, 7/6; Shackleton and Dyke's strain, approval with pleasure: L. Bousfield, Clovelly, Southbourne-rd., Bournemouth.

NOTICE. It will pay you to give me a visit and see these. 50 pairs high-class Yorkshires at working men's prices; cold room bred, Nor. clears, variegated, and cinnamon marked, cocks, on song, 5/-, 5/6, and 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; a few specials for show or stock birds, cocks at 10/- each, hens 5/- each; inspection invited; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days approval, cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Mercerom-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

"YORKSHIRE Canaries: How to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit." By H. W. Battye, President of the Yorkshire Union. It deals fully with the Yorkshire Canary, and its sub-varieties, and should be in the hands of every breeder; it gives the fullest instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, exhibiting, and how to treat both in health and disease. Illustrated by Messrs. H. Norman and A. J. Simpson; price, post free, 1/2: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

"HOUSE'S Canary Manual," by C. A. House, includes, among other interesting features, a chapter on the Roller Canary, and is entirely up-to-date. It contains information on feeding, rearing, diseases, etc., and a chapter with a model illustration is devoted to every known variety of Canary. Illustrated by Mr. H. Norman. Every bird depicted is a veritable model, and shows the breeder what to aim for; post free, 1/2; cloth bound, 2/2: From CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

COMPULSORY sale.—The following at less than half price:—12 pairs Yorkshires, 10 pairs Norwich, 9 pairs Rollers; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-; pairs, 8/-, 10/6, 12/6; 18 double breeding cages, 36in. long, including water bottles, seed-boxes, nest pans, etc., complete, 3/- each; single breeders, 2/-; 22 Canary cages, 1/- each; 10 dozen red mite traps, 1/- dozen; egg mill, 1/6; 6 dozen seed-boxes, 1/6 doz.; water bottles, open tops, 9d. dozen; 3 house-moulted cock Linnets, proved breeders, 2/6 each, 3 for 6/6; house-moulted cock Goldfinches, father of 13 Mules last year, 7/6; 5 house-moulted cock Greenfinche breeders, 2/6 each, 10/- the 5; 2 beautiful cock Redpolls, 9d. each; Yorkshire show case and 3 show cages, 5/-; the above can be seen any day: Rees, Berry House, Abercanaid, Merthyr.

THE IRISH NONSUCH.

I have a few birds for sale, cheap, to make room for breeding: Fleming, Ligoniel, Belfast.

OVERSTOCKED,

2nd prize, vhc, pair 15/6; 2nd prize, cinnamon mkd. cock 10/6; odd cocks 7/6: Goodwin, 136, Warham-st., Kennington.

HIRST'S

high-class Yorkshires, any of this season's winners for sale; well matched pairs, 15/-; single birds, 7/6 upwards; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

Just Purchased 60 YORKSHIRES

Including ALL HIS NOTED WINNERS this Season, from Mr. MERRIN, Bedale.

Tick Buff Cock, winner 8 1sts, etc., £2; Yellow Cocks, Yellow and Buff Hens, all winners of 1sts and 2nds this season. Send for prices; **selling cheap.** Grand Yellow and Buff Cocks, fit to win, from 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Yellow and Buff Hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; every bird a picture. Those requiring these noted winners of this season, write me, and I will give all particulars where they have won at all leading shows. Chance of lifetime for novices. All on approval. First come first served. Breeder 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

FOXEN'S MATCHED PAIRS,

properly mated to produce winners, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; cocks, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; see reports, Palace, Horticultural, Clapham, Battersea, Southend, Wimbledon: 8, Aberdeen Buildings, Bromley, Kent.

PARRY'S

high-class Yorkshires; having selected my own breeding stock, am prepared to sell about 50 real good birds at very low price; satisfaction guaranteed: Oak Bank, Rhos, Ruabon.

TRY EDMONDSON & SON

for Yorkshires, Canaries, to breed own winners; having bred and sold winners to leading exhibitors in Yorkshire, we are prepared to offer 50 pairs of Yorkshires, own breeding, from 10/6 to 30/- per pair; odd cocks or hens from 5/- to 30/-; on approval, cash or deposit; stamp particulars: Granville Aviaries, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES,

the same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; guaranteed the best and cheapest obtainable; cocks, 7/6, 10/6; sure winners, 15/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 each; 10/6, 15/6, and 20/- per pair; no rubbish; at my risk, ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

CHITTENDEN'S YORKSHIRES

have a wide world's reputation; nothing but the best kept, and bred by me; this stud has achieved more successes at home and abroad than any other in existence. See our wins in Australia last show season, as well as at home at all shows of note, as Halliday and Chittenden. I have some splendid pairs for disposal at 15/- to 50/-; single cocks or hens, 6/-, 10/-, 15/-, to 50/- each, in clears, ticks, or variegated, yellows or buffs, all on approval: 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford.

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES.

On account of continued illness, am reluctantly compelled to sell practically my whole stock of Yorkshires (about 300), inluding past season's breeders, in all varieties excepting whole Greens; to induce early sales, will allow all purchasers a reduction of 20 per cent. from current list prices, which will be forwarded free on receipt of postcard addressed to Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire. See breeder's card.

OWING TO REMOVAL

Most of my well-known stock will have to be sold from 15/- per pair; clears, Cinnamon, and green marked; write early to avoid disappointment.

W. RICHMOND, 16, Mayfield Grove, HARROGATE.

WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKS.

Cocks, real toppers, from 6/-; hens, feathered like wax, from 5/-; all colours, several pairs properly matched at 15/-; no purer strain in the Fancy; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned; approval: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

ONCE MORE

the breeding season is near. Are you prepared? Are all your stock birds ready? If not, let me help you by sending one of my pairs of winning Yorkshires; price 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- per pair: Arthur Harris, West Haddon, Rugby.

F. H. COOK,

Tredegar-rd., Ebbw Vale, has about 30 Yorkshires for sale, winners and bred from winners at Cheltenham, Plymouth, Ludlow, Cardiff, Swansea, Maesteg, Haverfordwest, Treharris, Merthyr, Abertillery, Tredegar, Ebbw Vale, all open competition; yellow and buff cocks from 10/- to £1; ditto hens, from 7/6; pairs for £1; approval; cash or deposit.

BINNS, BLACKPOOL

has a few good Yorkshires for sale, from his noted strain. I exhibit none but own breeding. See reports of great shows, Palace, Manchester, Scottish National, etc.

PAIRS FROM 15/- to 30/- A few extra yellow hens from 7/6 each. 9, Albert Terrace.

J. WILCOCK.

Not having had time for exhibiting this season, I have some real topping Yorkshires for sale, all sent on three days' approval: The Fountain Inn, Ecclesbill, near Bradford, Yorkshire.

IT'S NOT NEW,

but the old reliable firm that has given the uttermost satisfaction to thousands of customers, who always send their repeat orders, and recommend their friends to Miss Storey, the best, most reliable, and cheapest house for Canaries in the world. Read a few of the thousands of unsolicited testimonials I am continually receiving:—"28/1/11.—Received bird all right. Thanking you for your honest way of dealing with me. I shall always send to you.—G. Brocklebank." "21/1/11.—10, Victoria-st., Govau, Scotland.—Received bird; he pleases me splendidly. I will send you another order.—S. Stevenson." "27/1/11.—97, Chester-rd., Flint.—The birds give every satisfaction. I want more birds, and will most certainly send to you.—J. George." "26/1/1911.—15, Sandback, Sheffield.—Thank you for the pair of Norwich you sent me, which were received quite safe. They are a pair of nice birds, and I thank you for your selection.—H. Anson." "27/1/11.—84, Augustin-rd., Southsea.—The pair of Norwich arrived safely, in good condition. I am quite satisfied with them.—J. Harding." Call and inspect my stock. You will be convinced. I have the best pure-bred Yorkshires, that cannot be beaten for type, size, and quality; feathers like wax. Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; matched pairs for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; extra fine cobby Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; matched breedings pens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Send a postcard for my illustrated price list. Neat travelling cages, 3d. each. All birds carriage paid on seven days' approval at my risk: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

THE NOVICE'S CHANCE.

to secure birds related to my winners; won Yorkshire Union novice medal, Yorkshire Canary Club novice special, and 2nd Ramsden's special, open novice classes at Crystal Palace (4 entries), 2 1sts, 2 2nds, and Palace bronze medal (see reports); all my birds are own breeding; have some grand birds for sale, very reasonable, must be sold to make room for breeding; state wants; approval, cash or deposit: J. A. Whitwham, 14, Allerton-lanes, Allerton, Bradford.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front. A few winners for sale, also grand stock birds; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; stamp for particulars: Manor House, Helghington, via Darlington.

J. ROBERTSHAW

finds he has kept more pairs back than he can accommodate, will sell 5 pairs from £1 per pair; all related to his Palace and other winners; see show reports: 151, Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge.

OGDEN BROS.

have a few winners for sale, real clinkers, cannot be beaten; also a few properly matched pairs, 10/6, 15/6, 21/-, 30/-; this blood requires no bounce; our winnings are known throughout the world; see Crystal Palace reports; birds sent approval; cash or deposit; stamp particulars: Dudley-hill, Bradford.

BROADBENT'S 7s.6d. PAIRS

are the rage; properly matched pairs, Yorkshires 7/6; cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, buff, 2/6, 3/-; yellow hens, 5/-; if not prepared to pay cash, send stamp for full price list and deferred payment system for all varieties, to Broadbent, Decorator, The Millhouse, Lime-st., Sheffield, Yorks.

CLEARANCE SALE.

Leaving the Fancy, the whole of my valuable stock of Yorkshires for sale, including many winners this season, also about 20 stock pairs from 10/- per pair; breeding cages, show cages, and cases, all bird-room utensils; inspection invited: Harry Foden, 73, Mansfield-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

TYPICAL YORKSHIRES.

Are you undecided where to buy high-class Yorkshires; give me a trial for some of the best blood in the Fancy. Cocks, yellow or buff, 7/6 to 15/-; grand breed hens, 6/- to 10/6; a few matched unrelated pairs, 10/- to 25/- per pair; all colour-fed and cold-room bred, and for feather and quality cannot be beaten; write stating wants; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Morley, 63, St. Margarets-rd., Legrams-lane, Bradford.

JOHN MACE.

Cock red-breasted Linnets, 8d. each, 3 for 1/6, 2/6 half-dozen, 4/6 dozen; cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6; cock Bramblefinches, 6d.; cock Larks, 6d.; cock Siskins, 2/6; hens, 1/-; cock Hawfinches, 6/6; Pekin Robins, 1/-; Grosbeaks, 8/-; Indian Green Parrakeets, 4/6; Rosy Cockatoos, 7/6; Crosshills, 5/6 pair; Bearded Tits, 10/6 pair; Budgerigars, 6/6 pair; Lovebirds, 2/- pair; Saffron Finches, 5/6 pair; Cockatiels, 10/6 pair; small foreign Finches, 2/- pair; large stock of Yorkshire Canaries; inspection invited: John Mace, Bird Specialist, Blonk-st., Sheffield.

SHACKLETON'S YORKS.

still lead the way; my record of successes with birds of my own breeding during the last 10 years is miles ahead of anything accomplished by any other exhibitor or firm with this variety; see reports of all leading shows, which will confirm the above facts; birds of the finest type and quality the world can produce, either for show or stock; prices reasonable; stamp for particulars: W. H. Shackleton, Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

SUTCLIFFE & SON.

We have bred and sold more winners in marked birds than any other fancier, also won the 10 guinea cup for Green marked Yorkshires this season, and winning the Cinnamon marked championship for 9 years, also special for best bird in show, with clear birds. This is sure proof of the quality of our stock, including highest honours at the Crystal Palace; we have a few extra good show and stock birds for sale, price from 15/- to 60/- a pair; state wants; three days' approval; inspection invited: 1, Kitson Street, and 1, Back Kitson-st., Cragg-rd., Windhill, Shipley, Yorkshire.

PURE YORKSHIRES,

direct from strains which won at Crystal Palace this last 20 years, including Mr. Bates', Mr. Binns', Mr. Blackhurst's, all big winners up to 1910. I have supplied scores of winners and can do so yet, not exhibiting this variety myself; some grand yellows and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; matched pairs to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; any on approval; full guarantee given; breeder 30 years this address: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

YORKSHIRES.

Cheap, to make room; 50 pairs of good-bred birds from 8/6 to £2 10s. per pair; odd cocks from 5/- to 30/- each; odd hens from 4/- to 20/- each; terms, 7 days' approval, cash or deposit "Cage Birds." The above includes a few self and foul greens. Must be sold, as room is urgently required.

SAMUEL DEAN,

6, Ash Mount, Grent Horton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Who is the Champion IN YORKSHIRES, 1910-11?

Read below, and judge for yourself. With 153 entries I have won 61 1sts, 23 2nds, 20 3rds, 15 4ths, 24 spls., making a grand total of 143 prizes. I have also won in the very keenest competition shows; have won Yorkshire Union 30-guinea challenge trophy, which makes it twice in succession, also Naylor Challenge Trophy, also twice in succession, and Ramsden 6-guinea cup, which makes this twice in succession, and now becomes my own property; also Y.C.C. 7-guinea challenge trophy, and the cinnamon marked competition prize for the man who has bred his own winners. Have also won three gold medals, few cage birds prizes, and colour food prizes too numerous to mention, and last, but not least, with 8 entries at 1911 Palace Show, capturing 5 1sts, 1 2nd, 1 3rd, 1 vhc, and championship diploma best cinnamon marked birds. I think this will convince you that I hold the plums in the Yorkshire Fancy. Have still a few 20/- pairs and some pairs extra good at very reasonable prices; stamp particulars: Bailey, South View-ter., Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford.

The following are merely a few examples of unsolicited - - - opinions received out of many hundreds since the last appeared. These many hundreds with official post-marks can be seen at my office.

Know where to deal now.

Girvan, Feb. 2, 1911.—Birds arrived safe; good value for money. No approval needed. Know where to deal now.—D. Meechan to W. Rudd.

Such Value is Exceptional.

29, Hill-st., Kilmarnock, Jan. 26, 1911.—Crested hen arrived to-day. Accept my thanks for same. Such value is exceptional.—W.R. to W. Rudd.

Prompt and Careful Attention.

Colwyn Bay, Feb. 4, 1911.—The Canary sent me on the 30th ult. After 4 days' trial I am much pleased with it. It sings very nicely. Thanking you for your prompt and careful attention.—J. Pilling to W. Rudd.

Don't believe such value can be got elsewhere.

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Thanks for trouble taken.

A pleasure—not trouble, to me in studying customers' interests.—W.R. 12, Dudley Gardens, West Ealing, London, Jan. 23, 1911.—I beg to inform you that I received the Yorkshire hen last Thursday quite safe. I must say that I am pleased with her, and must thank you very much for the trouble you have taken on my behalf.—H. Lock to W. Rudd.

The merest novice, etc.

14, Drift-yard, Parton, near Whitehaven, Feb. 1, 1911.—The birds arrived in grand condition. It was proof of your smart business way of executing orders. The pair of Norwich are grand value for money. I would not take for the cock alone what I paid for the pair. They are far above my expectations. It is the first time I have dealt with you, but it won't be the last. The merest novice may rely on getting satisfaction, and no need to use the deposit system.—J. Holliday to W. Rudd.

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WANTED hen Canaries, exchange cock Goldfinch Mules, yours first: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

WANTED, a few large typical yellow or yellow greens Norwich hens, on approval, cash: James, 77, Walker-rd., Cardiff.

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WANTED all kinds of British Canaries, Parrots, and monkeys bought: R. Williams, Fanciers' Provider, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley.

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WANTED two three-compartment breeding cages, sliding partitions; give pair good Yorks.; approval both ways: Jebson, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe.

WANTED, good cock Goldfinch; exchange pair black self Tumblers, from winning birds; approval: H. Thompson, Templar-villa, Cross-st., Spalding.

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Singing Contests.

ERITH.

Open race held February 5th, when five pairs were hung (ten minutes' singing): 1, J. Baker, 3 score 11; 2, T. Barnett, 2 score 7; 3, F. Pope, 1 score 14; 4, J. Roper, 1 score 13; 5, D. Wilders, 1 score 0. Open race, February 12th. Mr. D. Jones is giving a prize for highest score in members. Mr. G. Sibley was elected a member on February 5th.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

HULL.

Will all old fanciers in Hull attend weekly singing contests (open to all England) at new headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook Street, opposite Paragon Station? Hull was once the foremost town in England for Linnet singing, but unfortunately the club broke up. I hope and trust all will bring their birds and help me make this new club a huge success.—Fred. Allen, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing held Butchers' Arms, Spennymoor, January 28th; 36 birds entered. Result: 1, 2, 3, Brady. Judge, Mr. J. Gardener. Also February 4th. Singing held Colliery Inn, Brandon, when 30 entered. Result: 1, Showler; 2, 3, Brady. Judge, Mr. J. Stout; timekeeper, Mr. T. Cameron. Next contest, Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor, Durham. Prizes: Silver cup and all entrance fees; meet 2 p.m., February 11th.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet Contest, held headquarters, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, about 50 members and friends being present to hear 41 birds sing for three good prizes. After a very close contest for 2 and 3, the result was: 1, Towler; 2, Potter; 3, Nelson. We sing 5 secs., breaks to count; the birds' numbers are drawn out of the bag at 2.45; first bird hung at 3 p.m. prompt.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. show of house and field-moulted Linnets held Feb. 2nd, Mr. A. Muir's, Saltmarket. Considering the foggy weather there was a fair turn-out. The field-moulted class was excellent, and Mr. J. Muir, as judge, had his work cut out to place the awards. However, his work seemed to please every exhibitor, although he shelved some of the National card-lifters. HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, Todd, wins Mr. Healy's special; 2, 3, Cochrane; 4, Johnstone. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, and Mr. Graham's special, Algie; 2, Johnstone; 3, Todd; 4, Cochrane. Usual singing contest held Feb. 4th for a copper kettle: 1 and 2, McMillan; 3, Pullin. Contest next Saturday, 4 p.m.—W. Ross.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club held first club match Feb. 4th, Weavers' Arms, Scholes. The members sang for some very nice and useful presents. There was some very fair singing; it would have been better, but the weather was very dull when the birds sang:—1, J. Larkin, 96; 2, W. Fishwick, 76; 3, J. Marfarlane, 67; 4, A. Parker, 45; 5, T. Mawdsley, 36; 6, R. Macfarlae, 27; 7, B. Wharton, 17; 8, E. Parker, 14; 9, R. Layland, 13; 10, T. Fishwick, 13; timekeepers, Messrs. T. Fishwick and J. Mawdsley. After the match the members sat down to a very good and substantial supper. After cloth was removed, we had songs and dances. They made a nice presentation to the secretary for his services. An open Linnet match at Weavers' Arms, Feb. 18th, for time and quality; we hope we shall see some new faces.—A. Parker, Sec.

LEEDS.

Skinner's Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe-lane. Usual quality singing contest held Feb. 5th, when 12 birds competed. Result: 1, Green; 2, Lunn; 3, shared by Thirkell and Ward. Judges, Messrs. Grainger and Read.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A., King's Head. Usual quality Linnet singing contest held Feb. 5th, when 20 birds sang to a large number of visitors from all parts of Yorkshire. 1, 2, 3, J. Bland; 4, H. Wryfield. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, P. Hobun, and J. Naylor.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

A contest will be held at the Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, off North Street, Leeds, Feb. 11th, commence 2.30 p.m. In addition to the prize money, Mr. Kendall will give a copper kettle as a special to winner. So bring all your champions, and let us see who has the best; it is open to all. Hoping to see all old fanciers and friends.—Joe Hargreaves.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Open Linnet singing contest held February 4th. Result: 1, Hanson; 2, 3, G. Hills and R. Hartley. An entry of 28 birds, and some good singing was heard. Judge, Mr. G. Robson; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson.—John Watson, Sec.

RYHOPE.

Linnet sing, held Victoria Inn, Murton Colliery. Mr. Welsh gave following prizes: 1st, £1; 2nd, 10s.; 3rd, 5s.; 6d. a bird; 40 entries. 1, 2, 3, Punten. Judge, Mr. R. Gray; timekeeper, Mr. T. Elliott; book-keeper, Mr. R. Elliott.—J. Cope, 6, Baden Terrace, Ryhope.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual quality Linnet singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Feb. 5th, when 19 birds sang for three good prizes. Result: 1, Turner; 2, Sellars; 3, Chip. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns, P. Madden, and J. Smith. Also grand Canary contest, same evening, when nine birds competed. Result: 1, Jinks; 2, Curran; 3, shared between Bland, Binns, Janson. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood, J. Smith.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club second open-to-all-England Linnet Contest, held Feb. 4th, when we had a very good entry of 40 birds, and some very fine singing was done both for time and quality. Prizes, four for each class, divided as follows: Quality, first prize, G. Randels (Warrington); second, J. Statham (Leigh); 3, Boxer (Leigh), 4, Topping (Blackburn). Prizes for time: 1, J. Hampson (Lowton) 138; 2, Boxer (Leigh), 107; 3, J. W. Jones (Leigh), 101; 4, R. Statham (Leigh), 90. Judges for quality, Messrs. W. H. Topping, T. Gibbons; time, judges, Messrs. R. Holcroft and T. Statham. Minute, judge, Mr. W. Milligan (Wigan); bird man, Mr. J. March.—J. McAllister, Sec.

Club Reports.

HOLYTOWN, NEW STEVENSTON AND DISTRICT O.S.

First meeting on February 14th, in the Masonic Hall, New Stevenston. We intend having a large turn-out this year, and any fancier within a radius of five miles will be heartily welcome. Our entry money is 1s. 6d., and 6d. per month subs. All birds are entered at our annual show free. We have had a very successful year, and finished up with over £9 in the funds. We hope all fanciers within the five-mile radius will rally round us, and help to keep up our name.—Jas. Lamb, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, Jan. 28th. Mr. J. Rankins (president) occupied the chair. The Chairman congratulated Mr. Alex Howie on the very successful season he had had on the show bench. Date of breeding pair show, fixed for February 25th, to be held Co-operative Hall, all birds to be in hall by 6 o'clock. The classification includes one class each of the following: Scotch Fcy., Crest, P.H., Yorks., Border Fcy., A.O.V., Mule, and Hyb. Entry 3d. per pair. Judges: For Canaries, Mr. Cullen; for Mules and Hyb., Mr. Malcolm. Agreed, that the members start a cup fund; to this end a subscription list will be in the members' hands in the course of a day or two, when we hope a ready response will be made. We entered into a new and novel scheme, namely, a judging competition, not from the real stuff, but the members will place in order of merit three sets of picture plates of birds which have, from time to time, appeared in the Fancy Press. Mr. W. Cullen acted as referee; prize winners, with their respective points: J. Branline, 26; W. Campbell, 25; H. Hogg, 21; and W. Rolland, 20. The referee made some remarks, which brought an interesting meeting to a close.—Robt. F. Campbell, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C.B.S

Annual general meeting held Spencer Hall, Jan. 26th. Officers elected: Chairman, Mr. G. Gardner; vice-chairman, Mr. Dann; treasurer, Mr. A. Fisher; assistant-sec., Mr. J. Hyde; auditors, Messrs. Shearer and Milsom; secretary, C. W. Law; committee, Messrs. Shakespeare, Johnson, Street, Bush, W. Knight, W. Cooper, Walmsley, Sparkes, Armstroug, Cowie, Elton, and Trigger. Balance-sheet was read showing the society would start the year with a balance of over £5. This is very encouraging considering the extra expenses incurred throughout year. The members number 70, actually paid up subscriptions. The society has paid back the whole of the subscription received (£10 10s.) in special prizes throughout the year; this is entirely due to the way in which the members have worked, both with the advertisements and sale of tickets. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Gardner, Mr. Dann, the secretary, assistant-secretary, and committee. Elected: Miss E. Limans, Miss M. Limans, and Messrs. T. Newcombe and W. Day. Pair show February 25th, not 23rd as announced. £2 special money prizes besides articles. The social in connection with pair show distribution March 2nd. Judges for year: Young Bird Show, Mr. J. Oldaker; Annual, Mr. Geo. Gardner.—C. W. Law.

FROME AND DISTRICT F.A.

A pleasant gathering took place at the Lamb Hotel on January 13th. The members met under the genial chairmanship of their president (Mr. C. Foxcroft). The proceedings took the form of a smoking concert, and the occasion was utilised for making a tangible acknowledgment of the services rendered to the Association during 14 years by Mr. C. I. Young in the capacity of hon. secretary, and also of presenting the prizes won at the recent open cage bird show and the various members' shows which were held during the year. The Chairman, in asking Mr. Young's acceptance of a purse of gold for himself and a brooch for his wife, said Mr. Young was not only a very enthusiastic but a very careful secretary, and he had done his work for the love of the work. (Applause.) He was an admirable secretary, and was, as Mr. Vincent had said, at the top of the tree as an exhibitor, and he was a thorough sportsman. (Applause.) With regard to Mrs. Young, they all knew what a thorough helpmeet she was to her husband, and how greatly she assisted him in his work as secretary of that Association. (Applause.) The health of Mr. and Mrs. Young was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours and cheers. The musical programme was greatly enjoyed. Excellent songs were rendered by Messrs. M. Cogswell, T. L. P. Biss, E. Green, J. Iles, J. Oxenham, W. C. Glass, H. R. Hughes, and A. G. Young. Mr. F. Hunt also contributed. Mr. Gibbs ably played the accompaniments.—"The Somerset Standard."

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

Annual general meeting held Crown and Anchor Hotel, Jan. 28th, Mr. Daniels in chair. After balance-sheet was passed (showing a little on the right side after paying off the deficit on our open show), the following officers were elected: Mr. Daniels, chairman; Mr. Rollings, vice-chair; Mr. Slack, assist.-sec. and treas.; Mr. J. Atkinson, Sec. Mr. Isherwood, our late chairman, said he had a pleasant duty to perform in presenting the members' cup to Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes; Mr. Netherwood's cup to Mr. H. Taylor; Mr. Parker's novice medal to Mr. J. Slack. The members present subscribed to make our late sec., Mr. Parker, a present for his valuable services. The proprietor of our headquarters, Mr. J. Lovell, and Mr. J. Netherwood, have kindly consented to give a special each for our members' show.—J. Atkinson, Sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Jan. 16th, headquarters, Commercial Hotel. Mr. J. W. Wharton (pres.) occupied chair, and there was a fairly good attendance. Mr. J. Lewis, hon. sec., presented a record of the year's work, which was well received. Mr. E. Wood (treasurer) submitted accounts, which indicated a small credit balance. Resolved, to run six exhibitions during present season—one for pairs, two first feather, and three old bird shows. Rules governing shows were amended so as to impose a claim limit of £2 2s. on all birds staged after the first three shows. Hitherto there had been no limit. Officials for ensuing year: Pres. J. Wharton; vice-pres., T. Smith and R. Bennett; treasurer, B. Wood; secretary, J. Lewis; auditors, F. Allen and R. Bennett; delegates to Yorks. Union, J. Lewis and T. Smith.—J. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

ALNWICK AND DIST. C.B.S.

Third annual general meeting held Jan. 26th, Temperance Hotel. A good attendance showed that this young society is becoming very popular. Treasurer's report read, showing a net balance in hand of £11 5s. 0½d., which, for a society of only three years' standing was considered very good, comparing favourably with older societies in the North. Following officers elected for ensuing year: Chairman, M. Swan; vice-chairman, W. Landers; secretary, R. Forster; assistant secretary, T. M. Tate; treasurer, H. P. Staig; committee, W. Miller, W. Straughan, J. Wright, W. Nesbitt, Thos. Dixon, J. Cairns, F. C. Rennison, J. Forster, G. Carns, T. Wake, and E. Beswick; auditors, W. Landers and E. Beswick. Open show date considered; decided, to again hold show Nov. 15th, as being most suitable for this district, and that a larger hall be secured. Arrangements were left in hands of secretary for a series of table shows, comprising a pair show and address upon pairing up of Canaries; a British bird show and address on the feeding and preparation of British birds for show; and a young bird show and hand-washing exhibition, providing the services of suitable gentlemen can be secured. A proposal to abolish the 10 mile radius was lost, it being thought advisable to keep members' classes local for the present. Several new members enrolled. Anyone desirous of becoming a member can be supplied with any information they require from any of the committee or of me.—R. Forster, Sec., 36, Bondgate (Without), Alnwick.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C

The Crystal Palace show brings to a close our club's competitions, concluding a most successful season. The following is the list of points gained by members in open competitions:—Mr. H. H. Towers, 174; Messrs. Ogden Bros., 132; Mr. L. Dykes, 79; Mr. J. Bailey, 77; Mr. A. Cooper, 65; Mr. F. Allen, 36; Mr. A. Jowett, 33; Mr. A. Hirst, 25; Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, 19; and Messrs. Drake and Son, 18. Open Novice Competition: Mr. J. Smith, 33 points, Mr. E. Clegg 15, Mr. F. Hammond 11, Mr. D. Thornton 11. Mr. P. Mason's breeders' prize is won by Messrs. Ogden Bros. with 83 points, Mr. J. Bailey having 65. Junior Novice Competition results. These cannot be given at present owing to non-observance of rules. Will any member finding above points incorrect communicate with secretaries at once?—Grayshon and Allen, Hon. Secs.

ENGLISH & WELSH BORDER F.C.

I should like to take the present opportunity of notifying the members how matters stand. Last October a draw took place, which I hoped would put things straight. Unfortunately this was not so, the draw barely clearing expenses. Along with the draw books a statement of accounts was sent to each member, so that the members know how things stand, as they are in the same position as before the draw. I should like the members to do something to remedy this state of things, and so put the society on a sound basis. It is not very pleasant for a secretary who is doing everything he possibly can to make things go smoothly, to be fired at by every Dick, Tom, and Harry, skulking behind a "nom de plume." I did not publish a balance sheet, etc., last year, because I thought it was of more importance to get the specials wiped off than incur this expense. Will members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1910 please do so, and if there are any who would like to help with a donation, I shall be pleased. Members must bear in mind that a subscription list of about £6 will not work the society and pay £12 worth of specials each year, without extra assistance.—S. Hadwin, Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Result of competitions provided by the Y.C.C.; the three nominated birds only counting. The Bailey Trophy Competition: 1, and Ramsden Teapot, J. Bailey, 146 points; 2, Sandiford's Cup, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 131 points; 3, 4, and Ramsden medal, Messrs. Thornton and Bower and J. Thomas tie with 109 points each; runner-up, J. Hellliwell, 101 points. Ramsden's Cup and Money Specials Competition: 1, J. Bailey, 156 points; 2, and Ramsden Teapot, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 137 points; 3, and Ramsden medal, H. H. Towers, 125 points; 4, J. Thomas, 95 points; runner-up, W. H. Shackleton, 89 points. Novice Competition: 1, and Ramsden Teapot, C. E. Hall, 52 points; 2, H. Smith, 28 points; 3, J. Horsfield, 26 points; 4, E. Clegg, 25 points. Junior Novice Competition: 1, 2, S. S. Rigg and J. Whitwham tie with 119 points each, 3, S. Rigg taking Ramsden's medal with 51 points; 3, 4, C. Morrison and A. Radley tie with 98 points, runner-up, A. M. Craven, 94 points. CAGE BIRDS prizes (professional): 1, J. Bailey, 302 points; 2, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 263 points; 3, H. H. Towers, 207 points; runner-up, W. H. Shackleton, 146 points. Amateur Section: 1, J. Thomas, 88 points; 2, L. C. Casey, 80 points; 3, F. Townsend, 60 points; runner-up, C. E. Hall, 32 points. For result of 3rd, 4th, and 5th bird cash prizes, see next week's issue of CAGE BIRDS.—John Greaves, Secretary.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

Mr. Tyson Resumes Office.

"After the appeal which has been made to me I will accept the office, but the biggest and strongest man in the room ought to go home with me, for I don't know what my wife will say and do." Thus spoke Mr. J. Tyson in again consenting to take charge of the secretariat of the C.C.C. at the annual meeting which was held in the Board Room at the Crystal Palace on Feb. 4th under the presidency of Mr. Rhodes, who, taking the chair, said it was a pleasure to do what he could for the club at all times. Amongst the members present we noticed Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Thynne, Messrs. Heath, Evins, Ley, Mugford, Broad, Lazarus, Bilsey, Franz, Jones, Oldaker, Cook, Barnett, Crisp, Pickard, Tyson, Robson, Taylor, Turner, McLay, Brotherton, Shepherd, Braund.

Secretary's Report.

Mr. Clarke said the accounts had been audited, but they had not been printed and sent out as usual, owing to the desire expressed that the Palace account should be included. He said he thought that in the future the C.C.C. should be just before it was generous; it was dispensing seven-eighths of its income in specials, and this should not be. He urged economy in this direction; they should support fewer shows, and thus meet their liabilities out of income. Their liabilities at the moment were about £13 10s., and they had £5 to meet them with. He was delighted at the success of the Palace show, which would have been greater still but for the fear in members' minds of what the C.B.U. would do. It was an ironic state of affairs that a body supposed to exist for the benefit of the Fancy should actually be a hindrance. They had liquidated every debt except the medals for the Roberts' Cup competition. He said that he had the greatest difficulty in securing the twenty shows, and thought that outside of the eight shows at which C.C.C. patronage had been given, the competition had not drawn the members of the club. The income for the year had been £43 19s. 11½d., and they had spent it all except £4 9s. 11½d., whilst they had liabilities, as before mentioned. It seemed to him that one half of the club found the funds, and the other half got them. The competition for the Roberts cup had produced a ding-dong struggle between Messrs. Ley, Evins Bros., and Taylor, from which Mr. Ley had emerged successfully, and he had also won the £8 8s. bowl for most points with birds outside the money. The two guinea Novice special had been won by Mr. Morris, Mr. Guy being the runner-up. He had received two medals from the Toronto C.B. Club, for the best Crest and best crest-bred at the Palace Show. The Toronto fanciers had shown great interest in the C.C.C., and had shown themselves most grateful for any little help given to them. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr Ley's Scheme.

Mr. Rhodes, in speaking as to the working of this scheme, said that it had been a great success in all points except one—finance. Mr. Ley and himself, however, thought the scheme should go on. It had not cost the club anything, and they felt it should not. Fanciers had received benefit and Mr. Ley and himself were of opinion that the scheme having been properly launched, fanciers should be prepared to take some of the risk themselves, and the scheme should be modified so that instead of standing the full guarantee, fanciers should be satisfied with half prize money when the classes were less than eight. The Yellow classes had not paid; they could hardly expect it; they had been neglected for so many years, and it would take a season or two to make them a success. He could not understand why the Yellows had been neglected, for they were the most beautiful of birds, and from them one got quality. A sub-committee might be appointed to re-organise the scheme on the lines he had mentioned, and they would again guarantee the club against loss.

Mr. Jones said the generosity of Nottingham had taken all the wind out of their sails. They were much indebted to them. The scheme was a good one, and should be continued. He agreed that if Messrs. Rhodes and Ley only guaranteed half prize money under eight entries, it would make for the success of the scheme, as fanciers would realise that part of its success depended upon themselves, and they would keep the classes full by extra support.

Mr. Clarke considered the scheme had done good work in bringing the Yellows out, and he thought the club should take it over, and not leave its support to Messrs. Rhodes and Ley. The club could reduce its cash specials and leave the cash free to guarantee this scheme. They were too lavish with their specials, their income was greater, yet the club was worked at a greater loss than it used to be. Members should be willing to exhibit a little self-sacrifice, and not try to get all they could out of the club.

Mr. Ley did not agree with Mr. Clarke. He thought the cash specials were a great inducement to fanciers. The scheme had brought out the Yellows, and improved them, and as the scheme grew the yellows would improve more and more, and they would be more largely bred. "Keep the scheme," he said, "but don't give up the specials."

Mr. Crisp proposed, and Mr. Evins seconded, that the sub-committee, in considering the future of the scheme should also be instructed to consider the advisability of doing away with support to two or three shows, and thus enable the club to meet its liabilities. This was carried.

Secretarial Honorarium.

Mr. Crisp proposed that the secretary should be given an honorarium of 1s. per member. It was not right to expect a man to work hard, give up his time and pleasure, and neglect his business for their sake, and give him nothing for it.

Mr. Ley agreed, but the club could not afford it. They might subscribe. He knew one member who would be prepared to give £2 2s., and two others who would give £1 1s. each. Mr. Robson disagreed entirely with Mr. Ley. It was not right to be always whipping the willing horse. The honorarium should come out of the funds, then all would stand their share. Mr. Rhodes: We have no cash to do it with. Mr. Clarke: It's no use drawing cheques to have them dishonoured. Mr. Robson: Rule 4 provided for an honorarium; the rule had always been there, but never carried out. Mr. Crisp proposed, and Mr. Ley seconded, that they pay the secretary a honorarium of £10 per year. Carried.

Mr. Rhodes said Mr. Tyson was the only nomination for the post, and his election had been unanimous. They all knew of his good work in the past, and hoped he would again come to their assistance. Messrs. Ley, Taylor, and Robson supported.

Mr. Tyson said he felt highly gratified by what had been said, and by the unanimous vote, but he could not take the post. He had been out of office for two years, and they could not imagine how much happier his life had been. He had his limitations and short-comings. They needed new blood, someone with fresh ideas.

Mr. Ley said they could not take Mr. Tyson's refusal lying down; they had made up their minds he was to be secretary, and now he had knocked all their ideas down, and disheartened them by refusing to act. No one could do the work better than Mr. Tyson. Mr. Robson urged Mr. Tyson to accept, as did the chairman, and eventually, as mentioned above, he did.

Club Specials.

Mr. Crisp thought the club's success would be greater if some of their specials were for points, and he proposed a sub-committee should consider it. Mr. Robson said the Southern Yorkshire Club found their scheme work very well indeed. Mr. Ley seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. Crisp withdrew his motion relative to the alteration of date of A.G.M., the chairman pointing out that the Palace was undoubtedly the best time and place for the meeting, and that if it was a question of including the Palace show account in balance sheet, that could easily be done by making a reserve.

Messrs. Rhodes, Heath, Clarke, Robson, Crisp, and Ley, were appointed as a sub-committee.

Vote of Thanks to Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Jones proposed, and Mr. Ley seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke for his work as secretary. Mr. Rhodes pointed out that Mr. Clarke took up the work at a moment of great difficulty, and had he not done so the club would have ceased to exist. Mr. Clarke, replying, said had it not been for increasing business, he would have gone on, but he felt the club would suffer, and therefore that it was best to retire.

Mr. Crisp suggested a whip round to wipe out the deficit. Mr. Jones supported it, saying members not present could send their contributions to Mr. Tyson. The list subscribed in the room was as follows: Messrs. Cook 20s., Lazarus 5s., Taylor 5s., Pickard 10s., Jones 5s., Franz 5s., Bilsey 5s., Turner 5s., Broad 5s., Braund 5s., Brotherton 5s., Crisp 5s., Robson 5s., Barrett 20s., Evins Bros. 10s., Shepherd 5s., and towards the secretary's honorarium, Ley 20s., Shepherd 5s., Broad 5s.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the auditors and chairman.

I have from one small advert. in "CAGE BIRDS" disposed of £15 worth of Clucke strain Rollers. Part of the above amount is included in an exchange, which has been very satisfactory indeed to both parties. This is the second exchange that I have had with this same fancier within a period of 12 months. One of the birds he has just had from me has already won for him a 2nd prize in keen competition.—J. TOMLINSON (Newcastle-under-Lyne).

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National British Bird and Mule Club.

The N.B.B. and M.C. held in the Board Room at the Palace Show on Feb. 4, one of the best attended annual meetings of recent years. The presence of a large contingent of country members was particularly gratifying. Mr. J. Robson, the chairman, presided. Those present were Messrs. Thurling, Bennett, Longden, C. R. Tyson, Dewhurst, Mortlock, P. Walsh, Galloway, Archer, Chittenden, Inman, Davies Cooper, Trower, Newley, Crabb, Askew, Swaysland, Bentley, Jeacock, Gilbert, Lawrence, Frostick, Marley, Prior, Maxwell and Weston. The first business was the reading of the annual report, from which we hope next week to make a few extracts. It showed the club to be in a very favourable and satisfactory position.

The election of committee resulted as follows:—Messrs. Askew, Carr, Crabb, Cooper, Dewhurst, Dobson, Francis, Mortlock, Marley, Newley, Page, Silver, Thurling, Weston, and Wyse (London), Messrs. Dewar, Hurst, Longden, Norman, W. T. Plumbridge, and Swaysland (Provincial).

A very satisfactory balance-sheet was read by the popular hon. treasurer, Mr. T. R. Trower, showing an income of £51 8s. 6d., and a cash balance to the good of the club of £10 4s. 2d. The total assets amount to £16 8s. 10d. A sum of close on £13 had been expended on medals during the past season, and £2 2s. contributed to the defence fund in the Preston and Flower law case.

Alterations and additions to rules: 3, add the words: "Chairman and vice-chairman." 13 to read: "three eligible members or six competitive members." 22 add: "The secretaries to have power to call a special committee meeting as urgent business may require, notifying each committeeman at least two days beforehand." All these were accepted by the meeting.

The country members seemed strongly in favour of the alteration to Rule 13, expressing the opinion that it would help the provincial shows. Mr. D. Bentley (Gt. Harwood) was of this opinion. Mr. Chittenden (Bradford) said that he regretted to have to state that matters had not gone as well as they had hoped with the club they had established in Yorkshire. But they were doing their utmost in the interests of the British Bird Fancy, and he hoped to get several recruits to this, the parent, club. Mr. F. Archer (Huddersfield) also made a very telling speech, in which he voiced the good-will of the men of his district towards the N.B.B. and M.C. He said they were true fanciers, with the good of the Fancy at heart, and did not show merely for what they could get out of it—they were, in fact, as the South-countryman would find out, willing to put something into it as well. He would do his best to help on the N.B.B. and M.C.

Mr. Morby raised the point about notifying the secretaries as to the entries made by members competing for the club's cups, and afterwards of the points scored. In his experience this involved the members in a deal of expense in postage stamps. He thought the secretaries of the shows ought to undertake it. After an interesting discussion, in which it was pointed out how well the present system worked, and what a great help its institution had proved to the hon. secs., the matter was allowed to drop.

Mr. Longden mentioned the matter of the classification in the Mule and Hybrid section at the shows, and asked whether the Club could not bring this to the notice of show officials, with the object of getting an up-to-date and understandable wording of the classes. He pointed out a grave defect which occurred even at the N.B.B. and M.C. Club Show (held in conjunction with the L.C.B.A.), and gave it as his opinion that this undoubtedly adversely affected the entry. It was eventually agreed that the committee should deal with the point.

The question was raised as to the counting of points in two classes at Clapham Show, which each contained only one bird, the judge awarding a first to one, and a third to the other. Some members seemed to think that in the absence of competition one bird ought not to count more points than the other. In the result it was decided that the judge's placing must be abided by, and points counted accordingly, viz., 7 for first and 5 for third.

Mr. R. Brownlie was proposed for membership.

In concluding the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. Robson, in the course of an eloquent speech, welcomed the country members, and expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing them present. He said that the club had had a very busy and successful season, and mentioned the good it had done in improving the classification. He paid a high tribute to the work of the hon. secs., Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, who, during the year, had been presented with gifts as tokens of the members' esteem. He also thanked the hon. solicitor, Mr. Nichols, for the help so generously given them, and the auditors, Messrs. Cooper and Silver, while the hon. treasurer, Mr. Trower, also came in for a well-deserved meed of praise.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

The medal and cup winners during the 1910-11 season are:—Wellingborough, A. J. Howe, silver; Clapham, J. M. Walsh, gold, A. Coffey silver, A. C. Askew, Mr. Maxwell's silver; Battersea, W. Francis, silver, Coffey bronze; Newcastle, A. J. Marley, silver, B. section, Hybrid medal not awarded, only one competitor; Manchester, Walsh, 1st, silver, D. A. S. Longden 2nd, silver; Hastings, not awarded, only two competitors; Swansea, Coffey 1st, silver, W. J. Bancroft 2nd, silver; Nottingham, G. Lawrence, silver; Wimbledon, Marley, silver; Bournemouth, C. R. Tyson, silver; Frome Bancroft, bronze, no competitor to take silver medal; Cambridge, S. H. Mays silver, Lawrence bronze; N.B.B. and M.C. show, Longden gold, E. J. Lamb silver, A. Sheilam bronze, G. Morton (novice) silver, Mr. Trower's (Hybrid Section); Mrs. Weston gold, Mr. Longden silver, Marley bronze, G. Mortlock Mr. Trower's novice silver, W. A. Lott, gold (Hurdbill Section); J. Frostick silver, Howe bronze, Mr. Trower's novice medal not awarded; Leicester, Marley gold, A. P. Hurst silver, Mr. Weston's novice medal not awarded; Gateshead, J. Dixon silver, A. Pickles novice silver; Plumstead, W. Andrews, silver; Crystal Palace, A. Coffey gold, S. H. Mays silver (B. Bird), G. Lawrence silver (Hybrids). Nomination Cup: Mr. Marley. Runner-up, Mr. R. J. Howe. Hybrid Club-show Cup, Mr. Longden.

A Successful Gathering.

A NUAL DINNER OF THE L.C.B.A,

One of the events held luring the Crystal Palace Show time is the annual dinner of the London Cage Bird Association. This interesting function took place in the Throne Room at the Holborn Restaurant on February 6th, when Mr R. L. Crisp (the President) presided over a gathering of members and visitors totalling a hundred or more—a number which must have been very gratifying to those who were responsible for the evening's arrangements. A glance by some of those prejudiced faddists of to-day (who still imagine that those interested in the Fancy are still the unenlightened individuals as of yore) at the enthusiastic gathering of ladies and gentlemen present would have served them to the conclusion that the Cage Bird Fancy of to-day was second to none in this age of Fancies.

There were many ladies present, and among the members and visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John Tyson, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Mugford, Miss Dooley, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Griffiths, Mr. H. and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Warley, Mr. and Mrs. Englefield, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tringham, Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Bargint, Mr. and Mrs. Howitt, Mr. and Mrs. Strugnell, Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Carter, Mrs. L. Thorpe, Mrs. E. Lichfield, Mr. and Mrs. Allwright, Mrs. Oakshott, and Miss Ada Oakshott, Miss A. Peyton, Mr. and Mrs. Robson, Messrs. C. T. Maxwell, T. A. Trower, R. J. Pretty, S. A. Sandy, L. Miller, Angear, Masters, Askew, Wheatley, Gentleman, Wollington, Franz, Wallace, Baker, Matthes, Richardson, Goymer, A. Silver, W. S. Bennett, J. Mitchiner, W. Bennett, Watts, Dewhurst, Yeo, H. Mitchiner, Burkett, C. R. and A. W. Tyson, A. C. Barn, Attridge, Minvalla, Shepherd, Peyton, C. and N. Cooper, W. H. Woodroff, J. Cooper, Maher, C. Woodroffe, L. Allwright, Gibbons, H. C. Mugford, T. C. Pickard, and F. Carl.

After an excellent repast had been partaken of, and the clouds of smoke began to rise, the toast of "The King and Royal Family," proposed by the chairman, was duly honoured, and the company settled down to an excellent programme, the like of which is seldom seen, and we venture to think has not been hitherto excelled at any of the previous festivities of the Association.

The toast of the "L.C.B.A.," also proposed by the Chairman, was the next interesting item. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Crisp said that although the Association had been through bad times in the past, it had now a satisfactory balance in the bank of £74, and he attributed much of the success to their hon. sec., Mr. Mugford, whom he thanked for his untiring efforts in the interests of the Association. Another thing which went a long way towards accounting for the success was the advertisement by posters and notices in the Press. They held the record for the biggest members' show, and this was largely achieved by the support given by the "boys of the old brigade." Friendly rivalry amongst fanciers was good for the Fancy generally. He coupled with the toast the names of Messrs. Miller and Mugford. Mr. Miller, replying, said that much of the success attained was due to the great assistance given by the Press in general, and the Fancy Press in particular. Mr. Mugford said he had done his best while he had held the office of hon. sec., but he was not satisfied with the present bank balance, and hoped in the near future to see a balance that would enable the Association to lend a helping hand to fanciers who happened to fall upon bad times or had lost their birds through no fault of their own, and to give them a fresh start in the Fancy. He regretted the lack of support of the pair and young bird shows.

The event of the evening was the presentation to Mr. J. Robson of a handsome gold albert which had been subscribed for by his many fancier friends as a token of affection and sincere regard for his many past services. Many of the old members had watched him climb the ladder of fame, and he could now claim the largest circle of friends in the Fancy. Mr. Robson, in returning thanks, said that in the early days of the Association he held office for seven or eight years, and they were rough times in those days. But he had always done his best, and had tried to make the Fancy better than he found it, and to make it a pleasant pastime for lady and gentleman alike. Among other cups presented was a handsome silver cup for Norwich Plainheads, which had now been won three times in succession by Mr. Richardson with birds he had himself bred, and the cup now became his property. Cups for the best Yorkshire, ditto Norwich, ditto Novice Norwich, and Boxall's cup were won respectively by Messrs. Knight, Rennie, Belscy, and House, none of whom were present, and the Novice Crest by the hon. sec., Mr. Mugford, the Novice Yorks falling to Mr. F Smith.

In a few well-chosen words, the Chairman proposed the last toast of the evening, "The Ladies and Visitors," to which Mr. Minvalla briefly replied, saying he would offer a prize of £10 to the member who was able to breed a Bulbul or Minah, which offer was readily accepted by the Chairman, who thanked the donor for his generous gift.

The musical programme included humorous songs, "Mr. McKie," and "Mr. Schneider," by Miss Ruby Wilson. Mr. Walter Montague rendered a humorous musical interlude, his instruments being imitation bottles, joints of meat, cheese, etc., which caused much laughter; and living marionettes by Mr. Arthur J. Hill; while Miss Jessie Jolly and Messrs. Mortlock, Morris and Will Bentley also contributed some capital songs.

Thanks were tendered to Mr. Tyson for arranging the excellent programme, and the entertainment was brought to a close by the singing, shortly before midnight, of "Old Lang Syne," and the National Anthem.

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Annual general meeting, held headquarters, Feb. 4, and in spite of there being no Roller classes at the Palace, country members turned up in rare force. The following were present:—Messrs. Bird, Harper, Humphries, Jacquemin, Twigg (from Wolverhampton and district), Dr. Read (West Bromwich), R. Kremner (Manchester), W. Whittlestone (Kettering), A. Chilcott (Southend), and F. King (Cambridge). The following were present from the London district:—Messrs. Fisher, Lester, Neugebauer, Randall, Schluter, Slade, Watson, Venn, Williams, and J. W. Norris. Owing to the meeting being held on Saturday, a lot of London members were unable to be present. It was one of the most businesslike meetings the club has had. The election of chairman: proposed by Mr. Schluter, seconded by Mr. Whittlestone, and carried, that Mr. F. A. Lester take the chair. Election of new members: Proposed by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Whittlestone that the following be elected members: Messrs. C. Carruthers, H. Cole, A. Hudson, A. Montague, J. Rollinson, and J. H. Wardlesworth—carried unanimously. Balance sheet came up for discussion. The treasurer stated that several 1909 subscriptions had come in which he had included, also that in going over the accounts of the Young Bird competition he discovered an error, which made the profit £16 instead of £15 4s. (this error, by the way, was discovered before the accounts had been audited); and he was pleased to say that the balance in hand was £7 8s. 7d. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, pointed out that the club's finances were in a better position than in the previous year; they had received more in subscriptions, made more new members, and the profit on the rings was £2 more. Turning to the expenses, they had printed judging sheets, which had been a boon to the different societies, and the secretary had told them they had enough for five years; another extra expense was having an extra judge at club show. So that, taking it altogether, they had had a very successful season, which was largely due to the hard work the secretary had put in for the club. Several questions were asked, anent the balance sheet, and answered to the satisfaction of all. Proposed by Dr. Read, seconded by Mr. Slade, and carried unanimously, that the balance sheet be adopted.

Result of the election of officers: President, Mr. Tweed; vice-presidents, Messrs. Barnett, Lester, Lyons, Massey, Merrick, Netherwood, Percival, Randall, Schluter, Waring, Willows: hon. sec. and treas., J. W. Norris; committee, Messrs. Fisher, Lester, Gloeckner, Mooney, Munroe, Neugebauer, Randall, Rochl, Venn, Watson, and Williams. Following gentlemen also elected: Vice-presidents, Dr A. E. Read, H. Venn, and W. Whittlestone. The suggestion to appoint an assistant secretary to report meetings, give account of shows, etc.: several members were proposed, but none would accept, but it was thought that something should be done in this matter, and it was left to the committee, who have had a suggestion sent since, but which must remain a secret at present. Suggestion re the club buying organs, and letting the members have them on the instalment system: this was voted impossible, as the club had no funds for that purpose, even if they had they would be running a big risk. The question of cages: a good many suggestions were made, and no doubt something will come of them; and it was left to the committee to go thoroughly into this question. The meeting gave the committee power to make the necessary arrangements. Agreed, to allow members to repaint their cages, and to paint the wire fronts black; for the painting of the inside of the cages decided to have blue; and the committee were to decide on a paint that could be procured in any part of the country, so that the colour should all be alike as near as possible. Whilst on the question of cages, it was also decided that in future the water tins be placed on the right hand side of the cage, the end where the door is. If members only knew the difficulty there is when the birds are at the shows through seeds getting put in the water tin and water in the seed tin, they would understand why this is done. Members are requested for the future to adopt this method—water-tin the door-end of cage. Suggestion, to have a top to the water-tin: this was voted as being impracticable at the present time. The meeting suggested a sponge being used to prevent bird bathing. The question of sending out medals was gone into. The present system is to send them out after all the shows are over, but it was pointed out that a member won a medal in November and had to wait till about six months; in the meantime if he had the medal it might be the means of his selling a bird. It was thought they could go out earlier. The secretary agreed, and promised that in future they should be sent to the different secretaries before the show.

The question of subscriptions came up; agreed, that rule book be printed March 1, and that members who had not paid their 1910 subscription should not have their names printed. Members who have not paid will be notified; at the same time they are to take this as a gentle reminder. Proposed by Mr. Schluter, and seconded by Mr. William, that any member who had not paid his 1911 subscription by October 1 be not allowed to compete at any shows, as per Rule 3, and the secretary was requested to write to the different secretaries asking them to co-operate with the club. The question of supplying rings to members who had not paid their subscriptions was gone into, but as no proper notice had been given of this alteration to the rules, it could not be acted on, but notice was given that a proposition would be made for the addition to Rule 10 next year. Suggestion as to having committee meeting in different parts of the country: in the first place the club had no money to pay travelling expenses, and it could not be worked to have a committee in the North and one in the South. Such arrangement would never answer, and no good would result, only discord. It was pointed out that the different vice-presidents could attend committee meetings by virtue of their office. Suggestion that a circular be sent out to members for them to vote on the election of judges for club show: it was a question whether members would take the trouble to return the voting paper; also a judge might be selected, who had not the time to attend. The quesion of altering the rules governing the young bird challenge cup was brought up by Dr. Read. It had happened this year, that there had been a tie, and that the member who had scored the most 2nds, 3rds, etc., should be the winner. The secretary, in replying to the proposition, went fully into the question of the conditions of the last cup, which had been given in the first place by a few London members to encourage members to ring their birds; and the condition was that it was to be competed for at the club show. The cup having been won outright, they were having a new one, and to avoid any unpleasant remarks, suggestions, etc., which had been in the air for some time past, as to the judges favouring London exhibitors, which was entirely wrong, it was decided that the cup be competed for at every show where the young bird competition takes place; and that it should be for the most 1st prizes won by a member in the champion or novice classes. In the event of a tie, which might be the case, the winner was to be the member who scored the highest song points. The question of 2nd, 3rd, did not (and they did not want it to) enter into the matter at all. If they did, it meant that the member with the longest purse would be the winner. Their young bird point competition provided for the most points. Another thing was that under the existing rules the novice stood an equal chance with the champion, as if he only bred one good bird, he stood as much chance as the man who bred half a dozen, as only one bird's win could count at each show. Several members joined in the discussion. Dr. Read then asked permission to withdraw his proposition, and said that, after hearing the facts and hearing the discussion, he could see he was under a wrong impression, and it was agreed that the rule could not be altered to any advantage.

The question as to why the club did not support the Palace was given to the meeting, who agreed that the arrangements last year were unsatisfactory to the club. The suggestion as to raising the honorarium to the secretary was brought up, and much against his wish, the meeting unanimously decided to increase it to £3 3s. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the committee, auditors, secretary, and last, but not least, to the chairman. This concluded one of the best meetings the B.R.C.C. had ever had.—J. W. Norris, Hon. Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 1, to consider election of judges for open show. Unfortunately all the replies from the judges nominated had not been received, and after nominating two other judges for a section where the two judges written to had stated their inability to come on show date, the meeting adjourned. The fixing of judges to be settled at usual monthly meeting, Feb. 20.—W. Whiteford, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Fawcett-st. Cafe, Feb. 4th, Mr. J. Farrer in chair. After a long discussion it was decided to drop the proposed social evening for the present, the feeling being to hold it near the end of the year, and have the presentation of cups and specials at the same time. But it was agreed to hold a picnic in the summer, about Whit-Monday. Mr. Reid moved: "In future no one be admitted a member who lives outside the borough and the rural district." Mr. Bainbridge, Monkwearmouth, was admitted a member on the nomination of Mr. A. Walker. Next meeting the table show for pairs, A.V., confined to novices, will be held, and new members who may be nominated that night and pay entrance fee will be allowed to compete. Will members please note that subscriptions may now be paid?—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

INVERNESS O.A.

Annual general meeting held Workmen's Club, Bridge Street, January 27th; Mr. G. Mackenzie (president) presided. There was a large turn-out of members. Secretary and treasurer submitted his financial statement for the past year, showing a balance in hand of £3 7s. 1d. Mr. A. Sanderson, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke in high terms of the officials responsible for such a creditable balance-sheet, and Mr. A. Smith seconded. Election of officers: President, A. Smith; vice-president, E. Chisholm; joint secretaries and treasurers, A. Urquhart, 86, Telford Road, and T. Sutherland, 15, Wells Street; auditors, A. McGillivray and W. R. Elliot; also a large committee of management. Mr. J. Mackenzie, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to our past esteemed president, said how sorry we all felt he could not hold office for another year. Unanimously resolved, to appoint him hon. vice-president. The customary votes of thanks were then passed, which brought a most successful meeting to a close.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 1, there being a splendid attendance. Six new members elected, viz., Messrs. E. Allen, Hayward, J. Ward, W. Ward, Church, and Potter. Canary pair show, for which 23 pairs turned up for points. Mr. T. Yates judged and gave great satisfaction. Principal points winners:—H. Priest 31, Dearlove 11, Styles 11, Lawrence 10, Tremlett and Preston 9. Taken altogether it was a very nice little show, and the members seemed very interested. Secretary brought forward an offer he had received of 2 silver cups at a low price. They were both on view and excited favourable comment. After a brief discussion it was decided to purchase them, providing they were up to warranty. One was allotted as a points special to be held by winner of most points; the other will be allotted later on. Also decided, to have annual show on the last Wednesday in November, the secretary to write to judge and ascertain if engaged on that date. The new rule cards were on view. Every member is requested to procure one (price 2d. each). Next meeting March 1st for muling and Hybrid pairs, and as the two new silver cups will be on view, it is hoped there will be a record attendance.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

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Some Notable Foreigners at the Crystal Palace Show

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See full-page illustration on page 135.

The Cock of the Rock (*Rupicola crocea*): This grand exhibit formed part of a group of rare birds collected by Mr. W. Frost in the early part of 1910 for Sir William Ingram. On their arrival they were placed on deposit by him at the London Zoo, where some of us made our first acquaintance with living specimens of this glorious genus. Unfortunately only males were imported. One of these passed into the hands of Monsr. Pauvvels, of Belgium, who, though a comparatively new adherent to the ranks of foreign bird exhibitors, has stepped at once into the very front rank.

It is a bird of which any exhibitor may well be proud. Its glowing beauty and quaint form are well delineated in the illustration appearing on our front page.

Description: If a glance is taken at the illustration it will suffice if I state here that with the exception of the dark areas on wings and tail, which are black, and the light patch across base of flight feathers, which is white, the plumage is a glowing, fiery orange, save also for a black line extending round the crescentic crest; the beak and legs are orange-yellow, and the iris of eye deep reddish-orange. The female is merely a blackish-brown bird, suffused with orange on the abdomen and ventral region, also a patch of orange on underside of wings. Her much smaller crest, beak and legs are also blackish-brown.

This fine species appears to do well in captivity if given a roomy cage and suitable diet. This exhibit enjoys, at home, a cage with a base of about thirty square inches, and a height of about three ft., with suitably arranged perches. The diet consists of insectivorous mixture (soft food), but this should not be too finely ground or the birds will not take it readily, as they appear to like it best in the form of pellets; ripe fruit and some live insects should also be supplied. In captivity the tendency of these birds is to moult out whitish-orange, really but a ghost of their former beauty, and great credit attaches to Monsr. Pauvvels and Mr. Millsum for the triumph they have achieved by a system of colour-feeding in placing this lovely specimen on the bench, not merely in finest condition, but in the full brilliance of its natural colouring. This has been accomplished by enclosing pellets of insectivorous mixture and red-feed (Ramsden's pepper) in grapes, in which form it has been readily taken by the bird.

The call note of the species is not displeasing, and when in display the bird is more interesting still. The tail is spread, the wings dropped, the quaintly curved extensions of the webs of the wing feathers in a state of rapid vibration, and the crest opened at the front and brought forward over the beak, so as to almost obscure it. It is to be hoped that at no distant date some enthusiast will import females, and that an opportunity will be given them to reproduce their kind in captivity. The birds were found on the northern slopes, Merume range, South America. It was awarded premier honours in its class, and was one of the, if not the, rarest birds in the show.

The Blue Budgerigar.

The Blue Budgerigar: This exquisite variety of the well-known species, the Green Budgerigar, was still enquired after as one of the sensations of the show, their previous appearance at the L.C.B.A. Show in November last having cost them nothing in popular esteem, for they shared notoriety with the Cock of the Rock and Purple Sunbird. This is now a well-established variety, and breeds true to colour, even when cross-mated with the original green species. They breed true, that is, the young are either pure Blues or pure Greens, and the broods usually contain some of each. However, when properly mated, the progeny are all true to colour, and as there is no more difficulty in breeding these than the ordinary Green, no further remark is called for; a few years hence this lovely variety will be as numerous as "everybody's bird," the popular Green Budgerigar.

In form, type, and markings it resembles the original Green, but all the yellow has been bred out, the result being a lovely blue and white bird, with dusky-black undulated markings in the upper surface.

Monsr. Pauvvels' enterprise is not only apparent in the procuring of rare and unique species, but in sending them such distances to compete at the principal bird exhibitions. They again captured premier honours for their fortunate owner.

The Purple Sunbird.

The Purple Sunbird (*Arachnecthra asiatica*): This exquisitely feathered gem my esteemed friend, Mr. Douglas Dewar, aptly describes as being clothed in purple and fine linen (for their plumage is a deep rich purple with a sheen and a gloss like that on a brand-new silk hat), and this is no over-statement of the case, for the glowing and ever changing hues of their iridescent plumage is simply beyond the power of either pen or brush to adequately depict. These chameleon-like changes arise, both from the intensity of the light and the angle at which the sun's rays fall upon it. Thus we see it as richest of blacks, greens, mauves, and purples, with in some lights golden-bronze reflections on the back of the neck and breast. This exquisite exhibit of Mr. Maxwell's was last seen at the recent L.C.B.A. Show, when it was out of colour; it has now donned the gorgeous nuptial dress of iridescent purples and black; this, combined with its dainty and minute form (see illustration), make it a sight upon which "the eyes ne'er tire of lingering."

As I pen these notes I have before me a photographic reproduction of the bird in its gauzy and fragile-looking nest, almost as interesting as the bird itself, though looking at first glance little more than a mass of dried grass and rubbish.

The Sunbird's diet in a state of nature is honey (nectar from flowers), and minute insects. In captivity a diet of ripe fruit, milk-sop, sweetened with honey and a few insects, such as flies, spiders, minute beetles, and aphides should be supplied. This dainty gem, which was staged in Mr. C. T. Maxwell's usual immaculate style, carried off premier honours and three specials.

The Purple Sugar Bird.

The Purple Sugar Bird (*Cæreba cærulea*): Another dainty gem of very similar habits to the preceding species, and living on a very similar dietary in a state of nature, though differing perhaps in insects forming a larger portion of their menu. The bird figured in our illustration was drawn from a bird exhibited by the Hon. Mrs. Bourke. The illustration clearly shows the difference in form between the Sugar-birds and Sun-birds.

These lovely birds, the Blue Creepers of the West Indies and South America, though very difficult to acclimatise, are afterwards comparatively easy to keep, and when properly treated are by no means short lived. Their diet in captivity should be sweetened milk-sop, ripe fruit, such as sweet grapes, banana, etc., and occasionally a live insect, flies, spiders, or mealworms.

The Sugar-birds, like the Sun-birds, have a summer and winter plumage. In the latter they are more or less greenish, and are not very attractive at this season. But when the nuptial dress is assumed, they are gorgeous indeed. The wings and tail are black, the remainder of the plumage being various lines of purple, the whole very refulgent and varying to a considerable extent by light refraction. The longish curved bill is blackish, and the legs resemble two pieces of yellow sealing-wax as to colour.

The female is green above, yellowish below, with green striations; sides of face and throat dull brownish-orange; legs, greenish-yellow. They are about the size of a small Tit, very active, alert, and full of interest. Their cage should be roomy and furnished with a twiggy branch for perching. These birds (i.e., the Yellow-winged and Purple Sugar-birds) are being more freely imported at the present time, and are a delightful acquisition; and treated as above, should thrive and do well once they are over the first few critical weeks in this country.

Everitt's Parrot.

Everitt's Parrot (*Tanygnathus Everitti*): While being very handsome and also rare, this species is not so striking as many Parrots. Its plumage consists of an arrangement of greens, very chastely blended, darker on the wings, each feather of which is narrowly margined with light green. The effect of this is distinctly pleasing. The lower back and rump are turquoise blue. A distinguishing feature of the genus is the powerful beak, of almost Macaw-like dimensions and form. I believe this to be the first time this species has been exhibited. It was staged by that lover of rare species of Parrots, the Rev. G. H. Raynor, and carried off the second prize, the first prize in this class going to a very fine Hawk-headed Parrot, exhibited by Monsr. Pauvvels.

The specimen figured on our plate is evidently immature, as the beak is still light horn-colour, whereas in the adult it is red.

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FEBRUARY 25th, 1911.

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I was extremely pleased and surprised on opening CAGE BIRDS of February 4th, to find a picture of my winning Goldfinch. He was not shown at Cambridge (where you say he won 1st), but he has won 1sts at Hastings, Wimbledon, Luton, and this week at the Crystal Palace. He was 2nd at the L.C.B.A., where he was beaten by Mrs. G. E. Weston's Goldfinch, and only h.c. at Caterham, where for some reason or other he did not seem to please the judge, who had already given him 1sts at Hastings and Wimbledon.—B. Murton Gill (Caterham).

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Twitterings.

All prize money has now been sent out, writes Mr. Daniel John, Hon. Sec. of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.

Will "An Old Reader," who writes to us from Nottingham kindly supply us with his full name and address?

We are purchasing two silver cups for competition amongst our members, writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec., Reading and Dist. C.B.S.

I have removed from King's Road, St. Margaret's, to 34, Beaconsfield Road, St. Margaret's, Twickenham, writes Mr. W. Nichols.

Our annual party will take place on February 18th. All names are to be given in on the Tuesday previous at our tablo show.—J. Cope, Sec. of the Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.

The Eastfield C.B.S. have fixed their first feather show for July 1st, and their annual show for November 4th, writes Mr. R. Nuttall, the Sec.

Kindly note that I have changed my address from Parkinson Lane, Halifax, to 5, Upper Brunswick Street, Hopwood Lane, Halifax, writes Mr. F. Townsend.

Our show is fixed for December 2nd, writes Mr. G. S. Russell, secretary of the Forres and Northern O.A. Will secretaries please note, and arrange to avoid clashing?

We have formed a society for Kippax and Dist., and are holding a table show on February 22nd, writes Mr. W. T. Partridge (Kippax). We shall be pleased to enrol new members.

Will secretaries kindly note that Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S. Show is fixed for November 25th, writes Mr. Duncan Grant, who is now hon. secretary, in place of Mr. J. T. Peel, resigned, his address being 146, Waverley Street, Lochore.

I am now secretary of the West Bromwich C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Andrews, and all communications for the Society should in future be addressed to me at 1, Hayes Street, West Bromwich.

Have a grand lot of Mr. Midgley's Norwich for sale. Best blood in England. Winner for years at Crystal Palace, including last week's wins. All same strain. See advertisement. Sandiford, Preston.—Advt.

The Skipton C.B.S. are holding their first members' show on February 18th, at the Coffee Tavern, Sackville-st.; also three fresh members joined, viz., Messrs. Williams, Clark, and Alderson.—R. Roberts, Hon. Sec.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S. and its sec., Mr. T. C. Crawhall, are to be congratulated on having, during 1910, increased the balance in hand from 12s. 8d. to £1, and upon having at the bank a reserve fund of £15 15s. 4d.

The classes for the matched pair show of the Swansea and Dis. C.B.S. to be held on Tuesday evening next at headquarters are, writes Mr. S. H. George, the sec.: 1 Norwich, 1 Yorks., 1 A.O.V., 3 Borders, 4 Mules and Hybrids. I hope all members will make an effort to bring birds.

The Great Horton (Good Intent) O.S. are providing a class at their members' show for any species of British birds. Will any person wishing to become a member so as to compete for the yearly specials at the next show kindly communicate with me? writes Mr. Hy. Gornall, the Hon. Sec.

A matched pair-for-breeding show is being held by the Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A. on February 11th at the Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, London, W. Mr. H. Peverall is judging. There will be five each champion, amateur, and novice classes, four hybrid classes, and two selling classes.

I beg to thank your reporter for so good a report of my young Crest-bred, v.h.c. at the L.C.B.A. Show. I am pleased to say this past week he has won 1st in his class at the Crystal Palace, which fully upholds all your reporter said I have named the bird "Barum King."—F. G. Bale (Barnstaple).

Owing to pressure of business, I have resigned the secretaryship of the Midland Roller Club. The date of our annual show comes just in the busiest part of the winter season in my business, and I find it difficult to spare the time. Mr. T. J. Smith, 10, Hall Street, Wolverhampton, has been elected secretary in my stead, to whom all correspondence should in future be addressed.—J. H. Willows (Wednesbury).

Mr. B. C. Smith, of the East Ham C.B.S., writes: We are holding our first pair and British bird show at eight o'clock on February 16th, at Hartley Avenue Schools (Cookery Room). We have every assurance that the members who already number over 30, will give a good display. Several big Palace winners will be on exhibition, and interested fanciers in the neighbourhood are heartily welcomed. Intending members should write Mr. F. Fox, Hon. Sec., 12, Sherrard Road, Forest Gate.

A correspondent writes:—The Menai Bridge C.B.S. have arranged to hold their show, open to North Wales, on February 25th, with Mr. J. H. Roe as judge. An advertisement of same is to appear in this week's CAGE BIRDS. There is to be a good classification, and valuable specials, and also a specialist judge. I think the committee deserves a good support. The show is managed under a well-known committee of fanciers in North Wales.

A seed separating and dressing machine has been designed and put upon the market by Mr. F. Whiting (Brockford, Stowmarket), who writes that it has been well received by buyers, of whom he has found many through his advertisement in the columns of CAGE BIRDS. Messrs. Hopton and Son have written him as follows: "It is a capital machine, and will no doubt supply a long-felt want. No one should continue with the old sieve method."

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OBITUARY.

Mr. HUGH DAVIES (Kilbirnie).

Mr. Smith (Glasgow) writes: I am sorry to report that the well known and highly respected Scotch fancier, Mr. Hugh Davies (Kilbirnie) passed away on February 3rd, in his 61st year. He was seized with appendicitis, and succumbed to it. Of a quiet and unassuming temperament, he was a genuine fancier, and took a delight in visiting shows. All will join me in sympathy with his widow and family.

The King has, we hear, been pleased to grant a special Warrant of Appointment to Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., the well-known manufacturers of Spratt's Dog Foods, Game Foods, Poultry Foods, and Hearson's Incubators.

Owing to a business venture I will be unable to continue in the Fancy, writes Mr. G. Wilson (Eccles), but I shall certainly continue as a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS, which I am pleased to say I have taken from the first issue.

Owing to the demands of my new business, writes Mr. J. Wilcock (Eccleshill), I had not time to send my birds to the Palace, and they should have been marked "absent," therefore, in the catalogue. Will you please state this in the columns of your widely-read journal?

As a constant and enthusiastic reader of CAGE BIRDS, may I offer you my heartiest congratulations upon the magnificent Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS? The coloured plates and extra supplement were excellent, and the plate depicting "Wild Seeds and Plants," is really extra. It has been of great interest and knowledge, and exceedingly useful to me. May I also give Mr. Norman my hearty congratulation upon his very fine plate; and may I offer the same to Mr. Prior, for his valuable notes, from which I have derived great benefit. I wish the "good old paper" every success.—W. J. Williams (London, N.).

Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, has just issued a new catalogue of cages, appliances, foods, etc. In it will be found full particulars of the "Perfection" and other breeding, show and flight cages, etc., drying-cages, bird-room requisites, bird seeds, etc. The catalogue is unique in that practically every cage, appliance, etc., referred to is illustrated and described in a way that leaves no room for doubt as to the character and make of the goods in question. This fine price list will doubtless be found of great use at this season of the year. The prices throughout are very reasonable, and readers of CAGE BIRDS should lose no time in applying for a copy direct from Mr. W. Rudd, the Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Fanciers are reminded that entries for the Nottingham (Permanent) O.S. open table show (February 11th) must be made at the Grapes Inn, before 3 p.m., writes Mr. J. Bunn, the secretary. Mr. W. Burrows has consented to judge the Canary classes, and Mr. W. H. Raven the British bird classes. We hope to have a record entry. There are three grand specials, in addition to prize money. Several members are still in arrears with last year's subscription; we hope they will come up to the scratch on Saturday. This year we have made a rule that 1s. must be paid before the first feather show, and the balance before December 1st; otherwise defaulting members will not be allowed to participate in the annual specials.

I am sorry to say I have to sell all my stock, as I sail for New Zealand early next month, writes Mrs. W. T. Hill (Levenshulme). I have been a subscriber to your paper from the first, and one of my greatest pleasures was to see my cinnamons on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. I have now a fine stock of Cinnamons, and if I had been staying in this country I should not have sold one feather, as I have a perfect breeding and show stock after five years' expense and experience. I have had to, at the last day, withdraw my name as secretary to the C.C. Club. If luck comes my way, I shall have another stock over the sea, and I may add I shall have the news as usual, only a few weeks later, having made arrangements to have CAGE BIRDS sent each week.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

Will you kindly announce that I have sent out all specials for the above-named club, and that anyone not receiving what is due to them should communicate with me at once, writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins, the hon. secretary N.P.C.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
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Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(G. Lawton, 159, Werrington Road, Stoke-on-Trent).
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terr.).
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 22, Leicester Street.)
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road).
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.).
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawric, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

Kindly state that Mr. Alf Binns (president of the "Prince Albert" Linnet Association) has a piping Canary, and anyono wishing to hear the same will be welcome at the hotel, writes Mr. J. Smith, the Hon. Sec.

We have been permitted to inspect the plans of a range of six foreign bird aviaries which Mr. H. Lewis (Handsworth, Birmingham), is having erected, and they promise to be exceptionally fine, up-to-date, and practical in every detail.

We regret to hear the loss that the well-known Mule and Norwich exhibitor (Mr. W. J. Parry, Dinorwic) has sustained through the accident of his lamp smoking, which caused him to lose some valuable birds, including an ideal yellow Norwich.

We are pleased to hear from Mr. C. A. Edwards that the West Herts F.A. has extricated itself from the financial difficulties in which it found itself last year, and that there is now the promise of a successful career before the Society. Fanciers in the district will be welcomed as members. Mr. Edwards address is Flowerdene, Oxhey, Watford.

It is with great regret I have to inform you that our treasurer, Mr. H. Sweetman, an old and well-known Yorkshire exhibitor, is lying at death's door with enteric fever, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, Hon. Sec. of the North London C.B.A. He was taken ill with congestion of the lungs on January 22nd; this developed into pneumonia, and on February 4th he was taken to the Homerton Fever Hospital suffering from enteric fever. At the time of writing there is no change for the better. I hear from Mrs. Sweetman that the doctor says there is no hope for his recovery.

Presentation at Hull.

At the close of the meeting held on February 6th, the chairman of the Hull C.B.S. handed over to the sec. (Mr. E. R. Ridley) a beautiful gold bangle, given by the Society to Mrs. Ridley, as a token of appreciation of the help she must have rendered her husband, and the inconvenience allowed in the home, due to the running of the open show. The Sec. suitably responded on behalf of his wife.

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 21st, exchange yellow Norwich hen. The replies were too numerous for me to reply to. This speaks well for CAGE BIRDS.—R. HENDRIE (Brechin).

Kindly thank applicants for writing me re my small advert. in "Cage Birds." I could not reply to all, there were so many; but those who sent stamp were all written to. My advert. appeared on the last Saturday in January. What a circulation! On one side from Penzance, and on the other Great Yarmouth. Many enquiries came from the Midlands and the North, and a crowd came from Scotland. The birds were disposed of in good time. Yours is the medium.—JAS. NELSON (Nelson).

Owing to the large number of letters received in answer to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS re housemoulted Greenfinch, I find it impossible to answer them individually. Up to the Monday evening I had received over 40 replies, and they came from as far North as Scotland, and as far South as Bournemouth, which shows what a large circulation CAGE BIRDS has, and how well read the advertisements are. I have made a satisfactory purchase. Will applicants please take this as an acknowledgment of their letters?—W. WHITE (Cowes, Isle of Wight).

Some Gems of the Finch Family.

By CHAS. PRIOR (Brentford).

One of our oldest and foremost exhibitors contributes most helpful notes on Mr. Goodchild's coloured plate.

As one having the privilege of personal acquaintance with Mr. Goodchild, the gifted artist whose charming plate of British Finches provides the subject matter of this article, I may perhaps be pardoned the liberty of informing my readers that the outstanding characteristic of his personality is the happiness of his disposition. Knowing Mr. Goodchild already as a man of happy thought and happy speech, it is now my pleasure to bear testimony to his capacity for happy deeds. For the accompanying coloured plate is surely as happy an effort as ever artist was capable of, and must rank as one of the best presented to readers of CAGE BIRDS. The Editor has asked me to surround the picture, as it were, with an article which is to be practical and educational. Well, Mr. Editor, it is not in my power to pen any article so instructive as this production of colour and brush. I will endeavour, however, to place before readers a few rambling observations touching the leading show points of the seven species so charmingly depicted, their dispositions, and some of the means of distinguishing the hens from the cocks. That done, I will try, in the concluding portion, to string together a few brief hints on the admittedly somewhat threadbare subject of the feeding and general management of the birds. Then if your circulation suffers as a result of my boring the readers—but, there, they have the picture anyhow.

The Jewel of the Tribe.

Yes, there is the picture. Look at it. A quick, cursory glance, and the attention is at once rivetted to the central figure of the group. There is the jewel of the whole tribe, a bird whose title to premier position is clearly and firmly established, beyond all challenge he is the gayest in colours, the sprightliest in actions, the most exasperating in eccentricities—the Goldfinch. A good Goldfinch, too!—nicely proportioned bird, standing at a pleasing angle on the perch. He has a back of the richest chesnut, a breast and flank tanned in profusion down to the very tail. A grand expanse of crimson blaze, bright and clear, yet deep, bisected by a moustache desirably narrow and densely black. A broad and well-defined wing-bar of a delicate lemon yellow, regular and well-placed buttons, and a raven shoulder go to make a good bird indeed; a hard nut to crack in any company; a champion.

And yet, withal, a backslider from the stereotyped standard of perfection. For, mark you, his blaze is not square, not even clear cut; his wing-buttons do not meet, and there is a suspicion, just a suspicion, of "guttering" in his blaze. A thousand thanks, kind artist, for the perpetuation (not perpetration, please, Mr. Printer) of these little inexactitudes. They serve to illustrate the fallacy of a too hard and fast adherence to exact standards.

This Goldfinch is, of course, a cock. Hens, although similar in their colouring, are much less brilliant. The blaze is not nearly so extensive, and the narrow black moustache changes to a rusty black muzzle; often flecked with splashes of grey. There is a rounder head, a smaller beak, and shorter neck. The general appearance is of an undersized and "squatty" bird. Such a bird is the hen.

The Gentle, Affectionate Linnet.

Even as the Goldfinch fascinates us by his beauty, promoting the continuance of our affection by his very capriciousness, so, no less surely, does the Linnet, his great rival in popular favour, endear himself to us by virtue of his sterling merit. His beauty is of an entirely different but none the less attractive kind—a harmonious blending of various shades of brown, set off to perfection in good specimens by the snow-white edging of the wing flights. His very mannerisms are gentle and affectionate, and his song, well, whilst an ordinary singer is good to listen to, the music of a star performer is something to be remembered. These matters are outside our province just now, so we must hasten to a consideration of him as a show bird.

Of course, we have our ideal. Mine is very clearly engraven in my mind, though rarely indeed does the living reality delight mine eye. Here it is: A bold, upstanding bird, striking an attitude about midway between the two great Canary types—Norwich and Yorkshire. More sedate than the Yorkshire (no swagger, mind you), but more active than the Norwich, and travelling from perch to perch with some elegance of movement. In shape, big at the chest and tapering to the waist (the correct shape for all living animals saving, perhaps, swine), the tapering continued in unbroken line to the very tip of the tail. The colour, pure and clear. On the back a rich, nut-brown. A softer tone of the same shade for the breast and flank, with the inevitable merging into dirty white driven so far down the belly as to escape notice. The pencilling, as profuse as is consistent with sex (of which more anon); on the back a network of spangling, on the head and breast a succession of parallel lines, running right down the sides and vanishing under the tail. The head, shapely and well poised (ah, yes; I dearly love a Linnet with a head), the outline rising boldly from the rather small beak, and sweeping in an almost circular curve until lost in the nicely filled-in neck. The eye, bold and bright. The well-displayed white edging of the wing flights gives the finishing touch, and—what's that, Mr. Editor? "Then you wake up?" Well, yes, quite right, then you wake up.

You wake up; your vision changes from the ideal to the actual. See, now, how the actual presents itself. You get a Linnet, bold in size, grand in head, correct in type and style, sound and unbroken in breast colour. *Sound* in colour, yes, but cloudy as compared with the transparent quality you wish for. Markings? Well, a microscope *might* discover them, but it is doubtful. The very wing flights are tucked away out of sight. Still, such a Linnet is no duffer. On the contrary, he will win over far more than will win over him. Certainly he is not one to be easily shelved. Another is all that you desire in size, in type and in colour. He may fail a trifle in the conformation of his skull, but his pencilling and display of wing flights are a treat. Alas! the dirty cream-white of the abdomen insists on being in evidence. It steals upwards towards the throat, dividing the russet-brown which you would fain see in sole possession, and leaving an otherwise ideal specimen undeniably "open on the breast." Yet he, too, must be recognised as a doughty claimant of supreme honours; and perfect indeed must be the winner who can lower his colours.

Lastly, for our allotted space being limited forbids the further pursuit of this topic, there is the specimen who presents all the qualities we see in our ideal save the one, taken by itself, most important of all—size. Such an one is our little friend in the picture. Pure colour, lovely quality, superb pencil[illegible], fine shape, smallish beak, rounded head, [illegible] eye, conspicuous wing flights; all the good points are there to perfection. Place him under a triple magnifying glass, and we have what we want. But do not let us wait for what we may never see. Let us avoid the most patent faults and be satisfied. The perfect points have been amply explained. The fatal defects are flat heads, narrow skulls, ugly beaks, "hinged" tails, heavy abdomen, and bad manners. If we can stage two Linnets who possess between them all that we would like to see in one, believe me, we shall not do badly.

The Gentler Sex.

A word about hens. Curiously, the "sexing" of Linnets, while presenting no difficulty whatever to the expert, is to the inexpert an almost insoluble problem. Of cock Linnets, there is a multitude of types; of hens, one, and one only. Far and away the most noticeable thing about hen Linnets is the extraordinary regularity and abundance of their breast markings, and the "closeness" of their breast colour. Take such a bird as this in the hand, and spread out the wing. If the white edging of each feather is divided from the rib of the feather by a strip of black, the bird is a hen. If it were a cock, the white would be a whiter white (I can describe it in no other way), and would, at some part of the feather, touch the rib. Make observations on these lines upon every Linnet that comes into your possession, and you will soon learn to sex Linnets. Occasionally, because of the excellence of their breast markings, hen Linnets are awarded prizes over cocks. This is not always as it should be.

"Bullie," the Beautiful.

A beautiful bird, indeed, is the next under notice—the Bullfinch—whose position in the plate is immediately behind the Goldfinch. A highly desirable pet, he appears to commend himself especially to the gentler sex, perhaps because, of all the Finches, he seems to be the most capable of real personal affection. For exhibition purposes, he has a very extensive and highly varied following; and right worthy is he of their patronage. Specimens of really conspicuous merit are not at all common, and lucky indeed is the aspirant to honours who can boast ownership of a British Bullfinch as prolific in good points as the one in our illustration.

The show specimen must, first and foremost, be possessed of brilliant fiery breast colour. No excellence of cap or wing bar can redeem his show career from failure if he has not this indispensable first requirement. Then, he should be chubby in type, filling the show cage from back to front rather than from end to end. Given these two essentials, the other points really need be taken little account of. The "dense black cap," "lovely back" and "well defined wing-bars" will in every probability be present as a matter of course. Naturally we want a wide skull and correspondingly broad and cleanly outlined cap, and our sturdily built champion almost invariably obliges us. A Bullfinch built on too slender lines is not likely to do much winning, although many of this type are excellent in colour and quality. Again, a bird which has the habit of ruffling the feathers round his thighs imposes a severe handicap on his chances, as also do others who get their feet clogged with dirt.

Both these latter failings are associated chiefly with Bullfinches, which are not cage-moulted—for many are shown, and successfully, too, while still in wild feather. A good house-moulted specimen is, however, the correct thing to aim at. If originally gifted with breast colour of the requisite purity, brilliance and depth, it is not at all an impossible proposition to turn him out with credit after the moult; and even should he lack a little of the fieriness of the field-plumaged specimen, the wise judge will forgive him that, taking into consideration not only the fact of his being house-moulted, but also the extra sleekness and steadiness he will have taken on, and putting him up accordingly.

Hen Bullfinches, which are also frequently exhibited and have a peculiar value for hybrid-breeding, are easily distinguished from cocks. The changing of the fiery breast colour to a dull brownish hue, without a trace even of pink, is sufficient guide to differentiation.

A Living Rebuke to Faddists.

We turn now to the top of the picture, where, on the left side we have an absolutely lifelike presentation of the Lesser Redpoll, and on the right a quite bewitching portrait of the Siskin. These two merry little chaps are a living rebuke to those faddists (doubtless well-meaning, but certainly misguided) whose hirelings are plotting the destruction of our hobby. From the moment of capture the Redpoll makes himself thoroughly at home in his new surroundings, eating and drinking from the first without the slightest exhibition of fear.

He is one of the few birds who, while still in wild feather, can compete at our shows on equal terms with his house-moulted brother. Easy to obtain, easy to keep and easy to win with, the Redpoll is pre-eminently a bird for the novice, as well as a valuable unit in the team of the full-fledged exhibitor. He is gaining in popularity with remarkable swiftness; and those wide-awake show committees who provide him a class to himself, find him mustering in twenties and thirties.

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THE GOLDFINCH-GREENFINCH HYBRID.



A noted winner at the Scottish Shows for Mr. R. Jamieson, junr. (Linlithgow) including second p[illegible]z at the Scottish Na[illegible]ional, etc.

Wild Bird-Life.

The Independent Wren.

With sharp morning frost and the rime covering the earth, wild birds look anything but happy during the early part of the day. In the gardens the Blackbirds and Robins sit about or hop aimlessly from one side to the other, waiting for the sun to dispel the fog and somewhat soften the ground, so that they may have a sporting chance of finding something in the way of food. Those birds that frequent the gardens are certainly better off than those in the fields, for in addition to the scraps thrown out for their benefit, there is generally the chance of stray morsels to be picked up around the chicken run or from the troughs of domesticated animals, and a little meal such as is given to the poultry goes a long way towards keeping bodily heat in some of our smaller birds. Among the species that frequent the garden there are very few that disdain to share in what one might term artificial food. The perky Robin (an insect feeder) is as keen to get a peck at a piece of crumbly meal or bread as the Blackbird and Sparrow, but there is one little bird who is without doubt the most independent and solitary of all our common birds; this is little Jenny Wren. All through the winter, no matter what the weather, this tiny atom of bird life roams the hedgerows, farm buildings, and gardens, all by herself. Nor does she at any time appear to associate with others. One may see a flock of Sparrows, Finches, and Buntings, busy among the straw and refuse in the farmyard, but although the Wren is in the vicinity she is searching the interior of the sheds, the old carts, or farm implements for hidden cocoons. The nearest approach she gets to any association with other birds is when she occasionally forages over the manure or refuse heap, but even this is done in such a manner that one cannot but be impressed with her independence, for she has no sooner finished her investigation of the heap than she flies to a pile of wood or faggots, and flits in and out, quite regardless of any doings of the rest of the bird life in the neighbourhood. This morning one has been busy in the writer's garden clambering among the climbing roses against the fence. The thoroughness with which she investigates every branch and shoot makes one think that, small as she is, there are few of our wild birds so methodically useful as this little favourite.

How to Make a Practical Breeding Cage.

By H. NORMAN.

Our Artist-in-Chief describes and illustrates simple methods of making and fitting up single and double breeders.

Now that the show season is drawing to a close, fanciers' thoughts naturally turn to the preparation of the breeding room, and the appliances necessary for the continuance of the hobby during the early spring and summer months. Old fanciers and those who have kept birds for a few years will no doubt be well supplied with the cages and other accessories, but among the multitude of readers of CAGE BIRDS will be many who are only just commencing to be inoculated with the "bird fever," and consequently have not had time to get supplied with the usual paraphernalia of the bird room; and it is to these novices especially that this illustrated article upon the construction of the simplest form of breeding cages will appeal.

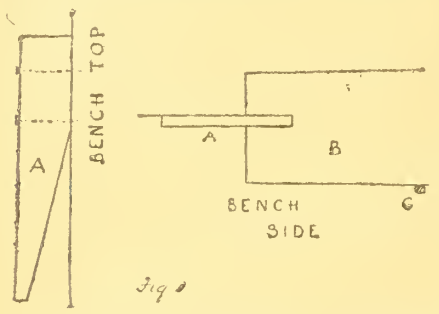


Fig I

There is now no reason whatever why anyone who has a few spare hours during the evenings should not amuse himself constructing his own breeding cage. The tools required are very few, and can generally be found in most households. The wood may be purchased ready cut and planed, and the wire fronts with pot holes and door, obtained for a few pence through the advertisement columns of "C.B." In regard to purchasing the wood, I would advise the novice to procure the ordinary yellow pine or deal, and, if possible, to make all his cages eleven inches wide in preference to only nine inches, as the extra two inches in width do not make much difference in the room the cages take up, but the extra makes an appreciable difference in the space in the interior of the cage, which is a great consideration, especially to nervous hens, which always appear to want to get as far away from their owner as they possibly can, particularly when the young brood first puts in an appearance.

A Make-shift Bench.

Where the fancier does not possess a proper carpenter's bench, the kitchen table or dresser will no doubt be made use of. In such cases the usual "vice" to hold the wood in will have to be dispensed with, but in its place a very handy "clip" can be made as shown at A in Fig. 1. Cut a piece of wood three-quarters of an inch square and about nine inches long, slanting it off as shown, and fix it to the bench by means of a couple of screws. When the board B is pushed into this "grip" it holds it quite securely, a peg or screw at C preventing it dropping when the edge is being planed.

We proceed to construct a single breeder to take a wire front eighteen inches by twelve, which is a stock size constantly advertised.

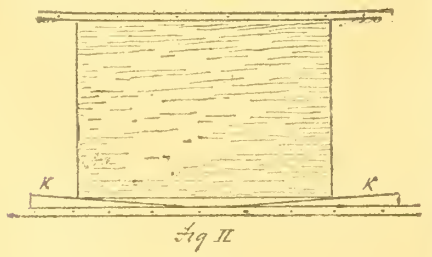


Fig II

Cut two lengths of wood twenty inches, for the top and bottom of the cage, two lengths fifteen and a-half inches for the sides, and two pieces nineteen inches for the back. Now these two last boards placed side by side will make a height of twenty-two inches, whereas we only require fifteen and a-half; so we retain one board intact, and from the other we cut a strip four and a-half inches, or just sufficient to make the required height for the back when the two are glued together. Of course, the fancier need not glue these together, but it makes a much neater and stronger job, and fills up one crack where the red mite would be sure to congregate.

Fig. 2 shows a simple method of glueing these boards together; it consists of two strips of wood nailed on to the bench a shade wider apart than the two boards are when placed side by side. Neatly plane the edge of the boards, so that they make a good joint (you can test this by placing them together and holding them up to the light). Now get the glue nice and hot, warm the edges of the board, put some glue on them, lay them flat on the bench between the strips, rub them together, and when they are perfectly straight, tighten them up by means of the wedges K K. This should be done as the last job before leaving off for the night. In the morning it will be perfectly dry and hard, and can be cleaned ready for nailing.

Glueing and Nailing.

We will presume that all the wood has been cleaned up and sand-papered ready for nailing. For this purpose we will use three-quarter inch oval-headed brads, as shown at D, Fig. 3; these are much superior to the ordinary wire nails, as they are not so likely to split the wood; nor do they show so much head when nailed. Take the glued board B intended for the back, and fix it in the "grip" A, Fig. 3; to this the bottom board has to be nailed—it is an inch longer than the back, so be careful to halve this surplus length on each side. Now, with a very fine bradawl, make a few holes in the top board and proceed to carefully nail it; and if any nails go wrong, do not worry about them—let them alone until you have put in others to take their places, and then carefully draw them with the pliers. Now take one of the side boards and nail on to the back and top, Fig. 4, and treat the other end the same. Fix the top, and the box is made (Fig. 5).

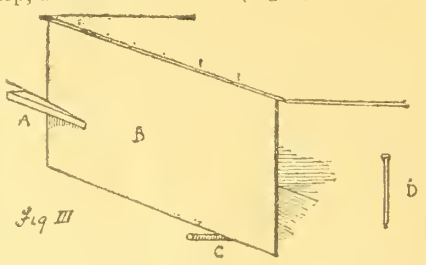


Fig III

We have now to convert our box into a cage, and to do so we must make a front and sand tray. Cut a strip of wood, three inches wide and nineteen inches in length, or just long enough to fit fairly tight between the sides to form the bottom rail. Measure off three-quarters of an inch down one side of this, and rip it down with the saw; this piece will do for the front of the sand tray, or to form a turn rail, if the fancier intends to have one.

The other piece of wood, two and a quarter inches wide, must be cut as shown in Fig. 6, to receive the egg pan. I am unable to give the size for this, as these pans vary, but the cage-maker can easily lay one on and mark with a pencil. My reasons for advising the egg pan to be at one end are first, that it simplifies the construction, and secondly, that it is not in the way of the bath when the latter is hung on (as it frequently has to be during the breeding season); and if the egg pan was placed in the centre of the cage it would be in the way, not only of the bath, but when the young are run into a nursery cage it would necessitate its being taken off each time a little fresh egg food was supplied.

(To be continued.)

A Distinction and a Difference.

Gardeners say that the Song Thrush will not touch fruit all the while it is able to obtain slugs or snails, whereas the Blackbird will leave both slugs and snails to feast on fruit. Undoubtedly the Blackbird is the more harmful of the two.

Wren Singing at Night.

In addition to the Nightingale, we have several birds that sing more or less after dark. One of these is the little Jenny Wren. She will frequently warble a few notes at night, especially when her roosting site is in a shrubbery near a house; a flash of light falling from a window on to the evergreens will at once start her singing.

Tits Covering their Eggs.

It is very seldom that one finds a Tit's nest with the eggs quite uncovered. Some watchers seem to think that the sitting bird covers the eggs before leaving them, but it is just possible this covering is mere accident, and is caused by the abundance of feathers which form the lining getting somewhat disarranged when the hen bird leaves the nest.

Hybrid Breeding: Its Pleasures & Difficulties.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

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This arrangement for the water consists of an ordinary medicine bottle inverted in an open glass or earthenware drinking vessel. The materials required consist of a six or eight ounce flat bottle, an open drinker, and a thick, flat piece of wood about an inch wider than the bottle. The bottle and glass are wired to the wood in such a manner that the bottle shall be inverted with its mouth about a quarter of an inch into the drinker. Both should be wired so that they may be removed for cleaning purposes. Finish by nailing on two side pieces of wood to hold a front perch on a level with the

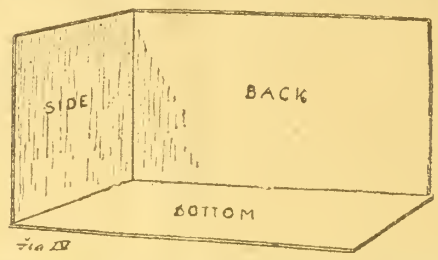


Fig IV

drinking vessel. This may be hung at the back of the cage on a level with the perches. This plan ensures a good supply of water, and in addition the water is kept free from sawdust and dirt.

The Nesting Arrangements.

So much has already been said and written about nesting arrangements, that it seems almost unnecessary to touch upon this part of the subject. Yet I feel compelled to add a few words to the information supplied from various sources. I have tried almost every kind of nesting receptacle, and have found the ordinary wooden nest-box as successful as any. My boxes are fitted up in the following manner: A large clod of turf is placed in the box and hammered into the shade of a nest, the grass forming a good lining. If the nest shrinks a little in drying, a wedge between the nest and the back of the box will keep it steady. Round the outside of the box are fastened two wires, and between these and the box some small branches of fir fixed, leaving an opening on each side for the birds to enter and leave the nest at will. These wires should be placed low down so as to prevent the birds' claws becoming entangled when the bird is perching on the side of the nest-box. With very few exceptions my Britishers have taken to this nest, especially the Bullfinch hens.

Other very good nesting receptacles are the Hartz travelling cage with one end removed, an ordinary nest-pan lined with turf or felt and placed on the floor of the cage, or hung near the perch, or an old Blackbird's nest fixed in the bottom of one of those small back cages so frequently seen in bird shops. Another good plan is to supply your hen with a small bush of furze, or other suitable plant

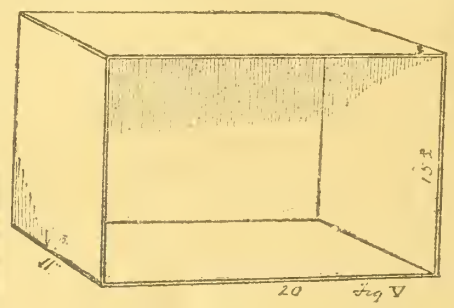


Fig V

fixed in a pot, and it was my privilege in the summer of 1908 to see some splendidly constructed nests built in such receptacles in the aviaries of Mr. Denny Hunt,

A Choice of Sites

It is just as well to allow your hen a choice of building sites, giving her two kinds of nesting places, and these in two different positions. Some breeders advise placing the boxes high up near the roof of the cage, but there is always the danger of the eggs being dropped, and I find that the hens take to the nests equally well in the lower positions. I give my hens a certain amount of seclusion during the breeding season by fixing a large sheet of cardboard at the end containing the nesting places.

For building material I supply the Finches with the nests of wild birds, such as Linnets, Goldfinches, and Chaffinches, gathered the previous autumn after the nesting season. These nests are pulled to pieces, and the materials placed between the wires and on the cage bottoms. Dried grass is also a favourite building stuff. My Bullfinch hens are also supplied with fibrous roots and cocoanut fibre. The latter can be obtained from old door mats. After a good washing this material is ready for use. Cow hair is another excellent thing for nest-building, and my Canaries get no other.

Just one final word before leaving this part of my subject: Do not wait until you see that your hen wants to go off to nest before making all these preparations. This will mean disaster, for you will very likely upset your hen for the remainder of the breeding season. Perches should be brought low, and the nest-boxes and sawdust introduced not later than January or February, for then the birds will have become accustomed to the new arrangements before breeding time arrives.

The Importance of Careful Selection.

So far we have dealt only with the housing of our birds. We come now to another important matter for consideration, viz., the selection of our Finches for breeding purposes. I am afraid this matter does not receive the careful attention it deserves. Of course, I am assuming that it is the aim and ambition of every breeder to produce a specimen which shall bring credit to its owner; and that being so, it is essential that we should procure the best birds we can buy. This does not necessarily mean that we should pay a high price for them, for really good, fresh-caught birds are to be obtained at a reasonable figure. It is not always the exhibition bird which makes the right kind of bird for hybrid breeding; on the other hand, birds which in some way fall short of the exhibition standard will often make ideal specimens for the breeding cage. To give one instance, the Linnet from which I bred my Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids was not by any means an exhibition specimen; it failed in breast marking, and was not so prominent in whites as some exhibition birds, but I have yet to see the Linnet I would sooner have for breeding purposes. Of great size, with fine head and breast, and wonderfully rich in colour, he was an ideal bird for the work required of him. A leading Welsh exhibitor pronounced him the finest Linnet he had ever seen. In the great majority of cases breeders are content to purchase the first Finches which come their way, and these are paired up in haphazard fashion without any thought as to their suitability to each other. Now, what should we say of the breeder of any variety of Canary who went to work in such fashion; and what would be the outcome of his season's work? I venture to suggest that he would be in a sorry plight at the end of the season. Instead of faults being rectified by then, they will have become intensified, and other faults will have appeared which will take years of work to correct again. It is just the same with the Hybrid breeder; with this important difference, however, that while the Canary breeder by the exercise of care and patience may put his house in order again, the breeder of Hybrids has to be satisfied with the result of his cross, for, as most of my readers are aware, it is of no use attempting to breed with our Hybrids, and it is better so, for such birds would lose their identity, and I tremble to think of the long names it would be necessary for us to use, say, after the sixth or seventh cross, in order to show how such-and-such a bird was produced.

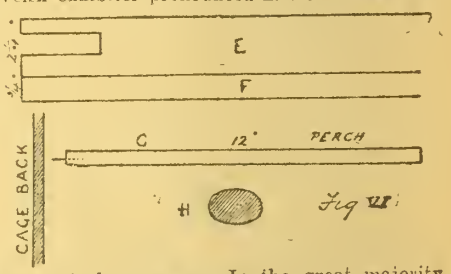


Fig VI

Points of the Breeders.

Remember, too, that the little extra expenditure involved in the purchase of the better class of bird is only an initial one, for the poor specimen, once he is in the bird-room, costs as much to house and feed as the better one, and is far less likely to produce satisfactory results. Birds of good size and shape should be selected, and we should be especially careful in regard to the latter point. For my own part, I would much prefer a bird of good shape and position to a larger one which was lacking in these properties. I would not, however, reject a bird which was weak in any one bad point, unless the weakness itself was a bad one. Suppose, for instance, you have a Bullfinch hen of good shape and carriage, and large stout body, but failing in head properties; do not reject such a specimen, but see that she is mated to a bird especially strong in these points. Avoid birds having bad wing and tail carriage, birds which crouch badly, and the "keel-chested" bird, for these faults are difficult to get rid of.

Colour an Important Factor.

We next come to another important point in making our choice of Finches—perhaps the most important of all—that is, colour. It seems hardly necessary for me to say that unless our Hybrids are rich and sound in colour they will stand very little chance on the show bench, and that being so, we must see that in selecting the prospective parents we procure birds of good rich colour. And remember, we should exercise as much care in the choice of our hens as in that of the cocks. Birds of poor colour should never be allowed to form part of our breeding stock, unless it is a hen, perhaps, which is wonderfully good in all other respects.

(To be continued.)



GEMS OF THE FINCH FAMILY.

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The Roller Canary: Its Breeding, Training & General Management.

By "SCHOOLMASTER."

This practical article is written by one of our leading present-day Roller experts who, however, wishes to remain anonymous.

"He is mighty hard to please; I wonder what he wants." This was the remark I overheard as I was leaving a bird stall in our local market, where some beautiful specimens of the German Canary were exposed for sale, but in my own opinion the beauty of these so-called specimens, lay in the imagination of the dealer who had them for sale. For nearly twenty years I have been a lover of any kind of a singing bird, both Canaries and Britishers, but it was not until I had visited an old friend of mine that I found my ideal. Perhaps it was, as some people would say, instinct, because at this time I did not know to what depth of song, combined with the beauty of the same, it was possible for a really high-class Roller to sing, more especially in the Glucke strain, and it is this Glucke strain that is more than holding its own to-day on the show bench, in spite of the faults which it brings out in the song. I have been reading the Roller show reports in CAGE BIRDS, with its hollow roll, hollow bell, schockel, etc., etc., with great interest, every time a show has been held, but it might have been Dutch for all I could make out of it, until I remembered that an old friend of mine had asked me to come over one Saturday afternoon and stay the week-end with him. There is no need to weary the reader of that 20-mile journey, only to say that many a negative answer had I to give in answer to "Are you off to see the cup-tie?" But it was of no use my telling a man who is not a fancier that football was nothing in my line, and that I had not seen a football match for 19 years.

The Deaf Heareth.

Arriving at my destination I found my friend at home. In answer to my enquiry, I was informed that he was upstairs in the bird-room. Calling at the foot of the stairs his wife could get no answer. "Perhaps he's having a nap?" I suggested. "Not he," was the reply, "he is listening to one of the birds singing; I can hear it, and it's useless calling any more until that bird has finished his song; but you go upstairs yourself—first door on the right." But when I got to this first door I could hear a regular chorus of singers, but they seemed to me to be at a great distance. Then I heard one, and one only, singing louder than the others. I tapped at the door; still no answer. I took French leave, as the old saying goes, and walked quietly in the room. There was my friend very much awake, but not until that bird had finished singing and he had closed the shutters of its cage did he turn his head to see who had entered. "Hello, old man, so you have turned up at last?" he said. "Oh, yes," said I, "I've been here some few minutes. Have you not heard you wife calling you?" With a sly wink and a smile, he said: "Many a time." Glancing down on the table in front of where my friend had been sitting I again saw this mysterious H.R.H.B.S., etc., and other letters that were not in the reports that I had seen in my CAGE BIRDS. In answer to my question, he said, "That is only just a little method of my own; but I will show you." He then approached a rack that was filled with shutter cages, and brought one cage and hung it on a nail in the wall in such a position that the bird could not be seen, unless you turned your head round, that is (I should say), if you were seated at the table.

Enraptured and Amazed.

A chair was placed for me in such a position that I could see right into the cage. After the doors were opened, the bird had not been open to the light more than two minutes before it began to sing. There was no need for my friend to tell me before-hand not to make a sudden movement, or I should stop the bird from singing. I sat amazed, or to quote the words of an old song: "Enraptured, amazed I was, my inmost soul was stirred." Now I had found something that would suit me, yet I had never thought it possible that a German Canary could bring out such deep tours. But one thing I noticed was that my friend never once raised his eyes from the paper that he kept figuring on until the bird had finished his song. Then he turned and closed the cage shutters with the remark, "That bird's hollow bell is improving." In answer to a question, he explained to me the meaning of what were then to me nothing but a mysterious lot of letters. After writing out on a sheet of paper the full tours it was possible for a bird to sing, he said, "Now, listen to this bird, and as it brings out its different notes I'll put a pencil mark underneath the names I have written down here." Opening the cage doors again, the bird started to sing, and as a mark was placed underneath several names, so was the letter G, M and P, which I afterwards understood meant that in my friend's opinion the particular tour in question was either good, moderate, or a poor one; also that he had no need to look at the bird when it was singing. And so I have found out since for myself; by practice, a trained ear can single out a good tour from a poor one, and a fault without looking at the bird; also tell the different tours and rolls from one another. I thought at the time that it must take a clever man to do this, but I suppose it is the same as in everything else, when you know how, it is very simple.

Subsisting on Song.

"Dad, tea is ready," came a voice from below. We went down, and many a good laugh we had. How our dad would sometimes call downstairs, "All right, I'm coming." "Yes," said the wife, "and usually when he does come his food is cold, and the rest of us have finished our meal."

After tea it was suggested that I should go and hear some more singers. "Are they the same kind as yours?" I asked. "Well, no; not exactly. I think some of them are dyed, whereas, as you see, mine are neither stained nor colour-fed." "Oh, he is trying to have a joke with you," said the wife; "he means that he suggests going to the Theatre of Varieties." "Then to-morrow," said my friend, "I'll show you my breeding room and the rest of the stock" But before that time had arrived I had bargained for a cock and two hens from him; also his methods of breeding, moulting, training and exhibiting.

Now, as every Roller fancier knows, this variety is making a remarkable headway in this country. Yet at the same time it is an absolute fact how little the average Canary fancier knows, as to the proper treatment required for the Roller Canary. And this is the more noticeable in districts where there is no Roller Club; and there are, I know, many who are willing to make a start if they could only be set on the right path, and it is to such that these lines are dictated

"First Things" for Beginners.

The first thing the beginner should most certainly set about before he purchases any stock is to decide where he will keep his birds when he has them. A light corner of a living kitchen is not a bad place; yet it is not nearly so good as a similar place in a bedroom, or any other room that gets plenty of light, and where no fire is burning during the daytime. You will find that in a living room all your work will be cut out to keep the red mite pest at bay. Another disadvantage is, hens do not feed their youngsters so well where people are continually passing in front of the cages. I think a great deal can be said against, and very little in favour of, breeding in a living room; but the choice of a room for breeding purposes must rest entirely with the fancier himself, as some have a spare bedroom, others being again fortunate to be able to erect a wooden house at their back premises. Should you decide upon the latter, see that it is stormproof, free from draughts, and not damp; also do not place the windows in such a position that in the summer time the sun will be pouring into the room for the greater portion of the day. And ventilate the place in such a way that cold draughts will not blow directly on the birds.

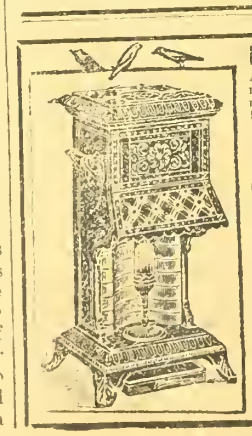
Now, as to cages. I do not intend to say much about these, i.e., the breeding cages, as so much has already been written concerning them. I myself use a two-compartment breeding cage, which is fitted with a removable, wooden partition; also a wire one, which slides into the middle of the cage. When breeding I allow each hen to have the two compartments to herself. Where this is possible, it is an excellent idea, and its uses I will describe at the proper time.

To be Taken as Before.

Having got cages fixed up in a suitable position, your next consideration are the birds themselves and their seed, but this latter must depend a great deal on how the birds have been used to being fed. Some fanciers use equal portions of best German summer rape and Canary seed mixed; others give a staple diet of rape, and allow about a small teaspoonful of Canary seed in a separate vessel each day. But it is much the better plan to adopt the same way of feeding as the birds have been used to, and this can be ascertained from the seller.

In purchasing your stock, place yourself in the hands of a respectable dealer or fancier. The number of birds to commence with must be left entirely to each individual concerned, as some of us are better blessed with this world's goods than others; but I would suggest procuring one cock and two hens of the best quality that the pocket will allow. If it is your aim to get a good, low-voiced cock to breed from, and afterwards to use as a schoolmaster to tutor your young cocks, you should by all means beg, buy, borrow (but don't steal) a Roller shutter-cage. You will want this when the cock is not being used in the breeding cage. If your pocket will not allow you to purchase a cock that is fit to act as a tutor, procure one that is as good a singer as you can afford, bred from a good strain; also, if possible, get your hens from the same strain and place. Don't think that, having got a good cock, any kind of a Common German hen will do to pair with him, or your results as far as turning out a good class of youngsters is concerned, will be nil, and too much attention cannot be paid in procuring suitable hens of the same strain as the cock.

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Notes on the Breeding of Scotch Fancy & Belgian Canaries.

THOMAS SMITH (Glasgow).

The choice of a Scotch Fancy hen Canary is of great importance in breeding. The disposition is to select a hen best suited for the male bird, which may be on hand. That is all right in a way, but the question comes: What is the most reliable basis to build upon? Speaking from experience, the best birds produced have come from a Buff hen. It is easier to get a solid foundation by her than by any other. The Yellow hen is of a lighter build and finer in the feather.

The desire of every breeder who goes into the Fancy with any spirit is to rear large birds of good substance. This can be done from the Buff hen well bred. She has a splendid physique, and is clothed with ample feather, which gives her the appearance that she will be equal to raising a family of stalwart chicks.

Many breeders have a preference for breeding two Buffs together. I have known grand results to come from double Buff breeding. It helps the size, and when a bird that has come from double-Buffing is bred with a Yellow, the product is nearly all Yellows, and the birds are larger, and are longer in feather than the young bred from parents that have descended from Yellow and Buff breeding for years. This is pretty well known by the leading breeders, but it is desirable to spread a knowledge of the fact.

Another advantage is that the Buff bird has usually the most prominent shoulders—an important desideratum in building up a reliable strain, the progenitors of a race of winners.

The Buff hen is usually a splendid hatcher and feeder, which enables the owner to do without foster parents; and this quality in the hen keeps her from laying clutches of eggs too close upon each other, thereby exhausting herself. A good hen should be preserved; which can best be done by keeping her in natural condition, which can be accomplished by allowing her to follow the natural course of laying, hatching and rearing. A big percentage of hens are wasted, and reach a premature death through being rushed in the matter of the laying of clutches of eggs. Everybody knows that is done in the common round of the bird room. Breeders should keep the Scotch Fancy Canary on a higher level.

The final effort to secure a good stock is made at the end or beginning of the year. Of course, the best have been disposed of, but a stray bargain may be obtained.

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 605).

The Massena Quail.

This handsome and rarely imported species has lately reached our Zoological Gardens, and has been advertised both in the English and the German trade. I have not seen those the Zoo obtained (I regret to hear that they have been carried off by *mycosis*), but we may be sure they were correctly identified, and the German dealer who advertised some is, I know, accurate in the matter of identification. The pair, however, which were shown me by one of our dealers a few days since were certainly not *C. Montezumae*, but Colins—I think the Cuban Colin (*O. Cubanensis*). The Massena Quail is found in Mexico and in Southern Texas, and is locally called the Black, or Foolish, Partridge, from the fact that, when flushed suddenly, they sometimes will attempt to conceal themselves on quite open ground, and can then be often knocked over by a stone. It is partial to rocky ravines. The short crest is reddish; the sides of the head, the throat and neck are strikingly masked with black and white spots, and the under parts deep black. The female lacks the black and white markings on the throat, and has the under-parts pale vinaceous. One of our best-known authorities on the Quails, to whom I referred the question whether this species had been bred in captivity, did not seem to recognise it by this name, and asked me if I meant the "Montezuma Quail." This, of course, is its scientific name, but Dresser, when describing in the *Ibis* in 1865 a collection of birds he had made in Southern Texas, called it the Massena Quail, and in Ogilvie Grant's "Game-birds" it is called the Massena Harlequin Quail: the Germans also seem to know it by this name, which therefore appears to have a good standing.

The real difficulty in breeding the Quails which are imported from the warm parts of America is only realised by those who have actually bred them. It is that most of these species go to nest in our country so late in the year that, by the time the young are hatched, the weather has generally become cold and unfavourable for rearing the delicate and chilly little chicks.

The Black Seed-Finch.

When Mr. Luer wrote me nearly a month since that he had received some "Blackbirds with a white bar on the wing, said to come from Cuba," I was completely mystified as to what the new arrivals could be. When, a few days later, I had an opportunity of inspecting them I was much interested to find that they were something quite new to me. That they were S. American Seed-finches of some sort was obvious, but I was not sure of the species so I did not include them in last month's notes. Mr. Allen Silver has since written me that he has identified them at the Natural History Museum as *Melopyrrha nigra*, for which courtesy my best thanks are due to him. They closely resemble Bullfinches in shape, though they are somewhat smaller and slighter, and have large, coarse beaks of the Grosbeak type. In colour they are jet black, with a prominent white patch on the wing in the neighbourhood of the bastard primary and a white bar across the flights, which, however, is mostly concealed by the greater coverts. One specimen I have examined has the secondaries marked with white only on the posterior margin, the other on both margins. Unlike the majority of the S. American Grosbeaks, the females of this species resemble the males in colour. Dr. Butler, in his most excellent "Foreign Cage Birds," tells us that they build globular nests, and are much valued in Cuba as cage birds for their song. As aviary birds, I am much pleased with mine. They are wonderfully hardy and have stood the recent sharp frosts well; they are also quite peaceable.

The Tropical Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus torridus*).

Another rare species, which closely resembles the above in shape, and to some extent in colour, has been imported during the past autumn by Mr. Suggitt and Mr. Sutcliffe. The male has the under-parts chestnut (instead of black), and its beak is huge, rather like that of a Hawfinch. The female is a warm olive-brown. It inhabits Brazil, Guiana, etc. Mr. C. W. Beebe mentions ("Our Search for a Wilderness") having seen this Grosbeak at Georgetown in a private garden, and he subsequently succeeded in trapping some for the New York Zoo. I have lately had an opportunity of watching a young male come into colour. It took a couple of months to complete the process, the black feathers appearing a few at a time, and giving the bird a curious mottled appearance.

Gossip from the Palace Show.

A Grave Defect.
"That there Cock of the Rock is a rummy sort of a bird," said a countryman at the Palace. "He looks like Lord Nelson at the top end, but the bounder hasn't got one arm, let alone two!'

A New Species.
One fair lady enquired earnestly for the "Twist-neck" (Wryneck), but had to be told there was not one in the show. A wag amongst the bystanders suggested that perhaps the "Hatch-nut" would do as well!

Judging the Judges.
Re-judging the slim ones went on merrily on the Saturday, when the men from the North flocked in. The discussions were sometimes both hot and noisy, but good fellowship always prevailed, and generally ended in an adjournment. Talking's thirsty work!

Not Always to the Swift.
Two men simultaneously made up their minds to claim a Yorkshire Canary, and both started together to the office. One was lame, so was handicapped in the race, but he was cute enough to take a near cut, and just won by a head, much to the amusement of the onlookers.

'Ware Hens.
Hen Goldfinches and Linnets were fairly plentiful in the Novice British bird class, and the prices on them were such as to tempt the unwary; but the knowing ones would have nothing to do with them, in spite of their being entered by novices!

Points of Merit.
There was a good deal of argument over the winning British Bullie. Some said it won just on colour; others on cap and colour; and others even went so far as to say it was the best and most typical bird. But the judge had the first and the last word.

In Luck.
One buyer of a Parrot insisted upon his purchase being delivered home before his better half had her morning cup of tea. It was a present for her! Grutchfield cleaned it out, and good old Small took it home. The "tips" were so good that their only regret was it did not happen daily.

Looking for the Ideal.
We met one disconsolate Yorkie exhibitor roaming up and down the rows day after day looking for a certain buff cock. He could find the bird right enough, but the price was always wrong. When the price was all right the bird was all wrong. Let's hope he'll get t reight 'un later on.

Hunting for Hybrids.
Hybrids appeared to be much in demand. Everyone seemed to be looking for a possible winner at a reasonable figure, but those wanted were generally out of reach. There was quite a rush of would-be purchasers to the Novice section; but the Novices had made no mistake in fixing the prices.

Hard Hit.
A cheery, well-known South country exhibitor had a particularly bad time among the "chubby ones" (the worst at the Palace for many, many years), but although he was a bit put out at first, he soon regained his usual high spirits, and without a doubt he will come up smiling next year. May he do his usual share of the winning then.

The Annual Mistake.
The crowd on the Saturday were not all fanciers, as one could tell by the questions asked. There were many enquiries as to what was a "Mule." When informed by obliging officials, many of the enquirers seemed rather surprised that it had nothing to do with the humble but honest moke!

What Was It Saying?
It was being said that "G. G." quite blushed when told he had pased the wonderful talking Canary with only a v.h.c. card. "I don't know," said he, "but somehow or other I thought I saw its lips moving; but then I had sent in my judging slip."

The Right Class.
"Pa" and Harry were looking round the show on Friday, when "Pa" said: "I should like to be a bird and hear the ladies say 'Pretty dick,' 'Pretty boy.' Wouldn't give me t' prize, Harry, if thou had'st to judge me?' "Aye, if thou was t in t' talkin' class I would!" replied Mr. Battye.

Was He Joking?
At the judges' luncheon "Pa" Mundell said that if judges wanted to be popular they must have certain types of birds for different localities, also for different temperatures. Then wherever they went the locals would win, and the judges would be acclaimed "good fellows." When the local men didn't win, then "t' fat was in t' fire.'

A Quick Change Artist.
Mrs. Askham's charming Canary-Bullie "Copper" is quite a quick-change artist in its plumage. It is no secret that he damaged his wing, knocking out a primary feather, which grew again quite white. This he repeated no less than three times, and each time it came white. But at a fourth attempt the feather regained its natural colour, and so the fair owner was able to exhibit the bird once more, and get well up in the prize list.

A Quick Clearance.
"Show cleared and all birds handed to the railway companies by 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday night," writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden. May they all arrive home safe and well, say we.

Linseed N eded : Not Hemp.
One Norwich Plainhead had such a tremendously deep chest that it was said to have so rubbed the perch as to rub down the feathers bare to the skin at the point of the chest. It provoked from a very old exhibitor the remark, "It wants poulticing."

Two Protests.
We are informed by the show manager that a protest has been lodged against the Corn Bunting which took 2nd prize for Mrs. J. B. Caunt in the Novice section, it being alleged that the bird is not a genuine novice exhibit. The protest against Mr. F. Russell's Yellow-hammer was overruled (as mentioned in our report).

Sad News.
We were grieved to hear that our old friend Mr. Jos. Hills, the veteran fancier and judge, was stricken with severe eye-trouble, being now almost blind, and unable to get about unaided. He sent a telegram saying how much he would have liked to be present at the show. Mr. Sam Cook (Mr. Hill's life-long friend and co-judge) spent some hours at the Palace on the Monday.

Help!
Sister Mary bought a Canary
From our butcher's boy;
In our dairy, this little fairy
Since has been our joy.
But strange to say it never whistles—
Echo asketh why?
We've found some old cock Sparrow's bristles
Coming through the dye!
T. F. Morgan.

Nothing New Under the Sun.
The sensation of the show from the point of view of the ordinary visitor and the representatives of the daily papers was, of course, the talking Canary. But there was a talking Canary at the Palace so far back as 1875! Our friend, Mr. Francis, showed us a cutting from the "Illustrated Loudon News" containing this information, and stating that it was priced at £100. More curious still, the owner of this very bird wrote to Mr. Ramsden mentioning the fact, having read of the latest talker in his morning paper. It is said, too, that the Queen Mother, Alexandra, owned a talking Canary some years ago.

THE JUDGES' LUNCHEON.

This function was presided over by the President (Mr. G. Crabb), who was supported by Rev. G. H. Raynor, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden and Ramsden, junr., Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, Mrs. Annungson, Messrs. Heath, Battye, Camps, Robson, Mundell, Matthes, Lugg, Dickins, Evins, Cousins, Green, Lott, Oldaker, Gardner, Dewar, Finn, Humphreys, Silver, Swaysland, Weston, House, Broadley, Norman, Pretty, Hodder, Mortlock, Milsum, Day, etc.

In proposing "The Judges," Mr. Crabb read a telegram he had received from Mr. J. F. Hills—"Hearty good wishes; my love to you all." Mr. W. O. Brooke, of Bournemouth, an old secretary of the L.P.O.S., had also written wishing them good luck. Mr. Crabb expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome everyone present, and in referring to the show said that although they had not a record, the figures had only been beaten on two occasions, and with each of those special circumstances had been associated. This year had also been somewhat of a special occasion, not because of increased support, but, on the contrary, because of the opposition and fear of the C.B.U. The prophets had prophesied for them a bad year, but he would say—"Never prophesy unless you know." Turning to the exhibits, Mr. Crabb said the Crests, he was pleased to say, were exceptionally good, as were the Crest-breds. The Yorkshires, he was told, were the finest ever seen, whilst the Norwich also were good. Noticeable amongst the Britise was that great rarity, the Dartford Warbler, whilst the Foreigners, thanks to their Continental friends, were wonderful in beauty and rarity, such birds as the Sky Blue Budgerigars and the Cock of the Rock adding greatly to the interest of the show. Then they had the white Canaries, also the talking Canary. Therefore, he concluded, they could rest satisfied that the show had well maintained its reputation. He thanked the judges for the manner in which they had carried out their duties, and associated with the toast the names of Messrs. W. Mundell and W. Swaysland.

Mr. W. Mundell, in a humourous reply, said he did not know why they made such a fuss of the judges at the luncheon, because according to the Press the great success of the show was due to "the King of Show Managers," but, they could take it from him, it was not so; it was the judges who brought the entries. The competition that day had been unusually keen, and he considered the Yorkshires wonderfully good, especially the unflighted birds.

Mr. Swaysland emphasised Mr. Mundell's remarks in reference to the quality of the exhibits, and said that speaking for the judges, he believed all tried to do their duty, pleased themselves, and did not try to please every exhibitor.

Mr. Heath proposed "The Chairman," and Mr. Crabb responded, saying it was a pleasure to do what he could to help forward the Palace show, with which he had been associated for so many years.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WESLEY T. PAGE.

The Hon. Secretary of the Foreign Bird Club Honoured by His Fellow Members.

The occasion of the Crystal Palace Show was selected as a suitable time for an event of considerable interest to members of the Foreign Bird Club, for on the Saturday a representative gathering was held by the members of the Foreign Bird Club in one of the private dining rooms of the Palace for the purpose of presenting Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., with a framed, illuminated address, in token of the members' esteem for him as the Hon. Editor of the Club Magazine, "Bird Notes."

To readers of CAGE BIRDS Mr. Page has long been known as the expert adviser on all matters relating to the keeping, breeding, and identification of Foreign birds, while to those who specialise in Foreign birds, and who, like Mr. Page himself, keep the rarer species, he has become known as an expert in the art of keeping and even breeding out-of-the-way Foreigners.

The presentation was the outcome of a spontaneous request from certain prominent members of the Club that Mr. Page would accept some token of esteem, and of Mr. Page's rejoinder that any money subscribed should go to form a fund to be devoted to keeping up and even improving the already well-illustrated periodical, "Bird Notes." The presentation was preceded by a dinner, the first the Club has held, and Mr. Rogers, who was in the chair, and who was the moving spirit in this event, having duly proposed the toast of "The King," spoke of the skill, knowledge, and determination that Mr. Page had always devoted to the by no means easy task of firmly establishing the club and its magazine, and having in well-chosen words expressed what the club in general and those present in particular thought of Mr. Page's devotion to the cause, formally presented him with the testimonial amid the acclamations of his admirers.

Mr. Page, in response, said that had he only known that such a testimonial was intended to have been lavished on him he would have put his foot down, and had the cost devoted to another coloured plate, but as it was, he accepted it with all good wishes for the welfare of both the club and its magazine. Reviewing the past chequered history of the club, he spoke of the position the club was in at the time he succeeded Dr. Creswell in the Editorship, and although he did not mention it, it was known to all present that the membership of the club had gone steadily up until at the present time it stood at practically three times the number that subscribed when he became Editor. Not only had the strictly aviecultural part been raised to a high standard, but field notes by competent observers of birds in distant lands have appeared, giving the magazine a permanent scientific value, while the novice had not been forgotten.

Tribute was paid by Mr. Page to the loyal way the hon. business secretary and treasurer, Mr. Willford, and the hon. exhibitional secretary, Mr. Townsend, had helped to make the club the success it was, while the generous support, not of a few, but of many of the club's members, but for which the magazine could not in past years have been kept up to standard, was justly mentioned.

Mr. Sutcliffe spoke, and proposed the toast of "Mr. Page's Health," which all honoured, and after Mr. Page had again responded, and thanked them, the gathering, which included the chief officers of the club, the artist, and the publisher, broke up, and returned to admire the birds in the exhibition.

Solomon Not Wanted.
A lady came from Leo to the show on the Monday, and said that from what she had read she believed the talking Canary to be a bird which had escaped from her possession, as apparently it repeated the same words and answered to its description. She spoke of returning to the show on the Tuesday night to meet the owner of the bird. But apparently the fair claimant did not put in an appearance. And J. W. R. felt relieved.

Lost and and Found.
When putting up his stall on the Thursday evening, Mr. Joe Thomas (the well-known bird specialist, of Amblerthorn), hung his overcoat on a peg close at hand. It was a very cold night, and when he went to get this indispensable garment, lo! it had vanished. So Joe had to walk home without, and keep himself warm with—well, in the Yorkshire fashion. On the Saturday, however, the overcoat was found hanging once more on the same peg! Who was the cute individual that borrowed it? Mr. Thomas would like to shake him by the hand.

I must congratulate CAGE BIRDS on bringing out such an issue as your recent Birthday Number.—H. Hinkley, Jun. (Gravesend).

I have been a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for three years, and have learned a lot from it.—J. Scribbins (Exeter).

In sending us a copy of his association's balance-sheet for the year ended December, 1910, Mr. H. Dewhurst, secretary of the West London F.A., writes: You will see that the funds are gradually increasing, and this year we hope to further improve the financial standing of the society. The balance in hand is now £8 11s. 6d., which is £3 6s. more than at the beginning of the year. Mr. Dewhurst and his fellow officials are to be congratulated on this result.

Welsh Fanciers Visit the Palace Show.

By "Taffy."

To spend a day at the Palace Show has been the wish of a large number of South Wales fanciers, and thanks to Mr. S. H. George, secretary of the Swansea and District C.B. Society, who made the necessary arrangements with the railway company, they were able to travel up to London on Saturday last by saloon. The party numbered 22, made up of the following members of the different societies: Swansea, Messrs J. Richards, W. J. Jenkins, D. Williams, J. J. Rees, J. H. Ford, W. J. Ford, E. M. Evans, S. H. George, D. A. S. Longden; Morriston, D. Jeremy, W. H. Lewis, W. R. Morgans, W. H. Wilcox, J. T. Jones; Cardiff, H. J. Ford, A. Maggs, A. Shellam, G. Drake; Llanelly, D. R. Jones; Amanford, A. D. H. Hughes, S. H. Davies; Aberaman, W. Davies.

The Palace was reached about 12 o'clock. This being the first time that many of the party have had the pleasure of visiting this magnificent building, they were surprised at its vastness and the beautiful statues it contained. Yet another surprise was in store when they entered the show. The different societies in South Wales have held some grand shows, containing 800 and 900 birds, and have felt proud of them, but after visiting the Great Palace Show, our humble efforts are like a pebble on the beach compared to this show. The quantity and quality of the birds on view will long remain in the memory of the party. Having spent a few hours looking at the exhibits, of which the chief centre of attraction was the Foreign Section, the party broke up in sections, some going to see the sights of London, and others remaining in the show. Those who remained were well repaid, by coming into personal conversation with well-known breeders, and many a little tip was given to them which is bound to be helpful in time to come. It gave the writer great pleasure to be introduced to many fanciers whose names are household words at the club-room, and who are held in high esteem. Their kindness in giving the information asked for has increased the zeal to try and obtain the model which every fancier is trying to produce in his bird-room.

The party met at mid-night in Paddington Station, and having over one hour to wait before the train left for home, we broke out in song (as all Welshmen do), and this gathered a large company around them to listen to the Welsh airs, which, to all outward appearance were greatly enjoyed by the listeners. It was with feelings of regret we had to leave for home, taking with us the memory of a red-letter day, one that will live long and be retained by all the party for the hospitable manner in which we were entertained by the English fanciers at the Palace Show of 1911. May it be our good fortune that one day we shall be able to extend to them in like manner a hearty Welsh welcome.

Allow me to thank you for the good penny-worth you give novices like myself through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. Your plates are really a treat. Success to C. B. May it go on prospering.—John Knight (Aberdare).

The rule booklet of the Reading and Dist. C.B.S. has just been issued. It contains the names and addresses of the members, the names of the officials, and the rules of the society. The secretary is Mr. W. H. Pyke, 25, The Grove, Reading.

From the abstract of accounts, a copy of which was sent us by the secretary, Mr. W. Guthrie, we gather that the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S. has a balance in hand of £8 5s. The society is to be congratulated on their financially strong position.

"The British Journal Photographic Almanac and Photographer's Daily Companion for 1911" (published by Messrs. Henry Greenwood and Co., 24, Wellington-street, Strand, London, at 1s. net, and 1s. 6d. net, cloth), makes an imposing volume running into 1,350 pages. It contains much useful information, including an epitome of progress by the Editor, a directory of photographic societies and bodies, tables, weights, etc. The publishers are justly proud of the fact that the almanac has attained its jubilee.

How to Make Money from Poultry.

"How to Make Money from Poultry," by W. Powell Owen, is the latest and most up-to-date book on all phases of poultry culture. It is a practical guide that can be taken up by anyone, touching, as it does, such a wide range of subjects. The poultry fancier or poultry keeper can at once form an idea as to the branch most likely to be profitable with such conditions as he or she can give them. The book should be a most helpful one to all classes of poultry-keepers, as the chapters are short and pithy, and are classified under short, comprehensive headlines. The object of the work is self-explanatory, as the following list of chapters will go to prove:—"Poultry-keeping in towns"; "Modern Poultry Farming: its possibilities"; "The egg specialist"; "The Farming Specialist"; "The Table Specialist"; "The general farmer and his poultry"; "Poultry culture for the smallholder"; "The Backyard Farmer"; "The Backyard Farm"; "Home preservation of eggs"; "The day-old chick and duckling business"; "Golden rules for feeding"; "The golden egg problem solved: what experience has taught us"; "Common ailments of fowls and how to cure them"; "Profitable duck culture"; "On Geese and Turkeys." The book is post free 7d., and readers should make a point of ordering their copies per return from The Poultry Press, Ltd., 134, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**Q. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—*If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.*

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Scurfy Head.

Songstonian.—You should keep this apart from your other stock, to avoid any possible risk of contagion, and keep the cage and perches as clean as possible. Give plain canary only as staple diet, with a half teaspoonful of rape every second day, and on the alternate days twice each week for a month, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut lightly dusted with flour of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a spray of watercress if available four or five times a week, otherwise substitute a morsel of banana, bit of raw carrot, or an occasional grape broken open. Keep the dietary to this for at least two months. Allow the bird to bathe freely in mild weather. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and in the following week six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day, then miss a fortnight and repeat both weeks in the same order. Slightly moisten the bare places once with a small feather dipped in creosote, and afterwards smear three times a week with Sanocyllin. Report progress in, say, two months, hence, referring to this reply.

Roller, Song and Feeding.

A. B.—(1) As you say the Roller cock sings a good deal, and seems all right, I cannot imagine there is anything wrong with him. The low, soft song, such as you describe, is probably just the thing a real connoisseur of Roller song would admire, yet you fail to appreciate the excellent thing which you appear to have. It is quite common for cocks to get louder in song when mated, but this is a detriment rather than otherwise, to a good singing Roller. Have patience, and by mating up the bird again this coming season, by the time he gets over his next moult he will probably be high-voiced enough for you—though certainly not so good as a quality singing Roller. (2) I do not approve of your idea to permanently remove the hen's seed when she has young. If you find she is feeding on seed only, and the young do not seem to thrive on it, make the egg food as dainty as possible and add a little maw seed to it, or a pinch of soaked rape, but be careful of "souring"—and keep it on the dry side. You probably mixed it too moist for her fancy, or sticky. In this way coax her to take the egg food freely voluntarily. Also add a little crisp young green food fresh two or three times a day, and you may give a little soaked rape in a separate vessel. If, then, she still persists in feeding on seed, give a fresh supply of egg food and green food in the early morning, when she is keen on feeding, and remove the seed for two or three hours. Then return it during the middle of the day, and repeat the same operation in the afternoon, just before she starts feeding up for the night. Pardon my not intruding on my colleagues' domain. See Messrs. Weston and Page's columns next week for replies in their departments.

Moulting and Wheezing (A Worried Reader).—It is quite a usual thing for any little weakness a bird suffers from to show itself in an aggravated form during moulting, which explains the return of your bird's trouble with each moult. Keep it in a fairly warm and equable place, but not over-heated, and see that it is quite free from draughts. Give the plain canary and rape seed diet, as staple. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a morsel of banana and a few grains of hemp. In the drinking water give four drops of tincture of gentian and two of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight. If the bird refuses this remove its drinker at night, and having filled it with the medicated water next morning place it on cage for ten or fifteen minutes. Then remove it again for a couple of hours or so, and again replace it for a short time. Continue thus throughout the day, when the bird will probably take a sip or two each time it is replaced. After the moulting is stopped you might give the bird a course of the mixture advised to "Novice" for a fortnight or so.

Too Late (J. A.).—Sorry reply came too late to be of service this time. To provide against such cases you would do well to keep the nutshell booklet on "Ailments of Cage Birds," or Part VI. of "Our Canaries," by you.

Wing Drooping (A Beginner).—The drooping wing from such a cause as you say would not affect the bird breeding in the least, nor be likely to affect the progeny in any way, so you may quite safely use him for breeding. It is probable that the accident strained the tendons of the wing, and in course of time the wing may grow stronger and improve considerably in carriage.

Sand for Cage Floors (Inquirer).—Both samples you sent are excellent for particular purposes. No. 1 is the best for ordinary use all the year round. No 2, which appears to be a nice clean sample of finely crushed oyster shell, would be excellent for breeding birds during the nesting season to prevent egg-binding in the hens. It would not be necessary to use it solely. A tablespoonful, or less, placed in a little heap on the other sand three times a week whilst a hen was nesting would suffice to answer the intended purpose. No trouble at all to help you.

Heating Room (Rita).—Beyond saying the room is a small one, you give no idea of its actual size, but still, judging from the general points given in your enquiry, I have no hesitation in saying the best form of heat for your conditions is a small hot water coil heated by a bunsen gas burner, placed about the middle of the room, and connected with the gas stove by a flexible tube. Any gas-fitter would arrange this for you, and the cost would probably be but small.

Out-door Aviary (T. B.).—The aviary seems to be ideally placed for your purpose, and there is no reason whatever why you should not breed very successfully in it. It is, however, very small, and for breeding, one cock and three hens would be quite sufficient to stock it. That being so, you should try for one variety only—putting in either one cock Canary, or, if you prefer to use the finnets, you might put in two of them. But do not introduce two cock Canaries by any means. Treat the aviary and surroundings with virus, to clear the mice. Give the seeds in separate vessels, to prevent waste. You would find "Aviaries, Bird-rooms and Cages," 2/3, post free, from our Manager, of great assistance.

Distemper Washing off (Ignoramus).—(1) You omit to mention what distemper you used, so I cannot say whether your experience is the usual one. I should advise you to write the maker, enclosing a stamped envelope, and tell him exactly how you mixed the stuff and whether you used hot or cold water, and the quantity, and ask him to kindly tell you how or where you went wrong. This he would doubtless gladly do, and also inform you how to mix and use it to make it adhere better. (2) I do not think the 36 in. breeding cage would accommodate four birds separately, if divided into this number of compartments. The compartments would be altogether too cramped and awkwardly shaped.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Swelling on Leg (B. Y.).—Continue painting both swellings as previously advised, three times a week, for a month. If they are not then absorbed, and still feel solid, allow a few days to elapse, then bathe one leg in fairly warm water, dry it, and carefully prick the surface skin with a clean needle and press out the cheesy contents. Wash clean, and anoint for a day or two afterwards with carbolised vaseline. When that leg is quite recovered, treat the other in the same way. Add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Blindness and High Condition (Nelly, Birmingham).—(1) With the data at my disposal I cannot account for the Roller going quite blind suddenly. I am inclined to think the affliction has developed more gradually than you imagine, though you have not been aware of it. You might get your chemist to mix you five grains of yellow oxide of mercury in half an ounce of spermaceti ointment, and place a morsel of this, about the size of a pin's head, in each eye, once a day, for a time, holding his head whilst it melts, and assisting it to work well around and under the eyelid. Candidly, I do not think you will do any good for it. (2) Your feeding is very good. It is quite natural for young cocks to be in high condition and full song at this time. There is probably nothing to be concerned about.

Mopy Yorkshire and Red Mites (M. F.).—The treatment you purposed starting with would answer very fairly, and if the bird has not shuffled off the coil of mortality, it will be chiefly due to that treatment. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a morsel of green food and a pinch of maw. Continue this diet until she eats seed freely again. In the drinking water give first the aperient mixture, and in the following week the gentian mixture, both as you purposed doing. No, red mite would not be the sole cause of this condition. By the bye, you must examine the cage and all cracks, holes, joints, or corners for this pest, and not the bird. Pour a pint of boiling water over two teaspoonfuls of quassia chips, broken quite small, at night, stir well, allow to stand till next morning, when you may pour off the clear liquid into the baths. I would not advise you to spray the birds at this season, more particularly the one that is out of condition.

Makes No Sound (Stultus).—This condition is so frequently associated with exposure to draughts or extreme fluctuations of temperature that I would advise you to look again very carefully into these matters and see that they really do not exist. Give half a teaspoonful of sponge cake prepared as advised to "A Worried Reader," every second day for a fortnight, and sprinkle it with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure. On the alternate days give a morsel of paste made by well mixing on a warm plate a tablespoonful of honey, teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and half the quantity of grain of paradise, add sufficient finely powdered biscuit to make a soft paste. When quite cold it will be harder, and you can cut a piece off the size of a large pea, and stick it on the end of a perch. Shall be glad to hear of progress at end of fortnight, and will then advise further if necessary.

Population (G. B. F.).—Although not indicated, I take it you mean 14ft. by 7ft., as the size of your aviary. If this is correct, it would accommodate 100 birds at its full capacity. But for breeding 80 would be sufficient to start the season with. You will not require pairs, as you do not want to have as many cocks as hens in a place of this kind. Say, five or six cocks and 25 hens, which will be ample. Put up at least 30 nesting places.

Bronchial Trouble (Novice).—You could certainly introduce the two Canaries you mention—hens, I presume—into the aviary when the weather gets mild and settled, and use them for feeders with safety so far as the other birds are concerned. There is no danger of infecting the other birds, if that is what you mean. There is, however, a great risk of the plan aggravating the bronchial condition, and hastening a climax. Try keeping them in a comfortable temperature, quite free from draughts, and under healthful conditions. Feed as frequently advised here; give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it three times a week for a month, and every second day for the same time add 20 drops of the following mixture to the water. Mixture: 2 drams each glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each chlorodyne and Ipecacuanha wine, and six grains of iodide of potassium. Any chemist will mix it for you.

Best Paint for Cages (C. J. R.).—There is not much to choose between them so far as the effect on red mites for the time being is concerned. Where a number of birds are kept, red mites will occur from time to time, no matter what paint is used on the cages, thereby necessitating renewed attacks upon them at intervals. To clear them out as thoroughly as possible, all the cages, appurtenances, and position, should be overhauled at one operation. Having well cleaned cages, wash them with a solution of a tablespoonful of Jeye's Fluid in a quart of water, using this as you would a whitewash, and working it well into joints and corners with a paint brush. When dry this operation may be repeated next day, if desirable. Then, finally, paint or distemper them. For distemper, Hall's Sanitary washable is excellent. For paint, any working painter may be asked to mix the required quantity of good hard drying "flatting" of the desired shade. In ready-made paints Maurice's Porcelcine is the best I know, and electric green the best colour for your purpose.

Covering Cage, etc. (Norwich).—(1) There can be no harm at all in throwing a light cover over the cage in the evening, and if there is any risk of draught or the room becomes chilly late in the evening it would be a decided advantage. It certainly gives the birds more rest by inducing them to go to roost much earlier than they otherwise would do. As to whether they are quite as happy is merely a question of sentiment which I think we humans, not having the brain or "mind" of a bird, cannot presume to answer. If they are not most happy under such careful management then they must be very ungrateful creatures. Personally I do not suppose they care a "rap" one way or the other (2) The cage you describe is really only big enough for one bird. It is too small for a single breeding cage, although if you introduced a hen they would make attempts at breeding. If birds could really reflect upon their conditions of life, I should say a pair of birds kept continually in such cramped quarters certainly would not be happy.

Weak on Perch (R. W.).—Give a staple diet of plain canary seed. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a spray of watercress or two young dandelion leaves if available in good condition four times a week, otherwise substitute a morsel of banana. Give also a grape, broken open, and add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water for two days. After this give 20 drops of whisky, six each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in the water every second day for a fortnight, and, on the alternate days in the first week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid.

Roller with Looseness (German Rape).—A new and unseasoned rape seed will often cause a deal of looseness in birds, but as none of your other birds were similarly affected, I should scarcely expect it was the cause in your case. Mild, nutty, and sweet, well seasoned summer rape will not harm the health or voice of the best Rollers, whether it costs 3d., or 5d. per lb., and good seed can be had at the former figure. To check the looseness give first six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for one day only, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for a few days. Add a pinch of crushed plain dry biscuit to its diet daily, and every second day give a morsel of banana and a pinch of good sound hemp, until looseness is corrected.

Three Queries (Norwich).—Your first letter is, I believe, replied to this week, and your first two questions in the second letter dealt with in that reply. As regards No. 3, leaving birds alone if the weather is cool, and mild, the water supply would not be difficult to get over in a four days' absence, but if very warm and sultry it would doubtless be risky. However, if there is nothing else for it—no one you can depend upon to give them fresh water each day—you can, for a special occasion like this, get over the difficulty with the minimum of risk by getting a blue-topped type of self-supply fountain for each cage, and setting it in one corner on the floor inside the cage. These will hold ample for two birds for four days. You would need to use them for a few days before leaving the birds in order to be sure they were accustomed to them. If the weather is sultry, Jones's Hygienic drinkers would be best, as you could place inside each drinker a piece of charcoal which would ensure the water keeping sweet and fresh for this length of time.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Identity of Bird (H. Lawton).—The body you sent me was that of a Tree Creeper, a delicate insectivorous bird, not easy to keep in captivity except by skilled aviculturists.

Seed Samples (A. L.).—(1) This rape looks to be somewhat dusty and full of "bits"; it should certainly be well shaken in a sieve before being used. (2) This looks like gold of pleasure seed. All seed should be sieved before being given to birds.

Pair of Bearded Tits (G. B. T.).—Your treatment (feeding on a good quality insectile mixture and such live foods as are available) is substantially correct. Give them a teaspoontul of maw-seed 2 or 3 times a week in addition. I should not turn them out into the aviary until the end of March or beginning of April.

Feeding a Siskin (T.B.).—Note reply given "Mortimer" this week. Your wish will be speedily realised, for a "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Siskin, Twite and Redpoll will be published in the course of a week or so. Send to our publisher for a copy of it.

The Redpoll-Greenfinch Hybrid (Trier).—This hybrid is not really a rare one—some examples appeared in the classes I judged last week-end at the Crystal Palace. They are not often seen on the show-bench, because they stand but a poor chance in the average classification, against Goldie-Bullie, Canary-Bullie, etc., Hybrids, of getting a prize worth the having.

A Linnet "Flushed" (S. J.).—I regret to say that I really do not know what you mean by "flushed," and your letter does not help me to solve the puzzle. If you will kindly explain the nature of the trouble you refer to as "going flushed," I will try to help you. I shouldn't give salts unless the state of the bird's bowels calls for the use of this opening medicine.

Redpoll Not Singing (Reeding).—The mixture you name is too generous for every-day use, containing too many oily fattening seeds. Leave out the linseed and hemp; and only give the sunflower to the Chaffinch. Get one ounce of dandelion juice (taraxacum) from a chemist, and for 5 or 6 days stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

In An Aviary (J. Smith).—All the Finch family (which includes the Buntings) will thrive upon seed and would be suitable for your aviary, which will comfortably hold 16 to 20 birds. Try cocks of any of the following species: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Bramblefinch (one only), Linnet, Chaffinch (one only), Twite, Redpoll (Mealy and Lesser), Siskin, Greenfinch, Yellow, Cirl, and Reed Buntings.

The Canary was Frightened (Newport).—I should just think the cock Canary *was* frightened. I expect he looked upon the hen Bullie as some apparition from the lower regions. You sprung her upon him too suddenly. But I also expect that he has got over his feelings of alarm ere this. You have done the right thing in running them together. But I am puzzled to understand why you left a hen Canary in with them.

Breeding from Mules (F. Nash).—It is impossible to answer your question as to "which is the hardest to breed from—Goldfinch or Linnet Mules," because only two or three instances of Mules having bred have ever been recorded; many people, in fact, won't even now admit that they will breed at all. You will find it a pretty hard job, I fancy, to breed from either. So I leave you to take your choice. A gentleman residing on the Wear-side recently put it on record in CAGE BIRDS that he had bred several youngsters from a Linnet Mule.

Siskin's Loss of Feathers (Mortimer).—If any "stumps" have been left in, then these feathers will not, of course, be renewed until the bird has moulted. If plucked clean out, then they will be fully grown again in 5 or 6 weeks' time. The best stock seed mixture would be a somewhat plain one, as these birds are so very apt to put on fat: canary and teazle two parts each and summer rape one part would answer well. Give a feed of packet Finch mixture once a week; likewise wild seed mixture.

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The Case of a Blackbird (A Constant Reader).—I think the bird is a little down in condition, that is all. I hope you have him in a good-sized cage and afford him frequent opportunities of taking a bath—the latter is essential to continued good health. Give him some ripe fruit frequently—banana, etc. Get a small bottle of Parrish's Chemical Food (any good chemist), and every other day well mix a small teaspoonful into the bird's supply of soft food. This should soon "buck him up."

A Lark's Plumage (R. Hayhurst).—Keeping a Lark in too warm a room will certainly tend to produce a bad state of plumage, and probably you are right in attributing the trouble to this. A Lark does not want niger seed, but groats (or coarse oatmeal) and canary seeds, varied with maw and freshly-cracked hemp. Sprouting (soaked) summer rape is also a grand thing for them. I suppose it is not possible that the bird is being worried by grey lice? These are extremely troublesome to Skylarks, and no bird can flourish and be in good plumage where they are present. If you catch the bird and hold it for a short time, you will find these lice running on your hand if any are present. In any case, give the Lark a light spray two or three times a week, and while he is wet dust him well all over with bird sand. This is a splendid way to get any kind of Lark into a hard, tight, show condition of plumage.

The Case of a Goldfinch (W. H. L. Cardiff).—You appear to have got hold of a very tame and accommodating Finch, but I advise you not to persist in giving him plum cake regularly to eat. He'll soon develop "a liver" if you do. Give a few doses of dandelion juice, as advised "Reeding" this week. If he then still seems dull, write me again. There can't be much wrong with him, however, or he wouldn't sing at all. A box cage is much to be preferred to an all-wire one. Spray him, by all means, on suitable days (not wet and cold ones), and add to a teacupful of the water a teaspoonful of infusion of quassia, obtained from a chemist. This is harmless, but will soon shift any chemist. This is harmless, but will soon shift any red mite; keep the cage free from these pests. Get a medium-sized chubby-built (Norwich type) hen Canary (yellow for preference), and pair them at the end of March.

A Variety (Hybrid).—(1) I moult my own Hawfinches in large cages. They are apt to get very wild if turned into an aviary, but do not damage other birds (are not viciously inclined). Your best method of feeding would be to buy a packet of Finch (not Parrot) mixture, and add to it twice its bulk of white sunflower seed. (2) It is always the safest plan to remove the Goldfinch and let the

hen Canary be alone while batching the eggs and rearing the young. Some Finches won't interfere, but they are the exceptions. (3) As regards nesting receptacles, note the article on Hybrid breeding published this week, by Mr. Collins. It will tell you all you want to know. Under the circumstances you name I think the hen Greenies would bring up the young.

Two Items (S. Clark).—The best covering for the inside of a flight cage is a good sanitary washable distemper, such as "Duresco," or Hall's. You could order this through any paint-shop. Some paints might be dangerous. CAGE BIRDS a short time ago gave a coloured plate of the male and female Hawfinch; I advise you to send for a copy. The sex difference is very much the same as in the case of a Chaffinch, viz., the hen is very much greyer than her mate, lacking the warm browns found in his plumage, while her bib, by comparison, is small and ashen in colour.

A Siberian Hybrid Couple (No Nom-de-plume).—I advise you to follow the detailed instructions being given by Mr. E. Collins in his article upon Hybrid breeding, which is now running in our columns. This fancier is known to me personally, and is a very practical enthusiast. Very much hemp seed is not good for either Siberian Goldies or Bullies at the commencement of the breeding season, especially those who exhibit a tendency to put on superfluous fat. "Fat" birds—podgy birds—are certain failures in the breeding cage. The hens want very carefully choosing, preference being given to big, long-sided birds. The huge, big-chested, very thick-set hens are all right for show purposes, but not as breeders, for they are generally lazy and sluggish, and soon get as fat as prize pigs. Restrict the quantity of both hemp and sunflower once the birds get "well on seed."

Concerning the Bramblefinch (J. K.).—(1) The Bramblefinch should be fed on almost exactly the same lines as the Chaffinch—Finch seed mixture as the staple, with a little sunflower seed added. Note the article written round the coloured plate this week, which will give you much valuable information. (2) The hen Bramble lacks the black hood and reddish-orange breast of the male. The sexes are extremely easy to distinguish. The difference is very much the same as that between cock and hen Chaffinch. (3) Some Brambles absolutely cannot be tamed, and this kind ought to be given their liberty. A bird of good disposition should be chosen in the first place—one that takes the perches without ever "hashing" at the wires. Such a bird soon becomes tame. (4) The Bramble has no song, strictly speaking—just a curious jumble of notes.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Breeding Grey Parrots.

A. E. B.—(1) Yes, the bare skin round the eye is pointed or rather, perhaps, somewhat pear-shape; at the back of the eye in the male; in the female this position is comparatively round in comparison. In a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS a coloured plate was given, showing these distinctions clearly, also the slight difference in the shape of the back. If you have not got the plate you should certainly send to the Editor for a copy. (2) The age is doubtful, but so far as present knowledge goes, not before three years old—rather early in the year. (3) Parrots and Parrakeets are rather irregular creatures in captivity, and there would certainly be a good prospect of them doing so, though your patience would probably be severely tried before actual results came, but the Grey Parrot has been bred in captivity in this country. However, the shelter attached to your aviary must be dry and damp proof. (4) Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, green food (lettuce, etc.); you must also supply cuttlebone, grit, old mortar rubbish, and water ad lib. for drinking and bathing.

About Budgerigars.

Amateur.—The advice is quite correct; it is better to separate the sexes in the winter, and not put them together till April, when they can be put into their breeding quarters and left to choose their own mates. If the sexes are left together all the year round, there are apt to be losses from egg-binding during the winter months—these risks are greater indoors than in an outdoor aviary—also the birds breed almost continuously when not separated for the winter, and this soon exhausts the stock. Nevertheless, with my own birds I have not separated them; losses have been very few, and they are so prolific that replaces were always to hand To get best results, the separation system is really best, and the young should be removed to a separate flight as soon as able to fend for themselves.

Avadavats in Poor Plumage.

Perplexed.—Keep this bird at the present season in fairly warm quarters, at the same time it must have fresh air without draught. Keep a millet spray continually in the cage, also a slice of ripe apple between the wires of the cage, and put a little of Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water. Also let it have a daily bath of chilled water, unless the weather is very exceptional, in a warmish room there will be no risk, if the cage is kept in some position free from draught. It would also be advisable to anoint the bare places with a little clean vaseline; do not use sufficient for it to run into the plumage and make it greasy. You must watch the bowels, and if the voidings are at all hard, you must occasionally put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water—ordinary sized drinker—in lieu of the Chemical Food. There is no need to destroy the bird, though recovery may be tardy, it will eventually look as well as ever again—it is the difference of temperature between your room and the shop that was the cause of the trouble.

What Parrot? ("Constant Reader").—Compelled to put off replying to your query till next week.

For an Outdoor Cage ("Ginger VII.").—It is too early in the year for you to begin in an outdoor aviary; the treatment and arrangements you name will suffice, but in so small a place, even in summer weather, a covering should be put over the netting, with, of course, proper provision for ventilation. Put in pairs of Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Bronze-wing Mannikins, and Spice Finches. Natural branches for perches all round back and ends of cage, at back of these being one or two Hartz travelling cages, with one of the bars cut away and internal fitting removed, also a small box or two, in such a position that they will be screened by the twiggy branches. Diet: Canary, white millet, spray millet, and a few crushed oats, with green-food, grit, cuttlebone and water ad. lib., for drinking and bathing. You must not put the birds outside till first week in May.

Parrot with Weak Eyes ("Chin-Chin").—You must continue the treatment for the eyes, and while the bird must have air, you must carefully keep it out of draught. Glad to note there is so great an improvement in its condition. There is nothing like stopping a cold in time. I do not know of an instance of the diluted glyco-thymoline proving ineffective for running at the nostrils, and presume it will soon yield to treatment. Have sent you a post-card.

Grey Parot with Swelling (F.E.R.).—It is impossible for me to say whether the swelling needs pricking; only a vet. could do that; it would be better to consult one. Keep the bowels properly regulated with Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful to the ordinary sized drinker, and not oftener than every fourth day; on other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. You must keep the bird strictly out of draught, and you might try—if you do not wish to consult a vet.—bathing the swelling daily with a Rose-water and Zinc eye solution (from any chemist), and report progress about a fortnight hence. Your dietary is about right, but she might have a few nuts, hazel, pea, or shelled walnuts.

Are they Cockatels? (T. Bailey).—Yes, they are Cockatels, but I cannot say whether they are adult or whether you have a true pair. But you can tell from the following description the sex of your birds, unless they are mere nestlings. The male has the sides of the face bright primrose-yellow, with the ear-coverts bright red, and the underside of tail plain grey. The female has the head all grey with slight wash only of yellow on the sides of the face, and red on the ear-coverts over the grey; the underside of her tail is laterally barred with grey, white and pale yellow. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, greenfood, ripe apple, etc., few oats, and occasionally a few small pieces of plain biscuit, with cuttlebone, grit, and water ad. lib. for drinking and bathing. The nest-box should be about 9 by 6 inches, and the bottom of it must be concave, or the eggs will roll about and spoil; they use no nesting material.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Robert Howe.—Death arose from bronchitis. There was also emphysema of the lung; that is to say, a broken-up condition of the air spaces of the lungs at their borders, which, when present, produces symptoms of asthma. Being thus affected, the bird was more predisposed to attacks of bronchitis than a healthy one would be, and consequently more influenced by fluctuations of temperature.

J. E. Pink.—The symptoms you describe were due to brain pressure from a clot of blood on its surface. Irresponsible movements, unsteadiness of gait, and an alteration in the carriage of the head and neck sometimes appear together, whilst at other times only one of these symptoms may be manifest. The Bullfinch was in high condition, and contained a quantity of interual fat. Possibly some alteration in the texture of the walls of the arteries and exceedingly high blood pressure was the exciting cause. You evidently feed too high, and I should advise care in this respect in future.

W.A.J.S.—Your bird died in a fit, possibly from fright or some other form of excitement. The brain was highly congested; otherwise, the bird was very healthy and showed no signs of pre-existing disease.

F. H. D.—The bowels were in a highly inflammatory condition, and as you have omitted to afford me any history as to dieting, whether any symptoms shown, or the duration of its illness, it is difficult to arrive at the solution as to its cause. Irritants consumed with the food, bacteria, and even spells of wet cold weather, are all capable of producing such lesions. I should think death must have occurred fairly rapidly, and that a high temperature existed. The spleen (milt) was a little enlarged, but I could find no evidence of contagion.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Report (A. Bryden).—We are very much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken.

A Cheap Spray (J. H. Barnes).—Is not this spray one that is on sale at bird shops, etc., as the "Trumpet Bird Spray?" We want new ideas, or ideas which are not widely known.

A Special Prize (T. Truman).—In our opinion, if the novice class was open to all-comers, whether members or otherwise of your society, then any members' bird in this said class is entitled to compete for the special for "best bird shown by member in the open classes."

A Suggestion (P. H. Harris).—Thanks for your suggestion as to an article. We will endeavour to publish one when the colour-feeding season comes round.

Unable to Find (S. Mason).—We are sorry you should have had a fruitless journey. We believe it was a printer's error, however, and that Stockport should have been the town

Breeding Mealworms (E. Gilham).—Mr. Mallett's letter dealing with the breeding of mealworms was published in our issue of Oct. 24, 1908.

Press Cuttings (G. B. Vanner, S. Hogg, and others).—We thank you for the interesting news items sent us.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held Gothenburg, Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in the chair. Agreed, to add a hen selling class for Borders, price 7s. 6d., also selling class for Crest-breds, 15s., and to make hen British class read, "Hen British not larger than a Lark." A number of judges were proposed to judge open show Oct. 21st. Agreed, to apply for all club patronages in Scotland. Also to have lecture by Mr. Steel (Dalkeith) on March 3rd. Mr. P. Penman was admitted a member.—A. Dickson.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Special meeting held Jan. 21st, headquarters, "Legs of Man" Hotel, Mr. Roberts in chair. There was an excellent gathering. Three new members proposed during evening. A lot of business was got through, the main business being how to meet loss on Roller and open show. Decided, to have a draw to meet loss, 23 prizes being given by the members, which generous response speaks well for the good feeling and sportsmanlike spirit which prevailed. We hope this will clear all our liabilities and give us a hit to start the season with.—W. Dyer, Asst. Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them

Amble C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6. To arrange ann. show date; judge for same. To consider first feather show.—J. T. Crackett.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 11, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Members' shows; bal. sheet of whist drive. Will all members return voting cards? Intending members invited.—F. Western.

Bury C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Y.M.C.A., Rock Street, 7.30. Ordinary business and a lecture on Brit. birds by a brother fancier. Kindly note change of headquarters.—H. Jameson.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Feb. 14, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Bal. sheet for 1910. Some birds will be present, and their song explained; fanciers invited.—W. Massey.

Bingley O.S.—Feb. 14, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Important.—A. L. Wesey.

Beamish C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Arrange date for next feather show, and first payment of subs., and new members.—W. Knowles.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Liberal Club, 7. Paper read by the sec. on "The Canary and its Management." Fanciers welcome.—J. Wilson.

Barrington and Choppington S.C.—Feb. 11, headquarters, 7. Election of officers, enrolling of new members, etc.—W. Woodlett.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Feb. 14, 8. Ann. gen. meeting, election of officers, bal. sheet for 1910, members' competitions for 1911, etc.—F. Gelder.

Batley O.F.S.—Feb. 13, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 7.30. Ann. meeting, schedule for next season, show dates, etc.; new members welcome.—G. G. Stafford.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Victoria Hotel. Ann. supper, concert, prize distribution; supper at 5.45, concert at 7.30; tickets, 1s. 6d. each. Fanciers and friends invited.—M. Skirrow.

Bath F.A.—Feb. 16, Forester's Hall, Bath Street, 8. Evening show of cage birds, A.V., for cards and specials; entries 3d. Open judging competition for members only.—W. H. Knowles.

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 13, Avondale Hotel, 8.30. Special gen. meeting as arranged; election of officers and final business.—A. C. Askew.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Three Tons Inn, Eastwood, 7. Rule cards, etc.; fanciers invited.—J. H. Mitchell.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 11, Co-op. Rooms, 5. Ann. tea and social and prize distribution; tickets, 1s. 3d. each.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 11, "Crown and Anchor," 7.30.—J. Atkinson.

Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.—Feb. 11, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6. Results of competitions and Mr. Garnett's testimonial.—Grayshon and Allen.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Feb. 18, 7.30. Room to be announced next week. General meeting, business important; members please note.—C. H. Naylor.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8. Continuation of lecture on "Birds I Have Met," by G. Crabb, Esq.; payment of prize money, etc.; visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Maskell's, 8. Nomination of officers; open show date and judges; final match pair.—J. W. Dunmett.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Sydney Arms, 8. Judging competition of Nor., Yorks., and Bord.—A. S. Treasure.

Denton C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Denton Brotherhood, 7.30. Pair show, Nor. and Yorks.; judge, Mr. W. Booth (Hyde); birds to be staged by 7.15; fanciers invited.—W. Hopwood.

Dalziel O.A.—Feb. 18, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7.—J. Mathieson.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Arrange pair show, also open show business.—G. Beseoby.

Eccles C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Diamond Inn, 8. Election new members. Lecture, "Mule Breeding, and British Birds I Have Kept," by Mr. W. Fairhurst. Friends and fanciers invited.—H. W. Jones.

East Ham C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Hartley Avenue Schools, (cookery room), 8 o'clock. First pair and Brit. bird show.—B. C. Smith.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Feb. 11, St. John's School, to commence at 7. Social evening and presentation of medals.—L. Booth.

Great Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Feb. 18, Church Schools, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe (Windhill); meeting to discuss specials, etc., during judging.—H. Gornall.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Feb. 13, St. John's Club, 8. Special meeting.—H. T. Mattinson.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 11, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special.—J. Holroyd.

Halifax O.S.—Pair show, Feb. 11, Saddle Hotel, 2.30. Entries close Friday night, Saddle Hotel; judges, Messrs. F. Armstrong and H. W. Walsh.—J. F. Thackray.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Y.M.C.A., Whitby-st., 8. Ann. pair show; judge, Mr. B. Evans; birds should arrive by 7.30.—E. Woodhead.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Crown Inn, 7. Business left over from previous meeting.—A. J. Notley.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Feb. 14, White Horse Hotel, 8. Committee meeting; compilation of handbook for 1911; cup rules.—J. H. Priestman.

Keighley C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Pair show and concert.—J. Binns.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 15, 7.45. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. Lomas.—R. Charleson.

Leeds R.C.C.—Feb. 11, 55, Briggate, 3. Members' show, 3 classes: novice, young novice, any age, and 15/- limit (without cage).—H. L. Davis.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. To receive money due from last show, and confirm minutes re cups for next show.—D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Co-op. Room, 7.30. Adjourned meeting; important business; intending members welcomed.—Wall and Turner.

Leyton C.B.A.—Feb. 13, Headquarters, 8. Table show of Yorks.; judge, Mr. A. B. Forse, Forse and Son.

Morley C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Sycamore Hotel, 7. Pair show; lecture, and distribution of medals; judge and lecturer, Mr. S. Dean (Bradford).—A. Gledhill.

Northern Counties N.C.C.C.—Feb. 15, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger-st., 7.30. Table show, 4 classes: unfl. yell., ditto buff, ditto hen, pairs (old or young); judge, Mr. J. Currah; fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

Newport C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Old Bush Hotel, 8.—J. Hammett.

New Stevenston C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Masonic Hall, 8. Enrolling new members; entry 1/6, 6/- per ann.—J. Lamb.

North Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 14, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran-st., Harpurhey, 8. Election of officers.—J. Davey.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.—Feb. 11, 3.—Table show; no entries accepted after 3 p.m.; judges, Messrs. W. H. Raven and W. Burrows.—J. Bunn.

North London C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Public Library, 8. Members' pair show; admission free; all welcome.—R. P. Harper.

North Shields C.B.C.—Mar. 1, 37, Howdon-rd., N.S., 7.30. Please note next programme.—Lecture on "The Anatomy of the bird," illustrated with lantern slides, by our Chairman, Mr. W. Hunter.—R. P. Fox.

Oxford C.B.S.—Mar. 2, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 7. Table show of Hyb. pairs and monthly meeting; future show business.—A. F. Fifield.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 13, Irwell Castle Hotel, Lower Broughton, 8. Table show, Yorks. and Brit.; bal. sheet.—H. Claytou.

Reigate and Redhill F.A.—Feb. 13, Mutton's Hotel, open from 2 to 9. Members' show, Can. and Brit.—A. W. Bacon.

Radford O.S. (Nottingham).—Feb. 14, Pheasant Inn, 8.15. General meeting.—G. Lawrence.

Rochdale O.S.—Feb. 13, Club, 8.30. Special meeting to consider open show business (important).—R. Blincoe.

Smallheath (Birmingham) and Dist. C.B.S.—Feb. 15, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath Station, Small Heath, 8. First meeting; all welcome.—J. Shepperd.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 10, Fawcett-st. Cafe, 7. Table show, pairs, for novices.—J. Jeffrey.

Stoke Newington F.A. — Feb. 14, Headquarters (Amethyst Club), 110, Church Street, 8 p.m. Quarterly show.—J. C. Spence.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Feb. 11, Liberal Club, 8. Shall we have F.F. shows; if so, when and where?—S. Morley.

South West London C.B.S.—Feb. 16, Plough Hotel, St. John Hill, Clapham Junction, 8. Pair show, and lecture, by Mr. Robson. Lecture to begin at 8.30. Admission free; all fanciers invited. Members bring birds. I will classify specials for Hyb. breeding between two Brit., also Can. ben and any seed-eating Finch. Special prize silver medal given to each variety.—J. Jeffrey.

Swansea C.B.A.—Feb. 14. Headquarters, 8. Match pair show.—S. H. George.

Treliavris F.S.—Feb. 18, Navigation Hotel, 7.30. Fanciers invited.—W. J. Davies.

Windhill, Shipley O.S. — Will all members and friends order tickets at once for annual tea and social, Feb. 18? Tea on table at 5 o'clock. Tickets 1/6 each.—Spencer and Cook.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Feb. 13, 6, The Broadway, 8. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. Robson; ann. meeting.—H. Smith.

West Auckland C.B.S.—Feb. 11, Station Hotel, 7. Show results.—J. Gill.

Y.C.C. of Scotland.—Feb. 14, Duncan's, 71, London-st., Glasgow, 8. Ann. gen. meeting; bal. sheet, election of office bearers, presentation of prizes.—F. Bowman.

Wood Green F.F.A.—Feb. 14, Adult School Hall, Brook-rd., 7.30. Table show, pairs and Brit.; lecture by Mr. J. Robson, who will judge members' class; please make a good entry.—T. Callegari.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 14. Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Fixing date for pair show; bal. sheet; table show; paying out prize money; fixing date for ann. ramble.—W. G. Andrews.

L.C.B.A.—Feb. 11, St. Matthias Inst., Hogarth-rd., Earl's Court. Pair show; members kindly enter some birds.—W. H. Mugford.

WEST STANLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 28th, when prize money was paid, and afterwards about 70 members and guests sat down to supper, provided by their president, Mr. J. Langsdale. After tables were cleared Mr. Langsdale presented Mr. Butler with challenge cup won by six nominated birds. Members also presented their host and hostess with a silver cigarette case and a silver brooch. The rest of the evening was spent in singing: Songs, by Messrs. Langsdale, Tarn, Long, Foster, Urwin, Pyle, Wilkinson, Hutchinson, Laverick, and Mellon. Arranged, to give £1 for an open Linnet show, field moulted, and entrance money added, to be held Feb. 25; allowing six-mile radius.—W. Elliott, Sec.

PELTON FELL AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Old Institute Hall, Jan. 23rd, Mr. J. Stanger in chair. Balance sheet for 1910 read by the treasurer, Mr. W. Forster, which showed a grand balance, thanks to our good patrons in the Pelton district. We commenced 1910 season with 4/6 in the funds, and after running our annual open and members' shows, paying out all prize money and specials, we are left with a balance of £3 19s. 6d. Vote of thanks accorded our patrons for their generous support, and also to our secretary, chairman, treasurer, and committee. Election of officers: —Chairman, Mr. J. Stanger; secretary, Wm. Forster, 6, Hett Hills, Pelton Fell. S.O.; committee, L. Hall, W. Davison, J. H. Elliot, E. Forster, J. McDonald. We then had eight new members nominated:—Messrs. W. Butler, R. Peart, E. Atkinson, of West Stanley; J. McDonald, Old Pelton; J. Archer, Pelton Stanley; J. McDonald, Chesterlest; — Fenwick, and — Fell; — Miller, Chesterlest; — Fenwick, and — Dixon, of Houghton-le-Spring. Open for members, any radius; subs. 5/- per ann., with 1/- to join. Wm. Forster, Secretary.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held Feb. 4th, headquarters, Mr. Jeffrey chair. A discussion ensued regarding our cages, but this was deferred. A pleasant discussion followed. On the motion of Mr. Jeffrey a vote of thanks was accorded the sec. for his services in the past season. We invite all to whom the Lizard appeals, to come and strengthen our ranks. Contributions only 2s. 6d. per annum.—G. Davidson, Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

20th annual general meeting held Albert Restaurant, Jan. 20th, 26 members being present. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. W. Jones. The hon. sec. gave his report on the past year, and presented the balance sheet, which was passed as audited by Messrs. S. M. Davies and R. R. Churcher, who were cordially thanked for their services and re-elected. Chairman asked that a vote of thanks be accorded the retiring officers and committee—carried amidst applause. The hon. sec. also received a vote of thanks and asked to reconsider his resignation. The hon. sec. remarked that as there appeared to be a difficulty in appointing another secretary he would carry on the duties for another year, which statement was received with approval. The following were elected to form the committee: Messrs. G. W. Jones, R. R. Churcher, M. Cook, L. Bousfield, S. M. Davis, F. House, E. Stead, J. E. Stead, C. Howard, and W. Basten. The rules were next read through and passed subject to following alterations. Headquarters to be removed from Quadrant Restaurant to Albert Restaurant; monthly meetings to be held third Thursday in place of the second Wednesday in each month. Annual sub. to be raised from 2s. 6d. to 3s. Vote of thanks to the chairman closed meeting.—W. O. Brooke, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

New Cage Bird Society for North Wales.

SIR,—At a meeting of fanciers held on Monday evening it was decided to form a Cage Bird, etc., Society, to be known as the "North Wales Cage Bird and Pigeon Society.' The following officers were elected: Treasurer, Mr. Edward Jones; sec., J. W. Jones, 40 Williams Street, Carnarvon.

J. W. JONES, Hon. Sec.

The London and Counties O.A.

SIR,—Do the members of this Society know, or is it they don't wish to know, that at our annual general meeting both our president and secretary resigned, and that there were not enough members present to elect officers for this year? Are they going to let the club fade from existence, or rally round at our next meeting and keep the club on its legs? which would please a lot of members as well as

GOLDFINCH.

How to Solder with Resin.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Linnet,' will find resin of as little use as spirits in soldering wire fronts. The best medium he could adopt to dispel his difficulties would be a tin of the advertised "Fluxite" soldering paste. I am an amateur cage-maker myself, and can prove that if "Linnet" would get a tin and wipo a minute quantity where the bars cross and carry a little solder on the iron he will be amazed at the speed with which he can accomplish the work. The makers of "Fluxite' claim that dirty metal can be soldered by its use without cleaning a claim, which I can provo from my own experience.

CHERRY.

New C.B.S. for Smallbridge.

SIR,—Re the above in last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, I for one think there are really too many Cage Bird Societies already in this district, as we have two in Rochdale, where one would do very well, only there is a certain class of fanciers who want to hold the reins and drive the show, or else they will start another society. Now, Smallbridge is only 1½ miles from Rochdale at the outside, and Littleborough about 3 miles, where there is (or was) a Cage Bird Society. Now, why cannot these fanciers from Smallbridge see some of the Littleborough fanciers, and arrange to throw in their lot with them, as Littleborough Society is, I hear, being reconstructed, and they hold a silver Challenge Cup, which is to bo competed for yearly at Young Bird Show, and which ought to be worth competing for.

WELL WISHER.

The Use of Dandelion for Rearing Canaries.

SIR,—In regard to the growing of early dandelion, I think there is no green food to beat it for Canaries. I ramble miles for it about here. I can find plenty of it from the second week in January. I generally breed with 20 or 30 pairs of Yorkshires (greens, clears, and marked), and there is nothing like dandelion for getting birds into condition for breeding, till the hen starts to sit; then I only give plain Spanish canary seed and water until the young hatch. I then start giving dandelion at once—plenty of it—and when I take tho young from the parents I still give them as much as they will eat; and as long as I can find a leaf it is for my birds, also I give the flowering heads and seeding heads in abundance. I collect heads of the seeding plants and store them. I throw them into the cage bottom. I have always reared plenty of young ones upon it. It is, in my opinion, the best of green food for Canaries. There is plenty about here (Skipton, Yorks) now in sheltered places and in old limey walls, and the birds I find will go for it before anything else

W. H. BECK.

Are Birds Fruit Eaters?

SIR,—In reply to G. Gregory re the above, I must say his letter is an eye-opener, at least, to me. How a Starling can swallow a cherry beats me. I have, or think I have, a good knowledge of this bird, and the kind of food he likes best, but I have never seen the feat of swallowing a cherry performed. I have seen cherry trees absolutely bended with fruit in a district that abounds in birds of the Softbilled species, and although the gun and nets have never been used, the fruit has come to very little harm with the exception of very warm summers, when the wasp has made his appearance, this being one of the worst enemies that fruit growers have to deal with. But G. Gregory doesn't say a word about the pest. As for the Starling dyeing his head and throat purple with the juice, I must say that this is absurd in the extreme. As for funny fruit growers I have got hold of (as you say), you can have it that it is so; but I must say none so funny as you appear to be. I'll tell you why. You admit you have shot 150 of these Softbills in one week, not on the ground, but on the trees pecking the fruit as shot. Now, it is absolutely impossible for you to accomplish this feat without damaging a vast deal of fruit. The number of bullets, and the spread of the same before they reach their billet is bound to play havoc with your cherries, for no one wants them with these unpleasant things in them. Now, Mr. G., I didn't say that I got my information from fruit growers; I said the workmen on the farm. In the kitchen gardens at Welbeck Abbey (the Duke of Portland's residence), you will see the fruit trees covered with nets, but they are no protection in the real sense of the word at all. The birds can get underneath them, and eat as much fruit as they like. I have before me a Board of Agriculture leaflet which tells how a Belgian fruit grower in one of the largest nurseries in Belgium found himself being ruined by a plague of chafer beetles. In spite of all his efforts they were gaining upon him, and ruination seemed to stare him in the face; when one day he saw the Starlings had discovered them, and were making a clean job of them. What did he do but set up some boxes on poles 15 feet high for these precious birds to nest in, and these being taken up in quick time, he increased them to 125. The plague was completely done for, and finally stamped out. Now, Mr. G., what do you think about it? Perhaps you will say that this must be a funny leaflet, but nevertheless it is a true one, or the Board of Agriculture would not issue it. Mack's idea of the Starling does not tally with Gregory's. Mack had to get them, or his pears would have gone; whilst Mr. G. says they never touch either apples or pears. One of them is bound to be wrong, and I think it is Mack. This bird does not destroy this kind of fruit. But berries, especially the elderberries, he will attack vigorously, and will destroy the whole lot. I may say I have seen large crops of fruit growing in Lincolnshire where tho three species of birds condemned fairly swarm, and although no guns have been brought into use, the fruit has been successfully gathered from the trees. Fruit is not the natural food of these birds; if it were, they couldn't exist in the winter, and if in the autumn when the fruit is left over-ripe they sometimes take a little, let us be merciful to them, and take into consideration the certain fact that if it weren't for these glorious creatures there would be no fruit grown at all, and mankind would, I think, have a job to exist.

JOHN CANNING.

A Substitute for Sand Drawers

SIR,—Not caring for sand drawers in our breeding cages, I used to find the bottom of the cages get very dirty and damp, so I hit upon an idea which I think will be very useful to readers. I procured some sheets of brown paper, cut them the shape of the bottom of the cages, and placed them in the bottom, covered with gritty sand. The next time I went to clean tho cages I found on taking out the brown paper, that after sweeping out what little sand had got on the bottom of the cage, that it was nice and clean. Then I throw the brown paper away, and use some fresh.

E. P. TURNER.

Proposed Border Fancy Canary Club for the South.

SIR,—I have read with considerable pleasure the letters which have appeared in your interesting paper regarding the formation of a Southern Border Fancy Canary Club. That such a club is wanted by the fanciers in the south there can be no doubt. A Southern Border Club would be of advantage to breeders and to the various societies which provide Border classes, and would likewise stimulate the breeding of our wee gems. I had the good fortune to meet many fanciers at the Palace Show who enthusiastically hailed the very mention of such a club with delight. Especially was this the case of the gentlemen from Swansea and South Wales generally. Of the Welshman's love for the Border enough cannot be said, and the promise of support from this quarter greatly helps matters. I shall be pleased to hear from fanciers desirous of assisting in the formation of a club, by letter or postcard at my address. It will be necessary to have at least 40 good paying members to ensure success. If a sufficient number of promises is forthcoming a meeting would be called at some convenient place to discuss matters. I would like to have the meeting held on Saturday, March 4th. "Well begun is half done." All that is now necessary is a good start.

J. MCGUFFIE.

202, Lymington Avenue, Wood Green, London, N.

Prolific Foreigners.

SIR,—I was very interested in the account given by Mr. Mathias of his success with the Black-cheeked Love Birds, but was sorry to hear of the small results from his yellow Budgerigars. But in my case it is quite the reverse; I have always found yellow Budger gars very prolific. Last season, in an aviary where I placed three pairs, I had splendid success. These birds hatched and reared perfectly, forty young ones, and these at the present time look a perfect picture of health. I might mention that one hen laid in each nest; she had eight eggs, rearing seven of the young each time. The above birds are English aviary-bred, also unrelated, and by breeding with such birds I find that success is almost certain. If Mr. Mathias would care to take my advice, I should advise him to procure three pairs of unrelated adult English aviary-bred birds, and pair the cocks with his hens, and the hens with the cocks, placing each pair in separate cages (or grocer's boxes, covered with wire netting will do). These cages should be placed in a cold room (free from draughts) about the middle of March, and kept there for two weeks; and then turned out into the aviary on a favourable day. Your correspondent would then find by this means that each will know its own partner, and they will settle down to breeding much quicker. As I have proved the above arrangement to be a success myself, I trust it will be useful to Mr. Mathias, and other readers of your valuable paper.

J. FORD.

The Mystery of Siberian Goldfinches Dying.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space to thank those gentlemen who have given me their advice as to the treatment of my Goldfinches? But I think in the main that my method of feeding is very much the same as theirs. Certainly, I may leave out a seed they mention, but on the other hand I substitute one. I think perhaps "Ayrshire Laddie" may be right in saying that I am "too good to them.' Possibly, rich oily seeds (though keeping their plumage in nice condition) may upset their liver and, consequently, prevent their singing. It is only just lately I have been unfortunate with them, as a few years ago I never had any trouble with them.

"MARCHPANE."

Are Thrushes Fruit Eaters?

SIR,—I am rather inclined to think some of your correspondents are mistaken when they say that Thrushes eat pears and cherries. I have a garden opposite our back window, where I grow both these fruits, and have done for a great many years. I bought a gun many years since to shoot the depredators, as we should have neither cherries nor pears if we did not take precautions. We had to get the fruit before it was ripe, or keep a strict lookout, and that we have done. I have shot a great many Blackbirds and Starlings busy tearing away at both kinds of fruit, but I can truly say that I never had an occasion to shoot a Thrush, as I never saw one inclined to meddle with either kind. What I think is that your correspondents who make the statement make a mistake in calling a hen Blackbird a Thrush, as it is brown, but much dingier than a Thrush.

R. RILEY.

Small Heath (Birmingham) and District C.B.S.

SIR,—I am very pleased to inform you that we are now able to settle all arrangements, thanks to Mr. T. Leike, of the Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath Station (one minute from Bolton Road tram), who has promised us to push the Society forward, and being such a well-known fancier in the prize collie world, we could not have fared better. A very cosy meeting room is at our service, and a grand room available for shows, etc.—so Wednesday next, February 15th, at 8 p.m. sharp, we shall welcome all that have promised their support, along with any anxious to become one of us. Nearly thirty names on the list. In last week's issue "Small Heath's" letter was most laughable, and no logic in it. I hope it will not stop intending members from joining the City of Birmingham Cage Bird Society. I can assure them that the writer, "Small Heath" (and I could name him in one guess), is not a fair sample of the members of that Society, whom I found most gentlemanly, and not afraid of signing their own name. I resigned through them sticking to the Cage Bird Union. Anyhow, let's all be together and go "forward with freedom," so that our effort may not be in vain.

J. T. SHEPPARD,
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), Small Heath C.B.S.

Russian and German Hen Bullies and Their Management.

SIR,—Nearly all who are trying for Hybrids use hen Bullfinches, either English or Foreign. Of all these I choose tho Russian, although I must admit that hand-reared Germans are the freest breeders. But they are small, and of poor colour. Now, the Russian hens are much larger, and are of poor colour compared with some of our English hen Bullies. But all the rage is for size, so it behoves us to use the larges stock bird. Now, when I get a Russian or German hen Bullie I place it in a stock cage, and if it is a Russian, I feed her on white sunflower, summer rape, and canary and hemp. The sunflower seed I crush through a mill, and I also place a mealworm for her if she chooses to take one; some will eat them and some will not. Now, the German hen is fed solely on German or summer rape seed and a little canary seed, so I feed them on it, and I give them plenty of sunflower and add linseed, hemp, and maw to make a good tit-bit for them. Never take a Bullie in your hand and place her on her back, for it is ten chances to one she will be dead when you come to put her back into her (or his) cage. What is the cause of this I don't know. In nearly every case of hen Bullfinches I have had and kept they are at first troubled with wheeziness, and if not taken in hand at once become worse, and then drop dead. I get a feeding peg, and I have by me a bottle of cod liver oil emulsion, of which I give a little to her direct into the mouth. I give her toast-water to drink. By "toast-water" I mean toasting a piece of bread and breaking it up into some boiled water, which I give them to drink. I have found this remedy work wonders, and have been well repaid for my trouble. When the young shoots of hawthorn arrive I am after a bit here and a bit there, and the birds do full justice to them, too. Of course, they may much prefer the buds of fruit trees; but we can't often find people wanting to give fruit trees away. I give plenty of dandelion leaves and heads when in season, and anything I come across with green fly on is mine; and towards September I find plenty of thistles covered with these green flies, as I term them. The Goldie delights to have a go at these; and so does Mrs. Bullie. The best way I have found hen Bullies go to nest is by placing an old Blackbird's nest in their cage or aviary; they will then try and add a little more to it. I give them dried grass or hay cut into lengths, also dried chickweed, but German hen Bullies like pieces of shavings to build with, cut up very thin. Why this, I do not know. I have found it so with mine. If I am breeding in an aviary I hang up a Hartz Mountain Roller cage with the bottom taken out, and place upside down and the Blackbird's nest put inside it. In the spring I give them some soaked or split German rape seed, also soaked canary seed and a spider or two, if they will eat them; some will and some won't. Give plenty of old mortar.

W. LLOYD.

Concerning In-breeding.

SIR,—Through our valuable and useful paper, CAGE BIRDS, I would like to ask some of my fellow fanciers their opinions on "inbreeding." I have already read various accounts given at lectures, and afterwards printed in CAGE BIRDS. Last year I bred some very good Norwich. My intentions were, at that time, to keep only a few of the young cocks; I therefore turned all my young birds into one large flight, until they were through the moult. I now see I have some very good-shaped hens. Should I be seeking trouble, if I mated them to some of the young cocks? What relation, if any, they would be I cannot say. Possibly none, as I paired up five pairs. Through not keeping a stock book. I now see my folly. For an opinion on my subject from any other fancier I shall be very grateful. My usual method is the hen a season older than the cock.

ONE IN DOUBT.

The Use of Clap Nets.

SIR,—I should like to say in answer to "A Catcher" of your issue of February 4th, page 109, column 3, that I think tho best size nets to use would be 10 yards x 8 feet, to fly on 4 feet poles, with a peg placed in centre of net, and the line attached by two half-hitches; then stretch the line on to the top of the pole and measure the distance; after, double the string and tie a loop half-way between the peg and the top end of pole. When this is done, attach the V line to the loop. He will then get double the speed besides the advantage of having his net along the ground like a rope, giving extra width. This would allow him to throw over growing thistles 18 inches high. I do not understand trapping birds at all. If your correspondent trains a Finch to the brace tied in the top of thistle, he will not require the flirt cord, which causes trouble.

SHARPED CATCHER.

SIR,—The above heading took my eye in your last issue, and I was very much interested in what "Catcher" had to say on the matter. I am a catcher myself, and also have two nets, one a single clap net, which measures 12 feet x 8 feet, tho other I suppose is termed a "come and go" net. It comes up like a purse. I find this net much quicker than the clap net, but I also find the birds escape between the two head lines. I should be glad if someone would give their views on the matter, as I intend to buy a pair of larger nets for another season. I should also be glad if I could learn the way to set this come and go net properly, so the two head lines would come together closer, which net is the best and quickest to use, the clap net or the come and go net?

W. A. PERING.

Is It Cruel to Keep Birds in Captivity?

SIR,—Is it cruel to keep birds in confinement? I have taken a keen interest in the letters appearing in your paper on this subject. I now wish to bring under the notice of those against such, a case which occurred in my experience. I keep several kinds of birds in my signal box. During the week I took home a Siskin from the box (in a paper bag) to my home, over a mile distant. While cleaning its cage yesterday it slipped out and flew into a tree. After being there a short time it flew away. I gave it up for lost, but on my mate going to the box at 10 a.m. the next day the Siskin flew in after him through the open door. When I went to see her she was in her old cage, looking very cold and hungry, but ready to peck a hemp seed from my finger. I only caught tho bird in October, and she would hop from the cage and peck hemp from my hand.

D. MCINTYRE.

SIR,—I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for two years, and I should like to take this opportunity to refer to the alleged cruelty of keeping wild birds in cages. It is cruel to keep British birds in cages—I *don't* think. A friend of mine keeps British birds such as Linnets, and when he goes to town sometimes he will go to his bird-room, get a Linnet or two out, and take them to the town, and let them go; then when he goes home to his bird-room, he finds his Linnets in their cages enjoying themselves. So, brother fanciers, I do not think there is anything cruel about that. I think this should settle the question.

J. F. CADDY.

A Glasgow Fancier's Loss by Fire.

SIR,—I am grieved to inform you of my loss by fire on February 1st of all my stock (£33 worth) and cages and fittings (£18 worth). There was no insurance on them, and the loss is a very hard one for me, as five years ago I lost a foot, and I had been hoping to start a bird shop with my stock. I have been interested in the Fancy since a boy, I may say, and belong to the West of Scotland C.B. Club.

A. M. LENNIE.

The Artificial Heating of Bird-rooms.

SIR,—I should like to answer Mr. Huggins's question on artificial heating. I myself have used one of Clarke's Syphon Stoves for the last five years, and I consider this one of the best heating appliances a breeder can have in his bird-room. A stove quite large enough can be bought for about £1 18s., which I consider very cheap for the work it will do. Regarding the dampness on the glass, it is caused by the breathing of the birds, which is quite natural when the weather is so damp and cold. Don't take any notice of this whatever; it will do no harm at all. No matter if you have a stove in the room, you will still find the glass damp, but I must tell you that really 36 degrees is too low for birds which are bred indoors in Summer heat. I don't care what other breeders say, but you will find that if you can keep your room between 45 and 50 degrees, you will have much healthier birds than if you keep them in such a cold room. Of course, you must not over-do it, and should a few days turn up mild, and you see the temperature is above 45 degrees turn your gas out, but keep an eye on your glass. Of course, you must see that you have ventilation that is pure, without draught; by so doing you will find your birds lively and singing, instead of being buddled up, as if perished with cold.

A CREST FANCIER.

The New Cage Bird Society for Edinburgh and District.

SIR,—I am pleased to report that a large muster of fanciers and friends met in the Cairns Memorial Church Hall on February 4th, and formally inaugurated a new Cage Bird Society for Edinburgh and district, with a radius of 12 miles. The following influential fanciers were appointed office-bearers: President, Mr. Charleton; vice-president, Mr. A. W. Watson; committee, Messrs. W. Thomson, R. Craig. The subscription is fixed at 2s. 6d. per annum, with 6d. as an entrance fee. Annual show date is fixed for December 2nd. Membership roll closes definitely at meeting in May. Thirty members enrolled their names at meeting. Next meeting takes place February 21st, at 8 p.m., in Cairns Memorial Hall (next Hearts Football Park), Gorgie Road, when fanciers and friends will be made welcome. A syllabus, it is contemplated, will be drawn up, and the interest of members maintained in the giving of lectures, table shows, washing exhibitions, etc. All communications and enquiries addressed to me will receive prompt attention.

J. I. MACKIE, Secretary.
Gorgie, P.O.

SIR,—I was delighted to see such a large gathering of fanciers and friends at the meeting in the Cairn's Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road, for the purpose of forming a new society on up-to-date lines. It was quite evident the proposals put forward were to be carried unanimously, which was fully indicated when thirty fanciers signified their intention of giving the society their loyal support. The society may congratulate itself upon having such efficient and qualified fanciers in various offices. Among the advantages of this society is that the subscription need not be paid in a lump sum, but members must be clear and fully paid-up by meeting in May. The secretarial reins are held by that energetic and enthusiastic fancier, Mr. J. I. Mackie, whose ambition it is to at least raise the membership to 100 before next May. The society will doubtless be one of the best in Scotland in the near future.

WELL WISHER.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Guisborough Show.

SIR,—I see that Mr. Dyson has a grievance along with Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson. Well, Mr. Dyson, you say that you sent some entries eight days before the show, which is not correct, as you filled your form up and sent it off on the 24th of December, and I received it on December 26th, five days before the show. Then I had to enter them along with others, and send you your tickets back. I need not have entered them if I liked, for the closing date was December 24th. You say you have not got a catalogue yet, but be careful, for you have had two, one not marked, and one I marked myself. Another thing, you did not let me know that you had no labels until a day after the show was over, January 1st, 1911. It was not through Mr. Radley's letter in CAGE BIRDS that you got your money returned; it was through my calling a committee meeting, when they passed that you should have your money back, as well as Mr. Cuthbertson. Now, Mr. Dyson, you asked me very plain if you were "all liars." I can say that you are a stranger to the truth, as all the readers will see by your letters, when they compare them. So next time you write about anything, keep to facts.

R. MAYS, Hon. Sec.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. G. W. Cuthbertson's letter about unfair treament, I, for one, cannot see where it comes in. Both him and Mr. Dyson did send some entries, and I entered them, as will be seen by the catalogue. They say they did not get any tickets, but that is no reason why they could not have sent their birds, for when birds come to the show without tickets the secretary can always put some on. Mr. Cuthbertson wrote to me on Friday morning, December 30th (and the show was on December 31st), saying that he had not got his tickets, and I despatched some more immediately, so I did all I could for him. Then, Mr. Cuthbertson, you wrote to me on January 1st demanding your money back. You know that no secretary of any show can send money back to any exhibitor after he has entered his exhibits without the consent of his committee, that is, if he is an honest man. In your letter in CAGE BIRDS you say that you had to thank Mr. Cook for getting your money back, as he called a meeting and got it for you. Now, that is an untruth, for I neither saw Mr. Cook nor heard anything from him about your case. It was I myself who called a meeting, after getting a letter from you about taking legal proceedings to get your money back. But it seems to me that your dear friend Mr. Cook (according to your letter) must have been a traitor to his Society in preference to you, his friend. I might say at the meeting he did go strongly for you having your money back, but said nothing about the others. Still, other members said that no preference should be given to one man, and if you had to have yours back all the others should have theirs as well. So now you can judge where the "gentlemanliness" comes in.

R. MAYS, Hon. Sec.

(Mr. May sends a number of letters written by Mr. Cuthbertson and Mr. Dyson, but it would take up far too much of our space to publish them. We cannot devote further space to this correspondence, as we feel it is not of sufficient general interest to our readers to warrant our doing so.—Ed.)

The Classification of a Siskin Mule.

SIR,—I have just received the catalogue of the Palace Show, and am not altogether surprised to find that my exhibit has been wrong-classed by the judge (and your expert), MR. G. E. Weston. I would explain that my exhibit, Class 97, No. 1656, was a cock Hybrid by a Black-headed South American Siskin, out of a Canary. A careful study of the schedule before making my entry left me quite uncertain in which of the two classes apparently available (I could not show as a novice), the bird might stand. Eventually, I entered it as for Class 97, Dark Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, and Canary Hybrid-, or Class 98 ("Any other variety of Canary Hybrid") and I pinned to the entry form (on which the full description of the bird as above was given) a slip addressed to the authorities, pointing out the uncertainty as to the classification, and requesting them to enter the bird in one of the two classes named. I do not know if such a request was, in the rather special circumstances, admissable, or if it influenced in any way the resultant entry of the bird in class 97. Nor am I at all aggrieved, so long as the little bird comes safely home. But I think the circumstances raise a point which is of general interest to Mule and Hybrid breeders and exhibitors. Here is a bird, a Hybrid between a Siskin and a Canary, which is also technically a "dark" specimen, wrong-classed in a class provided at the premier bird show for "Dark Siskin-Canary Hybrids." Had the bird been shown in class 98 (A.O.V. Canary Hybrid), it seems to me a judge could quite properly have wrong-classed it there, seeing that a class for "Dark Siskin Canary Hybrids" was provided. The reason for wrong-classing the bird in class 97 was presumably that the bird, though a Siskin-Canary Hybrid, was not such a Siskin-Canary Hybrid as was contemplated by the schedule. I have had some experience in these matters, having exhibited, not without success (even at the Palace—a 4th!) for six or seven years—and I consider that Mr. Weston was quite right in wrong-classing my bird. I also consider he would have been right in treating it the same way in class 98. Perhaps your readers who have the schedule could tell me if the bird had no rest for the soles of his black feet therein? Incidentally, the propriety of Foreign Hybrids (e.g., those by the Asiatic type of Goldfinch) competing with British Hybrids suggests itself for discussion. The bird's father is, perhaps, upset by his son's rebuff, but he hopes to do his share in producing more of them this season—perhaps enough to fill a class at Smithfield Market, if there is nowhere else for them.

BLACKAMOOR.

The Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.

SIR,—I am pleased to be able to inform you that at a meeting held on February 4th, to consider the formation of a cage bird society—which I had the pleasure, with three other officials of the Codnor C.B.S., of attending, to get the Eastwood fanciers to join us—this, it is my privilege to state, was approved of by all present. Mr. R. Cooper occupied the chair, and made a most worthy chairman. It was put to the meeting, and carried, that the Eastwood and Codnor Park amalgamate, and be named the Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S. Then came the election of secretary; it was carried unanimously that G. H. Mitchell (present secretary of the C.P. C.B.S.) be secretary for this new society. Assistant secretary, Mr. A. Thompson. Mr. R. Cooper was elected as chairman, and Mr. T. Barlow vice-chairman. Committee: Proposition by J. H. Mitchell, that six of the present committee elected by the C.P. and D.C.B.S. stand on committee, and that six more be elected from the Eastwood side; seconded by B. Simpson, and carried unanimously. Following are the committee: Messrs. W. Holmes, B. Simpson, L. Parson, H. Parsons, C. Barrows, W. Turner, C. H. Martin, J. W. Martin, R. Nutt, A. Kew, H. Smithurst, and R. Henstock. Moved and carried, that this society be open to accept members. Annual subs. 2s. 6d., meetings to be held alternately at Portland Arms, Jacksdale, and Three Tons Inn, Eastwood. Next meeting fixed for February 18th at the Three Tons Inn, 7 p.m. I am pleased to state that sixteen new members were enrolled, which brings our total to 50 members. Any fanciers who would like further particulars can have same by applying to the secretary. There are lots of more fanciers round about Eastwood yet, surely? So fanciers roll up at the Portland Arms, February 11th, 6.30 p.m., to the Stock Pair Show. If unable to attend, come to meeting at Three Tons Inn, February 18th, when all fanciers are heartily invited. Let's have a club room full, and make this society one of the strongest in Notts or Derbyshire. We have two good club rooms at our service, and a genuine committee made up of the true metal; also a hard-working chairman. As for the secretary and the assistant secretary, it is left to the members and friends to test their metal, by giving as much assistance as possible to make this society prosper now it has a good footing. Now that we have joined hands, it is to the interests of us all to put our shoulders to the wheel, and not leave it all to one or two to keep it running.

J. H. MITCHELL, Sec.

The Late Bangor (Co. Down) Show.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. D. E. Alexander in your issue of January 28th, and in support of the complaint of "Hybrid Breeder," in your issue of January 21st, I may state that I am in a position to prove that there were specials and prize money due when "Hybrid Breeder's" letter appeared in print, and that the same were not received until the following week—fully seven weeks after their show. Evidently they were sent before Mr. Alexander's letter was published; so he was quite safe. In my opinion it was the hon. secretary who should have answered "H. B.'s" letter, and I challenge the hon. secretary (Mr. Pidduck) to either disprove my statement or prove that all demands by exhibitors were paid before January 21st.

A SEEKER AFTER TRUTH.

Kindly notify all who answered my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" re a Parrot, that I could not reply to them all. I could have sold fifty Parrots if I had had them.—M. Parkes (Grimsby).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement re Goldfinches in "Cage Birds" of Feb. 4, as there were so many I could not possibly reply to them all, no stamps being enclosed for same.—J. H. Mitchell (Alfreton).

Kindly thank all who answered my advert. in "Cage Birds" re British Exchange. I could only answer those who sent stamps. They were very numerous.—C. Plummer (Lewes).

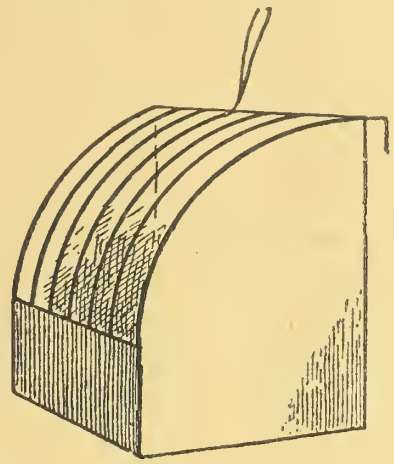
Re the Goldfinch I advertised in "Cage Birds," I had so many replies that it is quite impossible for me to write to all who had birds to offer. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will kindly thank them in your paper.—J. Coward (Keswick).

Illustrated Ideas

No. 482.
A Bath Fastener.

Sent by Mr. H. W. Jones, 29, Parrin Lane, Monton.

Enclosed sketch is of a bath fastener to keep the bath upright, and also to avoid bird getting shut in the bath by the door slipping down. Get a piece of cage wire, bend it to the shape of a hairpin, and solder to top of bath (see sketch).

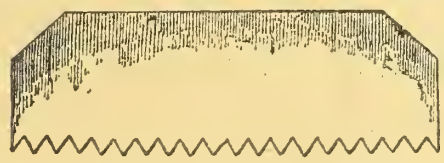


When hanging the bath on slip it under crossbar of front, making it impossible for it to shut off the bath from cage; also if the bath is small for the cage it prevents the bird escaping, and keeps the bath perfectly upright. The idea will prevent many deaths which occur through birds being shut in the bath.—H. W. Jones.

No. 483.
To Mark Bars for Cage Fronts.

Sent by Mr. Howard Jukes, 140, Watling Street, Bridgtown, Staffs.

The tool illustrated—for marking bars for cage fronts—is easily made by filing teeth into a piece of ordinary hoop iron or any other thin



metal the desired distance apart. This ensures the wires being parallel, and the whole bar is marked with one blow, thus saving a lot of time.—H. Jukes.

Under the White Rose.

THE Crystal Palace Show is once again a fixture of the past, and fanciers in the county of the broad acres will be pleased to note that their prestige has been well upheld, particularly in the section named after their county, and also that the numbers were well in advance of last year's. As a matter of fact, all the premier honours in Yorkshires fell to the lot of West Riding fanciers, but here, perhaps, some will say, no, that is in reference to Mr. Ambler. But, though resident in Lancashire, his heart and mind are in Yorkshire, health alone keeping him away from Bradford, the hot-bed of the variety he so well knows. Then in the Norwich section we are making good headway, and it is a pleasure to note that several 1sts were notched by fanciers from the land of the White Rose. The variety seems to be making good progress. The club is evidently doing some good by promoting interest in the county.

GREEN Marks, for the first time under the patronage of the club, appear to have been a fair success, and the show authorities did well to include them. No doubt they have come to stay. They are a very taking variety, and in time to come will be able to hold their own in competition with the clears. Even at present they are extra well up in type, and other requirements of the Yorkshire bird.

CINNAMON Marked fanciers from the West Riding met with very little competition other than what they had had to face before, and literally swept the deck, the host to be seen being on view.

THE Palace closes all the competitions of the various specialist clubs, and the secretaries will now have a nice little job on, to get all the winners sorted out, the prizes bought, and all the necessary arrangements made in time for the Annual Amalgamated Prize Distribution, which is to take place on March 11th; and matters will be greatly helped forward if winners of prizes will get their studying caps on, and decide what they would like, so as to be ready to reply to the enquiries of their respective secretaries. Don't keep them waiting; they have a lot to do in little time.

WAS out the other week, and saw a travelling show case. My! What a size!! Somebody said it was a harmonium, and this was easy to believe; in fact, I would sooner have believed it to be that than a show case. Fortunately I had the pleasure to inspect it later on, and found it to be a threedecker, each deck to hold seven Yorkshire show cages—twenty-one in all, a real good one to go to the Palace with. Let's hope the owner is fortunate enough to fill it with winners out of next season's breeding. "STRAIGHT 'UN.'

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*Quite at Home.

Three weeks ago I caught a hen Bullfinch and put it in a cage. I thought it was no good, so I let it go. It stayed away one night, and came back the next morning. It flew straight into the cage. I kept it two more days, and let it go again, and to my surprise it came back a third time, and flew into the cage. It soon started to feed, and made itself quite at home.—Sent by Cecil B. Holmes (age 12), Dairy Cottage, Wood End, Fisherton.

**A Wary Thrush.

While feeding the birds during the recent frosts, I saw a Thrush take possession of all the food, and stand guard over it. Although there was plenty for a score of birds, yet the Thrush would not allow one of them to touch it. A Bluecap, a Hedge Sparrow, a Robin, and several Starlings were amongst those it stood guard against. When disturbed by a human being it did not go far away, but always kept its sharp eyes upon the food, coming back again when the line was clear.—Sent by Albert Barnes, 5, Railway-place, Grangetown, S.O., Yorks. Age 13.

*An Offended Parrot.

A friend of mine had a tame Parrot that used to come out of its cage to be fed, and to walk about his arms and head and shoulders for a little exercise. One day some friends of his came to see him, and he showed them the Parrot. It was just near the Parrot's feeding time, so he fed the Parrot in their presence to show them how tame he was. When he started to feed him with nuts from his own lips, one of his friends wished to do the same, so my friend let him; but when the Parrot came to get it he drew back and began to tease it. This offended the Parrot so much that it would not come out of its cage for some weeks.—Sent by E. Schindler (age 15).

(Will Master Schindler kindly send us his address?—Editor.)

Nothing like "CAGE BIRDS" when you want to sell. I have had replies from England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, from an advert. in "C.B." I look out every Friday for the great 1d. worth. I think it grand.—W. H. WARREN (Penzance).

Cage Bird Union Annual Meeting.

Suspension of the "Hated" rule; Resignation of the Secretary and President; the position of the Union considered.

Seven delegates and the Secretary met at the annual meeting of the Cage Bird Union, held at the Crystal Palace on February 4th, presided over by Mr. Thos. Pope.

Nothing of dramatic moment occurred, but several important matters were decided upon, not the least being the deletion of the "hated" rule 22 "for the present.'

The feelings of the societies in England and Wales with reference to rule 22, and the support they are prepared to give, are to be obtained with a view to their consideration by the delegates.

The Union is now without either a secretary or a president; and in accordance with a resolution passed at the Leicester meeting and confirmed at this meeting, the election of a treasurer now becomes necessary.

The Frome representative resigns his position; and the Rochdale Good Intent O.S., the Liverpool O.S., the Doncaster C.B.S., and the Peterborough C.B.A. resign their membership with the Union.

Considerable feeling was displayed with regard to what was characterised as the "downright-cruel" charge, that the members of the Council received not only railway fare to and from the place of meeting, but ten shillings each besides.

The meeting lasted three hours, but the greater part of this time was devoted, not to the business of the agenda, but to a consideration of the present status of the Union.

Mr. Atkinson (Manchester) delivered quite a neatly-worded, almost impassioned speech, in which he championed the cause of the Union, and appealed for help from the Fancy who brought it into existence.

It was generally agreed that a governing body of some sort was necessary to the Fancy, and that if the Cage Bird Union were now to "go under," it will have done a good work in laying the foundation for any future Union that may arise.

The recommendations of the Leicester meeting to this, the annual meeting, were practically all agreed to.

Full Report.

The annual meeting of delegates of the Cage Bird Union was held in the Back Concert Room of the Crystal Palace on Feb. 4th, when Messrs. T. Atkinson (Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.), A. N. Innes (Torbay O.S.), D. R. Jones (Llanelly C.B.S.), Thos. Pope (Western Counties O.S., Plymouth), J. A. Tyler (Leicester C.B.S.), J. B. Wood (Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.), H. Yeoman (Clapham C.B.S.), and Geo. W. F. Lythgoe (the hon. sec.)—eight gentlemen in all—attended.

At the request of the meeting Mr. Thos. Pope consented to preside, in the absence of Mr. W. A. Bladon (Manchester), who wrote saying it was impossible for him to attend. Mr. Bladon also wished it made quite clear that he could not see his way to stand as president for the ensuing year.

The secretary read the minutes of the last annual and the Leicester adjourned meetings, which were passed. The report of the executive council for 1910-11 (published in CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 4th issue) was taken as read.

Important Correspondence.

Correspondence was then read. Mr. J. H. de Mallet (Birmingham) wrote regretting he could not accept the position of secretary to the Union, though he appreciated the honour of being nominated to the post. Mr. Robt. Rhodes (Nottingham) desired it to be known that he was not prepared to accept office, either as president or in any other sense—not because he was not in sympathy with the objects of the Union, but because he felt he could not give the necessary time. He added that, in his opinion, without Rule 22 the Union would be of no use, and instead of growing stronger it would grow weaker. Mr. C. I. Young (Frome) wrote resigning his position as the Union's representative for the district, als reason being that he did not think it at all likely that any of the societies in his district would again join the Union. Everyone, he thought, would agree that Mr. Lythgoe had done his best in trying circumstances. Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S. wrote resigning membership, not being able to comply with the rules as at present. The Peterborough C.B.A., the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S., and the Liverpool O.S. also wrote resigning membership.

The Status of the Union Considered.

Arising out of the balance-sheet—published in CAGE BIRDS of Feb. 4th issue—Mr. Lythgoe stated that since sending it out he had received an amount of 11s. 8d. and accounts to the extent of £3 19s. 4d. —rent of the present room, etc.—so that there was now a balance due to the secretary of £2 5s. Of course, he added, if it came to a question of selling the Union's effects, they had a duplicating machine and a typewriter in the way of assets.

In formally moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, Mr. Atkinson said they all regretted it did not show as satisfactorily as they could have wished. If the Union had as its object, or as one of its objects, the making of money then they would have to deplore a very unsatisfactory position of affairs; but the Union had a very different object, viz., to benefit the Fancy generally and those taking part in the hobby which they followed. It would, he thought, be accepted without question that one cause of the smallness of the balance was the want of support on the part of the affiliated societies, coupled with the fact that the number of the licences was far less than in previous years. This year they received in licences and affiliation fees a matter of £28, as compared with £50 in the previous year, which in itself accounted for the difference between the balance in hand at the beginning of the year and that at the finish. The delegates' railway expenses (a matter of £8) were made necessary by the many journeys to shows by representatives of the Union, and he thought that £8, in the course of a whole season, was not an extravagant sum. The item of £14 for "Council railway expenses for 1909 and 1910" was considerable. He understood there had been three council meetings during the year. The unwieldy nature of the work of the Union necessitated the meeting of the council at least three or four times in a season, if the work were to be done properly. And he did not think they could call the amount of £14 in any way exorbitant.

A "Downright Cruel Charge."

Continuing, the speaker said he wanted to state, and to state most emphatically, that the "Saturday afternoon excursions" which the council were charged with taking part in was a downright cruel charge to make against men who were prepared to, and actually did, give of their time and money in the furtherance of the work to which they had devoted themselves.

The question arose, he said, as to whether the Union considered it worth while to continue to carry on its work. Some eleven years ago a Union was formed with similar objects to the present Union's. That Union lasted for a matter of from twelve months to two years. Then some two or three years elapsed, and the Fancy generally showed a desire for a governing body of some kind; and the Cage Bird Union was formed. But I am, he continued, inclined to think the Fancy has not acted as virtuously as it thought itself capable of acting some five years ago, and it is the Fancy that will suffer if anything should happen to this Union. If this Union collapses to-day there will to-morrow be a demand for some other governing body, and the Cage Bird Union will not have lived in vain, for from the work done any new Union that may follow will reap special advantages. They knew that the borrowing and lending of birds for exhibition purposes were not unknown at the present day, but would anyone say they were practised as largely as was the case ten years ago? No; and the C.B.U. was responsible for the improvement. And were not the shows better conducted than formerly? This, too, was one of the effects of the action of the Union. He thought that the falling-away of the societies from the Union was due, not to the lack of energy or desire to improve the Fancy on the part of the delegates to the Union, but rather to the ungratefulness of the Fancy who put them there to do the work.

Mr. Yeoman, in seconding the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said he wished to pay a passing compliment to the gentlemen who had given of their time and ability to the Fancy by means of their work on the council. Their work had paved the way for any future Union that might spring up; and a governing body for the Fancy he was certain there must be. He considered, therefore, that the Union had done a good work.

Continuing, Mr. Yeoman said: If the discussions in the Fancy Press are anything to go by, all point to one thing—viz., Rule 22. Some six months back I personally thought the rule the backbone of the Union. To-day I think differently. If the Fancy does not appreciate that rule, let the Union cater for the majority of the Fancy, and delete or alter it. It is my firm opinion that if you do not alter it in some way, the Union will have to go. If you don't have the support of the Fancy, you cannot go on. I have read of nothing—heard of nothing—that shows there is any opposition to the Union except in regard to Rule 22, and it is for you to-day to say whether you will delete the part of the rule that is objected to, or trust the Fancy to know its own needs best. You have tried the one way, and now I ask you to try the other.

Mr. Tyler pointed out that the first Union, referred to by Mr. Atkinson, lasted only twelve months or so, and had no rule similar to this Union's Rule 22; whereas the C.B.U. had lasted five years, and they had such a rule. So that he did not, he said, see why the rule should not remain. Rule 22 [which reads as follows:—"In like manner, affiliated societies shall be liable to suspension if they accept entries from such suspended individuals or engage suspended judges; and registered members of the Union shall be liable to suspension if found exhibiting at a suspended or non-affiliated or non-licensed club's show, other than first-feather shows, and shows or classes confined to members or limited to a county though given at an open show."—Editor] had, the speaker thought, been taken in a wrong light.

It Crops Up.

Mr. Atkinson objected that, as Rule 22 was down for discussion later on, it could be better discussed then.

The Chairman explained that he had purposely allowed a little latitude in the discussion, but perhaps it would be as well to pass the report and balance-sheet and proceed with the agenda; which was agreed to.

Mr. Yeoman: I believe that my society has a proposition on the agenda, and my idea was that we might proceed to an alteration of the rules for the benefit of the Union.

The Secretary explained that the Clapham Society's proposition should have been placed on the agenda. They proposed "That Rule 22 be removed from the rules or modified in some way until the Union is sufficiently strong to enforce it, and that a feeling of the members of the Union be taken on the matter."

Continuing, the Secretary said that he had put it very plainly in his report, that he did not think it was Rule 22 that was the cause of the falling off. His opinion was that this falling off was due to some other ulterior cause, which he could not get to know of. At the outset of the year he made every effort to get the seceding societies to re-join, or at least to give their views on the subject in order that the delegates might discuss them. The one real objection seemed to be the friction with the Yorkshire Union, but that obstruction had since been removed. Another reason, for the withdrawal of a London society, was the proposal to extend Rule 22 in certain directions, but though assurances had been given to the contrary, the society had not come back. In addition, he had asked the seceding societies to hold a meeting among themselves and formulate a scheme and submit same to the Union—but with no result. He had not been able to get to know what was at the bottom of the trouble. And unless the Union were to get promises of more support (like that it had three or four years back, when it had 135 members), he did not think it was worth while carrying on the work, because he was strongly of opinion that if they dropped Rule 22 they would not get the societies to re-join.

Mr. Atkinson suggested that all the societies in the country be invited to give their views in respect to the formation of a governing body independent altogether of any rules at present in existence in regard to the C.B.U.; the societies to say whether they would be inclined towards a governing body formed on some lines altogether different and separate from the Union's rules.

The Chairman said that if Mr. Lythgoo would consent to remain secretary for another year, they might perhaps do some good. He could then take the feeling of the Fancy generally, and get to know its views. We are, he added, in existence for the benefit of the Fancy, and not for ourselves. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Lythgoe said he had endeavoured to get to know what would meet the wishes of the societies, but without success. On the point of his continuance in office, he was not prepared to remain secretary. He resigned two years ago, as he felt the affairs of the Union would be better out of his hands. (Laughter.) That was his main reason. Another was, he felt that the centre of operations should be at some other town than Manchester, and if he knew the secretaryship would have remained there, he would, he thought, have preferred to stick to the job. (Laughter.) He still felt that the work would go on better if the secretarial reins were in other hands. As regarded Rule 22, if the delegates thought the Union would go on better without it, then it might as well be tried.

Mr. Jones said that personally he was in favour of Rule 22, but thought the minority ought to be prepared to fall in with the views of the majority. (Hear, hear.)

Rule 22 Amended.

Coming more immediately to the Clapham Society's proposition, the secretary stated that there was no need to deal with Rule 22 in its entirety; the objection was only in regard to the latter portion—the coercive portion, as it had been termed—of the rule.

Mr. Tyler thought that the Clapham proposition ought to be added to, to the effect that the Union could take no responsibility on itself to look after the interests of exhibitors at shows not held under C.B.U. rules.

Eventually, Mr. Yeoman moved, and the Chairman seconded, "That the latter part of Rule 22 be deleted for the present, but that words be added to the effect that the Union will not undertake to look after the interests of any exhibitors at shows not held under C.B.U. rules.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Atkinson opposed the proposition in accordance with instructions received from their respective societies. Mr. Tyler was, he said, personally in favour of the rule, but would, under the circumstances, vote in favour of the proposition. Mr. Wood was, personally, greatly in favour of the deletion of the rule, but was, he said, tied down by the instructions of his society. The amendment was carried.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Yeoman, it was decided "that a feeling of the societies be obtained as to what support will be given to the Union with the rule altered."

The delegates now, at last, proceeded with the business of the day as drawn up on the agenda. The first part of the agenda consisted of the recommendations of the delegates who met at Leicester in August last—which came up for confirmation at this, the annual meeting.

The first proposition, "That all birds be the bona fide property and in the possession of exhibitors at least 14 days before the date of any show," was opposed, the secretary pointed out, by the Preston O.S. Mr. Lythgoe proposed the resolution on behalf of the mover, who was absent, but as there was no seconder the recommendation fell through.

"That the annual meetings shall be held alternately at a show in the South, Midlands, and North." This was thought by Mr. Yeoman not only a good idea, but a very advisable thing. Mr. Tyler was of opinion that the meeting should be held at a less busy time of the year. If it were held more in the "close season," as it were, there would be better facilities for getting about.

Mr. Yeoman proposed the resolution, but added the words: "and that the date be some time in July"; this amendment was seconded by Mr. Tyler, and carried unanimously. The orginal motion received no seconder.

On the motion of Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Jones, it was unanimously decided "that the associate's fee be reduced from 2s. 6d. to 1s."

Mr. Wood moved, and Mr. Tyler seconded, "That Rule 14 be altered to provide for the election of a treasurer," which becomes necessary now that Rule 12 reads, "That the officers of the Union shall be a president, secretary, and treasurer, and an executive council, and the funds of the Union shall be banked jointly in the names of the president, secretary and treasurer, any two signatures to cheque being sufficient."

No Show.

The proposal to hold a show for Union members only, it was thought best to let drop for the present pending the receipt of the views of the societies with regard to the Union.

On the proposition of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wood, it was decided to defer the consideration of the proposal to provide for the sub-division of District No. 7.

With regard to the council's proposed alteration to Rule 15—"to provide for the addition to this council of six members, being fanciers living within reasonable distances of wherever the secretary may reside, and for the council to hold frequent meetings during the show season"—the secretary stated that a great deal of time was lost, and a great deal of trouble arose through too much work being left to the secretary. At present the secretary did pretty well what he thought best, and then wrote the council asking them for their approval.

Mr. Yeoman proposed the adoption of the recommendation. He said he thought it would save considerable expense and time, and independently of that would lift a great responsibility from the shoulders of the secretary.

Mr. Tyler seconded the proposition, which, after some discussion, was carried unanimously.

In the absence of Mr. Hadwin (Liverpool), Mr. Atkinson proposed, and Mr. Jones seconded, the motion to add to Rule 4, "members of an affiliated society at September 1st will be considered members until the end of the society's year." This was agreed to.

The Secretary said that he had another proposition, from the Altrincham Society, viz., "That where more than one person shows birds from the same place of residence they all show in the same section, viz., champion, amateur, or novice."

Mr. Tyler proposed this, and Mr. Jones seconded, the motion being unanimously agreed to.

The Secretary was of the opinion that this would raise more riot than Rule 22. (Laughter.)

The question of the election of a secretary, it was pointed out, was one which devolved on the Council.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Pope for presiding, "under very trying circumstances," and an acknowledgment of the same by that gentleman, concluded the proceedings.

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The Shows.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table pair show, held St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, New Inn, Hall Street, Feb. 2nd, and proved quite a success. Mr. Levett judged.

NOR.: 1, 3, Lewin; 2, Lees. A.O.V.: 1, Fifield. AMAT.—A.V.: Good class: 1, Cripps; 2, Wren; 3, Castle. Table show of Hyb. pairs, same place, March 2nd, 7 p.m.—A. F. Fifield, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Pair show, held Slatter's Room, Feb. 2nd. 15 members present.

CHAMP.—YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Moore, senr.; 2, Moore, junr.; 3, Clews. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Moore, senr.; 3, Clews. NOV.—YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Ridley. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Ridley; 3, Cotterill. Classes 3 and 6 cancelled.—Towl Bros., Hon. Secs.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Feb. 4, Mr. P. Thom presiding over a good attendance. Chief business:—Table show of matched pairs. Considering the weather the show, if not so large as usual, was a good one, some very nice pairs being forward. Mr. C. Campbell judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

CRESTS: 1, 2, spl, 3, 4, W. Summerhill. P.H. (13): 1, 2, 3, 5, 2 spls., Wm. Hutchison; 4, Rennie; 6, Wood; 7, Gunion. BORD.: H. P. Hutchison. MULE AND HYB. PAIRS (11): 1, spl, Webb; 2, 5, 7, H. P. Hutchison; 3, 4, Gunion; 6, Rennie. Messrs. C. Martin and H. Graham were admitted as members. —Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

A most successful table show, held Feb. 3, Lea's Temperance Hotel. Upwards of 60 entries were staged, and some very fine specimens faced the judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool), his awards giving entire satisfaction. Winner of most points in champion classes, Mr. W. H. Cawley; most points novice classes, Mr. Norton.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Baxter; 2, Ratcliffe. BUFF: 1, Glover; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, Peck. HEN (6): 1, Baxter; 2, Peck; 3, Ratcliffe. YORKS., 1910: 1, Baxter; 2, 3, Glover. NOR. YELL.: 1, Cawley; 2, Baxter. BUFF: 1, Baxter; 2, Cawley. HEN: 1, 2, Cawley; 3, Peck. NOR., 1910: 1, Peck; 2, Glover; 3, Baxter. BRIT. HARDBILL (10): 1, 3, Norton; 2, Cawley. MULES: 1, Bradbury; 2, Wood. NOVICE CLASSES. —YORKS, YELL.: 1, Sutton; 2, Norton; 3, Bradbury. BUFF: 1, Sutton; 2, Bradbury; 3, Norton. HEN: 1, 2, Norton; 3, Looker. NOR. YELL.: 1, Sutton. BUFF: 1, Bradbury; 2, Sutton; 3, Wood. HEN: 1, Looker; 2, Wood.—T. P. Baxter, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIS. C.B.S.

Table show, held Feb. 4th, Dartmouth Hotel. Although entries did not come up to expectations, the quality was all there, many champions being put down; and competition was very keen in some classes. Mr. H. T. Collier judged Yorks., and Mr. F. J. Weaver the remainder, their awards giving every satisfaction.

YORKS. YELL. ETC., CK. (1), 1, Andrews. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, Andrews. YELL., ETC., HEN (2): 1, Beck; 2, Andrews. BUFF (2): 1, Andrews; 2, Beck. UNFLIG. CK. (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, Andrews. HEN (2): 1, 2, Andrews. NOR. YELL., ETC., CK. (5): 1, spl, Collier; 2, Taylor; 3, Cooper. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Collier. YELL., ETC., HEN (4): 1, Collier; 2, Cooper; 3, Taylor, abs., No. 3, Jennings. HEN (2): 1, Collier; No 3 abs., Jennings. UNFLIG. CK. (4): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Collier. HEN (5): 1, Vikes; 2, Cooper; 3, Taylor. BRIT. HARDBILL (9): 1, Taylor; 2, Capewell; 3, Key. SOFTBILL (3): 1, spl, 3, Capewell; 2, Cooper. MULE OR HYB. (4): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Giles. NOVICE.—YORKS. (7): 1, 3, Bates; 2, Griggs. NOR. (6): 1, spl, Palmer; 2, Griggs; 3, Cowley; No. 3, 4, abs., Jennings. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, spl, 2, Griggs.—W. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

SILVERTOWN (N. Woolwich).

Owing to insufficient advertising, the show of the Silvertown F.C., on Jan. 31st, was not the success it deserved to be, and most of the classes were cancelled, whilst those which stood had very few entries. Mr. Mitchener and his committee were most courteous, obliging, and hard-working, and really deserved better support. Mr. A. E. Enfield judged.

CAN. C.B. (2): 2, Anderson, nice shaped, well feathered Green, well lashed. YORKS (7): 1, 2, 3, Skinner, smart cheek tkd. buff, lovely feather, rare style, and neat shape; 2, no name, very stylish, nice feathered yell., plenty of leg; 3, no name, rare shaped buff, lovely feather and carriage, a good Yorkie, pale in colour; vhc, he, Andrews, and members' cup, nice shapely yell., good style. MULE (2): 1, Forse and Knight, large, well shaped, nicely mkd., variegated Siskin-Can.; vhc, Soames. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Skinner, very rich coloured Goldie, grand, clean cut blaze, good bars and buttons; 2, 3, Richell, nice shaped, well mkd., good coloured Goldie, and a really smart Bullie, grand colour and cap, nice shape and feather. A.O.V. (2): 2, Forse and Knight, very fine Redpoll, grand shape and col., very nicely feathered and mkd.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last show of the season held Feb. 4th, Horse and Groom Inn. The entry was a good one, 91 birds being staged. Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford) officiated as judge and his awards gave satisfaction. Most points gained by Messrs. D. Sutcliffe 28, W. Mann 23, J. Taylor 23, W. Jowett 21, J. Lawson 16. Most points selling classes gained by W. Hillas. Most points extra novice classes gained by Messrs. C. E. Hylton 22, F. Hauson 15, H. C. Crossley 10, B. Wilman 9. Specials won by W. Jowett for best cock in show; D. Sutcliffe for best hen; J. Taylor for best vhc; W. Hillas for best hc; W. Mann for best c.

CL. YELL. (11): 1, 4, Jowett; 2, 3, Mann. BUFF (8): 1, 4, Sutcliffe; 2, Hudson; 3, Hillas. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Ormondroyd; 3, Taylor; 4, Lawson. TKD. BUFF (9): 1, 4, Mann; 2, Jowett. EVEN, ETC., GREEN MKD. (8): 1, 3, 4, Sutcliffe; 2, Lawson. FOUL MKD., GREEN: 1, Mann. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (8): 1, 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Taylor; 4, Lawson. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Boocock. EVEN, ETC., GRN. MKD. (4): 1, 2, Jowett; 3, Lawson; 4, Hudson. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Ellerton. SELL., CK., £1 (2): 1, Hillas; 2, Ellerton. HEN, 12/6 (1): 1, Hillas. EXTRA NOVICE.—A.V. CK. (5): 1, Hylton; 2, Hanson; 3, 4, Crossley. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 2, Hylton; 3, 4, Hanson. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Hanson; 2, 3, Hylton; 4, Wilman. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Hylton; 2, Wilman; 3, Crossley.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

BIGGAR C.B.S.

Third annual club show held Feb. 1st, Wilson's Hall, West End, an ideal place for a cage bird show, being free from draughts, and well lighted. Entries turned out very well, there being 174 specimens on view, and competition was keen. Special for most points over show, Messrs. Brown and Simpson (with an outstanding team of Britishers); for best British, Master E. Campbell (a good Goldie); and for best Canary Mr. J. Dickson (Norwich Hen). Specials were presented by Mr. J. Shand, accompanied by many complimentary remarks. But the most surprising and pleasant item on the programme was the presentation of a purse, got up by voluntary subscriptions, to Mr. Ormiston, the secretary, before he leaves to go abroad. Mr. Shand, in a few well chosen remarks, presented the purse, and Mr. Ormiston suitably replied. "Willie" is very popular amongst the fanciers here, and we all wish him God-speed. Mr. Mason (Peebles) judged British, and Mr. McFadyen. (Lanark) Canaries.

BULLFINCH CK. (12): 1, Master E. Campbell, nice, high col., fine cap and bars, shown in the pink; 2, Forrest, another good one, chasing winner for col., but a wee shade smaller; 3, Shand, plenty of size, but a wee bit pale in front; 4, 5, Brown and Simpson; 6, Anderson. HEN (10): 1, 5, Anderson, a good sound exhibit, fine size and markings; 2, H. and W. Clark, another good hen, well marked; 3, Rae, wee shade smaller, but fine exhibit; 4, Boa and Kerr; 6, Master Campbell. GOLDFINCH (11): Some good ones here: 1, best in section, Master E. Campbell, nice little chap, fine, deep square cut blaze of the right crimson, well defined bars, buttons, and tannings; 2, Brown and Simpson, presses winner hard, a fair price was offered, but refused; 3, Bryden and Smith, good 3rd; 4, Dickson; 5, Linton; 6, Graham. GREENFINCH (30): What a class! 1, Shand, a whopper, beats a good class; 2, Brown and Simpson, fed, wee shade smaller, but shines like wax, staged in lovely condition; 3, Bryden and Smith, good, too, fine size, well staged; 4, Lindsay; 5, Boa and Kerr; 6, Whitefield. CHAFFINCH (13): 1, Brown and Simpson, nice Chaffie, good slatey blue head, good whites; 2, Graham, good one, a little steadier than leader; 3, Murray, looks like a house-moulted one, pressing hard, very steady; 4, Bryden and Smith; 5, Mitchell; 6, Stringer. BRAMBLE (9): 1, Selkirk, fine Finch, lovely breast col and markings, rare bonnet; 2, Clark, another nice bird, of good col. and markings; 3, Brown and Simpson, similar to 2nd; 4, Shand; 5, Renwick; 6, Mitchell. LINNET, ETC. (22): 1, Brown and Simpson, fine, plump, little Siskin, good cap and bib, well laced; 2, Elliot, Lesser Redpoll, in fine condition, nicely laced; 3, Graham, good Lintie, well pencilled; 4, Bryden and Smith, Lesser 'Poll; 5, Wilson, Siskin; 6, Brown and Simpson, Mealy 'Poll. A.O.V. (4): 1, Brown and Simpson, well known Yellowhammer, in fine order; 2, Ormiston, good Reedbunting; 3, Shand, nice Song Thrush. NOR. CK. (9): 1, 4, 6, Dobbie, 1st, cobby bird, good size, nice round head, short thick neck, massive chest; 2, A. Lawson, another good exhibit, nice cobby bird, fine style; 3, 5, Dickson, good type and quality, fine col. HEN (9): 1, Dickson, spl, for best in section, a good bird, but some thought should have followed 2, A. Lawson, another good one, rare head and neck, great depth of front and tail; 3, 4, 6, Dobbie, 3rd, another fine, stylish exhibit, the right type; 5, Dickson. NON-FED: 1, H. and W. Clark, almost green, nice cobby bird, good chest; 2, Aitken, nice exhibit, cobby and well put together, 3. Girwood, buff, of great size, good head and neck properties; 4, Marshall; 5, Lawson; 6, Bislop. BORD. YELL., ETC.: 1, Wilson, nice Border, some thought scarcely the winner; 2, Campbell, fine round head, nicely backed, fine wings and tail; 3, D. Lawson, nice exhibit, well rounded, good head, 4, Kerr, pressing winners for all it is worth; 5, Brown and Simpson; 6, Selkirk. BUFF: 1, Dickson, this decision could not be followed by all; 2, Kerr, hard lines here, taking little Border of good type and quality; 3, D. Lawson, another nice Border, fine type; 4, Brown and Simpson; 5, Dickson; 6, Aitken. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Aitken, nice yell. Green, well pencilled; 2, 3, 4, Kerr, three well known faces, all of exceptional merit, fine depth of ground col, rare pencilling, old bird, bit soft at time of judging; 5, Wilson; 6, Lawson.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Breeding pairs show, held Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 3rd Feb. There was a grand turn-out of exhibits, close on 50 pairs being staged. Crests and Norwich contained some grand pairs; Borders also were a grand class, some really fine wee gems being among them. Yorkshires came well up, some of the best in Scotland were staged. Mr. A. Walker judged, and had his work cut out, competition being very keen, but his awards were well received.

CRESTS (7): 1, 2, 3, McMillan; 4, 5, spl, Henry; 6, Anderson; 7, Smith. NOR. (9): 1, 4, Henry; 2, 3, spl, Smith; 5, McMillan; 6, Aitkenhead; 7, Anderson. BORD. (13): 1, spl, best pair in hall, 2, Appleyard; 3, 6, Fairweather; 4, 5, Henderson; 7, Aitkenhead. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, 4, Maccrobble; 3, 6, Sanderson; 5, 7, Anderson. A.O.V.: 1, Appleyard. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Fairweather; 2, Aitkenhead; 3, 4, Anderson; 5, Priest. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Walker brought a successful show to a close. Next meeting and mating pair show, March 3rd, 8 p.m. New members cordially invited. — William Priest, Sec.

WAKEFIELD ROLLER C.C.

Members' show held Elephant and Castle Hotel, January 25th, when 21 birds were judged by Mr F. Oldroyd, staged by Mr. Netherwood, the Hon. Sec. The show was open to the public by 5. There were some good birds, and most of the local members turned up at night.

CHAMP. YOUNG BIRD (7): 1, sp, Whittlestone, holl. roll 6, bass 2, schockel 4, flutes 3, water roll 2, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, sharp flutes 2, off 24; 2, Whittlestone, holl. roll 8, bass 3, schockel 3, flutes 2, water roll 2, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, 21; 3, Netherwood, holl. roll 5, schockel 5, flutes 2, water glucke 4, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, 21; vhc, he, Hesling, 19, 17; c, Roebuck, 16 NOVICE YOUNG BIRD (6): 1, spl, Hepworth, holl. roll 6, bass 3, schockel 4, flutes 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 2, 22; 2, Collins, holl. 5, bass 4, schockel 3, flutes 3, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, 1 off auf, 2 sharp flutes, 20; 3, Taylor, holl. roll 5, bass 3, schockel 3, flute 2, water glucke 3, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, 1 off auf, 2 sharp flutes, 18; vhc, 17, c 14, Barnett; hc, Collins, 16. OPEN, ANY AGE (7): 1, spl, Whittlestone, holl. roll 6, bass 4, schockel 4, flutes 3, water glucke 5, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, 1 off auf, 26; 2, Netherwood, holl. roll 7, bass 2, schockel 4, flutes 2 water glucke 4, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 3, 1 off sharp flutes, 25; 3, Hepworth, holl. roll 6, bass 4, schockel 4, flutes 3, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, G.E. 4, 25; vhc, Hesling; hc, Roebuck, Netherwood, 16; c, Collins, 14.

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NANTWICH.

This old established society held their Jubilee show, Feb. 3rd and 4th, the Town Hall again being the venue. Our section was admirably staged in tiers along one end of the hall. We were pleased to see such a great increase in entries, compared with the rather meagre total of the last few years. An average of nearly twelve per class was distinctly good. The quality, too, was of the best, many noted winners putting in an appearance, and were well to the front in their respective classes. The Norwich class was headed by two of Mr. Victor Williams's well-known winners, the same exhibitor repeating the dose in both the Yorks. and A.O.V. British, in which classes they stood clear away from anything else. The A.O.V. Canary class was won by one of the best crestbreds we have seen for some time, belonging to Mr. Edwards, who also captured the Mule class with a Canary-Bullie, a grand specimen of its cross. The Linnet, or Goldfinch, class was a topper for numbers and quality. This class needs dividing another year. Mr. Purcell had charge of the cage birds, and right well did he attend to their wants. Mr. Powell again held the secretarial reins, and he discharged his onerous duties with tact and courtesy, getting now quite a veteran in this capacity. Mr. H. Tams judged, and we heard no adverse comments.

The Critique.

NOR. (15): 1, 2, Victor Williams, leader topping cl. Buff, great size, grand type and substance, splendid head and neck, good quality, followed by an unflg. cl. yell. again fine size and type, best of col. and quality, gets well across perch, two outstanding birds, won easily; 3, hc, Barnes, nice cl. buff, good size and quality, nice head; vhc, Miss Flemons; c, Edwards. YORKS. (12): 1, 2, V. Williams, leader magnificent uneven yell., red-hot col., splendid length and style, grand feather and position, in delightful condition, well known winner; 2nd, thigh tkd. buff, great length, grand type, well drawn, gets well up on good pair legs, nice quality and finish; 3, Perry, cl. yell., nice length and shape, stylish; vhc, hc, Francis; c, Weedall Bros., Windsor and Son. A.O.V. CAN. (8): 1, 2, Edwards, leader cl. buff, C.B., skull of rare width, well lashed, nice cushion and broad feather, rare sub., topper, followed by a splendid green Crest, grand size and droop, nice veiny feather, radiating from a neat centre, two taking birds, well placed; 3, c, Windsor and Son, nice yell. cinn., good quality and col.; vhc, Nickollas; hc, Miss Dooley. MULE (13): 1, c, Edwards, grand Can.-Bull., good size and col., shows cross well, in tip-top form, looks like Ludlow winner; 2, 3, Bond, well known clear Buff Goldie-Can., looking as well as ever, must have pressed hard; 3rd, equally well known evenly marked yell. Goldie-Can., not looking quite so well as we have seen it; vhc, Jackson; hc, Robinson and Taylor. LINNET, ETC. (27): Grand class: 1, Weedall Bros., clinking Goldie, good size and shape, rare width of face, square blaze, grand depth of col., well back, best of whites and body col., nice bars, shown in nice order; 2, Bridges, Goldie, nice face for col., good moons, well buttoned, not quite so rich in tanning; 3, Robinson and Taylor, Linnet, good size and shape, nice nutty col., well pencilled, very steady, nice bloom; vhc, Roberts, Pitchford and Stocker; hc, Edwards, Gregory; c, Pugh, Pitchford and Stocker, Nickollas. BULLFINCH (8): 1, Edwards, medium size, nice shape, well cut cap, of good col., good breast and back, well defined bars, rare condition; 2, Davies, nice, shapely bird, good breast col.; 3, Burgess, grand one for size and shape, bit paler on breast, or must have gone up; vhc, Windsor and Son, Miss Dooley; hc, Robinson and Taylor; c, Sutton. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, 2, V. Williams, leader splendid Magpie, good size, beautifully cut, very pure in col., carries delightful sheen, perfect feather, one of the best Mag.'s ever staged, followed by a grand Chough of immense size, winner at Palace on many occasions, late Maxwell's, not looking in best of temper at being thrashed by a Magpie, both unique; 3, Davies, Hawfinch, nice size and col., steady, well defined bars, nice condition; vhc, Davies; hc, (2), Weedall Bros.; c, Bebbington. FOR. cancelled. SELL. (15/-) (8): 1, vhc, hc, Windsor and Son; 2, Brotherhood; 3, Perry. 7/6 (9): 1, Barnes; 2, Brotherhood; 3, Jackson; vhc, Windsor and Son; hc, Weedall Bros.; c, Windsor and Son. 5s. (8): 1, Brotherhood; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Windsor and Son. GIFT (8): 1, 3, vhc, c, Windsor and Son; 2, hc, Brotherhood.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.S.

Members' table show, stock pairs, for Nor. and Crests, held last week. There were 30 pairs entered in 3 classes, and every one thought they had never seen a better collection in any local show. Mr. G. Marshall judged and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR: 1, 3, Hawksley; 2, Smedley. NOV.: 1, Shooter; 2, Wright Bros.; 3, Hawksley. CHAMP. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Nuttall Bros.—R. Nuttall, Sec.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Members' show, held Free Gardeners' Hall, Jan. 28th, when 161 birds were staged. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Show well patronised, both by visitors and fanciers. Medal for best bird won by Mr. T. Brown with a Buff Border hen, that for most points by Messrs. Lawrie and Welsh, and that for second most points, Mr. J. Peters.

BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, 4, Brown; 2, Spence; 3, Clunie. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Brown; 3, Clunie; 4, Thomson. UNEVEN, ETC. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Spence; 2, Baird; 3, Thomson. BUFF (16): 1, Morris; 2, J. and A. Duncan; 3, Hazzard; 4, Brown. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, McHee; 2, Callan; 3, Peters; 4, Lawrie and Welsh. BUFF (6): 1, 5, Peters; 2, D. Thomson; 3, Lawrie and Welsh; 4, R. Thomson. VAR. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, D. Thomson; 4, Peters. BUFF (3): 1, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, Peters; 3, D. Thomson. NON-FED (5): 1, McKee; 2, R. Thomson; 3, Peters; 4, Kilpatrick. HEN (3): 1, R. Thomson; 2, Kilpatrick; 3, Lawrie and Welsh. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 4, Reilly; 3, Nicoll. COMMON CAN. (8): 1, J. and A. Duncan; 2, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, 4, Thomson. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Henderson. BULLFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Lawrie and Welsh; 2, 3, Henderson; 4, Peters. LINNET (8): 1, Thomson; 2, J. and A. Duncan; 3, Henderson; 4, Nicoll. MEALY REDPOLL (6): 1, Callan; 2, Morris; 3, Nicoll; 4, Peters. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Nicoll; 2, Peters; 3, J. Henderson; 4, H. Henderson. GREENFINCH (11): 1, Henderson; 2, Callan; 3, Lawrie and Welsh; 4, Nicoll. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, 4, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, Spence. MULE (5): 1, Peters; 2, Nicoll; 3, Storrar; 4, Reilly. FOR. (4): 1, Stowar; 2, 3, Henderson; 4, Lawrie and Welsh. MATCHED PAIRS, BORD. (6): 1, 2, Brown; 3, Thomson; 4, Hazzard. NOR. (8): 1, D. Thomson; 2, Callan; 3, Peters; 4, 5, Lawrie and Welsh. YORKS. (3): 1, 2, 3, Reilly. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, 3, Henderson; 2, Callan; 4, Storrar.—J. Lawrie, Sec.

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The 52nd Crystal Palace Show, held February 3, 4, 6, and 7, in the usual place at the historic Glass House, will surely go down in the history of the Fancy as one of the jolliest and most enjoyable in the long list of these annual carnivals.

The spirit of good fellowship was abroad; not one discordant note was heard; every member of the huge crowd of fanciers and visitors seemed bent on getting every possible ounce of pleasure out of the hours spent in the show-room and its vicinity. The attendance of fanciers from the provinces was exceptionally large—quite one of the best we have seen—the system of making up "visiting parties" in various districts no doubt being largely accountable for this. A fancier may feel "shy" at starting by himself on a trip to the metropolis, especially if it be his maiden visit, and he has yet to discover the whereabouts of the Palace. Why, we have known even seasoned fanciers get lost in the maze of London! To join a party of brother fanciers, however, some at least of whom "know their way about" and can point out the various "sights," must be a tempting proposition to everyone with a hankering after a peep at the best birds to be found in the Fancy; and tha "party system" (though much abused to-day in another connection) is a good one in this respect, at any rate, for it enables our country friends in many birdie centres to come up to town under the pleasantest possible conditions. And what a great gathering there was to be sure—Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Tyne-side, the West Country, the Eastern Counties, South Wales, the Midlands, and many other districts sent groups of fanciers to swell the huge concourse of metropolitan and South Country enthusiasts (to say nothing of the horde of interested visitors not strictly "fanciers") that crowded the aisles and overflowed into the—well, perhaps we'd better leave it unsaid—on the Saturday, the greatest day of all.

All Smiles.

The general gaiety was infectious, and even extended to that most sedate of persons, the ever-popular and ever-youthful show manager, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, who stepped it blithely round the aisles and positively refused to cease smiling even when one of his judges insisted on discussing with him that hoary-headed problem: "What is a tick?" And Mr. Ramsden had every cause to smile and feel pleased with himself and things in general, for had he not a highly-satisfactory entry of 2,600 birds; had not the nipping frost suddenly departed and left the weather open and genial; and had he not successfully circumvented the difficulty, owing to the printers' strike, of getting out the catalogue? The answer is a loud affirmative. We have said many nice things about the management of the Palace Show in the past, and they apply with full force to the present show. To say that nothing was lacking in any detail, and that not a hitch marred the proceedings, is trite and stale; yet what better testimony could any manager and his helpers desire? The whole proceedings formed a perfect object lesson in the art of successful show management. We take off our hat to you, Mr. Ramsden, once more.

"Behind the Guns."

The members of the committee of the London and Provincial O.S. (under whose auspices this show is held) supported Mr Ramsden admirably and laboured very hard for many long hours in the good of the cause. The genial Mr. G. Crabb (the president) made visitors and pressmen allke feel very much at home; he is good nature personified. The case of stuffed show specimens which he is getting together in the name of the society, was one of the attractions of the showroom. Mr. C. W. Law (the society's hon. secretary) also "took his corner" with conspicuous ability. Other good workers were Mrs. Ramsden and Mr. Ramsden Junr. (George, of that ilk), and of the assistance they cheerfully lent, the show manager bears eloquent testimony. Messrs. J. Oldaker, F. S. Matthies, G. Mortlock, G. H. Couzens, J. Hodder, W. Hodson, E. J. Pretty, L. J. Richardson, G. H. Boaler, F. J. Day, G. H. Dring, J. E. Graves, J. Hazell, F. Lathleiff, and G. Thurling, with Mr. R. A. Newley and Mr. W. Laskey were the "men behind the guns," and they stewarded the judges and unpacked and repacked the exhibits with the skill one associates with old, seasoned fanciers.

The birds were once again fed on seeds supplied by Messrs. J. Carter and Co. ("good old Carter"), of Raynes Park, London, and on insectivorous food and yolk of egg supplied by Messrs. Trower and Co., of Caledonian Road, London. The grand condition of the birds after 5 days' sojourn at the Palace spoke volumes for the excellence of the wares of these firms. In the feeding department honorable mention must be made of those tried and trusty friends of exhibitors and their birds, Messrs. Small and Grutchfield. For close on fifty years they have fed, watered, and looked after the exhibits at Palace Shows; what a record! And their work is always thoroughly and admirably done. May they long survive, is the wish of all.

The Men Who Did.

The following gentlemen undertook the onerous task of judging:—Messrs. H. W. Battye (Nor.), H. Broadley (Novice Yorks.), H. T. Camps (Parrots), J. F. Dewar (Bord. and Brit.), F. Finn (For.), G. Gardner (A.O.V., Limit, and Novice Nor.), T. Heath (Crests and Cages), C. A. House (Yorks; and Cinns.), H. Norman (Novice Hyb. and Brit., For. Gold and Bullies), W. Mundell (Yorks.), J. Robson (Lancs., Liz., Green Bord., Frills, and Novice Nor.), A. Silver (Brit. Hard), W. Swaysland (Brit. Insectiv., etc.), and G. E. Weston (Mules and Hybrids). The light was quite good, the morning being bright and cheerful, and on the whole we think the exhibits had full justice done to their merits. In a few sections there were found birds somewhat "down in condition," but this seems inevitable at any show, the railway journey and the change of scene no doubt being responsible. Later on most of these birds recovered their heat form, and then some of them looked to have had "hard lines" in not getting placed in the prize list—and hard lines it is, of course. The absence of our old friend, Mr. J. Dobson, one of the veterans of the Fancy, who had not recovered sufficiently from his recent severe illness to take his place as judge, necessitated the engagement of Mr. C. A. House to fill the vacancy, and also the re-arrangement of some of the classes originally allotted Messrs. Heath and Mundell.

The entry was extremely satisfactory, the 2,600 birds gathered together being the third highest total in the history of the Palace fixture. In properly appreciating these figures it must be remembered that there was no Roller section at the show under notice, and this alone meant a shortage of close on 100 birds compared with the show of 1910. Then there is the disturbed state of the Fancy to take into consideration in-so-far as the operation of Rule 22 of the Cage Bird Union affects non-Union shows, and its members sending their birds thereto.

The Bank.

The sales were great, the total running up to £340, a splendid increase of £70 on last year's amount. The huge crowd on the Saturday was a sporting one, and bought just what they fancied. The sales on the other days were also well up to the average. The stock and limit classes, as was to be expected, had in them the greatest number of claimed birds, but here and there a bird changed hands at a good figure. Two of Messrs. Ogden Bros.' Yorkshires found new homes, a buff and a yellow cock. Both stood first in their respective classes, the buff being claimed at £12 10s. and the other at £10. Many fanciers were in search o' Crest and Crestbred hens; one of Evins Bros. was snapped up at £12 10s., and one of Mr. Ley's (an unnoticed bird) at £10 10s. Several Hybrids were bought at prices ranging from 30s. to £4 10s.; and Mr. Frostick's well-known Dartford Warbler will warble elsewhere to give his new owner value in pleasure and song to the extent of £12 10s. Mr. Longden's second prize Linnet went cheap at two guineas, and all the following first prize British went home by a fresh route: Redpoll, three guineas; Siskin, £4 10s.; and Song Thrush, £2 5s. 0d. A few of the lovely Foreigners appealed to the lady visitors, and many of them were taken off to West End drawing-rooms. The winning Great Grey Shrike, which was claimed at £6, unfortunately died during the show, although Mr. Ramsden was most assiduous in his effort to pull it round.

Round the Stalls.

The stalls are almost as necessary to make a good Palace Show as the birds. If there were none, visitors would miss them terribly. "Good old Carter's," as usual, had the centre of the show. Here they had on view a fine assortment of seeds of all kinds, clean, and of high quality, as is usual with this firm.

Up near the secretary's office Mr. C. Roehl, of Edgware Road, was in his usual position. There was no official show of Roller Canaries this year, but at this stall there was always a respectable crowd listening to the sweet notes of some birds of this breed, here on sale. Mr. R. had also a nice lot of piping Bullfinches, which sold readily. Here could be found all the necessary fittings for stocking the Roller fancier's birdroom, or a tasteful cage for the lady's drawing-room. A new bark nest brought out by Mr. Roehl is selling well. The nest is so natural in appearance that birds take to it at once. All the odds and ends of the birdroom, as used on the Continent, including open all-wire breeding cages, could be found here, and we were told a good trade was being done.

Mr. Joe Thomas, from Ambler Thorn, Halifax, was located at the opposite side of the office. He had a fine show of cages of all kinds, including an all-metal breeder, which sells well. Mr. T. had quite a show of birds, including specimens of most of the varieties of Canaries, as well as a few good Hybrids. To judge by the "sold" cards displayed, not many feathered ones would see Halifax again. Mr. Thomas is to be congratulated on his enterprise in coming down from Yorkshire with his specialities and his birds, and that these latter were appreciated is evidenced by the speedy manner in which sales were made by this astute and business-like dealer. Mr. Thomas' goods are all of excellent quality, and his birds come from good-class strains, while it is his proud boast that he will supply winners at fair prices. One of his Norwich Plainheads shown in the open classes found a purchaser for £13.

Outside, Messrs. Trower's stall was in its usual position, and we were told that trade was brisk, and so well does this firm cater for the Fancy that each succeeding year sees an advance in the business done. "Egbisco" is taking on well, but the firm has lately introduced a cheaper addition containing only twenty-five per cent. of egg, instead of fifty. To fanciers who make their own egg-food, the ground white biscuit put up by this firm will appeal. A new seed is being put on the market by Mr. T.; it is called "Nuseed," and is likely to share first place with Canary seed, as birds eat it greedily. During the show a good business was done in ants' eggs, "Softhilo," and "Cecto," for the Softbills. Nice, clean samples of various seeds were being packed for fanciers who take this opportunity of getting a few tit-bits for the pets.

Messrs. Spiller and Baker's wild seed mixture is well known throughout the Fancy, and a good display of the various sized packets was made. One could also obtain Cod-liver Oil Cage Bird Food, Granulated Biscuit, Red Mite Exterminator, and a host of other things, including a particularly clean Parrot Food of which this firm makes a speciality. The stall was tastefully arranged, and made a fine show.

At Messrs. Fox and Lewis's stall we were told that their Roller seed mixture for Canaries is taking exceptionally well. The well-known "Eganbisket" can now be had in two grades, and their Egg and Biscuit Colour-food is now used by many fanciers, being a handy form in which to administer the colouring agent. The usual seeds in packets made quite an imposing show

Hyde's "Aesthetic" Bird Seeds are well known, and the Hartz Mountain Bread which we remember many years ago, is still selling well. We were informed by the attendant that the Talking Canary had been fed exclusively upon Hyde's Seeds.

Messrs. Edwards and Co. had a good display, and among their wares we noticed the "New Niagara Grit," which is medically treated and is claimed to be very beneficial to all birds. Their speciality is "Parrot Food" (a form of egg and biscuit) and the well known "Norwich Syrup" for asthma in cage birds.

CAGE BIRDS stall was in its usual position, where coloured plates, books, etc., etc., were displayed to the crowd of fanciers always to be found round it.

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Norwich Plainheads.

Judge H. W. Battye.

With an aggregate of 164, giving the splendid average of twenty-three per class, Norwich breeders gave Mr. Battye, a good morning's work, and he came through with flying colours, especially considering how thick and lumpy most of the exhibits were owing to the cold, dark morning. The quality, too, was good, many noted Northern and Southern winners entering the lists. Yellows were a capital lot for shape and size, but a number of them looked as though it was a good thing the end of the season had been reached. The winner of the section special, Mr. Davies's, is really a wonderful bird for colour, type, and feather, but it has a nasty trick of slipping its perch, which does not add to its carriage. Its stable companion which led the way in the Buffs, was quite the opposite in this respect, for it was one of the smartest and best positioned birds in the section. The second best to Mr. Davies's crack was found in Mr. Midgley's lovely ticked yellow, a bird that has done a lot of winning at Southern shows, and is really a most typical high quality exhibit. One of the North country veterans scored in ticked buffs with a bird of rare type, and one which proved that Mr. Battye is not like some judges—colour mad. Two splendid classes were the unflighted birds, especially the yellows, in which an extra fourth was awarded. Grand, indeed, were the yellow hens, and had Mr. Battye given the special for the best Norwich to Mr. Strout's exhibit, no one could have grumbled; she was indeed a picture, but the Plymouth lassie ran her very close. Two grand hens, indeed, and both from the West Countrie. The buff hens were not so good as usual, most of the exhibits being minus that beautiful soft sheeny appearance which gives such a charming finish to a good buff hen. This, however, may have been due to the adverse climatic and atmospheric conditions which prevailed.

YELL. (22): 1, diploma and sp best Norwich, J. E. Davies, very stout, chubby head and neck, nicely rounded top, deep wide chest, grand shoulders, very neat wings and tail, rich level colour, capital feather, does not grip perch tightly; 2, hc, Hodder, very stout head and neck, grand body, which is carried well across the perch by a pair of nicely set legs, sound even col., not quite so rich, lovely feather and finish; 3, Irons, lovely quality and col., rare shape, as tight as wax, built on a smaller scale; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, splendid col. and feather, rare shape and carriage of body, lovely wings and tail, hardly so stout in head; 4, Harland, very shapely and smart, capital feather, nice even col., also one of the smaller school; vhc, sp, Thomas, rare shape, feather, and carriage, not quite so level in col.; vhc, Gill and Pethick, a bird we admired much, rare shape, full of quality, not so hot as some, perhaps, but a Norwich all over, and beautifully staged; hc, Baker, good col., nice quality of feather, not so tight and compact in feather; c, Ball. BUFF (25): 1, J. E. Davies, good Bullfinch, chest and shoulders, nice short wings and tail, full of quality, plenty of col., and nicely mealed, stands well across perch, head hardly in keeping with its magnificent body; 2, Hodder, noted Southern winner, beautiful rich even col., grandly mealed, plenty of chest, stouter head than winner, carries a nice silky compact coat; 3, Humphries, rare body for shape, col., meal, and feather, but like the winner is a trifle weak in skull; 4, Sheldon, big bouncing bird of good depth of col., capital chest and back, hardly so smart; 4, Irons, on the small side, but teeming with col. and quality; vhc, Adnitt and Driver, grand shape, lovely shade of col., very nice silky feather, a bird we liked well; Harland, a rare good bodied bird, let down by his slackness of wing; hc, Strout, a gem for col., and feather, but needs a bit more substance; Freeman, grand stamp of bird, evidently spoilt in the washing; c, sp, Holden. TKD. YELL. (19): 1, sp, second best Norwich, Midgley, nice bold fronted bird, well cut away behind, very sound, level, and rich in col., close in feather, nicely braced wings and tail, a most typical, well finished, nicely shown specimen, thigh tkd.; 2, Hodder, cap and wing tkd., a hot 'un, and no mistake, grand quality feather, capital shape and style, in nice form; 3, Ellis, heavily mkd., very typical indeed, full of col. and quality, put down in good form and well merited its position; 4, J. E. Davies, rare shape and style, as hot as they make 'em, capital feather, nice head; vhc, Gill and Pethick, real Devonshire cream, rich in hue, lovely quality, style, and shape; hc, Neal; c, Bloor. TKD. BUFF (20): 1, Harland, nice, round, chubby head, rare chest and back, well over perch, good quality, not overdone with col.; 2, Humphries, eye, neck, and wing mkd., rare shape, size, and col., plenty of the latter, full of quality, and but for one thing a gem, he shows lashing; 3, George, wing and tail mkd., as pretty as paint, a most charming exhibit, simply brimful of quality, very nice tone of col., rare shape and carriage, quite filled our eye; 4, Adnitt and Driver, rare shaped, eye tkd., just the sort to breed from, one of the old Nottingham sort such as we used to see in days of yore, lovely col. and feather; vhc, Hodder, eye tkd., grand all-round specimen, but seemed to be feeling the cold very much indeed when we made our notes; vhc, c, W. Davies, cap, eye, and wing mkd., capital col., and feather, longer behind; hc, Baker, cap and wing mkd., really good type, plenty of col., nicely mealed, grand silky feather, we liked very much indeed; hc, Smith. UNFLI. (29): 1, Gill and Pethick, a gem, and hard to find fault with, rare head, neck, and shoulders, capital chest, neat, well braced wings and tail, nicely cut up behind, rare carriage, smart and slick throughout; 2, W. Davies, plenty of col., sound and level, nice quality of feather, good head and chest, carries more rudder; 3, vhc, hc, Irons, a capital team for col., quality, and shape, beautifully shown, but hardly stout enough in build, not much between them; 4, Baker, lovely body shape, fine silky sheeny coat, rich level col., capital wings and tail, given a trifle more substance of skull and he would be a top-notcher indeed, still, with a moult should beat more than beat him; 4, Lingard, rare little swell, as spick and span as a Piccadilly masher, but hardly enough of him; vhc, Mrs. Collings, rare, short, cobby body, neat, well proportioned head, capital col. and feather, but drops his right wing; hc, sp, Taylor, very neat and compact, full of quality, sound, even col., nicely staged; c, Kilby. UNFLI. BUFF (21): 1, Thomas, good, stout, chubby body, neat head, full neck, well set shoulders, capital back and front, neat, well carried wings, nice tone of col., well mealed; 2, vhc, Pickering and Wright, 2nd lovely cl., rare shape and style, charming col., grandly feathered, smart in carriage, a real good sort, vhc wing and chest mkd., very shapely and nice col., not so tight in feather or so smart in carriage; 3, Johnson, very neat and compact, but could do with a little more substance, very nice tone of col., grandly feathered; 4, Kilby, good head and front, nice level col., good quality, not so short and compact; vhc, Smith, not so warm in col. as some, but equal to the best in type and silkiness of feather; hc, Irons, rare col. and feather, but not enough of him; hc, c, Hodder, cheek and wing mkd., and a cl., two grand shaped birds, full of col. and quality, we liked well; c, Harding. HENS, YELL. (25): 1, Strout, almost perfection, we think she is one of the best we have ever seen; she possesses all the properties that a typical Norwich hen should claim, a beauty indeed; 2, Gill and Pethick, not quite so large as winner, but loses in no other point, whilst in that little extra bit of top sheen which denotes super-excellency of feather she is just the better of the two, just a question of "How happy could I be with either, if t'other dear charmer were away"; 3, Dorner, eye, wing, and tail mkd., a real bonny Lancashire lass, not quite so chubby, perhaps, as the leaders, but for col., silkiness of feather, carriage, and general finish, one of the best; 4, Humphries, capital head and chest, nice tone of col., very shapely, neatly feathered, trifle longer; 4, Lingard, rare shape, col., and style, not so well finished in feather; vhc, Ellis, rare shape, lovely col., nice quality, but like many others was feeling the cold and dropped her clothes a bit, Greenwood and Pickles, very handsomely built young lady, clothed in a dress of the finest silky feather, but not so rich in col.; hc, Adamson, very neat and shapely, compact in feather, nice even col., Baker, charming little lady, full of quality and col., very stylish and smart; c, Sheldon. BUFF (19): 1, Hodder, raro shaped body, capital carriage, very close silky jacket, level, but not over rich in col.; 2, Thomas, good typical body, could do with a bit more rise of skull, grandly feathered and nice style; 3, Ellis, grand shape, nice rich col., well frosted, grand silky feather; 4, Harland, rare good stamp of hen, but seemed done up with the cold; vhc, Bevan, Baker; hc, Gill and Pethick, very nice shape, nice tone of col., beautifully frosted, capital wings and tail, a good sort; c, George.

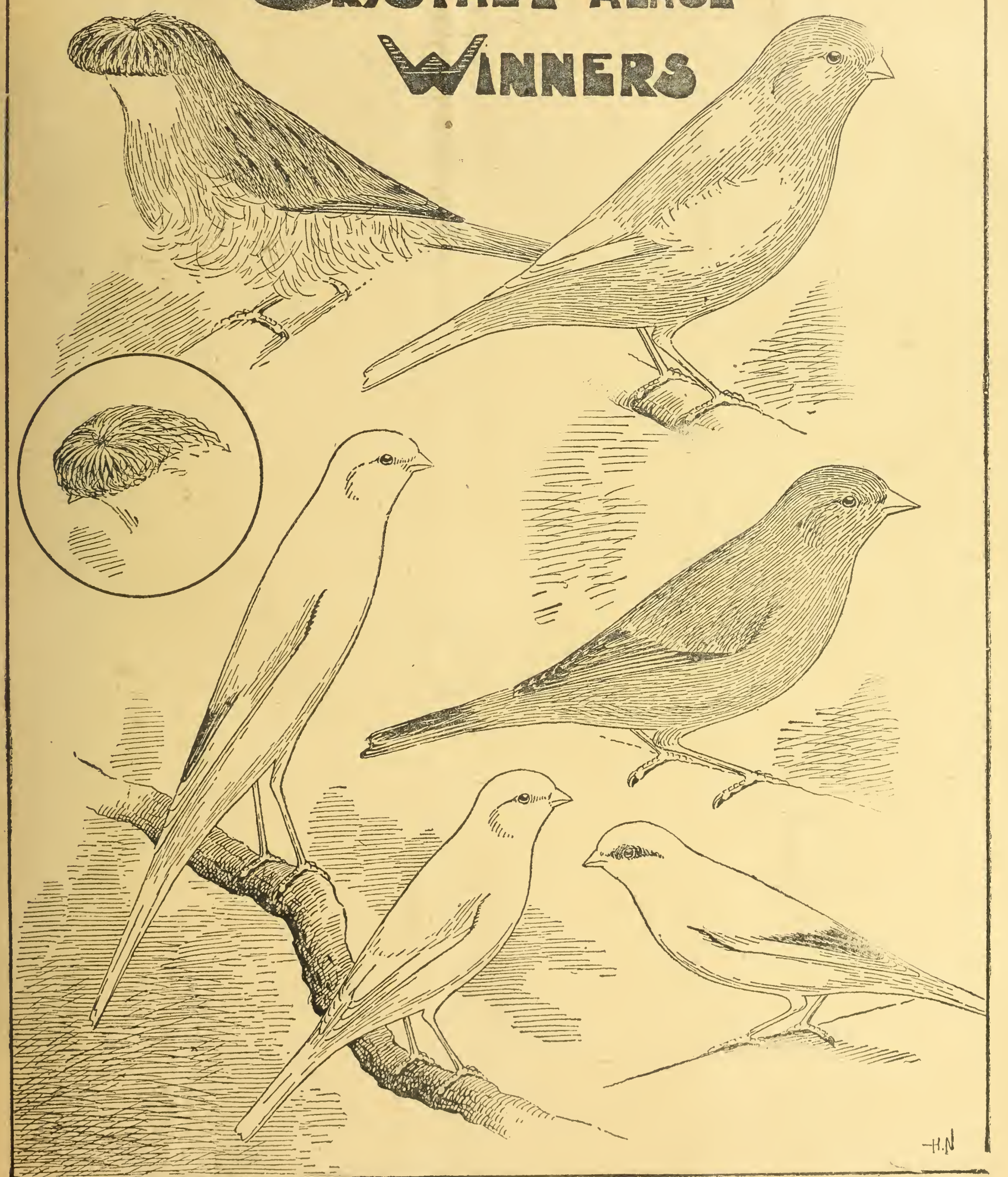
The Yorkshires.

Judge, W. Mundell.

CL. YELL. (19): The winners in this class were a fine lot of birds, being full of quality, keeping true to type, and showing plenty of nerve, and daylight under them: 1, 2, Ambler, 1st the old champion, looking in the pink of condition, this makes his third success at the Palace, winning in 1908 and '10, grand position, lovely quality, rich col., nice position, A1 pair of grand legs, neat tail, 2nd long flights, well braced to side, very stylish, full of nerve, good head, clean on breast, teeming with quality, rich col.; 3, 4, Shackleton, 3rd rich col., lovely feather, good head, well braced wings, piped tail, very stylish, rare length, standing on pair of good legs, 4th well up on leg, good head, rare length, well braced wings, very typical, rich col., clean on breast, lovely quality; vhc, Millincamp, very slim, boxy feather, stylish, nice wings and tail, fails just a little in length to winner; hc, Dykes, rich col., boxy feather, good head, nice wings, piped tail, very stylish; c, Stubhings, position and quality, rich col., neat head, good legs, very nervy. BUFF (18): In this class the quality of the Yorkshire was brought out to perfection, from the 1st to the commended cards quality reigned supreme, and the type of the birds was much admired: 1, 2, Ogden Bros., 1st grand head and neck, clean on breast feather, like wax, lovely rich even col. throughout, nice position, A1, stands on a pair of good legs, 2nd boxy feather, neat round head, clean on breast, very typical, full of nerve, piped tail, close up to winner; 3, c, Shackleton, 3rd long and stylish, good wing carriage, neat head, lovely quality, piped tail, very showy, much admired; c, rich col., grand wings and tail, neat head, very typical; 4, Amblers, good round head, clean on breast, well placed wings, piped tail, stands well up, boxey feather, lovely rich col.; vhc, Thornton and Bower, good head, nice wing carriage, piped tail, very typical, full of quality; hc, Helliwell, position A1, boxey feather, rich col., long flights, piped tail, stands well, very steady, shown in the pink of condition. TKD. YELL. (15): In this class the birds were a blaze of col., lovely quality, but we think they were on the small side; we should strongly advise Yorkshire breeders to pay more attention to length; a good long upstanding bird is what is wanted: 1, 3, Bailey, 1st thigh tkd., regular blaze of col., teeming with quality, grand wing carriage, piped tail, good legs, 3rd thigh ticked, pale col., magnificent quality, grand wings and piped tail, neat head, position A1; 2, Cruise, cheek marked, rich col., boxey feather, grand wing and piped tail, good head, clean on breast, position A1; 4, Douglas, blaze of col., brimful of quality, tkd. on head, grand position, well placed wings, piped tail, stands well; vhc, Ogden Bros., wing marked, grand position, lovely quality feather, good length of wings and tail, round head, rich col.; hc, Casey, cheek mkd., rich col., full of quality, position A1, neat head, clean on breast, piped tail, not so long as winners; c, Cooper, thigh tkd., rich col., boxey feather, well up on leg, very stylish, good stock bird. BUFF (18): In this class the birds were full of quality, but on the small side, position was good throughout, although col. failed a little, the winners all being pale a trifle in col.: 1, vhc, Bailey, 1st noted cheek tkd., this is the third time this bird has captured 1st at the Palace, looking in the pink of condition, full of quality, grand wings and tail, position A1, fails just a litt'e in head and length; vhc, tkd. on head, boxey feather, good wing carriage, piped tail, round head, very clean on breast, nice position; 2, Peel, a gem, but will not stand handling, grand head, neck, and breast, teeming with quality, stands well, good wings, piped tail; 3, Binns, lovely position, well placed wings, piped tail, good head, full of quality, bit down to-day; 4, Chew and Stokoe, thigh tkd., grand wings and tail, lovely quality, neat head, pale col., position A1; hc, Price, neat head, lovely quality feather, stands well, good wings, piped tail, not well shown; c, Stewart, thigh tick, boxey feather, well placed wings, piped tail, position A1, shade on the small side. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (29): This was one of the best classes of yellow hens we have ever seen; the quality was good throughout, and colour was rich. Slimness and type were the striking features. The winners all showed great length and nice position and quality: 1, Bailey, a gem, rare length and position, long flights, well braced to side, good round head, well up on leg, teeming with quality, rich col.; 2, Whittaker, very stylish, neat head, plenty of nerve, lovely quality feather, stands well, long flights and tail; 3, Robertshaw, long drawn out, straight as a rush, feather like marble, pale col., very good head, clean on breast, nicely upstanding; 4, Cooper, good head, nice clean breast, well placed wings, piped tail, magnificent quality, even col., grand position; ex. 4, Allen, boxey feather, neat head, good wings and tail, very stylish, rich col., not so long as winners; vhc, Shackleton, rich col., grand quality, well braced wings, piped tail, very typical, well put down; vhc, Amblers, very stylish, plenty of leg, long flights, piped tail, full of quality, rich col., neat round head, good one; hc, Ogden Bros., nice quality and position, neat head, long flights, piped tail, well shown; hc, Thomas, very slim good quality, neat head, clean on breast, grand position, very steady; c, Casey, nice position, boxey feather, good head, piped tail. BUFF (21):

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Some Crystal Palace Winners



Drawing by] [*H. Norman.*

Top (left to right), Buff Crested Hen "Empress," 1st for Mr. G. C. Ley (Nottingham); Ticked Yellow Norwich, 1st for Mr. W. N. Midgley (Winslow); Head of Crested Cock, 1st in the Novice Class for Mr. W. Mellor (Derby); Dark Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 1st for Mr. A. Somerfield (Sheffield); Buff Border Fancy Hen, 1st for Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso); Even-marked Border Fancy, 1st for Messrs. Duncan and Logan (Coldstream).

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The quality and richness of colour in this class were amazing; the birds were well feathered, looking like wax; the birds showed to great advantage, and were very much admired. Many of the cardless birds were winners and will be heard of in the future. The winner was a real topper, being benched to perfectiou; she stood out a queen amongst queens: 1, 3, vhc, Amblers, 1st a gem, feather like wax, blaze of col., grand position, neat round head, lovely wings and tail, 3rd full of nerve, typical, neat head, grand wings and tail, boxey feather, rich col.; vhc, quality, A1 position, stands well, good wing carriage, not so long as winners, nicely benched; 2, Towers, rich sound col., neat head, well braced wings, piped tail, lovely quality, grand position, very steady; 4, Shackleton, grand breed hen, lovely quality, positlon A1, grand wings and tail, good head, rich col., very steady, just a shade strong; vhc, Ogden Bros., full of nerve, graud wiugs and tail, quality of feather A1, very typical, long and slim; hc, Thomas, rich col., boxey feather, stands well, neat head, grand type; c, Chittenden, stylish, boxey feather, good head and breast, well braced wings, piped tail, very sound, rich col. UNFLIG. YELL. (11): This was the largest class in the Yorkshire section, but we were disappointed in the exhibits; very few came up to exhibitiou form; colour and feather were all right, but character and style were at a discount: 1, Smith, good round head, very clean on breast, well up on leg, long flights and tail, full of quality, rich even col., fails just a little in position, rather wild at times; 2, Bailey, long, straight bird, lovely flights, piped tail, rich col., good leg, stands to perfection, very steady, fails a little in head or would have won; 3, Crawhall, grand positlon, feather like wax, good wlng and tail, well up on leg, but not long enough; ex. 3, Robertshaw, rich col., nice head and breast, good wing and tail, full of quality, somewhat poorly put down; 4, Allen, pale col., nice quality, fine feather, neat head, just lacks position, not steady; ex. 4, Walker, full of quality, well up on leg, piped tail, nice head, fails in position a bit; vhc, Thomas, cap and wing mkd., rich col., boxey feather, good head, fails only in lengtb; vhc, Owen, wing mkd., pale col., boxey feather, wants more handling, too wild; vhc, Biuns, lovely quality, nice type, rich col., ou the small side; hc, Chew and Stokoe, rich col., splendid quality; hc, Binns, cap mkd., boxey feather, blaze of col.; hc, Cruise, pale col., nice quality, would do better a bit louger; c, Bentley, cheek tkd., boxey feather, good wings and tail; c, Dix, unevenly marked, full of quality. BUFF (28): In this class somo fine specimens were benched. Quality was a great feature; the winners were as tight as wax—a great contrast with the previous class. The winner took special for best Yorkshire iu show, also diploma: 1, spl. best bird, vbc, Ogden Bros., a gem, good head, beautiful wings and tail, grand legs, position A1, lovely quality feather, rich level col.; hc, nice quality, good position, wings, and tail; 2, Amblers, boxey feather, well braced wings, piped tail, rich col., grand position, runs close to winner; 3, Hall, boxey feather, good head, grand wings and tail, position A1, fails just a little on breast; ex. 3, Bentley, long flights and tail, lovely quality feather, good head, rich col.; 4, Stewart, feather like wax, position A1, rich col., on the small side; ex 4, Wright and Son, very stylish, magnificent quality; vhc, Lockett, wing ticked, boxey feather, nice position, good head and wings; vhc, Helliwell, nice type, lovely quality, rich col.; hc, Rennie, well up on leg, splendid quality, piped tail; hc, Hears, lovely quality, grand position, on the small side.

Green-Marked Yorkshires.

Judge, C. A. House.

Never in the history of the Fancy were a finer lot of Green marks got together than those staged at Sydenham on Friday last; the classes from end to end simply teemed with quality, and there were few Yorkshires in the clears and ticks which could beat the Halifax champion of Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell's, which secured the championship diploma. This is most encouraging, and is a splendid example of what can he done in a short time by a vigorous, enterprisiug specialist club. If those who are interested in some of the breeds which are languishing would only bestir themselves and boldly tackle tho problem before them in the same earnest spirit as the National Green-marked Yorkshire Canary Club has tackled the uplifting of the Green marks, we should soon see a mighty revival in some of our oldest and most fascinating varieties. The Yellows were the strongest in numbers, whilst the quality right tbrough the class was good, and competition very keen. One well-kuown fancier, one of Yorkshire's veterans, said either of the three leaders could have won, and that he thought them the three best he bad ever seen. The Buffs were a very level lot, and type was well to the front right through the class. When one considers that only two or three years back that all the best Buff Green marks were short in body and leg, it is really wonderful what has been accomplished. The hens were just lovely, and one could hardly wish for two finer, smarter birds than the leaders of Messrs. Shackleton and Sutcliffe. Mr. House went in strongly for type and shape, slimness, style, and quallty of feather received far more consideration than markings.

YELL. (19): 1, spl, and diploma, Blackburn and Mitchell, eye and wing marked, very slim and neat throughout, fine head, lovely shoulders and back, smart, well braced wings and tail, very tight and silky in feather, full of style and rare position; 2, Douglas, head, cheek, and wing mkd., full of col. and quality, grand sheen, more length, tapers well from shoulder to tail, rare back, plenty of nerve, a grand handler, not quite so sweet in head, a near thing; 3, vhc, Dykes, cheek and wing mkd., wonderful quality and style, neat shapely body, full of nerve, grand wings and tail, not quite so much col. and a shade shorter; vhc, head, neck, and wing mkd., feathered to perfectiou, stands well up, grand shoulders, back and wings, nice col., rare shape and style, only needs a trifle more length to be slap in the front rank; 4, Ogden Bros., head, wing and tail mkd., rare length, stands well up on a good pair of legs, lovely silky feather, good head, shoulders, wings and tail, plenty of nerve, looked well in the hand when roused, but was a bit puffy on bench, and seemed to feel the cold; hc, Townsend; c, Towers. BUFF (12): 1, spl best hc, Ogden Bros., head, eye, and wing mkd., long, straight, well tapered body, grand legs, beautifully feathered right through, nice head, capital back, shoulders and tail, full of style, a beauty; 2, Dykes, eye breast, and wing mkd., capital col. and feather grand style and nerve, rare wings and tail, longer but hardly so erect in carriage; 3, Robertshaw, eye and wing mkd., rather stouter, lovely feather and style, grand head, back, wings and tail, very smart; 4, Towers, eye, cheek, and wing mkd., a real gem plenty of col. and brimful of quality, lovely shape and style, but not so much length; vhc, Clegg, head, eye, and wing mkd., superb feather, rare back, wings, and tail, splendid carriage, needs just a wee bit more leg; c, Sutcliffe and Son. HEN, YELL. (13): 1, Shackleton, cheek, neck, and wing mkd., a real beauty, full of quality, lovely tone of col., sweet head, grand shoulders, back, wings, and tail, well cleaned out in front, and tapered nicely right through, grand carriage and nerve; 2, Thornton and Bower, cheek and wiug mkd., long slashing hen of grand shape, plenty of nerve, got well up on leg, lovely top and neat front, rare quality and col., not quite so tightly braced in wing; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, cheek and wing mkd., full of quality, nice even col., neat head, nice back, smart wings and tail, hardly so much length, but very showy and nervy; 4, Dykes, eye and wing mkd., grandly balanced hen right through, neat head, grand shoulders, back and tail, full of quality, not quite so erect in carriage; vhc, spl, Thomas, eye and wing mkd., a really topping hen, grandly drawn out, capital legs, plenty of style, not quite so well finished in feather; hc, Chittenden; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Sutcliffe and Son, eye and wing mkd., wonderfully feathered, neat head, well poised on shapely neck, rare shoulders, wings, and tail, capital col., very smart and stylish, a real picture; 2, Ogden Bros., very faintly mkd. on eye and wing, some thought not eligible for the class, but she was rightly entered, pale in col., but a rare picture of a Yorkshire ben, not a feather out of place, sweet head, grandly cut away from shoulders downwards, and stands as erect as a soldier; 3, Hall, eye and wing, a slashing hen for shape and style, rare wings and tail, but gone in neck, and thus had to pay the penalty of past greatness; 4, Towers, cap and wing mkd., lovely feather and style, neat head, well braced wings and tail, just a shade stouter; vbc, Townsend, eye, neck, and wing mkd., long, slim, well drawn stylish hen, a grand bird, but was not shown in the best of form, and went down in cousequence; hc, Rennie; c, Dykes; wrong class, 661, Wilson, a yell.

Cinnamon-Marked Yorkshires.

Judge, C. A. House.

We have seen larger numbers of Cinnamon marks, but never have we seen a better quality lot than at the Palace on this occasion, and this seemed to be the general opinion. Right through the section the competition was of the keenest character possible, aud very little indeed divided the exhibits one from the other. Mr. Jas. Bailey won in each of the cock classes, and secured the championship with his wonderful young yell., whilst Mr. Towers annexed both the leading position in hens with a brace of the choicest.

YELL. (12): 1, spl, diploma, and Ramsden's spl, Bailey, eye aud wing mkd., wonderful length and shape, with any amount of nerve and swagger, beautifully feathered, if just a trifle neater in head he would be close to perfection; 2, 4, Towers, eye, chest, and wing mkd., not so long, sweet head, grand back, wings, and tail, full of style and quality; 4th, eye, head, and wing mkd., nice head, back, and wings, not so smart in tail, very nice col. and feather, and full of style; 3, Ogden Bros., eye, cheek, and wing mkd., fine long shapely bird of most excellent quality, but would not get up to his work so well as the leaders; vhc, Smith, very hot coloured, eye, neck, and wing mkd., rare shape and style, uot quite so tight in feather; hc, spl, Sutcliffe and Son, a grand stamp of bird, also a bit open in feather; c, Mallinson and Son. BUFF (12): 1, Bailey, eye, neck, and wing mkd., a gem right through, a fitting companion to the championship wiuuer, two grand birds for one man to breed in a season, in the opinion of some the buff is the better bird of the two, Lucky Jim! 2, Towers, eye, neck, and wing mkd., lovely col. and feather, rare wings and tail, very stylish, but not quite so slim; 3, vhc, spl, Ogden Bros., eye, neck, and wing mkd., plenty of length, grandly moulded, lovely feather, does not get up to his work quite so niccly; vhc, eye, shoulder, and wing mkd., a rare shaped bird of most excellent feather, lovely col., neat head, nice back, but would not stand handling, if he steadies down should make a smart bird; 4, Dykes, eye and wing mkd., very shapely and stylish, nice back, wings, and tail, needs just a little more silkiness of feather; hc, Richmond; c, Mallinson and Son. HEN, YELL. (14): 1, Towers, eye, head, and wing, lovely quallty and col., neat head, grand back, wings, and tail, rare shape and nerve, a grand Yorkshire; 2, Mallinson and Son, eye aud wing mkd., very slim and nicely drawn, rare style, gets well up to her work, lovely feather; 3, Dykes, head, neck, and wing mkd., very shapely and stylish, nice col., capital wings and tail, not quite so silky and tight in body feather; 4, Thomas, eye and wing mkd., rare quality and col., nice style, good back wings and tail, hardly so slim; vhc, Mason, very smart racy wing mkd., full of style, rare wings and tail, should make a beauty next time; hc, Chittenden; c, Rennie. BUFF (14): 1, Towers, head, check, and wing mkd., very finely drawn, wonderful quality and compactness of feathering, lovely head, rare back, wings and tail, plenty of nerve, in rare form; 2, Cooper, cheek and wing mkd., very slim, grandly braced wings and tail, neat head and shoulders, rare nerve and carriage, hardly so well finished in feather; 3, Hirst, head, neck, and wings, very slim and stylish, capital wings and tail, gets well hold of perch and stands liko a soldier; 4, Allen, head, cheek, and wing mkd., rare feather and style, nice level back, wings and tail tightly braced, a trifle stouter in build; vhc, hc, Ogden Bros., head, eye, and wing mkd., level, feather, plenty of nerve, nice back, but does not get up to her work like she should; c, Clegg.

The Cinnamons.

Judge, C. A. House.

As one looked at these classes the question arose in one's mind—where is the Cinnamon Club, and what is it doing? Only twenty-eight entries at the Palace Show; in the days that are gone we have seeu as many in one class. Unless something is done by the club the breed stands a chance of being left out of the schedule, and this would be a calamity indeed. There have been signs of a revived interest in the breed during the past season, and if the leaders of Cinnamon Club would only bestir themselves, get together a few specials, and institute a competition somewhat on the lines of some of the Yorkshire Canary Clubs, this grand old breed would come again.

YELL. (8): 1, vhc, spl, hc, spl, Mrs. Deacon, capital shape and size, very neat feather and rich col.; 2, 4, Dormer, very warm in col., deep chest, capital feather; 4th, the largest and best shaped, but slack in body feather, and short of tail feather; 3, c, Nason, far and away the soundest in cinnamon col., nice feather, but not so large or shapely. BUFF (7): 1, Dormer, splendid col. sound and rich, very shapely body, covered with nice silky feather; 2, 4, vhc, Mrs. Deacon, better type and size, but not so sound or rich in col., and lacks the sheen which makes the winner's coat so lovely; 3, Godley, larger, grand shape and feather, not so cl. in col., shade smoky on chest; hc, Wilson; c, Medlin. UNFLIG. (6): 1, diploma, spl, Dormer, fine big, rare shaped buff, lovely col., sound and rich right through, splendid feather; 2, Godley, big bouncing yell., grand head and chest, nice col., not so compact in feather; 3, 4, vhc, hc, Mrs. Deacon, lovely yell., small, but rare shape, col., and feather; 4, buff, long in wings and tail, nice col., well feathered. HEN (8): 1, 4, Godley, two grand coloured buffs, splendid feather, nice shape, winner the largest, and has the best head; 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Deacon, nice team of yells., sound, rich col., capital shape, beautifully feathered and nicely shown; hs, Dormer; c, Wilson.

Crests and Crestbreds.

Judge, T. Heath.

For many years now one has bad to deplore the fact that the Crests at Sydenham were not representative of this most fascinating branch of the Fancy, but on this occasion the men of the South and the Midlands arose in their might, and wiped away the reproach, and much credit is due to them for their gallant effort to place this noble breed in a position worthy of its character. In the years that are gone, we have seen some remarkably fine displays of Crests and Crest-breds at the Palace. In those days the Crests out-numbered the Norwich and Yorkshires, and were quite the feature of the show. Is it too much to hope that it may be so again? It is said that Crests cannot stand such a long show. If it is so, then it proves that the Crests and Crest-breds of to-day are not as robust as those of twenty years ago, because in those days the show lasted until the Thursday, whilst now it closes on the Tuesday. However, 1911 has shown us that if a few enthusiasts make up their mind to do a thing, it can be done, and we hope that next year their praiseworthy example will be followed by many others, and that we shall find Crests and Crest-breds sent by fanciers from the North, South, East, and West, and in large numbers, too. Crest fanciers who visited the show under notice must have been highly pleased, not only with the numerical display of tbeir favourites, but also with the wonderful quality of the birds shown by Messrs. Ley, Bewick, Franz, Evins Bros., Bale Lazurus, Linder, Oldaker, Smith, Davey, Harrison, and others, not forgetting the ladies—Mrs. Crow, and Mrs. Thynne.

CRESTS, BUFF (16): 1, diploma, and spl best Crest, vhc, c, Ley, the noted grey "King George V.," wonderful droop, great width of front, heavy sides, well defined centre, twists just a bit behind, rare body, and looked as fit as a Border, vhc wing mkd., very nicely arranged head gear, but lacks the size and length of crest feather; 2, hc, Evins Bros., green body, with light patches, which are also seen in the crest, grand centre, with heavy, long feather radiating well all round, very densely feathered, and rare droop, but is not so cobby in body as the leader, and has not so much width of front, but a rare stamp for all that; 3, Smith, even marked, capital front and droop, not quite so neat in centre, good body and plenty of feather; 4, Mrs. Thynne, lovely quality right through, neat round crest, well defined centre from which the feather radiates uniformly alround, rare shaped body, needs length and density of feather, beautifully shown. HEN: 13, 1, 3, Ley, "Empress," an empress indeed, magnificent pied green, lovely expanse of head feather, centre clear and well defined, and from it radiates uniformly allround one of the most perfect and beautiful veining feathered crests one could wish to see, the droop and arrangement are almost perfect, shown in splendid form; 3, variegs., very heavily feathered body, good length and density of crest feather, nice front and sides, lacks finish of centre and back, a rare useful stock bird; 2, 4, Evins Bros., saddle mkd., a remarkably fine hen too, not quite so massive as the wiuner, but most lovely quality and formation of crest feather, grand centre, lovely droop and radiation; in the opinion of some this hen might have won, and Mr. Franz backed his opinion by claiming her at catalogue price, £15; 4, green, again beautiful type, rare quality, very shapely head gear, lacking in the all-essential length; vhc, Lazarus, very heavily feathered variegated, nice front and droop; hc, Oldaker, smart green, neat front and droop; c, Franz. C.-B. BUFF (12): 1, diploma and sp. best C.B., Franz, wing mkd., most wonderful bird, immense width of substance and skull, which is of the approved dome or cushion shape, stout cobby body, most profusely feathered body, and grandly lashed skull; 2, Ley, another clinker, "Dreadnought," but conquered here, cap and saddle mkd., rare frontal and brow, heavily feathered body, good quality throughout; 3, Harrison, heavily feathered green with pied tail, nice quality of feather, wide skull, but not so much rise, tremendous brows; 4, Radley and Son, very nice skulled clr., good top and brow, nice width, plenty of feather, not so stout or massive in body, more Coppy type; vhc, Evins Bros., green with pied tail, heavily feathered, good brows, not so wide in frontal; hc, McLaughlan, nice shape, good brows, good quality, hardly so dense in feather; c, Barker. HEN (12): 1, Bewick, clinking green, rare width, nice top, plenty of brow and good "lay back," nice shaped body, covered with an abundance of beautiful quality feather of great length and width; 2, special, 3, Lazarus, variegated, and a ticked headed bird, both very profusely feathered with long, wide feather, grand fronts and brows, not quite so cobby in body, nor so compact in feather; 4, Hesketh, grand shaped green with pied tail, good front, nice substance of skull, not such great length of feather; vhc, Evins Bros., very shapely, nicely feathered cap and wing mkd.; hc, Radley and Son; c, Ley. CRESTS, YELL. (10): 1, 4, Evins Bros., cap, wing and tail mkd., grand shaped crest, neat centre, capital droop, rare quality of feather, splendid front, good body feather, shape and size; 4, even-mkd., nice shaped front, good droop, loses at back; 2, Mrs. Crow, grand shaped green, very nicely radiated from a well-defined centre, capital quality, hardly so massive; 3, vhc, hc, c, Ley, capital team, 3, grey, nice length and droop, plenty of feather; vhc, green with pied tail, nice shaped headpiece, needs length. C.-B. (14): 1, hc, Ley, variegs., rare shaped skull with plenty of substance, covered with a heavy thatch, good brows, splendid body feather, a hen and a topper, too; 2, Linder, variegs., hardly so wide in frontal, nice top and brows, good body feather; 3, Franz, another hen, rare shaped green, nice wide front with good rise and capital length, width, and density of feather; 4, Brotherton, nice shaped variegs., plenty of feather, not so much substance of skull; vhc, Mrs. Crow, green with pied tail, good shaped, wide fronted skull, carries a lot of feather, but is more Coppy shaped in body; c, Evins Bros. BRED 1910 CREST (10): 1, hc, Ley, green with pied tail, very nice formation of crest, rare quality, length, and width of feather which radiates in nice uniform manner from a clearly-defined small centre and droops neatly, nice finish and quality generally; 2, 4, c, Evins Bros., very charming even-mkd., not quite so much feather, but grandly arranged and well drooped; 4, a topping grey, we liked well, capital centre, front and droop, and well made, heavily feathered body; 3, Oldaker, saddle mkd., beautiful veiny crest, nice droop and radiation, needs a bit more length; vhc, Smith, heavily feathered green, nice front and side, open in centre somewhat. C.-B. (17): 1, Bale, variegs., a wonderful bird, carries a skull which could hold its own in many an adult class, magnificent frontal and top, good shaped body, and both very closely covered with great length and width of feather; 2, Davey, cap, eye, and wing mkd., not quite so massive, but grandly made skull and body, capital quality of feather; 3, Smith, smart green, very shapely skull and body, rare quality of feather, not quite so much length; 4, Bewick, very heavily feathered varieg., good shape, not quite so much width of skull, nice quality and good brow; vhc, Ley, head and eye mkd., a real topping yellow, grand shaped skull with plenty of feather of nice quality; hc, Radley and Son, heavily feathered, good headed varieg., longer in body; c, Brotherton.

Lancashires and Lizards.

Judge, J. Robson.

Only two classes each provided for these varieties at the leading exhibition of the world. Is it not possible for the lovers of these old-established breeds to organise their forces and secure a proper representation at the Palace Show? Neither ought to have less than half-a-dozen classes. If they were guaranteed by the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., and the Lancashire C.A., and a real live effort made to keep the classes going for a few years, they would soon become self-supporting, but, more important still, they would have great influence in creating an interest in the two breeds outside of the county which is their home, and breeders in the Palatinate would benefit hy the demand for stock. A leader is wanted for such a movement. Such a man as our old friend, Barker Clegg, when he and Jimmy Winskill were in partnership. Where is the man? Considering the classification, the entry was decidedly good, and some very nice birds put iu an appearance, especially so in the Lizards.

LANCS. COPPY (9): 1, 2, 4, sp, Green, 1 adult buff tkd., nice length and substance of body, good carriage, large, well spread, heavily feathered coppy, 2nd very grand headed young yell. tkd., neat centre, coppy, is thick and well spread, capital body, not quite so smart in wings as the old bird, 4th another tkd buff, very heavily feathered, good shaped body, not so massive in skull; 3, Boxall, very nice headed cl. buff, plenty of feather, nicely put on, shorter in body and tail; vhc, hc, Hordern, very smart tkd., not so heavily feathered: c, Swalwell. P.-H. (13): 1, c, Collinge, buff, capital length, shape, and carriage of body, carries plenty of feather, but skull rises rather too much; 2, 3, Fitton, rattling good yell. and buff, more of the scowling expression in head, capital length, shape, and style, not quite so heavily feathered; 4, vhc, Hordern, two very shapely, well feathered yells., nice carriage, not so much substance; hc, Green.

LIZARDS, GOLD (12): 1, 3, sp, Rukin, cl. cap and broken cap, two grand shaped, stylish birds of lovely quality, winner has the soundest col., and carries more work in shoulders, both very nicely rowed with clear distinct spangles; 2, vhc, hc, J. Dewsnap, a gem of a cl. cap, we liked very much indeed, fine, bold, clear spangling and plenty of it, well cut cap, good wings and tail, vhc splendid body and back, loses in finish of cap; 4, Barnes, very nice stamp of broken cap, well rowed, rich col, good shape and quality; c, Oliver. SILVER (13): 1, vhc, Rukin, clinking broken cap and a cl., full of large, clear, distinct spangling, splendid shape and size, rare feather and style, a bonny bird right through; vhc carries a lot of work, and is of good colour, but hardly so well burnished; 2, 3, Barnes, two nice shaped birds, with plenty of work, but hardly so sharp and distinct in spangle as the leader, very neat in cap, good col. and show well; 4, c, Oliver, very bold in spangle, capital shape and style, nice col., rather long in cap; hc, J. Dewsnap.

The Border Fancies.

Judge, J. F. Dewar.

It is doubtful if visitors to the Palace have ever seen such a fine collection of "wee gems" as was gathered together from all parts of the Kingdom. Many exhibitors from the North who have not sent birds for several years once more joined in the fray, but did not have matters quite their own way as formerly, for gallant little Wales had something to say respecting the distribution of the spoil. Mr. D. Jenkins, of Swansea, sent a good team which were much admired; as usual with this enthusiast, they were staged for all they were worth. The yellow hen class was wonderfully level, and Mr. Dewar must have had a hard job to separate the first three, Mr. Jenkins' hen getting the verdict; she should make a stormer another year, when she gets just a wee bit more on the end of the tail, to improve the proportions. Perhaps the class that came in for most attention was that provided for buff hens. There were thirty of these charmers, and as one went down the row and handled bird after bird, one realised how great was the task of separating such a level lot. Mr. H. Bennet, of Kelso, staged the winner, and perhaps this beauty came in for more notice than any other exhibit in the section. She improves upon acquaintance, and one has to handle her to find out all her good points. The class for evens drew an entry of fifteen—quite a respectable number, and as regards markings, there was not a lot between them, but type and condition turned the scale, and so one or two well-known winners were left out in the cold. The Palace may possibly in the future see a bigger entry in this section, but it is very doubtful if ever a better lot will be gathered together in the South. Mr. Dewar's awards gave entire satisfaction, and pleased the Southern admirers of the little ones immensely.

BORD. YELL. CK. (25): 1, Mossie, a little gem, nice sweet head, free neck, very gaunty carriage, beautifully packed wings and tail, nicely rounded, tight as wax; 2, Robinson, lovely little grizzle capped bird, beautifully proportioned, moves well, capital style, nice clean sweep from chin to tail, A1 quality; 3, Jenkins, typical spec., good clean front and run, sweet head and free neck, good col. and quality, well put down; 4, G. Bennet, grand style, very typical, perfect head, wings beautifully packed, sound col. throughout; ex. 4, Roberts, exceptionally smart, nicely rounded, in grand order; vhc, Bennet, grand bird for type, quality, and condition, some thought hardly so good in head as winner; vhc, Smart; hc, Patterson (2); c, Gilchrist. YELL. HEN (17): 1, Jenkins, little gem for style and quality of feather, full of "swagger," best of backs and wings, sweet tail, good 1st; 2, Patterson, grand position, very free neck, nice front, clean sweep, perfection of

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col., and quality; 3, Smart, another of perfect type, hard to find fault with, A1 wings, neat tail and good head; 4, Mossie, full size, lovely quality, good head and neck, neat wings; vhc, Hudson, smart, typical, good quality; hc, Roberts; c, Beunet. BUFF (23): 1, Jenkins, grand type, nice size, very clean cut, beautifully moulded front, well packed wings and tail, shown to perfection; 2, hc, Patterson, another beauty of lovely type, perfect quality, grand head, free neck, smooth front, A1 condition; 3, Mossie, lovely position and style, handles beautifully, perfect head, nice free neck, well packed wings and tail; 4, Hutchinson, very smart exhibit, good typical spec., beautifully braced wings, feather like wax; ex. 4, Smart, another beauty, hard to find fault with, very typical and free; vhc, Gilchrist, good, very close up, lovely quality; vbc, Dr. Bowes; hc, McGuffie; c, Bennet. BUFF HEN (30): 1, H. Bennet, should be named "perfection," absolutely perfect in type, sweet head and neck, beautifully moulded throughout, clean run, fine quality, well put down; 2, Patterson, nice size, good type, A1 position, moves well with plenty of nerve, grand back, well packed wings, very close up; 3, Dr. Bowes, another beauty, hard to separate, lovely type, well moulded, good head, nice free neck, very nervy for a hen; 4, G. Bennet, smart bird, good head, well moulded, fine back, tips wings at times, which no doubt put it back; ex. 4, Pearson, another typical spec., good head and neck, and close tail; hc, Robinson; vhc, Gilchrist; bc, Clark, Smart; c, Simpson, Ellwood. EVENLY MKD. (15): 1, Duncan and Logan, lovely typical spec., of neat type, good round head and nice neck, clean run, in lovely condition, perfectly balanced eye marks, wings scarcely so even; 2, Arnot and Jamieson, real smart yell., typical shape, good, sound col., well balanced marking, hardly in same order of winner; 3, Patterson, cinn. mkd., very dainty and nice, lovely quality feather, good even marks; 4, Duncan and Logan, another good one, very typical and neat in markings, capital wings and tail; vhc, Patterson, another good even, but beaten to-day; hc, Gentleman; c, Owen. UNEVENS (24): 1, Pearson, four-pointed, nice type, good, rich col. throughout, well braced wings, lovely quality of feather, well shown; 2, Wilson, full size, wing and head mkd., neat head and neck, nicely rounded body, lovely quality; 3, 4, Duncan and Logan, 3rd smart three-pointed buff, nice free neck, good back, well braced wings, in grand order, 4th neat four-pointed, slim type, lovely wings, nice position, grand quality, moves well; ex. 4, Bennet, real good one, lovely type and position; vhc, Wilson, Patterson; hc, Gilchrist, Blackie; c, Robinson. CINNAMON (13): 1, Roberts, well staged, a really bonny bird of lovely type, neat head and neck, nicely moulded body, capital sound col., carried right through, a beauty; 2, 3, Wilson, another good one, slim type, neat head, sound col. of nice rich shade, real topper, 3rd full size bird, lovely type, beautifully moulded, A1 wings, very level in col. of nice shade, free from black marks; 4, Mrs. Barry, another good typical species, neat head and neck, good wings, hardly so rich in col. as winners, still good; vhc, Patterson; hc, Woodman; c, Arnot and Jamieson.

The Greens.

This variety did not come up to the standard of type and colour that has been seen at the Palace this last four or five years. We spoke of the advance the Greens had made in type, whereby they had slightly sacrificed colour, that at one time was the main characteristic of the Green Canary. We think now, that colour has been lost sight of altogether, some of the exhibits showing very black backs, others exhibiting that bronziness which blurs the rich ground colour we were wont to see years ago. We are sure this can be remedied through judicious mating, else some of them will run the white Canary close for Ramsden's medal. The Yorkshires came up fairly strong, a pleasing feature being the new aspirants in this variety, which speaks well for the way the Green Canary Association are catering for the novices. The older hands can take care of themselves. Year after year we seem only to get the cocks at the Palace. Cannot an alteration be made, and get the hens down here? There must be plenty of fanciers who would like to see what kind of hens the Green men use; we await this opportunity.

Norwich Greens were a dismal failure as regards numbers, but what were put down were eye-openers. Surely, 26 entries does not represent the whole of the Norwich exhibitors! This is not doing full justice to the variety, or to the Palace Executive. Where are the Mid-Lancashire and Cheshire men? They put down good teams earlier in the season.

We anxiously awaited the march of the wee gems in the Green Border section, and think after seeing them at the Glass-house the Green Canary Association will not regret taking them up. They averaged twelve a class; which is not bad for a first attempt. We trust the secretary of the G.C.A. (Mr. G. Green) will not be out of pocket by pluckily guaranteeing these classes himself. Colour in this variety is really marvellous, some birds showing a wondrous flat sage green, others a bright grass green. Of the two we prefer the latter. The pencilling also was in advance of the Yorkshire or Norwich type.

Judge, W. Mundell.

YORKS., SELF YELL. (17): 1, Wardle, long racy and close feathered, good ground col., even pencilling, plenty of leg, but shows a bit of daylight under wings; 2, McNulty, straight as an arrow, rich even col. down to vent, splendid working on back and waist, some preferred; 3, hc, Nimmo, close up, hardly as even in col., but a Yorks. all through; 4, vhc, McDermott, long-sided, nice pencilling and col., a bit open in front, when we were taking notes; c, Robinson. BUFF (19): 1, 2, Nimmo, two stormers, as round as a bottle, rich grass green, pencilled to perfection, well away; 3, Le Rossignol, nice type, very fair quality, shows plenty of lacing, will improve in col., nicely staged; 4, hc, Gore, stands like a guardsman, full of swank, splendid col. and pencilling, opened tall a little when we were reporting; vhc, Walker, good bird, but beaten to-day; c, McDermott. FOUL YELL. (13): 1, 4, Hellewell, shows just a little too much of the Belgian in the neck for the liking of some, and would not get up, some thought might easily have changed places with 4th, nice type and col., well staged; 2, hc, Nimmo, very decent col. and pencilling, plenty of top end, wedge shape; 3, Pilling, not a big one, but good even pencilling and col. to make up for it, laced well down; vhc, McNulty; c, Wardle. BUFF (6): 1, Gore, foul in wing and tail, straight as a rush, good shoulders, well drawn, staged in rattling fine form; 2, Metcalfe, rare col. and exquisite pencilling, a Yorks. throughout, but on the small side; 3, McNulty, foul tail, stormer for type, col. and lacing, compact feather, but unsteady, or would have gone up; 4, Benson, long, racy bird, nice col. and pencilling, useful stock bird; vhc, Robinson; hc, Nimmo.

Judge, H. W. Battye.

NOR., SELF YELL. (5): 1, Deacon, out and out Nor., rare head and checks, topping condition, "the" bird we want; 2, 4, Hales, best col. bird seen for some time, wants a little more napper though, 4th good Nor. properties, nice even col. and lacing; 3, Walker, sound as an apple, correct col. and shape, loses in size; vhc, Lawson. BUFF (8): 1, Deacon, all front of perch, topper for type, again good worker, not slovenly; 2, Walker, good head and neck, sound col., loses behind, nicely laced; 3, Peake, nice round body, splendid pencilling and col., shows slight break in neck; 4, Lawson, round as a drum, plenty of size, grand quality, not the col. of above; vhc, Hales. FOUL YELL. (7): 1, Deacon, foul check and cap, again of wonderful substance, type and quality, graud shade of col., bit blurred in markings; 2, Lawson, foul cap slightly, topping size and col., glorious pencilliug, well cut away, nicely staged; 3, Hales, foul throat and head, well across perch, short and compact, again well staged; 4, Bloor, foul cheek, good size, exquisite feather, col. and pencilling, clean behind; vhc, Cagnall; hc, Walker. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Deacon, wonderful size, type and quality, good broad chest, well filled in neck, as good a Nor. as is benched, fails only in col., 3rd foul tail, storming head properties and col., clean cut, takes perches well; 2, Walker, foul tail, shows a wealth of col. and pencilling, put down in good order; 4, Peake, really fine, all there for col., but again broken in neck, hard lines to run up against above; vhc, hc, Hales; c, Jenkius.

Judge, J. Robson.

BORD., SELF, ETC., YELL. (19): Charming lot: 1, Richards, sweet head and neck, jaunty and free, good ground col., blurred just a little in pencilling, but wins; 2, 3, Johuson, both stronger, marble heads, close carried wings and tail, marvellous col. and lacing, little to choose; 4, Ford, neat little chap, well balanced all through, again of nice grass green col.; vhc, Storie; hc, Green; c, Arnot and Jamieson. BUFF (10): 1, Green, neat marble head, well cut chest and clean away to tail, takes perches well, wonderful lacing down to waist; 2, Walker, grand col. and markings, nicely filled in, boxy feather, closely carried wins and tail; 3, Johnson, topper for type and quality, fails just slightly in col. to above; 4, Ford, pretty head for a buff, beautiful feather, but shows too much bronziness; vhc, Wilson; hc, Bennett; c, Richards. YELL. HEN (6): 1, 2, Johnson, 1st a wonder on her own, the essence of sweetness, carries col. which a cock might be proud of, 2nd not disgraced, again magnificent type and quality; 3, hc, Green, another good one, plenty of pencilling and col., sweet contour, well staged; 4, Walker, topping col., and will improve, correct type; vhc, Yonng. BUFF (11): 1, 2, Johnson, again a wondrous brace of the right type and col.; 3, hc, Green, carries beautiful shade of green, well balanced wings, neat head and neck; 4, Simpson, topping shape, feathered like a Java, carries wonderful col. for a hen; vhc, Johnson; c, Elwood.

The Dutch Frills.

Judge, J. Robson.

Fourteen birds in the Frill class was quite a good entry, and a new (we believe) competitor in Mr. Maisey secured the chief prize. We were struck with the wide differences in substanec and feather properties to be noted in the birds on view. Some were quite slim compared with their competitors. Mr. Robson judged.

DUTCH FRILLS (14): 1, 4, Maisey, leader, cl., grand size and position, has a wealth of feather in nice, even frills, fine mantle, 4th another cl., of grand length, hardly the substance of winner, but splendidly frilled throughout; 3, hc, Minty, wing and eye-mkd. bird, of grand size, beautiful flowing back and body curl, stands well; 2, vhc, Brooks, head and wing-mkd., capital size, good head, stands well, rare length of feather, nicely curled, good mantle.

The A.O.V. Class.

Judge, Geo. Gardner.

ANY OTHER VARIETY CAN. (10): 1, Kiesel, tho much talked of white Canary, staged in tip-top fettle, stood up well consideriug it was not shown in a proper Yorkshire cage, and won its second Crystal Palace bracket easily; 2, Gibbs, bonny buff, 4-pointed Nor., grand shape, head, and chest, rich under-col., and bloomy feather; 3, Dormer, foul-tailed Cinn., grand depth of col., very glossy, rare size, nice head; 4, Kiesel, another white Can., much smaller than leader, trifle weedy, but stood well in its position; vhc, Bexsou, pied Cinn., very nice col., plenty of size, hardly so tight as the old hand liked to see them when he dealt out the cards; vhc, Mr. J. Ives, we were told was the Can. that says "Dear Boy," "Josie, you are a dear beauty," "Kiss your Missus, pretty boy," etc., and so forth, the wonder is that it did not talk a first prize out of the judge, but he tells us it never uttered a word to him; who knows? But, there! Mere man, again, with no idea of how to detect a linguist! hc, Adnitt and Driver, another 4-pointed buff Nor., not quite the substance of 2nd prize, and wing marks right on to the shoulder; c, Ramsden, pied Cinn., nice col. and size.

The Novice Canary Section.

The 6 novice Norwich classes contained 96 birds in all. The largest entry was in the unflighted class. Clears did not come up particularly well, 26 being found in the two classes. The quality generally was very good, but there seemed to be a remarkable predilection shown for what are generally known as birds with "fat chests." In our opinion there is a vast distinction between the chest produced by a plentiful supply of hemp and other oily seeds and the normal bold chest which should be looked for in an all-round well-proportioned Norwich. It is one thing to feed for a chest and call that stoutness, and another thing to breed a robust, bonny-chested Norwich. The natural chest gives full expression to a normal neck and head; the artificial chest makes the neck look thin and the head puny.

Judge J. Robson.

NOR. CL. YELL. (18): 1, Goodman, good body, fairly nice head col., feather, and carriage, stands well across; 2, Steed, level bodied bird of quality, but has a habit of "hingeing" its tail, might be a trifle more level in col.; 3, Little, nice size, possesses quality and col., but crosses flights at tips occasionally, which probably told against it; 4, Mrs. R. Fuller, good body, deep chest col. and fair quality, carries wings somewhat loosely; vhc, Walmsley, neat, nice quality; hc, Scott, good feather, but cut square behind; c, Ebbage, loses in head. BUFF (9): 1, Isom, very deep bodied, short and thick all through, a good stamp of bird, but mams several feathers, leaving quite a bare patch at point of chest, where the hemp seed tells, ought not to have been in tickets in its present condition; 2, Rayner, very silky feather, just a sweet little fellow, nice back, neck, and wing carriage, may be a little weak on head, but full of quality; 3, Handley and Sons, hit long in barrel and flights, lovely col., quality, and bloom; 4, Scott, slack in wings, but good texture of feather, nice under-col., neat head; vhc, Steed, full chest, good quality; hc, Mitchell, smaller and scarcely so stout, but good quality; c, Jones, fine head, nice body, not so short in tail as we like them. TKD., ETC., YELL. (15): 1, Galsworthy, shapely body, neat head, good quality and col., cut a bit square at rump; 2, Handley and Sons, typical bird, good head, lovely quality and col., sitting a bit thick when we saw it; 3, Jones, variegs., deep—very deep—chest, good quality, short tail and wings, nice feather, but bit loosely carried; 4, Tripe, grand quality, deep front, head and neck scarcely in keeping, but a good one; vhc, Guest, lovely bird, 3-pointed, full of deep rich col. carried even down to tail tip, nice wings, soft silky feather, good one; hc, Jones, saddle mkd., grand quality and col., nice body and head; c, Kenyon, also saddle mkd., lovely quality shape and col.; these are the birds in the breeding cage. BUFF (7): 1, Powell, very fine quality feather, short in body, neat in head, well carried wings and tail, deep chest; 2, Walmsley, silky feather, shines well, rather thin and spare, but a nice bird; 3, Mitchell, variegs., similar to 1st in shape, scarcely so close and compact in feather; 4, Steed, thick set, good body, fine quality, neat head, short legs and tail, carries one wing a bit awry; vhc, Burgess, neat, good feather; hc, Schofield, varieg., good body, trifle flat in col. and loose in wing carriage; c, Law, needs a little more substance, nice quality. HEN (20): 1, Isom, varieg. buff, very fine quality of feather, chubby, short flights and tail, rare chesty bird; 2, Rayner, yell., brimful of quality, rattling fine shape, nice col., head, beak and neck, good one; 3, Lohr, buff, beautiful soft silky feather, one of the old Athersuch build in body and general outline, truly grand for quality; 4, Schofield, yell., nice quality, hardly so good in shape as some above; vhc, Goodman, buff, very shapely, thick set, wee bit flat on head and square behind; vhc, Handley and Son, large, but fails a little in depth of col. to others; hc, Heap, yell., very sweet and shapely, teeming with quality that seemed to deserve higher recognition; hc, Handley and Son, variegs. yell., grand type of hen; c, Heap, buff, open in feather. UNFLIG. (30): 1, Guest, tkd. wing yell., bonny bird, rich in col., fine quality feather, good size, promising; 2, Isom, buff, deep in chest, plenty of flesh, good quality, extremely stout, which takes off the consistency of head and neck, short wings and tail; 3, 4, Lohr, both very sweet for undercol. and quality, should do well next season; ex 4, Heap, yell., good col. and quality, neat in body and head, short flights and tail, very sweet; vhc, Heap, buff, grand quality; vhc, Schofield, yell., trifle slack in feather, but good shape; hc, Law, fine buff, rich undercol., good head and neck, close fitting feather, some thought might have gone up higher; he, Little, neat and shapely; c, Hills, yell., full of quality, good col.; c, Ebbage, sweet buff, rich quality.

Judge, T. Heath.

The Crest and Crestbred classes contained some really nice birds, but it cannot be said that an entry of 17, all told, is satisfactory. We should have thought more support would have been forthcoming from amateur lovers of this grand breed. They have here at least a chance of showing their birds against others of similar merit, and of avoiding the sensational birds owned by breeders at the top of the ladder. Mr. Heath judged, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Dobson.

CRESTS (8): 1, 2, Mellor, leader largest in body, fine headpiece, nice and dense, good droop, 2nd not quite so massive, but neat and good; 3, Braund, neat and nice, but short in frontal Crest, and some of it in pipe; 4, Slade, neat again, but not the length of crest feather; vhc, Picard, mkd. one wing, fails in shapeliness of crest and length of crest feather; hc, Burgess, neat, but rather small crest; c, Turner, same remark applies. C.-B. (9): 1, spl, 2, Slade, both good birds, fine skull properties, deuse and long in head feather, the one excelling in body, the other in head size, that is, in comparison, but both good generally; 3, 4, Lieut.-Col. Gabriel, variegs. and green respectively, leader having the pull in head properties; vhc, spl, Picard, varieg. buff, nice head, lashing, length of turn back, and good body; hc, Turner, varieg., yell., nice length of head feather and dense to boot; c, Fuller; this was a very good class.

Judge, H. Broadley.

In point of numbers there was a distinct advance in this section. This was the more uoticeablo in the unflighted bird classes, which totalled fifty-nine against thirty-three last year. For some reason or other the class for buff cocks does not appear to be popular. Is it that fanciers think a buff must be exceptionally good to get to the front? This year sixteen only faced the judge, but they were a nice level lot, and among them some real good ones. The birds struck one as being better on leg than in the past. The winner in the young yellow class is owned by Mr. F. Allen, of Bradford; it was not over large, but of wonderful type and quality, and should do well in the future. Head properties appear to be receiving more attention among the novices, for on this point there is very little to find fault with, although, perhaps, in striving for heads they have lost something in the carriage of the wings, but this no doubt will right itself in time. The buff hen class was a good one, the two leaders being shown by Mr. Whitwham, of Bradford. The first was not so large as her aviary companion, but was of real Yorkie type and position, and was exceptionally tight in feather. Mr. W. is fortunate in owning two such charmers, and many Southern fanciers cast envious eyes at them.

NOVICE YORKSHIRE YELL. CK. (24): 1, Farnish, fine length, with nice neat head, and free neck, good, well-filled back and wings, beautifully rounded, takes grand position; 2, Rigg, very smart, upstanding bird, good head, grand shoulders and back, nice clean run, shows well, lovely quality feather; 3, Morrison, nice, slim type, good contour, capital grizzle head, stands very straight, showing plenty of daylight, good tail; 4, Norfolk, fine, long, raking bird, good length of wing, takes perfect position, well up on good legs, grand order; ex. 4, Harney, lovely typical spec., takes good position, capital wings, good quality; vhc, Rhodes, another good one, capital shoulders, tips wings at times, which no doubt put it back; hc, Vincss, Simonett; c, Barton. BUFF (16): 1, Bigg, grand length, neat head and neck, clean cut, perfectly straight, well braced wings, neat tail, stands well; 2, Fowle, smart bird, well up on leg, good shoulders, nice back and wings, neat tail; 3, Hillman, long bird, nice quality, splendid position, good shoulder, grand quality; 4, Le Rossignol, smart upstanding bird, very straight, well up on leg, fine feather; vhc, Barton; hc, James. MKD. (19): 1, vhc, Burdekin, fine, long, cinn.-mkd. yell., good shoulders and back, well braced wings, neat tail, well up on leg, lovely col. and quality; 2, 3, Brown and Son, 2nd lovely quality head and wing-mkd. cinn., stands well, good straight back, neat wings and tail, in grand order, 3rd eyes and wing-mkd. yell., rare length and carriage, nice head, good wings and tail, lovely col.; 4, Mitchell, grand length, good position, capital shoulders, col., and quality; vhc, Kirkbright; hc, Richards; c, Walker.

UNFLIG. YELL. (34): 1, Allen, grand, lengthy bird, neat head and nice, free neck, good shoulders, full back, well braced wings, of good length, neat tail, A1 quality, and col.; 2, Bush, grand, typical spec., nice length of wing, beautifully moulded, capital wings and tail, good quality feather; 3, Auton Bros., straight as a gem, grand position, real Yorkie type, with a bit of "swagger," well braced wings of good length, shown in grand order; ex. 3, Skinner, another good one of the right kind, takes good position, capital back and wings, good quality, not quite so rich in col., Stratford cup winner; 4, Atkinson, smart, typical bird, nice clean front and run, neat wings and tail, sound col.; ex. 4, Morrison, another good one, close up, very typical and free; vhc, Foxen, grand length, good col. and quality; vhc, Holroyd; hc, Montgomery, Harney; c, Sutcliffe, Mitchell. BUFF (25): 1, Whitwham, rare lengthy bird, nice head and neck, grand shoulders, well filled back, neat, closely braced wings, good tail; 2, Atkinson, a beauty, takes lovely position, neat head, beautifully rounded front, well up on legs, lovely quality, must have pressed; 3, Allen, very smart, typical spec., neat head and free neck, stands very straight, well braced wings of good length, capital feather; 4, Auton Bros., wing and head mkd., rare length, takes good position, capital wings, neat whip tail; ex. 4, Foxen, smart, upstanding bird of lovely quality, nice long wings in grand order; vhc, Brooks, another good one, not far behind, capital condition; hc, Patterson, Winterburn; c, Salter, Knight.. YELL HEN (22), 1, Walker, grand, typical spec., nice head and neck, good shoulders and back, well braced wings, lovely quality; 2, Whitwham, nice slim type, grand shoulders, smart wings and tail, stands well; 3, Craven, grand position, good length of wing, nice head, capital col. and quality; 4, Ireland, very smart bird of lovely type, stands well, neat wings, must have pressed; ex. 4, Montgomery, another good one of rare length, grand col. and quality; vhc, Allen, Hillman; he, Brooks, Stone Bros.; c, Slade. BUFF (29): 1, 2, Whitwham, grand position, nice, typical bird, neat head, good neck and shoulders, well braced wings, neat tail, shade small, but of lovely quality, 2nd bigger bird, of grand length, neat head, A1 position, good back, neat tail; 3, Brown and Son, smart, upstanding spec., of lovely quality of feather, beautifully rounded front, good long wiugs, well put down; 4, Morrison, grand, typical bird, well up on leg, takes good position, nicely moulded, long, well braced wings, real good one; ex. 4, Patterson, grizzled bird, of good length, fine, long wings, neat whip tail, grand quality and condition; vhc, Ayres, another smart lady, very neat any stylish, stands well, lovely quality; vhc, Knight; hc, Holroyd, Matthews; c, Lampard, Allen.

Judge, Geo. Gardner.

A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (12): 1, Lohr, really smart yell. Belg., in beautiful feather and apparently sound, healthy, well filled in shoulder, grips perches firmly, and sends down its head grandly, full of substance, might have just a trifle more length of neck; 2, 3, vhc, c, Bevan, team of Cinnies, that would do credit to any breeder, leader lovely pure col. buff, tight, grandly mealed feather, good size, very chubby, well shown, 3rd also buff, but not the compactness of 2nd, nice rich colour, vhc buff, trifle weak in head and pale at throat, c, yell.,, rich col., but a trifle thin, and moderate wing carriage; 4, hc, Turner, both Bord. Fancies, former buff, very pertly, uniformly built, graceful, close as wax in feather, neat head, he yell. of same variety, not so regular in outline or so compact in feather, but very sweet for all that.

The Limit Classes.

Judge, Geo. Gardner.

The limit classes again brought out a storming entry—200 in seven classes. Quality in Yorkshires and Plainhead pairs was particularly good, and sales plentiful. Norwich were not quite so good as we have seen them at the Palace in this section, but there were some exceedingly cheap Crests and Crest-breds, also some good Cinnamons. Sales in the Norwich hen class were brisk, and many prided themselves on the bargains they had made. We hope winners from them may be plentiful.

NOR. CK., 30/- (45): Quite enough for any judge to go on with in one class, and took some sorting: 1, spl, Martiu, very shapely buff, good head, not a prevalent quality in present-day Norwich, full neck, short in flights and tail, smart Nor., quickly found a buyer, and could easily have commanded half a dozen; 2, Hodder, tkd. yell., not as big perhaps as some of the other yells. in class, but magnificent feather, possessing requisite col. pigment that makes a bird easy to colour-feed well, lovely bloom, promptly claimed; 3, Adnitt and Driver, well formed buff, grand close feather, rare under-col. and meal, good head and neck, short wings and tail; 4, Stephenson, another buff, hardly so high in col., but rare body, head, and neck, stands well across perch, silky in feather and clean at thighs, an advantage not possessed by square-rumped, ragged thighed birds; vhc, Kilby, very neat and silky in feather; vhc, Williams, nice stamp, scarcely so finished as leaders; vhc, Ebbage, good feather, but needed finish; vhc, Harland, cheap at catalogue price; he, Richardson, Taylor, Payne and Son, Midgley, most of them from the best blood and possessing characteristics of quality valuable in the breediug; c, Barratt. HENS, 20/- (26): A class which proved that in 1911 the price of good Nor. hens is far in advance of a sovereign. Many birds in this class were sold, something of a proof that the demand exceeds the supply, or they would not have changed hands: 1, Axe, yell., good in shape, nice size, silky feather, neat head, good col. properties, very useful hen; 2, Pickering and Wright, buff of rare silky close feather, nice head and neck, good body shape, short wings and tail; 3, Neame, nat. col. yell., fine head and neck, glossy feather, short body, flights, and tail, just a trifle free in feather, promptly claimed, and might have had two or three new owners, a capital youngster; 4, Hodder, varieg. buff, waxy bloomy feather, rattling fine shape, teeming with quality, just a bit small in head, but good body, short in wings and tail, sold just before a very old hand reached the secretary's box, in fact, all the winners, and many more were sold; vhc, Hodder, Harland, Bellinger, Freestone; he, Barratt, Mrs. Collings, Parr, Beardall and Walker; c, Law. CRESTS, £3 (14): 1, 2 spls., Mills, wing mkd. D.C., big body, nice quality feather, rare good head, dense in col. of crest feather, crest of good length of frontal, neat centre, but just a little thin in layer and hairy, but what can you expect for £3, in the face of the thirty-fives that are being shelled out! a very "old hand" at the game had his eye on with the remark: "if that had been a hen, I would have taken it home." Ah! "if"; 3, Howard and Son, another wing mkd. bird, with dense col. D.C., not quite so large in dimensions of crest, and also thin, good bodied; 4, Horton, very neat centred, shapely grizzle crest, rich col. body feather, not usual in buff crests; vhc, Jones and Crest, very taking, rich in crest col.; he, Mrs. Haysom, neat dense col.

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crest, a hen; c, Marshall, neat, but falls in formation. C.B., 30/- (15): Several cheap birds here: 1, Bewick, large bodied tkd. buff, wide head, nicely cushioned, good lashing, turns back long and dense, very cheap; 2, Horton, nearly green, with rare body, good entrance and lashing, nice length of head feather, but thin in centre of head, alas! 3, Marshall, cl., very attractive until handled, and not a bad one then, dense in head feather, but needs more length; 4, Hadley and Son, smaller in body, grizzled on head, nice style of C.B., not so long in head feather, or so dense, catalogued, singular to say, at £25, some mistake here; vhc, Dainton, nice length of head feather, trifle narrow skull; hc, Mrs. Haysom, hardly the width of skull, length, or density of head feather of those above it; c, Payne and Son. YORKS. 30/- (39): And a grand class for quality. Some rattling cheap birds here, full of style and quality: 1, Whittaker, buff ck., beautiful feather, neatest of heads, straight back, good wing carriage, stands well, but with a little more of William's beloved swagger and a trifle more leg work, would be worth twice 30/-; 2, Stewart, another very attractive bird, beautiful feather, neat head and neck, gets quick into position and shows well; 3, Wood and Stirk, rich col. bird of the right build, grand feather, nice pose, cheap 30/- worth; 4, Bottomley, yell., moves freely, nice length of back and wing, good behind, a trifle strong; all four from the County of Broad Acres. What ho! vhc, Smith, Matthews, Amblers, Patterson, all bonny birds, and everyone worth catalogue price; hc, Douglas, Fawcett, Mason, Mallinson and Son; c, Murgatroyd. A.O. CAN. OR MULE 30/- (18): 1, Bairstow, broken buff cinn., lovely feather, stout body, rich bloom, good sound col.; 2, McVittie, very nice quality, broken cinn., good shape head and col., cheap; 3, Gunmell, 4-pointed Goldie-Can. Mule, an old friend that will persist in quarrelling either with your pencil or your finger; 4, Cundy, still another cinn., hardly so rich in quality or compact in feather, good size; vhc, Patterson, Bevan; hc, Lamb; c, Cundy. PAIRS. CAN. (matched for Plainhead breeding) 35/- (40): 1, Law, buff ck. and varieg. yell. hen, both full of quality, col., and rare shape, good match, sold like winking; 2, 3, Hodder, buff ck. and yell. hen in each pair, all full of quality, nice type, sensibly matched, a great deal in such a class; 4, Dormer, spanking varieg. buff ck. and yell. hen, possessing quality and col., with shape, all four pairs Norwich; vhc, Kilby, Johnson, Belcher, Mrs. W. Collings, all very acceptable pairs, useful in breeding room; hc, Howard and Son, Bellinger, Thomas, Freastone; c, Mitchell.

Judge, H. Norman.

LIMIT FINCH (14): 1, vbc, Francis, 1st fine bold Bullfinch, good Bullie shape, capital head and neck, rich col., vhc good Grosbeak, nice size and col.; 2, Miller and Eadle, good Bramble, very sound col., nicely spangled, in excellent condition; 3, Axe, capital Goldie, well tanned, nice clean cut blaze; 4, Marley, another good Bullie, capital size and col., grand cap; hc, Greenway; c, Prior.

The Mules and Hybrids.

Judge, G. E. Weston.

The entry in the Hybrid section was a very good one and the quality representative of the best that is to be found in the Fancy at the present day. One notable absentee (entered, but not staged) was the clear yellow Siskin Mule belonging to Dr. Galloway, of Aberdeen, which has a great winning record. We understand that it was not looking quite up to the mark, so that its owner decided not to risk the long journey from the North. The championship diploma for best bird in the section was awarded the celebrated clear yellow Linnet Mule owned by Messrs. Duncan and Logan (Coldstream); it was in glorious fettle, and greatly admired. The special for best fed bird (Ramsdeu's pepper) fell to Mr. G. Lawrence's winning Canary-Bullie, a wonderful example of the cross, and the richest-coloured ever seen, without any question. The class for dark Linnet-Canary Hybrids was just about the bottest in the section—it is rare that so many absolutely first-class specimens of the same cross meet in competition, and the judge had a puzzling time sortiug them into position. The dark Greenfinch Mules were also a grand collection; likewise the class for marked Goldfinch-Canary Mules; and many high-class birds had to be content with lowly positions in the award list. The weakest class we thought the darR buff Goldies. No absolute novelties put in an appearance, though one bird was entered as a "Chaffinch-Bullfinch" Hybrid. This the judge marked "wrong class," and stated that he had no hesitation in saying it was merely a freak-feathered cock Bullfinch, presumably a young bird. It had but a trace of the usual black cap, showed breaks of white on the wing-butts, and its breast colour was poor and faded-looking. This exhiblt proved of great interest to the fanciers present. It was generally conceded that there was no evidence whatever of the Chaffinch cross in the shape and carriage of the bird, while the beak is purely Bullfinch in character. A regrettable incident was tho disqualification of a dark Goldfinch-Canary Mule, exhibited by Messrs. Adnitt and Driver, alleged artificial colouring matter being removed from its "blaze" by the judge. The cards were placed by Mr. G. E. Weston, and he had a hard morning's work.

CLEAR, LIGHTLY-TICKED, OR EVEN-MKD. (9): 1, two spls, Duncan and Logan, the noted cl. yell. Linnet "Perfection," and truly rightly named, a grander Mule it would be hard to imagine, put down in perfect condition; 2, Longden, eye tkd. Goldie, also well-known, and a champion of its kind, lovely size, shape and col., staged in the pink of condition; 3, Shellam, cl. yell. Greenfinch, a gem for col. and shape, big and stylish, but not in the condition of leaders, and has its tail feathers frayed; 4, Coffey, 6-pointed Goldie, real fine example, very nicely mkd., well built, lovely quality; vhc, Tams, clear Goldie hen, bonny bird for shape and condition; hc, Scribbins; wrong class, 1557, Bagnall, which we made to be a hen Canary, and 1561, Lawrence, a two-pointed bird, which, according to the N.B.B. and Mule Club rules should not have been entered as an even-mark. VARIEG., ETC., GOLDIE (19): 1, Archer, wing, eye and head mkd. buff, magnificent bird for size and shape, very silky in feather, and staged in rare bloom, rightly heads a strong class; 2, Pearce, wonderfully big, almost 6-pointed jonque, "Prince Charlie" (in new hands), a splendid Mule at all points, but down in condition to-day, needs a spring cleaning; 3, Bond, another grand jonque, not quite the build of 2nd, but better in col. and bloom, which almost turned the tables in its favour; 4, c, Harding, buff, 6-pointed and mkd. back of head, slashing big bird, grand build and quality, well staged, excellent colour; vhc, sp. hc, Callear, two lovely wing-mkd. buffs, not over big, but beautiful shape and style, in charming condition; vhc, Arnold, red-hot wing and tail mkd. jonque, blaze of col. and shines like silk, nice size and style; hc, sp, Collins, almost 6-pointed, trifle small, but equal to any for shape, quality and condition; a very fine class. VARIEG., ETC., LINNET OR GREENIE (9): 1, Duncan and Logan, Greenie, grizzled very faintly on breast and both cheeks, a wonderfully fine specimen at all points, in the pink of condition, a worthy companion to the clear Linnet; 2, 4, Galloway, very lightly mkd. (almost clear) buff Linnet, splendid size and shape, lovely quality plumage, close ou winner's heels, 4th splendid varieg. Greenie, exceptionally good in col. and quality; 3, Longden, the well-known even wing mkd. buff Linnet, grand one for build and shape, A1 condition; vhc, Lees, big, fine, lightly varieg. Linnet, but very unsteady; hc, Jamieson, slashing big heavily-varieg. Greenie; c, Bruce, another very good light Linnet. DK. YELL GOLDIE (11): 1, Duncan and Logan, magnificent all-round bird, very large, rare head and chest, tight and glossy in plumage, grand face, brimful of col.; 2, Gilchrist, another exceptionally fine bird, equal in condition to winner, a trifle hotter in colour, rare blaze, but not quite so bold in head or so close in feather; 3, R. W. Jones, another hot one for col., size and shape, grandly mkd., but carrying its feathers a wee bit open; 4, Coffey, very close up, beautiful bird for density of col., grand size and shape, lacks just a little in polish; vhc, Lamb, very good bird, well built and mkd., bit bronzy in col., should moult well; hc, Lawrence, fine, clear col. bird, close up; c, Jefferson, good, stylish Mule; disqualified for alleged staining, No. 1592 (Adnitt and Driver). DK. BUFF GOLDIE (11): 1, McVittie, a marvel for size and substance, nice sound col., very big blaze, grandly mkd. all over, hardly sleek enough in plumage; 2, Bald, similar failing to 1st, but also a wonder for size, huge blaze, excellent colour and markings, quickly claimed at catalogue price, 50s.; 3, Hingley, again a grand Mule for substance and shape, best col. in the class, but has a white break under the beak, which very nearly qualifies it for a "wrong class' ticket; 4, Duncan and Logan, exceptionally promising, big, stylish bird, very expansive blaze, very clear in markings, should make up into a good one, down in col. to-day; vhc, Smith, fine size, good blaze, needs well feeding; hc, Bowler grand quality; c, Bullen, also a nice Mule. DK GREENIE (13): 1, Somerfield, the noted winner, in grand fettle, polished like plate-glass, splendid size and shape, bold head and chest, wonderfully rich and solid in col.; 2, Coffey, another noted warrior, lighter tone of col. than leader, very bright and sound, grand massive hogy and head, fine Mule close up; 3, Bald, we liked well, grandly built, charming style, beautifully sleek and polished, loses a trifle in density of col., but presses leaders hard. we understand was claimed at 70s., catalogue price; 4, Jones, splendid thick-set bird, grand chest shade fine on head, again wonderful col. and condition; vhc, Longden, the well-known cinnamon-col. specimen, looking well; hc, Todd and Son, big, grand headed bird; c, Naylor, very hot col. jonque; a great class, several out of the cards fit to win at most shows. DK. LINNET (18): Another stinging class: 1, D. Brown, marvellously big jonque, a wonderful bodied bird, which makes his head appear somewhat fine, though not so in reallty, splendid style and carriage, remarkably rich, brilliant col., grand glossy feather, noted winner, and will take some beating; 2, 4, Shellam, former a real gem at all points, lovely condition, very sound, hot col., beautiful build and shape, loses only in substance, 4th very similar stamp of bird, A1 col. and shape; 3, vhc, Wilson, exceptionally fine, thick-set bird, bolder body and head than 2nd, but down in col. and sleekness of plumage to-day, the vhc bird is another splendid Mule; vbc, Taylor, trifle slimmer, grand size and quality, full of col.; hc, Longden. Harper, two bonny birds; c, Coffey. DK. SISKIN, ETC. (20): 1, Fraser, grandly built buff Siskin, bold head and chest, very cobby shape, exceptionally good in markings, even has a laced cap, very fine, sound col., catalogued as winner of 28 1sts; 2, Buckingham and Sear, good sized, very shapely Redpoll, rich level col., splendidly mkd., grand condition; 3, 4, Coffey, wonderfully rich coloured jonque Siskin, beautifully polished, grand size and shape, a trifle short of markings, 4th nice big Twite, sound col., fine shape; vhc, Somerfield, another splendid jonque Siskin; vhc, Lamb, very good, stylish Redpoll; vhc, Bond, one of the biggest buff Siskins we have seen, wonderfully mkd., unfortunately lacks a little in quality and tightness of feather; c, Edwards; No. 1650, MacDougall, easily the best Twite Mule, but had knocked out the flight feathers of one wing; No. 1656, Marsden, "wrong class," pretty Mule, between a foreign (American) Siskin and Canary, in fine condition. A.O.V. CAN. HYBRID (10):..1, and two spls., 4 and spl., Lawrence, leader absolutely the finest coloured Canary-Bullfinch we ever saw. "red hot" is the word, and a magnificent specimen at every point—size, shapo aud markings—one of tho attractions of the section, 4th another exceptionally good Canary-Bullie, grand substance and markings, a little "gay" in wing carriage, wins spl. for best 4th bird in the section; 2, hc, c, Mrs. Askham, lovely trio, all Can.-Bullies, the latter a charming hen, leader practically equal to 1st for size, shape and style, a grand specimen, but succumbs for col. and polish; 3, Bond, very nice, stylish, head and neck mkd. Siskin-Can. Mule, in grand condition; vhc, Shellam, another really first-class Can.-Bullie, lovely size and shape, inclined to be slack in feather. A.O.V. BULLIE HYB. (15): 1, Archer, the well-known Redpoll-Bullie, excellent col. and markings, very shapely and stylish, nice condition; 2, 3, Lamb, leader a rattling good Goldie-Bullie, grand size, very chubby, simply lovely col., plumage like silk, gave winner a close run, 3rd exceptionally promising young Linnet-Bullie, well above the average in size, beautifully built, very clean col., should make a gem; 4, Lawrence, another splendid Linnet-Bullie, slightly richer in col. and better mkd. than 3rd, an older bird, but not quite the size and style; vhc, Mrs. Winnard, rather small Goldie-Bullie compared to 2nd, but wonderful col. and polish, in lovely condition; hc, spl, Nicholl, another very smart Lin.-Bullie; wrong class, 1687, Mazzoni, an ordinary dark Linnet-Can. Mule, and 1679, Pringle, the "Chaffinch-Bullfinch." A.O.V. HYB., BETWEEN TWO BRITISH (17): 1, E. Collins, Goldie-Redpoll, little gem, grand blaze, beautiful condition, good size and shape, a splendid exhibit; 2, Longden, exceptionally good Goldie-Greenie, very massive body, grand head, carrying a very expensive blaze, in splendid bloom, brimful of col.; 3, Watson, big Siskin-Greenfinch, splendidly mkd. and rich in col., little down in condition, soon claimed at 25s.; 4, Coffey, very nice Bramble-Chaffinch, in excellent trim; vhc, Lawrence, big and good Redpoll-Greenie; vhc, spl, Jamieson, another really splendid Goldie-Greenie; hc, Lyle, nice Linnet-Greenie; c, Walsh.

The British Bird Section.

Judge, J. F. Dewar.

In Mr. Dewar's four classes the entry was a good one, excepting only in the case of the Linnets, which made the poorest class we ever remember seeing at the Palace. Why this should be so, in a season of record Linnet classes up and down the country, is unaccountable. Yet the fact remains that only 18 birds were entered. It was a great disappointment to the British bird men, for there are none of them but have a soft corner in their heart for a Linnet. The cock Bullfinches were a very fine lot, and the judge went for birds of unquestionable British type throughout, and several good big ones were left "out in the cold," notably the Scottish National second, No. 1,727 (Woods). In the hen Bullie class, one bird so transgressed the size limit as to earn a "wrong-class" ticket. The Goldfinches (the "pride of the Fancy") made a very nice class of 46 birds, and were well handled by Mr. Dewar. We must confess to a feeling of disappointment with the birds on the whole, however, for we are compelled to say that we do not nowadays seem to get the same number of high-class Finches competing together as we used to do from five to fifteen years ago. At least a dozen "toppers" would struggle for premier place then; now it is hard to discover even a single acknowledged "champion." Odd! considering how keen we all are on a good Goldie. The class this year was never without its enthusiasts carefully scanning the birds.

BULLFINCH, COCK (38): 1, Longden, good cobby type, medium size, fine bold front, wide, rounded cap, splendid back and wing bars, remarkably rich, bright breast col., free from any cloudiness, real bonny bird, yet, being in field-plumage, must be accounted somewhat lucky to beat; 2, Lawrence, another real gem, and house-moulted, slightly bigger in build, beautiful, even, rich breast col., well carried to sides and throat, lovely head and back, in magnificent form; 3, Dunsmuir, a well-known Scottish face, and a right good one, beautiful type, very thick-set and shapely, teeming with col. throughout, and carrying a bloom like a peach, house-moulted, well deserves its place; extra 3, Francis, h.m., lovely-headed bird, very fine shape and carriage, good, level breast col., hardly in first-class condition, claimed at £2; 4, Harris, also h.m., one of the best in the class for col., magnificent breast and back, and has a really wonderful cap, a champion Bullie all over, but seemed "touched in the wind" a little, and inclined to go "soft," we believe to be the Scottish National winner in new hands; extra 4, Prior, h.m., first-class bird for shape and carriage, grand head and wings, bold, wide, rich-coloured breast, tight as wax in plumage and beautifully polished, close up; vhc, Miss Bousfield, gem for col. and bloom, excellent type, trifle narrow in "bih"; vhc, Hogg, again the right chubby stamp, grand condition and col.; hc, Rouse, Wines and Co., smart birds; c, Nicholl, Andrews. HEN BULLIE (17): 1, Dunsmuir, well known face over the Border, and deserves her win here, beautiful thick-set type, grand neck and head, fine rich colour, in most charming condition; 2, Gentleman, unfortunately seemed a shade "soft," when we took our notes, but evidently a grand type of bird, chubby, and well-built, nice colour; 3, P. Walsh, very stylish lady, good crest, and head, dense, sound colour, nice cap and bars, little slacker in feather; 4, McLean, and Nichol, very good size and shape, excellent deep colour, nice bold cap, should make a fine bird; vhc, Frostick, good, cobby type, trifle light in colour; hc, Holborow; c Mays, both pretty hens. GOLDFINCH (46): 1, Murton Gill, a Finch with a really wonderful under-blaze, very deep, well cut and clean in colour, a little flat on top, a bad bird to beat however, very nicely marked, good tan and polish, was 2nd at the L.C.B.A. show, has improved since then, and deserved its position in this class; 2, Martin, much smaller in face than winner, but a wonderful bird for colour and bloom, rare deep, crimson blaze (reminded us of "Oxford Don," the late lamented), lovely chestnut back and breast, grand shape and carriage, beautifully mkd. all over, tho perfection of condition; 3, Mortlock, very shapely and stylish Finch) well tanned and buttoned, good, big, nice-coloured blaze, trifle ragged in outline underneath; extra 3, vhc (2), c, Richards, a spanking team from Wales, leader equal to any for alround blaze properties, very expansive and well cut, good, cobby bird, perhaps a trifle paler in colour all over, but must have gone close for higher honours, both of the vhc birds are also lovely Goldies; 4, Herbert, a bird we liked very much, rare big blaze, though a shade narrower than some above it, simply lovely colour and condition all over, grand tan and markings, a bonny Finch, pressed hard; vhc, McCourtie, very nice face, good shape and carriage, in A1 condition; hc, Watson, trifle smaller in blaze, but a clinking alround bird, soon claimed at 40/-; hc, Arnold, another Finch distinguished by magnificent condition and colour, fine stamp of bird; hc, Nicholson and Son, excellent stylish bird, very clean cut blaze, few pen feathers in underneath, which doubtless handicapped it; c, Carrier, very nice indeed, wide, well cut face, grand polish all over. LINNET (18): What a weak class: 1, 2, Longden, leader wins here in a canter, bonny, big, nutty coloured bird, sound all over and very nicely pencilled, grand head and chest, good whites, in full bloom; 2nd, is a nice Linnet, hot colour, fairly well marked, excellent size and shape, also in lovely condition; 3, Brade, quite a different type of bird, bold carriage, upstanding, good size and shape, very clean ground colour, well worked all over, "hard as nails," in condition, and well polished; 4, vhc, Marley, leader very nutty and sound in colour, tight and glossy in plumage, fairly well pencilled, but somewhat thin and on the small side, we preferred the vhc bird, better head and chest, well marked, very stylish; hc, Watson, looked like a field moulted bird, good cobby type, grand mkgs., bit unsteady; c, Bald, also field moulted, grand Norwich type, big, very fine chest and head, nice sound colour, full of work all over, we liked much, sald to be the Scottish National, Bathgate, etc., winner.

Judge, A. Silver.

Mr. Silver's classes secured a good average entry, the Redpolls leading the way with 30 birds. What a year this has been for Redpolls and Greenfinches! It seems ages since so many good ones "fought" at every show. The judge went strongly for condition, and this helped the winning Chaffinch and Twite to the "head of the poll." Mr. Brotherhood's Bramblefinch is not one of the largest, but for colour, markings, and bloom, be left his competitors simply "standing still." The first prize Siskin found a new owner at £4 10s. 6d., the catalogue price, as did the winning Redpoll (a marvellous coloured bird) at £3 3s. In Yellowhammers, a well known South-country face (late Prior) got the first prize ticket for Mr. Walsh. The third prize bird (Mr. Russell) was protested against for alleged trimmed head-markings, but after investigation by a number of judges, the protest was not upheld. We noticed several birds, either cardless, or very low in the awards, which have been doing a lot of wining during the past season, and some of them were looking decidedly "stale."

CHAFFINCH (23): 1, P. Walsh, grand Chaffie, well up in col., good bold chest, rich reddish back and green rump, clear whites, fine carriage, full of bloom; 2, Reid, another capital specimen, big and bold, colours well defined, nice slate-blue head, good whites, very shapely, perfect order; 3, Cadman, a beauty in very forward condition, blue head and beak, very hot col., fine chest, well mkd. wings, seemed a little "soft" when we saw him; 4, vhc, Hurst, former big shapely Chaffie, grand col., good whites, every col. well defined; latter, very nice Finch, hot col., but a little smaller; extra 4, Prior, another lovely Chaffinch at all points, staged in grand condition; vhc, Francis, real good one, fine carriage, very steady, grand rump, looks like L.C.B.A. 1st; hc, McVay, paler in col., but in very nice order, a trifle unsteady; hc, Mason, loses in size and shape only to leaders; c, Lawrance, good bird of medium size. REDPOLL (30): Very hot class, the winner a marvellous col., standing well out in this respect; 1, Bell and Fisher, medium sized Lesser Redpoll, capital bead, nice bib, very shapely, typical, a long way ahead of anything in the class for richness of col. throughout, claimed at catalogue price £3 3s.; 2, 4, c, Marley, another good Lesser, larger than winner, good bib, nice shape and markings, a shade paler in col., well put down; 4th, well pencilled Mealy, rather small bib, good poll, nice shape, very steady; c, another good Lesser, nice pencillings; 3, Bruce, one of the best in class, lovely col., very bold, dense bib, grandly laced, fine shape and style, pressed hard; ex. 3, Mrs. F. Clarke, typical Lesser, again well up, good bib, nice shape and size, well polished plumage, shown well; ex. 4, Keymer Bros., large Mealy, beautiful bright red cap, fine thigh marks, good wings and in capital condition; vhc, Mrs. F. Clarke, bonny Redpoll, rich col., good size, lacks pencilling, otherwise might have been higher up; vhc, Capt. Hamilton Jones, Lesser Redpoll, nice shape and condition; hc, Garland, shapely little Lesser, nice bib, good wing bars; hc, Rutherford and Bright, large Mealy, well mkd., rich cap. TWITE (14): 1, vhc, Coffey, looks like the old champion, nice size and shape, good whites in flights, capital pencillings, nice shaped head, in lovely order, might be just a little deeper in col., but wins well; vhc, fine shape and size, paler in col., rather deficient in pencillings; 2, Bancroft, fine shapely Twite, in lovely order, lengthy bird, shows whites well, very fair markings, well put down; 3, Wilson, very rich col., well mkd., steady as a rock, appears to be very fat, and was a trifle "soft" when we were taking notes; 4, Leach and Leckie, paler in col., but fine size and shape, good head, nicely pencilled, capital condition; hc, Harris, paler in col., tight as wax, nice bloom; c, Marley, rich col. and stands well, very shapely; No. 1890, Carr, very nice Twite, well staged. SISKIN (17): 1, McLean and Nicol, col., fed, very hot, capital cap and lacing, well marked wings, a shade dull perhaps in bars, small bib, nice shape and size, good thigh pencillings, well shown; 2, Hurst, nat. col., grand black cap and a good bib, clear wing bars, very rich nat. col., plenty of markings on flanks, fine size, shows well; 3, J. M. Walsh, col. fed, fine markings, nice size, very rich breast col., capital condition, very steady; 4, MacDougal, nice shapely specimen, rich nat. col., breast, wing bars shade dull, fine feather, good size; vhc, McGregor and Boyd, fine head but a small bib, very fair markings, perfect feather; hc, Francis, splendid condition, medium size, good markings, grand bib; c, Coffey, hot fed but small, tight as wax, in lovely condition. BRAMBLEFINCH (14): 1, Brotherhood, very hot col., beautifully spangled head and mantle, well mkd. wings, rich shoulders and breast col., extending well down flanks, nice thigh ticks, not one of the largest in class, but very shapely, and shows well; 2, Coffey, the old champion, beaten to-day in col., grand head, throws crest well up, very distinct spangling, trifle larger than winner, col. going well down the flanks, nicely mkd. wings, A1 condition, in spite of the hard work of the show season; 3, Inman, another hot col. Bramble, good size and shape, well up in col., nice head, fine spangling, shows well; 4, Bancroft, neat, grand col. one, shade on small side, well polished plumage, capital col. and markings; vhc, Hoyle, beautifully spangled, fine shape and col., nice size, close up; hc, Lane, showy bird, good col., nice wing markings; c, Marley, good col.; Nos. 1,915 and 1,917 (Beaty and Prior) both real good ones, in lovely order, hard lines to be cardless. GREENFINCH (24): Very fine class: 1, McVay, bonny Greenie, nicely fed, good bold head, rich wing butts and flights, beautiful silky plumage, good chest, fine carriage, shows well; 2, F. Howe, rare size and shape, splendid bit of green, massive head, good bold chest, cl. yellows in flight and tail, steady as a rock, in the pink of condition; 3, Andrews, capital Greenie, good chest, cl. flights and tail, nice tint of col. throughout, stands well; 4, J. M. Walsh, tight as could possibly be, and very shapely, good head and chest, fine body col., nice size, very steady; ex. 4, Gunnell, col. fed to perfection, narrower on head, good flights and tail, shows well; vhc, hc, Marley, both good specimens, but on the small side, good texture of feather; vhc, Coffey, nice size and shape, very fair col., but not in the best of condition to-day; hc, Inman, in capital order, nice col., capital flights, shade small; c, Brade, nicely col. fed, capital condition. HAWFINCH (17): The strongest class of this species we have seen for a considerable time, and con-

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tained some tip-top specimens; 1, Harris, a real topper, perfect col., rich on breast and head, good collar, lovely cl. wings with a beautiful metallic sheen, splendid shape, perfect bib, massive head, in rare condition; 2, Hurst, another real good one, shade narrower skull, rich cheeks and head, good neck and flights, stands well up, has good chest, shade paler in col., but in capital condition; 3, Maxwell, noted winner, very tame, well up in col., not the largest, hut has a fine clear cut bib, rich head and back, and in A1 condition; 4, Elliott, lighter huilt bird altogether, hut has a large hib, clear flights, and good greyish neck, stands well; vhc, Robertson, hot col., good size, very forward in condition, heak almost full col.; hc, spl, Burrows, paler in col., but large; c, spl, Marley, well up in col., nice shape and size. YELLOW BUNTING (18): 1, J. M. Walsh, rieh col. 'Hammer, nice cheek marks, good head, niee and clear on crown, good wing marks, nicely pencilled flanks, in perfect condition; 2, Harris, capital size and shape, rich col., good cheek marks, not quite so well mkd. on head, very steady, full of bloom; 3, Russell, fine bodied, in perfect condition, rich body col., nice cl. yell., very fair head marks; 4, Messer, not so well mkd. on head, but a capital rich yell., fine chest, nice even flank markings, very steady; vhc, Johnson, hot col. fed, well mkd., not quite so clear on bead; hc, Watson, beautiful cl. yell. throat in fine plumage, nice size; c, Edwards, another hot fed one, not clear enough yet on head and throat. A.O.S. BUNTING: Well mixed and interesting class; 1, Nicholson and Son, splendid Corn Buntiug, rich col. and markings, nice shaped head, rare size, tame as could be desired, in the finest possihle conditiou; 2, Nicholas, another Corn Bunting, very nice col., hut not qnite so distinctly mkd. as winner, good size, very steady, hnt some thought might well have given way to next; 3, Frostick, very fine Snow Bunting, very wbite for a twice cage-moulted bird, lovely bead and wings, as steady as a rock, shown for all it is worth; 4, Francis, the now well-known Lapland Bunting, nicely shown, good size and markings, very steady; vhc, Keymer Bros., bonny Reed Bunting, dense black head and throat, good collar and body markings; hc, Collins, Snow Bunting, nice steady bird, but hehind 3rd in col.; c, Henderson, sweet little Cirl, well mkd. head, in good condition. The class contained a good Meadow Bunting and a specimen of the Continertal Black-headed Bunting.

Judge, W. Swaysland.

The entries in the insectivorous classes compared very favourably with those of otber years, and in some cases the quality of the exhibits was higher than usual. The Blackbird and Starling classes were not very heavy, but the competition was keen, many good birds of about equal merit facing the judge. In these classes condition plays a most important part, and in one or two eases it was this that turned the scale. It was most interesting to note in the classes for larger birds, how the winners of former years failed to quite hold their premier positions. In the Song Thrush class the well-known "Border Queen," owned by Mr. J. W. Bruce, of Coldstream, a winner of tbree firsts at the Palace, just failed to repeat ber performance. Possibly the lady has been "going the pace" lately, and so did not look quite in ber usual bloom of health. The winner was also a sbade larger, and her equal in other points. The Albino class was unusually interesting, and numbered twenty-two exhibits. These attracted a good deal of attention. It is a section of the sbow tbat otbers than fanciers can be interested in. The white Tbrusb shown by Mr. R. Laidlow, and the Black Hawfinch (Mr. F. J. Evans's) were possihly the two most rare birds. Mr. Frostick's Dartford Warbler again stood at the top of its class, and was claimed at catalogue price. Magpies, Jays,, etc., were absent, the class failing to fill. There was a nice entry in the class for 'Gale, or Blackcap, and contrary to the usual custom the latter hirds were tbe most numerous, some fine birds being on view. Iu tbe class for A.O.S. migratory birds (Wheatears, etc.), a Crested Lark (Mr. Lott's) was exhihited, hut was left out of the tickets, possibly on account of its not being in the list of tbe N.B.B. and M.C. Mr. Walsh's Great Grey Shrike, first in its class, was claimed at catalogue price (£6).

BLACKBIRD (10): 1, Prior, grand bird, excels in polish and density of col., absolutely perfection in shape, lovely beak and eye, winner in a good class; 2, Mays, another of lovely shape and size, in very fine feather, but baidly so dense in col. as winner; 3, Ford, a bird that has done some winning, but beaten to-day on condition, a real topper for size and shape, largest in the class; 4, Blackett, good one of neat type, very sleek in feather aud rich in col., loses on size to winners; vbc, Beaty, last year's winner, very fine, cramped a hit in cage, possibly could not show himself; hc, Sketchley; c, Miller and Co. SONG THRUSH (23): 1, Fletcher, a marvel for size and perfection of shape, beautifully spotted throughout, rich col., nice gloss, claimed at catalogue price; 2, Bruce, last year's winner, in fine form, beaten only in size, spotting dense, and evenly distributed; 3, Mrs. Longden, very fine young bird, lovely contour, stands and sbows himself well, grandly marked, West Country winuer, should do even better another year; 4, Sketchley, fine hold bird, exceedingly steady, beautifully proportioned, markings even, and carried well down flanks; vhc, Hughes; hc, Mays; c, Hemmings. STARLING (9): 1, Alton and Thompson, fine bold bird, shows himself to perfection, with niee full front, beautifully marked, carried right through, splendid back work, full of polish; 2, Lott, another beauty, good size, very shapely and regular in markings, splendid col., in very fine condition; 3, Lean and Son, a stormer for size and shape, rather dark in col., but beautifully spangled, grandly marked wings, would do better in larger cage; 4, Martin and Haddon, good bird, nicely spangled, good snakey head, lovely condition, very close up; vhc, Francis, marvel for col. and sheen, rather small spang'ing, hardly the size of winner, still a lovely exhibit; hc, Telford; c, Miller and Eadie. ALBINOS (22): 1, Walsh, beautiful silver Starling, fine size, very shapely feathers, tipped with white, has a charming effect on the silver ground, good first; 2, Dohle Bros., lovely little Pied Goldfinch, clear bird, all hut two or three feathers in each wing, and yell. bar, not over large, but lovely exhihit; 3, Laidlow, White Thrush, possibly the rarest hird in the class, not over pure in col., hut very shapely bird and interesting; 4, Sayward, White Bullfinch, pure White, all but wings and tail, capital shape, very tame, make charming pet; ex. 4, Evans, Black Hawfinch, very interesting and rare exhibit, good sound col., would have done better if larger, in capital condition; vhc, Watson, good Linn. Greenie; vhc, Herbert; hc, Turton, Hodgkinson; c, Greenway. HEN (15): 1, Harris, fine large Hawfineh, grand size and shape, very rich col. for a lady, capital bih and wings; 2, Bancroft, good Bramble, almost as rich in col. as a cock, nice shape and size, a good second; 3, Longden, fine Corn Bunting, nice size, shows herself well, beautifully marked, of grand col. and quality of feather; 4, Leach and Leckie, beautiful Twite, capital size and shape, grandly laced throughout, very sound col.; vhc, Lowrie, nice Crossbill, capital size and shape; hc, Francis; c, Dawson. NIGHTINGALE OR BLACKCAP (13): 1, Hon. Mrs. Bourke, very fine 'Gale, nice shape, moves and shows himself well, lovely sound col., charming bird in very high condition; 2, 4, Otto Puck, grand Blackcap, nice silvery col., good dense cap of nice formation, perfect plumage, shown in very fine condition; 4, another splendid Blackcap, smart bird, good ground col., sound dense cap, in perfect health; 3, vbc, Jackson, another good 'Gale, capital size, rich colour, fine bold eye, exceedingly steady, in lovely condition; vhc, Blackcap, close up, good cap, in fine form; hc, Briscoe and Son; c, Martin. SKYLARK (8): 1, McVay, fine bold bird, sbows bimself splendidly, grand size and shape, very richly spangled; 2, Walsh, another good hird, hardly so large as winner, hut grand col., excels in spaugling, a beauty for condition; 3, hc, Paton, fine big bird, of nice shape, hardly tho depth of colour and markings of winner, still a good one; 4, vhc, Lott, big bird, lovely shape, good head, beaten in markings only; c, Baseley. A.O.S. RESIDENT (10): 1, Frostick, well-known Dartford Warbler, lookiug as well as ever, claimed at catalogue price, £12 10s.: 2, 3, Mays, 2nd lovely example of the Golden Crested Wren, capital size and shape, as tight as a Java, in perfect feather; 3rd fine Tree Creeper, very pure throat, contrasting well with the rich hrowu back, splendidly marked; 4, Collins, very fine Nuthatch, capital size and shape, very good eye marks, nice pure back col. and chestnut breast; vhc, Francis, good Grey Wagtail, in perfect feather; hc, Blackett, pretty Gold Crest; c, Walsb, nice Tree Creeper. WHEATEAR OR LARGER (10): 1, 2, Mays, 1st fine bold Wheatear leading, lovely size, extraordinary col. and feather, grand eye markings, good wings and tail, a real topper; 2nd very fine Yellow Wagtail, grand col., beautifully mkd., shows himself well, a lovely exhibit; 3, Beaty, magnificent little Lesser Whitethroat, in grand order, nice rich cap and hack, good pure throat; 4, Walsh, anotber good Yellow Wagtail, fine size, very shapely bird, good breast, but hardly so rich in col. as second; vhc, Tout, nice Wheatear; bc, Francis, pretty Lesser Whitethroat; c, Forster, good Wheatear. LARGE (10): 1, Walsh, Great Grey Shrike leading, well known bird, often described, looking well, claimed; 2, Forster, lovely Waxwing, fine size and shape, very clean cut hib, good crest, very fine wings, a real heauty; 3, Bisset, bold Missel Thrush, grand shape, extraordinary size, good col., splendidly marked with just a suspicion of breaking on the size, still a beauty; 4, Martin, another fine Waxwing, hardly the size of winner, but grand hib and cap, lovely wings, in very fine condition; vhc, Lawson and Burlinson, good Redwing, beautifully mkd., lovely col.; bc, Wilson, good Missel Thrush; c, Baseley, niec Redwing.

The Novice British Birds and Hybrids.

Judge, H. Norman.

This section of the show was a new venture, but results proved that the management were fully justified in providing a few classes for otber than champion exhibitors. Tbe four classes for Britisb birds drew a good entry, tbe one for Goldfinch and Bullfinch totalling thirty-nine—not bad for a beginning. And should novices patronize this section, no doubt the authorities will soon see their way to somewhat increase the classification. Tho poorest class of the lot was the one for insectivorous birds, and this certainly should have drawn a better entry than eigbt exhibits, considering the many insect-eating birds that are adaptahle to cage life. The quality of the birds sent in was certainly good, but tbe novice has still something to learn in tho matter of staging, some really good birds that should have been to the front baving to journey back bome cardless. Here and there among them one could see birds put down in fine style. In this respect tbe Hybrid exhibitors were certainly in front of the Britishers, the majority of the clears and some of the darks leaving nothing to he desired in the way of staging. The class for dark Hybrids was certainly a good one, hut Mr. Lang's fine Greenie Canary sailed home fairly easy, although there were other good ones of the same cross. Tbere was very little between tbe half-dozen Goldie-Bullies, Mr. Rees' bird winning as much on coudition as anything, although perhaps of the lot the only bird that might turn the tables would possihly bo Mr. Bell's fine hold bird, which stood second. The Hybrid class between two Britishers was certainly a most interesting one, and contained some good birds of up-to-date crosses.

GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH (39): 1, Brett, fino big Bullfinch, very thick-set, nice full bead and well-filled neck, good broad cap, sound rich col., in fino condition, although slightly coarse one side; 2, Kilby, very smart Goldie, showing plenty of chestnut and brown, square blaze of good rich col., nice wings, well buttoned and braced, very sbapely; 3, Dawson, another fine Bullie, hardly so thick-set and Bully-shape as winner, good cap and wings, plain bar, nice silvery back, quickly claimed; ex. 3, Wallman, perfect little gentleman, almost too nice and dainty for the bench, very fine quality hlaze, without a trace of black, grand condition, beaten only in tanning; 4, vhc, Hind, another good Bullie, very shapely, nice size, capital col., good wings and bars; ex. 4, Timberlake, fine bold bird, in lovely condition, sound rich col. throughout; vhc, Alexander, Cooper; hc, Raynor, Kitchener, Lewcock; c, Jones, Miller. LINNET, ETC. (25): 1, Miller, topping Linnet leading, nice size, very shapely, stands like a sentinel, well up in col., nice breast ticking, well laced and spangled throughout; 2, Cooper, lovely little Redpoll, smart, active bird of nice rich brown col., excels in lacing, most perfect hib, a little gentleman; 3, c, Kitchener, nice bold sbapely Siskin, big, cbesty bird, good cap and bib, capital wing, very dense in black all through; 4, Mrs. Clapham, fine bold Mealy Redpoll of wonderful size, good chubby sbape, grand cap and bib, lovely col., well laced, inclined to ho rough at times; ex. 4, Rees, another bonny bird of good size and col., very little behind; vhc, bc, Brighty, another big Mealy, very shapely, good feather, brilliant cap and breast; vbc, Burrows; hc, Bush; c, Johnson, Kitchener. A.O.S. FINCH, Etc. (17): 1, Hawkes, grand Yell. Bunting, good size and shape, almost perfect head, rich in yell. and brown, fine back and wings; 2, Mrs. Caunt, fine hold Corn, good size, very shapely, rich in marking, in A1 condition; 3, Benson, grand Greenie, very shapely, of good size, sound col., capital wings, showing a fino har; 4, vhc, Mrs. Cooper, bold Cbaffic, stands well, sound col., good cap and wings; vhc, another good Yell. Bunting, very little behind winner; hc, Miller; c, Miss Bellamy. INSECTIV. (8): 1, Miller, good Waxwing leading, rather slim tunic, but nicely proportioned, perfect, clean-cut hib, and a wealth of crest feathers, lovely wings of rich col., tight as wax; 2, Brightly, perfect little Pipit, just lacks the finish of the usual cage spec., very shapely, good sound col. throughout, beautifully mkd.; 3, Cbild, fine, big, bold Missel, shown in grand order, nicely proportioned, good touch of col., grandly marked, although hardly so even as some; 4, Miss Johnson, very good Song Thrush, in capital condition, rich col. well mkd. right through, steady; vhc, Mrs. Clapham, another good Waxwing, rather different type to winner, good bib, lovely wings, in very fine condition, might have done better if less fat, which spoilt his shape; hc, Mrs. Adams; c, Oliver. HYB., LIGHT OR VARIEG. (10): 1, Rees, very hot col. yell. leading, good size and shape, in perfect condition, well shown 2, Lang, bold buff, capital size, nicely proportioned, A1 feather and condition, smart exhibit; 3, Dawson, fine bold bird, wing and eye mkd., good shape, sound col. and condition; 4, Butler, smart buff, nice touch of blaze, in perfect feather; vhc, Parker; hc, Tanner; c, Tburling. DARK (22): 1, Lang, very bold Greenie, bardly the best in proportions, but of sound rich col. tbrougbout, moves and shows well, good wings, in perfect condition; 2, ex. 4, Houghtou, very smart Siskin, neat shape, very souud col., nicely laced, good cap, well braced wings of good col., very dense in black, ex. 4th another fine Greenie of good size, but bardly so large as winner, rich in col., graud quality; 3, Pope, big Linnet, good bold Nor. shape, sound in col., nice texture of feather, in fine condition, well shown; 4, Dawson, nice Goldie, good size, rich col. hlaze, well tanned, good wings and bars; vhc, Dewsnap, Kitchener; hc, Clipstone, Dawson; c, Hawkes. A.O.V. HYB (16): 1, Rees, grand Goldie-Bullie, A1 blaze of nice col., spreading well over frout, rieb in tanning aud in lovely feather; 2, Bell, another, very close up, hut hardly in sueb good condition, shade more shapely, grand expansive blaze, A1 wiugs and back; 3, Davis, nice Linnet-Bullie, good size, well proportioned, good touch of crimson, clean cap, in capital condition; 4, Welch, yet another Goldie-Bullie, but hardly the size, nor possessing the blaze of winners, capital shape, very tigbt in feather, well shown; vhc, Beard, nice little Siskin-Redpoll, very shapely, falls a wee bit in size, hut nicely laced; hc, Thurling; c, Hawkes.

The Cages.

Judge, T. Heath.

The cage section was cut down to one class this year, and drew 11 entries, and many of the exhibits, we note, were claimed by the visitors to the show. One remarkable piece of work was on view (shown by Mr. F. H. Stanton), a large aviary in the form of a church, with spire, porch, courtyard, etc., all complete.

CAGES (11): 1, 3, Mullins and Son, 1st good cage, suitahle for a Wagtail, about 20 inches long and 9 wide, the perches arranged rather different to the usual method, the centre one beiug slightly higher than the others, beautifully finished and enamelled, 3rd good douhle breeder, of nice length and height, food, water, and egg pans well placed, very light and serviceahle, reasonable in price, considering the finish and workmanship; 2, 4, Newley, 2nd big aviary cage, for large British, very strongly made, well finished, with good, stout perches, some thought there were rather too many of them, but the owner could easily alter them if required, well made zinc sand tray gives the cage a neat appearance, a strip of wood goes all round to prevent the sand getting behind, 4th very smart, softbill cage, witb inside feeding glasses, and a short centre perch, appeared useful without crowding; vhc, Stanton, big cage, built to represent a church, quite an attractive exhibit.

The Foreign Birds.

The ahow at the old, historic glass-house is always an eagerly anticipated event, aud these anticipations are mostly realised; for not only does tbis event mean a "gathering of the clans" unequalled at any similar function, but in a large measure also the feathered notabilities of the year are to he seen bere. Though in this sectiou this feature was not so strikiug as in past years, yet a goodly array of rare and uncommon birds were gathered here for hird-lovers and the public to feast their eyes upon. A wonderful sight it was! This section was certainly ushered in hy an unfortunate accident, which was literally a catastrophe, viz., tbe escape of the Pigmy Parrot while being unpacked, and thus neither judge nor public got a sight of this rare and unique atom of tbe Parrot tribe—an unrealised anticipation for many hird-lovers as well as the writer. I am sure I am not overstating the case when I say that Mons. Pauvvels has the sincere sympathy of all bird fanciers in his irreparable loss. Apart from tbe Pigmy Parrot the most enquired for "notabilities" were the Cock of tho Rock, Blue Budgerigars, and Purple Suubird, somewhat in the order given.

Other good and rare exhibits were: Mr. Townsend's Black-throated Hangnest, tbe Rev. Raynor's Everitt's Parrot, Mr. Watson's Black-billed Toucan, Mr. O'Neill's White-winged Hangnest, Mr. J. M. Walsb's Black-headed Sibias and Crested Mynahs, Mr. Maxwell's Great-billed Flycatcher, Blue-winged Siva, and Crested Wood Partridge, Mr. S. Beaty's Levailliant's Barbet. The management was, and always is, excellent at this show, and the officials are to ho congratulated on another well-deserved success—though perhaps tbe Parrots were not so numerous as in past years, but some beautiful birds were staged. Mr. H. T. T. Camps judged tho Parrot and Parrakeet classes, and Mr. Frank Finn the remainder. Their awards, witb one or two exceptions, were well received.

Judge, Mr. H. T. T. Camps.

BUDGERIGARS, LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (5): 1, Pauvels, true pair Sky Blue Budgerigars, unique and exquisitely beautiful; 2, Townsend, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot, very rich in col., not a feather out of place; 3, Colville and Sons, good pair Yell. Budgerigars; 4, Watts, Red-faced Lovebird, very rich col.; vhc, Maxwell, Red-crowned Hanging Parrot, not yet in full col. PARRAKEETS, LORIES, ETC. (7): 1, 2, R. Pauvvels, exquisite Hooded Parrakeet, very tight and rich in col.; 2, beautiful pair of Bourke's Parrakeets; 3, vbc, Maxwell, good pair of Brown's Parrakeets and Queen Alexandra Parrakeet, tho latter a wee bit soft; 4, O'Neill, Ceram Lories, rich col. but not tight; hc, c, Cushney, good Red-rump Parrakeet; c, Clark, good Ring-necked Parrakeet in lovely bloom. The above classes do not call for special comment, as the Blue Budgerigars have been noted elsewhere, save perhaps to remark that Mr. Townsend's Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot and Mons. Pauvvels' Hooded Parrakeets are certainly the best specimens of their respective species that the writer has ever seen staged. PARROTS, COCKATOOS, ETC. (10): This class should have been notable by enabling many to see for the first time a living specimen of the Pigmy Parrot, a species no larger than a small Finch; unfortunately, as already noted, it escaped: one can only hope that this rara avis will be caught and restored to its enterprising owner. The other feature is the Rev. Raynor's Everett's Parrot, figured and noticed elsewhere. 1, R. Pauvvels, Hawk-headed Parrot, very uncommon, in perfect condition; 2, 3, Rev. Raynor, rare Everett's and Meyer's Parrots, tho latter (which must now be getting quite aged) was not so tight in plumage as we have seen it; 4, Mrs. Thorpe, Yellow-naped Amazon, uncommon, and in best of condition; vhc, J. Mackenzie, richly col. Senegal Parrot; hc, Leach and Leckie, good Lead-beater's Cockatoo; c, W. S. Smith, true pair grand Ecleetus Parrots; also exbibited, a very tame Sulphur-crested Cockatoo.

Judge, F. Finn.

AVADAVATS, ETC. (11): Always an interesting class, many of the so-called common species are very beautiful, and if they were only rare high prices would be readily paid for them. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners were remarkable for richly col., tight, and silken plumage, and were all staged by Mr. F. Howe. 1, 2, 3, Howe, Gold-breasted Waxbills, Diamond Finch, and St. Helena Waxhills, all in exquisite condition; 4, A. C. Young, perfect pair of Ribbon Finches; vhc, R. J. Watts, good Diamond Finch; hc, Rev. J. M. Paterson, Java Sparrow, in perfect condition; c, Allum Bros., pair Ribbon Finches; also exhibited, Spice Finches and Silverbills. WAXBILLS, GREENFINCHES, ETC. (16): 1, Howe, Melba finch, in our opinion one of the best ever staged, well worth its position; 2, Pauvvels, Painted Finches, very rich col., perfect; 3, c, Maxwell, exquisite Red-headed Gouldian Finch, one of the best we have seen, and his rare Red-rumped Weaver, the latter rather loose in feather; 4, Botting, lovely pair of Rufous-backed Mannikins; vhc, hc, J. M. Walsh, Red-headed Finch, and another (we failed to note species). Other good specimens of Pintail Nonpareils, Chestnut Finch, Jamieson's Waxbills, Parrot, Red-headed, and Gouldian Finches. GROSBEAKS, TRUE FINCHES, ETC. (4): 1, Maxwell, Nonpareil Bunting, very tight in feather, but has the rich red plumage of undersurface replaced by pale yellow; 2, Mrs. E. Galloway, good pair of Blue Grosbeaks; 3, Pauvvels, true pair Nonpareil Buntings, rich in col., but a little rough in plumage. TANAGERS (11): Some beautiful species were staged here, but nothing really new, the most notahle bird in the class being Mr. Walsh's Black-throated Tanager, in faultless condition, and which certainly experienced hard luck in not being awarded premier honours; beautiful specimens of the Black-hacked and Petre's Tanagers in best condition were exhibited by Mr. C. T. Maxwell. Two good specimens of the Rufous-throated Blue Sugar Bird were passed by the judge as in their wrong class; the judge is certainly correct in doing so. Nevertheless, it is hard lines for the exhibitors in question, as this species has hitherto been accepted in the Tanager class; hence we give publicity to the fact that the proper class for the species may he generally recognised, viz., all species of Sugar Birds, etc. 1, Pitchford and Stocker, Necklace Tanager, beautiful col., not easy to keep in captivity, and showing signs of a heavy show season; 2, vhc, J. M. Walsh, Black-throated Tanager, very uncommon and in faultless condition, and a good Maroon Tanager; 3, 4, Maxwell, Black-hacked and Petre's Tanagers, good col. and very tight; hc, c, Beaty, Black-backed Tanager, not so pure in col. as the 3rd prize winner, and a grand Tri-colour Tanager. Several good Superb Tanagers were also shown. SUGAR BIRDS, SUN BIRDS, ETC. (10): An interesting and gorgeous class; apart from the Sun Bird, which is noted elsewhere, there were three Purple Sugar Birds, two Yellow-wings, and a Banana Quit. Mr. Townsend staged his Yellow-winged Sugar Bird for the sixth season at the Palace Show, and it is certainly now in richer col. and equally tight plumage as when it first appeared—it is one of the best specimens of this lovely species that has ever been staged. 1, vhc, c, Maxwell, 1st the Purple Sun Bird, exquisite, very tight, lovely, beyond description; vhc, Black-headed Sugar Bird, perfect; c, Purple Sugar Bird; 2, 4, Townsend, Banana Quit and Yellow-winged Sugar Bird in the order given, both in finest condition, and the beauty and condition of the latter beyond the power of pen to describe; 3, Morris, Purple Sugar Bird, rich col., very tight; hc, Pitchford and Stocker, Gold-fronted Green Bulhul, rich col., in best of condition. A.O.S. (smaller than the King Bird of Paradise) (11): All the exhibits here were of great interest, and mostly very uncommon, but all save the White-winged Hangnest have been previously noted in our pages. A fine specimen of Levalliant's Barbet was marked wrong class, as being larger than the King Bird of Paradise; one can sympathise with the owner in his hard luck, hut though it is drawing the line rather fine, it is just too large for this class. 1, vhc, C. T. Maxwell, Great-billed Flycatcher and Blue-winged Siva, both rare and beautiful exhibits and in exquisite condition; 2, 4, J. M. Walsh, White-browed Wood Swallow and Black-headed Sibias, beautiful and perfect; 3, O'Neill, White-winged Hangnest, rare and beautiful—a first appearance we think; hc, Townsend, Black-throated Hangnest, very uncommon, perfect condition; c, Otto Puck, good Shama. Also exhibited, Chinese Painted Quails, another Shama, and Levalliant's Barbet. A.O.S. (Larger) (5): Excepting the Cock of the Rock, which we have already noted, the others have all been previously reviewed in our pages; we were glad to see once more the beautiful Purple-headed Glossy Starling. The pair of Gold-crested Mynahs exhibited by Mr. Walsh are very uncommon, though we think they have been previously exhibited. 1, Pauvvels, Cock of the Rock, perfect condition, in full natural col., never before exhibited, the aisle being continually congested in its vicinity, a grand exhibit; 2, Watson, Black-billed Toucan, beautiful and rare exhibit, possibly a first appearance; 3, Maxwell, Crested Wood Partridge, rare, steady and beautiful; 4, vhc, Cushney, Purple-headed Glossy Starling, rich col., perfect; hc, J. M. Walsh, Gold-crested Mynahs, very rare, possihle first appearance.

Judge, H. Norman.

FOR. BULLFINCH AND GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Minnett, grand big Bullie, wonderful col., very even and pure, good broad cap, capital back and wing, in grand condition; 2, Howie, lovely Goldie, nice square-cut hlaze of rich col., excels in tanning, perfect wings and buttons; 3, Picard, another fine Bullie, grand size and shape, good col., nice wing hars, just heaten in condition; 4, c, Geddis, a beauty, little behind second, grand col. and quality; vhc, Lane; hc, McLennan.

Extra Stock Class.

The extra stock classes was a tremendous collection, about 120 of which consisted of Rollers at various prices, and other song birds were exhibited by Mr. Rochl. In addition there were 200 other birds of various breeds, from such rooms as those of Messrs. Senior, Horton, Axe, Silk, Thynne, Hodder, Steel, Turner, Ramsden, Green, Pope, Wilson, Patterson, Gibbs, Richardson, Bexson, Slade, Bellinger, Lawrence, Yates, Nason, Mrs. Litchfield, and others. Birds purchased from this class were allowed to be removed each evening at 9.30, a great convenience to purchasers. Many exhihits were very cheap, and purchasers were lucky in some of their deals.

Kindly thank all who sent applications for hen Bullfinches I advertised in "Cage Birds" of Feb. 4th. I had so many I could not answer them all—only those who enclosed a stamp. The birds were sold by first post Saturday, which speaks well for your paper, which I think gets better every week.—Jas. Wilson (Norton, Malton).

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WANTED—continued.

WANTED winning hardbills, exchange Norwich Plainheads; yours first: Devoy, 23, George-st., Stanraer.

WANTED, pen of laying pullets, Wyandottes, Leghorns, offers exchange; see Yorkshires: Williams.

WANTED two Yorkshire cock Canaries, full song, exchange 24 pieces of high-class china, 12 cups, and 12 saucers: Harrison, 32, Industrial-st., Fell-lane, Keighley.

WANTED good house-moulted cock Siberian Goldfinch, must be perfect songster: Particulars, letters, J. Ferry, Junr., 22, Wardie-sq., Granton Harbour, Edinburgh.

WANTED common Canaries or fresh-caught British, exchange 3 buff Norwich cocks, Irons' strain, or sell, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-: Watson, 68, Lord-st., Rotherham.

WANTED, cock Canaries and Mules; must be good songsters: Skelton, Malford Villas, Boundary-rd., Newbury.

WANTED, large colour-fed Norwich, also Cinnamon Norwich; will give 7/- per pair for good birds; send particulars: H. Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensborg, Bradford.

NOTICE! Will give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, 10/- for Crests; also a Scotch Fancy wanted: M'Reand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, a hand-reared cock Skylark, must be steady and on song, also a cock Goldfinch mule, in full song; on approval: R. Charity, Grocer, Deeping Saint James.

WANTED, mules or Norwich hens, for 2 champion bred wire fox terrier dog puppies, 6 weeks, pedigree; approval: Metcalfe, 8, Village-st., Broughton, Manchester.

WANTED, offers in poultry or useful exchange for 6 large prize bred Norwich hens, 4 cock clears, sell 15/- pair: G. S. Burton, Junr., Greengrocer, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

WANTED, bitch toy puppy, or young talking Parrot; give gent's suit length and gent's box calf boots; gent's free wheel cycle, sell cheap: Caretaker, 204, Dudley Port.

WANTED a lightly marked, unflighted buff Norwich hen, also a lightly marked unflighted yellow Norwich hen; approval; no fancy prices: W. Broadbridge, 34, George-st., Sittingbourne, Kent.

WANTED, in exchange Roller cocks, no choppers, for grand white bull terrier dog, 2 years, weight about 50 pounds, or sell, £2 2s.; birds first: Olive, Confectioner, Cottom-st., Elton Bury, Lancs.

OFFERS in Canaries for ¼-plate Lancaster's instantagraph camera, complete, new conditiou; 30/-; also 3ft. sash cramp, 7/-; pair floor cramps, 12/-; birds first; approval: Wild, Bradwell, Sheffield.

WANTED offers, cash, or cock Canaries, for twice cage-moulted cock Goldfinch and cock Greenfinch, cage-moulted cock Siskin, young Greenie Mule, 2 cock Linnets: Barnett, 29, Deansfield-rd., Eltham.

WANTED, offers in good breeding pairs Yorkshire or Norwich, for D.B. breechloader by Scott, London; good killer, bottom bolt, just overhauled; or sell £3 3s.; letters only: J. H. Marshall, 172, Clive-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE magnificent cock Pekin Nightingale, now fit for immediate exhibition; sell 15/6; or exchange good cock Lizard, Lancashire, or Border; must be good; approval both ways: Clifford, Heal, Paulton, Bristol.

WANTED, to exchange, Hobbies fretwork machine, value 15/-, little used. What offers? Also four dozen cylinder records, mostly Edison's, none cracked; or would exchange others; approval both ways: C. Howarth, 37, Clarendon-st., Hyde, Cheshire.

WANTED, lady's bike, must be in good condition and easy runner; will give 3 pairs of Yorkshire Canaries, greens and cinnamons, or will give one pair for carving case and 4 show cages for Yorkshires: Wm. Alderson, Greenfield-view, Skipton, Yorkshire.

PURCHASERS wanted for 3 1910 house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 4/6 each; Linnet cock and show cage, 1st. special, and 3rd Bideford, 1910, 10/-; Seifert Roller cock, 1910, untrained, 5/6; three Seifert hens, 1910, 3/6 each; 2 yellow Yorkshire hens, 1910, 3/6 each: 2 Yorkshire show cages, 2/6 each; 2 Goldfinch show cages, bow fronts, 3/- each: 2 single breeding cages, complete with wire partitions, feeders, and nest pans, 5/6 each: one double do., 7/6; approval: deposit: Fred Kivell, East-the-water, Bideford.

FANCIERS, AND CATCHERS IN ENGLAND & ABROAD having birds to dispose of, should send consignments to me for disposal. I have upwards of 2,000 patrons, both fanciers and dealers, who buy from me. Please note: No trouble, no answering letters; terms, 5 per cent. on net sales; you pay carriage; the returns are certain to please you. Cheques prompt. The commission salesman who does his best for all senders: Parkes, Bird Salesman, 68, Lovett-st., Grimsby. Telegrams: Sturgeon.

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BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRD and animal preserving, in all its branches, cheap, workmanship guaranteed, Canary size 1/6: Salt, Taxidermist, Waterloo-st., Lynn.

TAXIDERMISTS' supplies, artificial eyes; Illustrated catalogue free; preservative powder, 8d. box: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

BRITISH and tropical butterflies, humming birds, mounted for ornamental purposes. Nature study cases; lists: Ford, Naturalist, Stourfield, Bournemouth.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

I WILL exchange high class British for Canaries, cocks and hens: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

EXHIBITION dark Goldie Mule and show cage, accept £1, or exchange: T. Weedall, Greengrocer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch for good Yorkshire hen: Shields, 25, Benson-st., Linthorpe, Middlesbro'.

GRAND house-moulted Siberian Goldie, 15/-; grand ditto, British, 12/-; beauties, finger-tame: Robt. Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

SELL or exchange, hand-reared Magpie, good mimic, nice pet, strong cage, 15/-: Apply Smith, Woodbine-villa, Blantyre

EXCHANGE 2 pair Greenfinches, 4 hen Bullfinches, for Canaries: Saunders, Castle Cottages, Reigate.

WHAT offers in cage pottery, for Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, cocks?: R. Hunt, 3, Fletcher-st., St. Petersgate, Stockport.

EXCHANGE good selected September caught cock Goldfinch, for good contest Linnet (quality): Goble, 57, Richmond-st., Brighton.

LARGE yellow cock Siskin, good for muling, 5/-; exchange clear Canary hen, Norwich type: Henderson, Park-view, Peebles.

EXCHANGE two H.M. cocks, Bullfinches, for two Sib. bred hens, buff; mutual approval: F. Potton, 48, St. Ann's-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE 6 Bullfinch hens for pair large Norwich 1910, or 2 songsters. Offers: Huniphrey, 19, Goddington-rd., Friadsbury, Kent.

GOLDFINCH Mules, 2 fine cocks, good songsters, 3 hens, 16/-, or exchange pair 1910 Norwich, to value: Richer, 49, Connaught-rd., Reading.

FOR sale, Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, winner several prizes, price 20/-, or exchange Canaries: Smith, 40, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

ONE exhibition Greenfinch 12/6, 1 ditto Yellowbunting 7/6, 2 grand Bullfinches 5/- each; or exchange: Hulme, Poynton, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE 2 Greenfinch mules, healthy, sex unknown, with cash for good Buff Border cock: Rutherford, Stables, Belmont, Dalkeith.

GOLDFINCH, 1st and special Lewes, and other honours, 30/-; part exchange Canaries; Yorks. preferred: Plummer, Friars Walk, Lewes.

HAND-REARED cock Starling, talks, whistles, very tame, sell, exchange Goldfinches, or hen Canaries: Williams, 63, High-rd., Willesden Green.

FOUR grand cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 5/6 each, exchange 2 for good Yorkshire cock: A. Blinman, 16, Lower Lane, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

COCK Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, 6 Linnets, Redpoll, Chaffinch cocks, exchange Lancashire Plainhead cocks, yours first: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

GRAND cock Bullfinch and yellow Norwich hen; exchange for pair Rollers or Crest-bred cock: Paterson, 74, Midhope-place, Winchburgh, Scotland.

WILL exchange a young Lark, in full song, for a crested cock, or a yellow Yorkshire cock Canary: John Swarbrigg, Bridge-st., Coolehill, Co. Cavon.

COCKS, two grand selected Goldfinches, 6/- each; Greenfinch, hybrid breeder, 4/6; exchange Canaries; offers: Denton, 46, Granville-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

HAWFINCHES, cock, hen, good, 12/6; exchange yellow Badgerigars or two good cock Siberians Goldies: George Redman, Eastergate, nr. Chichester.

GOLDFINCH, 3 1sts, and vhc, only time shown in mixed classes; will exchange for another winning British, or sell, 8/-: Precious, 316, Hawthorne-ave., Hull.

TWO hen Goldfinches, 2 hen Greenfinches, 4 cock Redpolls, all aviary moulted, offers, variegated Norwich hens: Edmonds, 79, Singlewell-rd., Gravesend.

EXTRA large cock brown Linnets, Twites, Bramblefinches (suit mulers), 2/- each; exchange Canaries, records, anything: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

ONE dozen Greenfinches, guaranteed cocks, selected; sale or exchange cock Goldfinch or Bullfinch; offers first: Hughes, 45, Salvin-st., Halfmoon-lane, Spennymoor.

EXHIBITION Greenfinch mule, highly commended at Hull; exchange for good yellow unflighted Norwich hen, yours first: E. Clark, 1, Park-cottages, Cave-st., Hull.

AVIARY-moulted large yellow cock Greenfinches, for muling, hybrid breeding, exhibition, 2/- each; or exchange Norwich hens: J. Simonds, High Street North, Dunstable.

WILL exchange selected British Linnets, Siskins, Bullfinches, etc., for Canaries (cocks or hens); state wants and offers: Hawarth, Catcher, Jatton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

EXCHANGE two Canary-reared Goldfinches, 1 house-moulted proved muler, for a cocker spaniel puppy dog, must be a small strain: Pitt, Somer Park-ave., Malvern.

COCKS, Siskin, twice h.m., Redpoll, thrice h.m., cock Yellowhammer, hen Greenfinch, 7/6 lot; or exchange good cock Goldfinch: Pickles, 2, Margate-st., Sowerby Bridge.

COCK Goldie, caged since September, fit for show or muling, for extra large house-moulted cock Linnet, on song; mutual approval, yours first: James, 7, Windmill-terr., Brighton.

HAND-fed Thrush, singing, 5/-; Goldfinch mule and Greenfinch mule, 8/- the two; 17 yards wire netting, exchange birds; Lark, full song, 2/-: Jenkins, 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

TWO cock Goldfinches, two hens; two cock Bullfinches, three hen Canaries, 1910 birds, close wired aviary equal to new; exchange singing cock Canaries: W. Rogers, Canning-st., Harwich.

GOLDFINCHES, cocks 1/9, hens 10d.; Bullfinches, cocks 1/3, hens 1/-; Greenfinches, cocks or hens, 4d. each; wild seeds for Finches 3d. quart; or exchange: Garfield, Norton, Malmesbury, Wilts.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch mule, winner, pure Goldfinch song, carrying case, 4 British show cages, offers cash, Norwich hens, or anything useful: W. Fairhurst, 66, Nellie-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

COCK Linnet Mule, sure winner, 10/-; hen Bullfinch, extra large, 2/6; Crystal Palace aviary, 12/6; boy's cycle, perfect order, new tyres, 17/6; offers: Elliott, Bird Specialist, Ashby-rd., Loughborough.

STEADY house-moulted cock Bullfinch and long Yorkshire cock, and big Norwich crested hen, 3 picked Chaffinch cocks; offers big Norwich, or muling hens: D. Alderson, 94, Milton-st., Middlesbro'.

HOUSE-moulted cocks, Bullfinch 3/6, Bramble Finch 3/6, Goldfinch 3/6, Redpoll 1/6, Chaffinch 1/-; hens, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, H.M. Chaffinch, 3/6; exchange Crest or C.-bred cock, or box cages: Prentice, Clive House, Trafalgar-rd., Newport, I.W.

GOOD Hawfinch (minus hind claw), Yellowhammer, Twite, 6 Mealy Redpolls, 2 Lessers, all cocks; exchange hen Canaries or Goldfinches; also grand field-moulted Linnet, 2nd Dalmellington, only time shown, 7/6, or offers: Rorke, Craigmark, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

CRESTED hen, winner, 12/6; cock Linnet, Norwich hen, 6/6; Golden Sebright cockerel, winner, 7/6; grand collie bitch, 15/-; exchange good Goldfinches, Hawfinches, others; offers: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

GOLDFINCHES, large Siberian cocks, full song, 10/6 each; Siberian hen Bullfinches, 2/6, 3/- each; large Russian cock Linnets, cock Greenfinches, 1/6, 2/- each; exchange Canaries, Goldfinch Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

GRAND pair Grasslinches, winners, with show cage, 20/-; Rosella, big winner, with show cage, 30/-; cock Bearded Tit, winner, including first at Cardiff, 15/-; also few breeding cages, or exchange for exhibitors' British birds: E. Thorne, 49, Broadway, Cardiff.

GRAND team of British birds, Hawfinch, Bramble Finch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Lesser Redpoll, muling Redpoll, Linnet; cocks, £2 the team; most of the above have won in open shows; or exchange anything useful: Thos. Towers, 15, Orchard-st., Hinckley.

ENGLISH Goldfinches, cage-moulted, 5/6 each; exchange Canaries: Lear, 55, Waterloo-sq., Camberwell.

LARGE dark Brown Linnet-Canary Mule, 3rd at Lynn in class of 16; exchange two large H.M. steady Bullie hens: W. White, Fleet-rd., Holbeach, Lincs.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, 6/-, hens 3/-; exhibition Greenfinch, 12/6; Siskin, 12/6; Goldfinch, 7/6; Linnet, 7/6; Mealy Redpoll, 5/-; winners, cards sent; dozen new show cages, 2/- each; exchange for good fishing tackle, poultry, Yorkshire or Pomeranian dog; offers, anything useful: Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

Mainly Canaries.

BUFF or yellow var. hens for clear yellow, or sell 2/6 up: Ling, Long-row, Leiston.

EXCHANGE, 1909 yellow Norwich cock for good Norwich hen: Ankerson, Blackwater, Hants.

WILL exchange 4 good Rollers, hens, for 2 large Crests or Crest-bred hens: Kerr, Langton, Kennels, Duns.

EXCHANGE 3 good hen Canaries for good Norwich or Roller cock: A. Greagsoey, Saddler, Wadhurst, Sussex.

SCOTCH Fancies, Cock for sale, cheap, to clear; or exchange Norwich: T. McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley.

FOUR hen Canaries, 2 Crested, and 2 Germans, what offers, anything: T. Speakman, 13, Brandwood-st., Bolton.

CREST-BRED cock 10/-, others at 5/-; hens 3/-; or exchange for singing Rollers: Apply, Moy, Bootmaker, Jarrow.

EXCHANGE good yellow Norwich hen, for good buff hen, sell 10/-: J. Terry, 19, Gladstone-st., Desboro', Northants.

THREE Hartz hens, 2 Weavers, 1 Java Sparrow, 5/- lot, or offers: Armitage, Union-rd., Thorne, Doncaster, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE four prize-bred Scotch Fancy cocks, for yellow S.F. hen, or sell cheap: A. J. Mogridge, Tailor, Barnstaple.

WILL exchange Norwich hen for a good big Crest-bred cock, 1910 birds; approval: Thomas Bussey, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

WILL exchange Canaries, 10 new box cages, 1 single breeding cage, for anything useful: Hutchinson, 71, Aberdeen-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE three good Border hens for one good Border cock, green or yellow: Jas Ballantyne, 75, High-st., Peebles, N.B.

EXCHANGE pair prize-bred Norwich, for pair of good Yorkshires; no rubbish: May, 45, Lavender Grove, Dalston, London.

LARGE Norwich cock and hen Canary, exchange 12 cock brown Linnets, or offers: Silcock, Wellington-road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

EXCHANGE two Siskins, yellow and buff cocks, to moult winners, for Norwich; or offers: Apply Hope, Electrician, Fort William.

WILL give 3 very large Crested cocks, good perfect crests, for Crested hen, or sell £5; mutual approv.: 176, London-road, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire cocks, with breeding cages, for good dog, over distemper, collie preferred: 4, Newnham-terr., Harrogate.

LIZARDS, Golden cock, Silver hen, both winners, 30/-, for pair typical Norwich Plainheads: A. Newbigging, Currie-st., Duns.

BORDERS and Crests, and breeding cages and flight sale or exchange; no live stock; anything useful: 107, Greengate-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE large 1909 buff Norwich hen for good inner tube, 28 x 1½; tube first: Holmes, 8, Cemetery-rd., Whittlesea, Peterboro'.

YELLOW var. Crestbred cock, good head, 15/-; hens: Green-crested, 6/-, Norwich 3/6; offers: 27, Cambridge-rd., Gunnersbury.

BARGAIN, 2 grand Norwich buff cocks, 20/- each, exchange good fly rod and tackle: Willoughby, Newhampton-rd., Wolverhampton.

FIVE pairs classical Canaries, exchange lot for Blue-fronted Amazon, or sell, 45/-; yours first: Massey, 51, Cateliffe-road, Darnall.

WANTED violiu, not modern, in exchange for pair of valuable prize-bred Yorkshire Canaries: Grindley, 56, Pine-rd., Cricklewood, N.W.

TWO pairs Canaries, outdoor aviary, strong healthy birds, 5/- pair; bargain, or exchange Zebra Finches: Griffin, School House, Redditch.

EXCHANGE pair high-class Yorkshires, for large yellow Norwich cock, sell 25/-; approval: H. Meggett, White Bridges, Skirbeck, Boston.

TWO house-moulted hens, Bullfinches; two cocks, Redpolls, 2/6 pair; exchange Yorkshire cock: Stubbs, 23B, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE a yellow coppy hen for a yellow Norwich cock, or sell 10/-, yours first: G. Harrison, 1, Denmark-st., Chadderton, Oldham.

YORKSHIRE cock Canary, sell 10/-; exchange 2 laying pullets, phonograph records as new, anything useful; offers: Longbottom, Wisbech.

TWO unflighted Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; exchange Seiferts; Crystal Palace aviary, 6/6, exchange; offers: Freeman, 23, Mawson-rd., Cambridge.

TWO pairs prize-bred Norwich, 15/- pair, or exchange; offers, approval: W. Goldsmith, Wheelwright, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

SMART Border cock and two hens, prize bred, sell, or exchange disc records, or anything useful; approval: Nixon, 38, Denton-st., Carlisle.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

WILL exchange good Crested cock for good Seifert Roller cock; or sell 20/-; 3 days'-approval each way: J. Logan, 4, Halliburton-pl., Galashiels.

BARGAIN; pair prize-bred Yorkshires, also pair prize-bred Norwich; sell cheap; exchange anything useful: Wood, 6, Goodmau-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

SELL or exchange 2 Crest cocks for one good Crest hen and one for good Lancashire coppy hen, or sell 30/-: T. Tressidder, Werkhouse Hill, Padstow.

CRESTED cock, Crest-bred hen, 20/-; exhibition Greenfinch Mule, fed, 8/-; exchange Crest, show cages wanted: James Gillespie, 17, Allergate, Durham.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Canaries, typical birds, also seven Tumbler pigeons, sell cheap, or exchange: Promgole, 4, Greenmount-st., Beeston-hill, Leeds.

SELL or exchange, grand songsters, 3 cocks, 2 hens, healthy, also two stock cages, 25/- the lot, or offers: Morgan, 20, Lessingham-ave., Tooting.

FOUR feeding hen Canaries, sell 2/- each, or exchange large yellow Green Norwich hen; also cock Bullfinch, beauty, 1/6: Smart, Waulkmills, Arbroath.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, muling Linnets and Goldfinch, sell or exchange scrap metals, waste rubber, or what offers; stamp reply: F. Green, Bridge-st., Dover.

ONE pair Norwich, Yorkshire hen, house-moulted Greenfinch (cock); 10in. disc records; exchange Rollers or Budgerigars: Strachan, 10, Victoria-st., Dumbarton.

SIX champion colour-fed songsters, 6/- each, genuine bargains, must sell; what offers for lot: Yates, St. Catherine's-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

GIVE large exhibition yellow Bunting, hand-reared, for 28in. x 1¾in. Dunlop beaded roadster cover; sell 12/6; approval: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

EXCHANGE healthy singing young cock Canary, Norwich Green, or marked, for Dunlop or Clincher beaded type, 28 x 1½: H. B., 49, Tharp-rd., Wallington, Surrey.

SCOTCH Fancy cock, £1; exchange two Border cocks, pullets, etc.; pair Norwich, best blood, £3; bargain; exchange pair Scotch Fancy: 20, Gilmore-pl., Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE buff or yellow Border cocks for good low Roller (1910); Border cock for 2 typical grass green 1910 Border hens: Stevens, 51, Nigel-rd., Forest Gate, E.

EXCHANGE unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock, 1st at Bromley, for 2 unflighted big yellow hens; mutual approval: F. Potton, 48, St. Anns-rd., Milton-st., Southend-on-Sea.

FEW pairs of high-class Yorkshires for sale, from 10/- pair; or exchange blankets, sheets, drapery, anything useful: Middleton's, Croft, Thwaites, Keighley, Yorkshire.

FOR sale, Yorkshires, four cocks and two hens, take £1 for lot; or exchange for long cinnamon marked yellow Yorkshire cock, 1909 bird: Robson, North End, Northallerton.

YORKSHIRES, high-class, few pairs for sale, from 10/6 pair, with breeding cage, or exchange for gramaphone and records, or photographic apparatus: Bowler, Foley Studio, Fenton, Staffs.

EXCHANGE 4 Norwich hens and one cock, and cages, etc., for Yorkshire toy bitch, or gun, or anything useful; yours first: G. Collins, Arms Yard, Haggersgate, Whitby, Yorkshire.

VARIEGATED Crest-bred cock, winner, 35/-; or exchange for good Norwich buff hen, Crest or Crest-bred hen, must be good; mutual approval: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terr., Llandrindod Wells.

EXCHANGE, large buff, head and wing marked, Crest-bred cock, 1909, for green buff variegated Crest-bred hen, grand head feather; approval: Hamilton, Roxburgh-st., Hillhead, Glasgow.

THREE buff Norwich hens (good strain) for two yellows; house-moulted Linnet and hen Canary, Mulers, for Cinnamon Border cock, or good hen: Gollop, 87, Manor-st., Clapham, S.W.

WILL give three pair Canaries and six selected Scotch Linnets, to moult for exhibition, for young black pug dog or Toy Brindle Bulldog, or sell 30/-: Alex. Chalmers, Panmure-st., Arbroath.

NORWICH or Yorkshire Canaries, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/-; gramaphone and 36 records, perfect, cost £3 18s. cash, 20/-; exchange breeding cages; offers: Benson, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

SCOTCH Fancy cock, 8/6; Green Crest-bred hen, 12/6; Crest hen, 5/6; Buff Yorkshire cock, 8/6; ditto hen, 3/6; 2 Border hens, 4/6: 6 feeding hens, 9/-; or good exchange: Cross, Shoe Store, Auchtermuchty.

ONE Norwich buff cock, tick both eyes and tail, vhc class of 19, 12/6; another clear buff, 2nd in pair class, 10/-, or exchange for hens, big Redpolls, 2/6: P. Macfarlane, 22, Gibson-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

EXCHANGE variegated Yorks. cock, 1909, for good Yellow Yorks. hen, or sell 5/-; clear Yellow Buff and Cinnamon marked hens; exchange good Yellow Yorkshire cock, or sell 3/-: Sutton, 45, Milton-rd., Stoke Newington, N.

CHAMPION Norwich and Yorkshires, down to Sib., for muling, all same prices as Yorkshires; if you are in want of exchange cock or hens, I can do it for you; stamp reply: Baker, Malsters' Arms, Philip-st., Bedminster.

TWO good Sib. cocks, 6/- each; 2 good Sib. hens, 4/- each; 2 Bullie hens, 1 cock, 1 Greenfinch cock, 4/- lot; 1 Goldfinch Mule, splendid songster, 6/-; exchange either cocks for stout Norwich cock: Fursland, Langnest, Somerset.

ONE yellow cock, 3 hens, cold room, prize bred, Borders, 12/6; monster Mealy Redpoll, 5/6; or exchange big yellow Norwich hen, or best offer for lot; cash or exchange anything: William Crawford, 50, East Main-st., Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE salmon-breasted Cockatoo and square cage, acclimatised, for Yorkshire Canaries: Garwood, 25, Talbot-rd., West Ealing.

AFRICAN grey Parrot for sale, splendid whistler, and mimic, 4 years old; price £4, or exchange for breeding pairs, Parrakeets: J. Graham: Ramboro' Hotel, Kendal.

Miscellaneous.

EXCHANGE 7 bantams, 5 homer pigeons, for Canaries and cages.—Luke, Byers Green.

SILVER-plated dinner cruet, for 1 cock and 2 hen Canaries: Fletcher, Broom Close, Sheffield.

FIVE Lark, one Thrush cages, good, 6/6; exchange offers: Hill, 99, Barkworth-rd., Bermondsey.

WHAT offers in Rollers for silver Waltham watch?: Address, 46, Platt-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

WHAT offers Canaries for 6 fowls, 4 pullets, 2 1909 birds? Yours first; genuine:—Fish, 30, Bath-st., Poplar.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handle knives, 6 nickle forks, 6 tea spoons, for 6 hens: Robertson, Newton-lane, Sheffield.

OLD violin, sell 35/-; or exchange singing Canaries or clothing for family: Hall, 337, King-st., Hammersmith, W.

EXCHANGE retriever bull pup, for a pair of Norwich, or would sell: Percival, 43, Enville-rd., Ellesmere Port.

SMALL Collie dog, splendid house or yard dog; sell cheap or exchange anything useful: 34, Kellerton-rd., Lee.

CHICKS, 500 healthy, week old, 7/6 dozen; carriage pair, or exchange Canaries: Hook, 333a, Norwood-rd., London, S.E.

EXCHANGE wicker Jackdaw or Jay cage for flight or breeding cage; yours first: A. Wilsher, Thornton-st., Hertford.

36 Edison cylinder records and case, exchange; what offers in Canaries, or anything useful: 8, Bedale-road, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Chow Chow for Canaries or Parrot, or sell £2 2s.; what offers?: Dick, 411, Brighton-rd., Gateshead.

FLAT coat Retriever bitch, splendid pedigree, 5 months, sell £1, or exchange: Brewer, Perry-st., Chard, Somerset.

COCK Canary wanted, exchange silver mounted set of carvers and steel, or sell, 8/6: Bond, House Furnisher, Eastleigh.

EXCHANGE sack of clean Irish moss for yellow green Yorkshire cock, no rubbish wanted: Birettle, High-st., Prescot.

HANDSOME ornamental oak chiming clock, value 15/-, exchange good Canaries: Anstee, 28, Newcombe-rd., Luton.

BLACK Jacobins, Chapman's strain, some grand birds for sale; or useful exchange: Elviss, Havelock-st., Spalding.

EXCHANGE violincello for Canaries, or sell 25/-: Curry, 8, Cousin-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE lady's and gent.'s watches, pair carvers, two fishing rods, for Canaries: C. Youngman, Scarborough.

MANDOLINE and case, sell 15/-, or exchange singing Canaries or clothing: Hall, 337, King-st., Hammersmith, London.

BLACK-red Game cock, 15/-; 2 cockerels, 10/- each; 4 pullets, laying, 10/- each; or exchange: Hulme, Poynton, Cheshire.

OUTDOOR aviaries, bird houses, for British and foreign birds, Canaries: catalogue: L. Latham, Kingston-by-Sea, Sussex.

EXCHANGE roller skates, nearly new, ball bearings (Union), for two cock Mules; birds first: West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE 3ft. 6in. brass phonograph trumpet for one pair Yorkshires, colour fed; no rubbish: Rourke, 91, Estcourt-rd., Fulham.

EXCHANGE pair house-moulted Barn Owls for Norwich or Yorkshire hens, or Budgerigars: T. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife.

SEVEN racing pigeons, cost 15/- pair, excl arge birds value £1; wire terrier bitch pup, offers: Rivers, 259, Walton-rd., Woking.

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace aviary, joiner made, for one pair Yorkshires, colour fed; no rubbish: Rourke, 91, Estcourt-rd., Fulham.

EXCHANGE green crocodile cigar case, silver bound, for pair Rollers; sell 12/6: Shambrook, 26, Ediuburgh-rd. Devonport.

NEW cylinder records; exchange small aviary, or anything; offers invited; letters please: Cbadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

PET mice (colours), 3d. each; pair yellow Tumblers, nesting, 1/9; exchange hen Canary: 17, Ingleton-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE metallic hanging cage (nearly new) for good Seifert Roller cock (clear); approval: Dewhurst, 18, Gordon-terrace, Bacup.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries, sell 25/-; also roses and begonias: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE good fox terrier bitch, 18 months, for good chubby yellow Norwich hen: Barnett, Garden-terrace, Thornley, Durham.

ELECTRIC door bell, complete, perfect; exchange hen Canaries, cock Goldfinch; approval: Sanford, Kensington-rd., Morecambe.

GRAND Angora doe, 5/-, exchange disc records, or big young Norwich hen: James Simpson, Stirling Village, Boddam, Aberdeen.

WIRE netting aviary, 39in. long, 46in. high, by 21in., 7/-, exchange anything: Thurlbourne, 1, Henry-yard, Sneinton, Nottingham.

HIGH-class greenheart fly rod, 9ft., weight 8ozs., sell 12/6; exchange Roller cock, pure note; approval: Jordan, Whittington, Salop.

EXCHANGE large gramaphone for 20 Canaries, talking Parrot, or two poms.; offers to: H. Tuck, 19, Blackwater-st., Rochdale.

WILL exchange good piano harp for Canaries or gun, or sell 30/-, cost 65/-: Mitchell, 12, Maindee-rd., Cwmfelinfach, Newport, Mon.

LADY'S cycle, in good condition, sell 25/-, or exchange two Norwich cocks; a bargain: Sherbrooke, Bargates, Whitchurch, Salop.

EXCHANGE gem airgun, cost 21s., for Seifert Roller, good songster, no chopper.—Horrocks, Sandalholme, Old Colwyn, N. Wales.

GENT.'S cycle, 24in., good condition, accept 50/-; would exchange, Edison phonograph, with records: 99, Lumley-rd., Horley, Surrey.

PAIR extra hollow ground razors, with case, price 10/6; exchange cock Goldfinches: T. Lawry, Burncouse, Redruth, Cornwall.

MARINE telescope, opens 2ft. 6in., maker, Dollond, London; exchange cage birds, or sell cheap: Lydyard, 60, St. Nicholas-road, Bristol.

WHAT offers in Rollers for lady's 9ct. gold buckle ring, value 8/6; grand concern piccolo, 7/6: Hurman, 21, Colston-rd., Easton, Bristol.

PHONOGRAPH, 50 records, recorder, brass born, stand, 30/-; exchange anything useful, for value: 109, Lumley-rd., Horley, Surrey.

PAIR high-class Red Pouters, also 1910 Yorkshire cock, 15/-; exchange cages, anything: Haynes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'.

EDISON gem phonograph, cost 3 guineas, 9 records, exchange songsters and few cages: Williams, 3, Church-st., Llwynypia, Glam.

SILVER curb albert, hall marked, 7/6; Pathe phonograph recorder, 7/6; exchange Mules, Goldfinches: Nelson, 163, Globe-road, Stepney.

GENT'S cycle, New Departure brake, suit length cloth, gent's solid silver watch, exchange Canaries: Russon, 8, Colville-street, Burnley.

EXCHANGE 14 10in. disc records, 6 double-sided, and eight single, used month, for Canaries: G. Ball, 63a, Hamilton-st., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE good ½ hand or stand camera, cost £2, for 2 good large typical Norwich hens, value 15/-: Oakleigh, Station-rd., Bexhill.

EXCHANGE billiard cue, inlaid ebony handle, cost guinea, for Norwich or Yorkshires; approval: Meadow, 23, Didcot-terr., Southampton.

DOUBLE breeder, sand trays and egg drawers, complete, 38in. by 18in., 5/-; exchange large Norwich hen: Cawson, Alexandra-st., Goole.

TWENTY-ONE shilling melodeon, exchange Parrot, watch, anything useful; yours first: William Redfern, 27, Parliament-st., Newhall, Burton.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, new cage, 5/6; exchange ladies', children's boots, bantams: offers: Podmore, 12, Werrington-rd., Bucknall, Staffs.

LADY'S long coat, also one three-quarter length, grey, nearly new, 10/-; exchange Canaries: Dove, West End, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

DOGS, puppies, poultry, fancy pigeons, racing homers, Parrots, chickens given in exchange for birds: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

GRAMAPHONE, 24in. brass trumpet, 30 records (some two sided), new 'Xmas; offers exchange: Leggot, 18, Almorah-rd., Islington, N.

EXCHANGE New Hudson cycle, Dunlop tyres, 20/-, for fowls, 3 hens and cock, laying; or disc records: Clare, Avon View, Durrington, Wilts.

VERY large Aylesbury drake; exchange good early hatched 1910 Black Minorca cock, or anything: Shibbie, Pinkney's-green, Maidenhead.

A PURE white Wyandotte cockerel, 1910 March hatched, Toovey's strain, exchange, good Canaries: Howe, 45, Sunnyside, Chesham, Bucks.

FANCY 3-domed flight cage, punched bars, price 20/-, or exchange Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries: Smith, 40, Townhead-street, Hamilton.

EXCHANGE pair of Sandow's spring grip dumbbells (new, 12/6), for Norwich cock and hen Canary: Jas. Pace, Ely-terr., Stanley, Durham.

GRAPHOPHONE outfit, 300 cylinders (cost £30), for £5, cash and value £3 Yorkshire Canaries; offers: Kendall, Russell-st., Kettering.

EXCHANGE 5 pure-bred White Wyandotte pullets and cockerel, 3 laying and 40-egg incubator, for Canaries, Yorkshires preferred, or sell lot £2: Mr. J. Sullivan, Cooper's cottages, Sudbury, Harrow.

FOUR pairs genuine flying Homers, 4/- pair; large Cockatoo and cage; offers; or exchange, greyhound, pomeranian, gramophone, anything: Brannan, 90, Main-st., Renton, Dunbartonshire.

EXCHANGE for pair of Norwich Canaries or Yorkshires a good set of boxing gloves: E. Haddrell, Londesborough, South Godstone, Surrey.

HOBBIES' A1 fretwork machine, new, for gramophone or pullets, yours first, sell £1: E. Gibbs, Anchorbury, Lydbrook, Gloucestershire.

EXCHANGE hand camera, perfect, 25/-, for spaniel cocker, or good cross-bred bitch pup, for sporting: Write, Henry, Drumleek, Castleblayney.

EXCHANGE fast Whippet bitch for Rollers, Yorkshires, or catcher's nets: Baly, 2, Webb's Cottages, Star-lane, Caversham, Reading.

MEDICAL coil in mahogany case, electric bell and battery, new large B. Crom. battery; exchange Forcigners: R. Kidd, Union-st., Montrose.

LADY'S silver watch, breech-loader gun, double mail cart, pair opera glasses; exchange Norwich Canaries: Russon, 2, Bush-street, Burnley.

EXCHANGE gent's silver lever watch, cost £5, in first-class order, for Goldfinch and Norwich hens; no rubbish: Stewart, 17, Hill-st., Jarrow.

EXCHANGE two volumes of Parrots in Captivity, containing 54 coloured plates, cost 25/-, for Canaries: Machin, Glebe-st., Wellington, Salop.

SELL or exchange for gramophone; Budgerigars, Canaries, good Imperial accordeon, lady's metal watch, 3 hen Bullfinches: Chudley, Honiton.

FIFTY "Cage Birds" and 270 penny novels; exchange for British or hen Canaries; offers wanted: Kerrigan, 169, Great Humulton-st., Glasgow.

GOOD violin, bow, and case, new bshing basket, £2, for good Norwich or Borders, yours first: James Watson, 7, Manse-pl., Shotts, Lanarkshire.

TWO light Brahma Bantams, bred from winners, sell £1; exchange dinner service, cutlery, blankets, anything useful: Taylor, Butts, Morton, Bingley.

LADY'S handsome silver watch, 10/6, good timekeeper, genuine; approval, Editor; or useful exchange: T. Bugdale, Bawdeswell, E. Dereham.

CRYSTAL Palace aviary, two cock Bullfinches, cock Goldfinch, exchange Canaries; offers; Yorks. preferred: C. Andrews, London-rd., Ware, Herts.

OFFERS Canaries; exchange Scotch blankets or English lever; sell 25/- each, or buy Canaries for cash: Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE, Victoria ¼-plate camera and outfit, in perfect condition, for Budgerigars or other Foreign Finches: Chisholm, Friars-pl., Inverness.

LOOK! What offers in Yorkshire cock Canaries, full song, for heavy warm woollen blankets, full size: Harrison, 32, Industrial-street, Fell-lane, Keighley.

PEDIGREE Yorkshire terrier bitch, breeder small toys, good mother, £1; exchange Canaries, Budgerigars, melodeon or fowls: Sheldon, Builder, Tideswell.

EXCHANGE six ivorine handled knives and hollow-ground razor, also penknife, for one cock or three hen Canaries: Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE sewing machine, equal to new, worth £5, for singing Canaries, or cock Mules; birds on approval: Chatterton, Grocer, Woodside-la., Sheffield.

BRASS cornet, with case, 22/-; American organette, 8/-; pair gent's hair brushes, case, 7/6; exchange Canaries, offers: Hellier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea.

EXCHANGE silver-plated tea and coffee service and tray for Norwich, Yorkshire, or Crests, to value £3: Wilshaw, Arthur-street, Rycroft, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

EXCHANGE good air gun, also 60 coloured plates, for Canaries or British Hardbills: Andrew Johnston, 113, West Main-st., Whitburn, Linlithgodshire.

TWO pairs first class Racing Homers, 2 flown Channel, accept 21/-, exchange good song Thrush and cage, or other cage birds: Harrison, St. Mark's-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE English organette, cost 50/-, for any of these bred pullets, Minorcas, Leghorns, Orpingtons, Wyandottes, or anything useful: 6, Albion-terrace, Bacup.

SADDLER made goat barness, as new, also gas stove, brass lined; exchange for pair of Norwich Canaries for breeding: Ashdown, 28, Gordon-road, Brighton.

BRASS mounted fish aquarium, size about 36 ins. by 14 ins. high, on castors, and 30 goldfish, £1; cash, or exchange Canaries: Smith, 40, Townhead-street, Hamilton.

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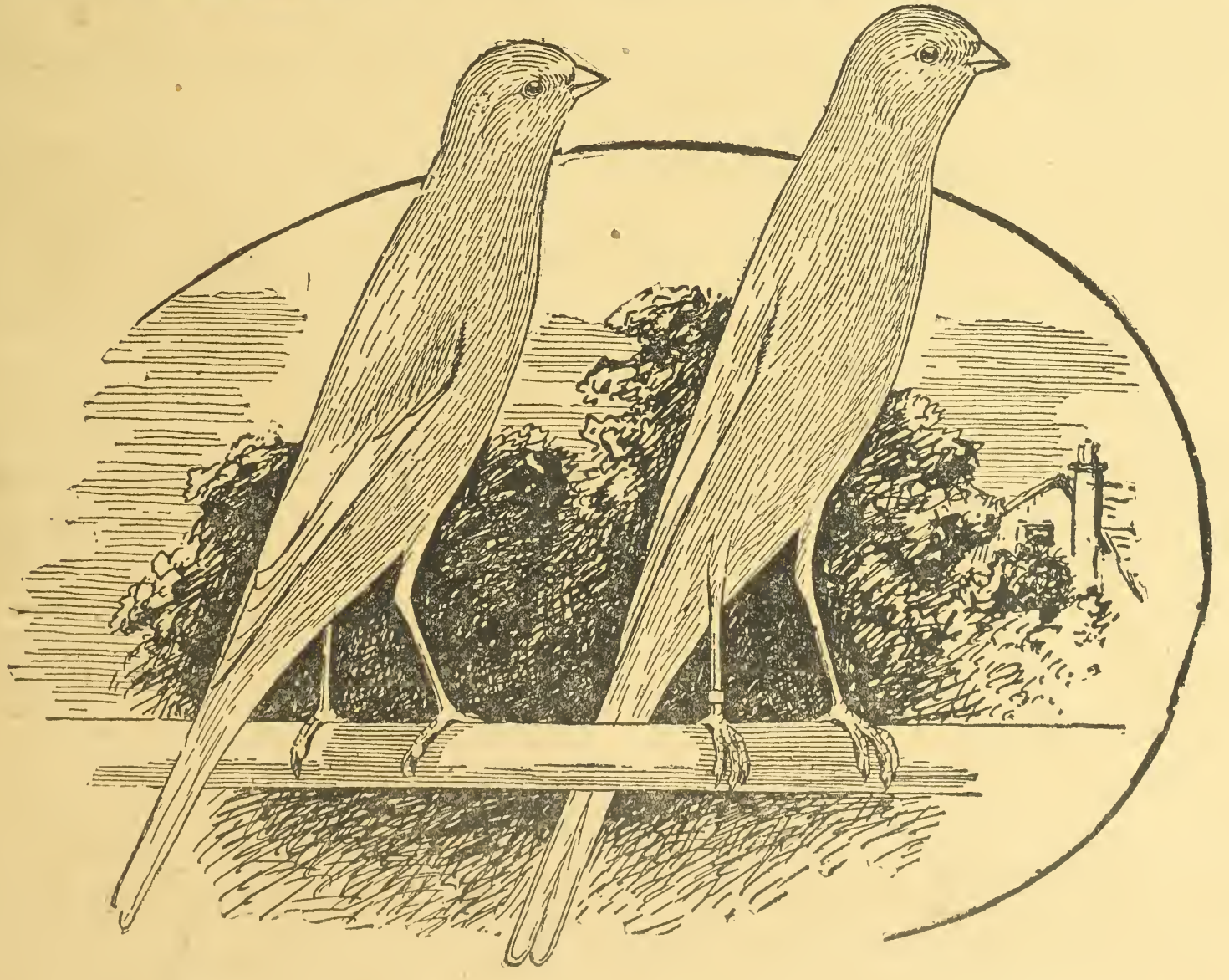
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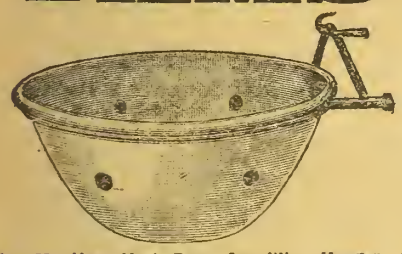
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GOING abroad, must sell: (cocks) Bearded Tit, winner 5 firsts, 12/6; Bullfinch, 1st Forres, 10/-; extra large Redpoll (mealy), 1/6; approval, if carriage paid: Todd, Murray Place, Inverness.

WARRANTED cock Linnets 1/-, three 2/-; hen Bullfinches 1/-; cock Greenfinches 2/- dozen; cock Skylarks, guaranteed 14 inches, 1/-; splendid cock Blackbirds and Song Thrushes 1/-, three 2/-: Hobden, 6, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

W. FENN, BECK ROW.

Song cock Thrushes and Blackbirds, 10d. each; picked birds 1/-; cock Bramblefinches, 1/6 dozen; picked birds, 2/-; 3 dozen mixed birds, 2/-; one dozen better mixed, 1/-: W. Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

J. Fenn. Isleham

Exhibitors.—These are the best selected of my catching, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Yellow Buntings, Redpolls, Linnets, all cocks, 1/- each, any of the above 6d. pair; Blue Tits, 1/- pair; cocks: Bramblefinches 1/6, selected 2/- dozen; Greenfinches 9d. dozen; 36 mixed seedeaters 2/-, 12 brighter mixed 1/-, Blackbirds and Thrushes, coming in song, 1/- each: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist, Pleasant Terrace, Isleham, Cambs.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS, buff cock, yellow hen, buff cocks and hens, half-price to clear: Butts, 7, Wells-st., Barnstaple.

BELGIANS, sale, large prize-bred matched pairs or singles, reasonable; approval: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

BELGIANS, few good 1910 birds left from my winners, cheap to clear; approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

THREE quarter Belgian and Yorkshire hen Canary for sale, yellow and buff, 10/6 each; apppoval: Symons, Brookfield, Bideford.

CHAMPION Belgians for sale, 2 buff cocks, 1909 bred, 1 yellow cock, 1909 bred, untried; 2 buff cocks, 1910 bred, winners, and bred from my champion strain, winners many 1sts; can be seen any time; stamp reply: John Fairley, 20c, Whittington-st., Coatbridge.

ONE matched pair, buff cock, winner at Palace, 1910, with yellow hen, sister to cup winner, £10 10/-; two buff cocks, and one yellow cock, grand birds, best of health, and ready for mating now, £4 each; also 20 breeding cages with sliding fronts, 2 doors, and zinc trays, and rack to hold them, also show cages, nest boards, etc, all best make, almost new and repainted and varnished, for sale, cheap, the property of the late Capt. Philp; apply: James T. Bewar, 2, St. Patrick Sq., Edinburgh.

Border Fancy.

COCKS 5/-, hens 2/-, pairs 6/6; approval, deposit: Smith, 37, St. John's-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GOOD 1909 clear yellow cock, winner 2nd prize, 4/-: R. Malcolm, Mount Rosa, Broughty Ferry.

YELLOW green hen, 1910, fit for show, 7/6; approval: Ceach, Westbank pl., Portobello, N.B.

BORDERS for sale, 3 hens, 2/- each, or 5/- the lot, no clears: Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

FOUR Border Fancy show cages and case, 7/6: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale, Middlesborough.

BUFF cock, winner, 10/; 2 buff hens 3rds, 5/-; 2 yellow hens, 4/-; approval. Pope, Clogger, Haltwhistle.

THE LITTLE DANDY

Border. Yes, that is the title he deserves. But, in purchasing these birds I warn you to get only from those you can rely upon, as all kinds of mongrels are sold by a certain class as Borders. I have a grand collection, guaranteed bred from Palace and other big winners.

Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.
Hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6.
Pairs, 7/9, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-.
Cages, 3d. extra. All on approval. Few good Greens in this large collection.

A proof that the Borders I supply please:— 2 Court, 3 House, Bond-street, Coventry, Feb. 10th, 1911.—I received the pair of Border Fancies safe, and am quite satisfied with them.—W. Settle to W. Rudd.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

THREE pairs green Borders, 10/- pair; 3 buff green hens, 3/6 each; approval: Hawkins, 146, Saltwell-rd., Gateshead.

WANTED exhibition Borders, exchange exhibition British or Norwich: Bobbett, Lynch Aviaries, Walton, Bridgwater.

HEALTHY Borders, cold-room bred, 6/6 per pair; must be sold before March 10th: Robson, 47, Perth-st., West Hartlepool.

BORDERS, cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; matched pairs, 7/6; yellow cock Siskin, colour-fed, 4/-: Douglas, 48, Bridge-st., Brechin.

CLEAR and buff-marked Border cocks, few buff hens, cheap, worth 25/- each: Brown, Image-row, Churnside, Berwickshire.

THREE-pointed cinnamon marked buff cock 7/6 yellow and buff green cocks 6/6: Farren, 169, Stanton-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BORDERS, prize-bred cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/- good type and quality; approval, deposit: Jessop 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

BORDERS and Yorkshires, cold room bred; cocks 5/- upwards; hens 4/- upwards; approval: A. Cargill, Cantsdam, Kelty, Fife.

BORDERS, all colours, cocks 5/6, hens 3/- upwards; pairs 7/6 upwards; bargains; approval, stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

COCKS and hens, yellow and buff, same as my winners, cheap; approval: Pennington, 17, Long thwaite-rd., Wigton, Cumberland.

TYPICAL Borders, bred from winners, cocks, full song, 7/6, hens 3/6, 5/6 each; ten days approval: Wm Powich, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

PRIZE Borders, breeding condition, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, cold-room bred; approval: Crabt and Finlayson, 46, Bridge-st., Brechin.

SPLENDID winning Borders, and matched pairs, also prize-bred Yorkshires, all reasonable; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

SPLENDID pairs, clears, marked, and even marked, fit for exhibition, grand breeding condition; approval: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes, North Wales.

W. BAYLEY has a few of his well-known winning Borders for disposal; clears, marks, and greens; prices reasonable, and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

BORDER Fancies, Bennett's strain, some good ages, for sale, right stamp hens, from 3/-, cocks 5/-; matched pairs, 10/6: Tyler, 229, Narborough-rd., Leicester.

APPROVAL: Grass green, grass green, best blood procurable: Yellow green cock, winner 2 1sts, 2nd, 6/6; buff and yellow green cocks and hens, 4/-, 3/- each: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

PRIZE Borders, clears, yellows, buffs, and variegated, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, also nice buff cock, head and wing marked, 1st and special Brechin, 10/-, all 1910 bred: Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class Border Fancies, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each, hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each, all carriage paid, on seven days' approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

THIRTY Borders, including winners, 9 double breeders, 8 show cages, 1 case, drying cage, 12 baths, and sundries, £12 the lot, or nearest offer; must sell, going abroad: Saytch, 68, Blandford-rd., Beckenham, Kent.

STILL a few choice Borders to spare, clear and buff marks, cocks and hens, 3/- upwards; two Twites, cage-moulted, 2/6 each; exchange pair for house-moulted Goldfinch cock; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

CHOICE Borders for sale, from my winning strain, marks and clears; matched pairs from 10/-, single bids cheap; must clear; winners everywhere; see reports Manchester, Liverpool, Crewe, Leicester, etc.: W. C. Thomas, Derwent-square, Liverpool.

GREEN Borders, winning strain; the show season having concluded can spare few pairs, also single hens, yellows, buffs, full of type, colour, quality; approval willingly; send for particulars; satisfaction guaranteed: Green, 36, Lord Nelson-st., Liverpool.

SPECIAL cinnamons, buff cocks, foul yellow hen, 30/-; an additional cinnamon green hen included for 40/-. The above would start a strain of high quality type and colour, and produce winners this season. I have nothing better: Clinch, 74, St. John's Road, Waterloo.

PRIZE-BRED yellows, buffs, variegated 1910 cocks 7/6 each; buff hens, 4/- each; Patterson, Bennett's strains, all in pink of condition, grand wing carriage, style, and feathers, bargains, exception value to clear; approval: Rea, Orchard House, Embleton, Cockermouth.

HIGH class Borders: Buff even cinnamon, 3rd Palace, etc., 30/-; do., 1st Haddington, 30/-; uneven yellow hen, 2nd Earlston, 15/-; uneven buff hen, 1st Bathgate, 15/-; also a few nice buff hens, 7/6, 10/- each; buff variegated cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-; variegated hens, yellow and buff, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; cinnamon buff hen, 10/-; green pair, 20/-; only half price to clear; this is the strain that produces the winners, approval: Patterson, The Aviaries, Chirnside, Berwickshire.

Cinnamons.

CINNAMONS, good stuff; list free: Rudd.

CINNAMONS, cheap to clear, three pairs 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, yellow hens 7/6; approval: Weskley, 41, Manor-rd., Rugby.

ROBERTS' champion cinnamons, buffs, yellows cocks, buff hens, cheap; stamp reply: 41, Lancaster-st., Blackburn.

1909 large buff cock 10/-, yellow hen 7/6, both show birds; 2 1910 buff hens, 4/- each: Simpson, 15, Merkland-pl., Aberdeen.

LARGE buff Cinnamon cock, one of Godley's, 15/-; buff hen, over year, 6/-; approval: S. Dunn, 0, Belford-ter., North Shields.

THREE yellow cocks, unflighted, 10/6, 7/6, 5/6, from winning strain; healthy; approval; stamp: Milburn, 27, Rye-terrace, Hexham.

CINNAMONS from 15/- to 50/- pair; also some large buff cocks, from 6/- each; state your wants; approval: R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

CINNAMONS in outdoor aviary, buff cocks 10/-, hens 5/-, viewed by appointment; approval, deposit: Miss Westley, Limes, Downend, Bristol.

J. DOBSON has some good Cinnamons for sale; on approval; reasonable prices: 18, East-rd., London, N.

YELLOW self cinnamons; cocks, unflighted, size, colour, quality, also extra large buff green, 12/6 to 18/6; approval; stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

GRAND buff Cinnamon cock and yellow Cinnamon hen, both show birds, £3; also stock Cinnamon cock and extra large Green hen, £2: Massey (see Norwich).

OWING to severe illness T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, will dispose of all his Cinnamons, selected specimens; pairs £3 £4, £5, £6, all wasters sold to dealer.

CINNAMONS, mealy cock, 1st Derby, A.O.V., large yellow hen, both 1909, guaranteed breeders, 30/-; 4 pair unflighted, matched for breeding, 15/- pair; also few good Norwich: Bexson, Dunkirk Hotel, Derby.

BEVAN'S Norwich Cinnamons for quality, see report Palace Show; buff cock, 1909, vhc. Palace last week, 25/-; unflighted buff, 4th Cambridge, 25/-; yellow cock and buff hen, unflighted, 35/-: Belle Vue, Ipswich.

THROUGH unforeseen circumstances, am compelled to part with some pairs reserved for my own use of Norwich and Norwich cinnamons; prices reasonable, state wants; approval; stamp, reply: Woollett, Barrington, Northumberland.

Crests and Crestbreds.

FEW high-class Crest-bred hens, variegated, cheap, seen any time: Ely, 83, Fortess-rd., Kentish Town.

GOOD Crested cocks, 6/6 each; approval willingly: Gibson, 60, Vernon Avenue, Basford, Nottingham.

A FEW good Crest and Crest-bred cocks, bred from winners, from 7/6 each: 24, Little Welbeck-st., W.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks and hens, 7/6 to 30/-, same as my cup winners; approval: Wm. Reid, Falkland.

GOOD Crests and Crests-breds, 10/-, 15/- each, one 10/- large bird, good feather: Hawthorn, 29, Almast., Coventry.

SEVERAL large Crested cocks 10/6, hens 7/6, plain headed cocks 5/6, hens 4/-: Saham, Lodge, Watton, Norfolk.

1910 CRESTED cock, 30/-, ditto 10/6; 1909 Crest-bred cock, 10/6: Angus McDougall, Hawarden Cottage, Larbert.

GOOD Crested cocks and hens, Crestbred cocks and hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; approval: Roberts, Cley-next-Sea.

CREST and Crest-bred from 7/6 upwards, few breeding cages for sale: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

GOOD Crestbred cocks, green and variegated, from 7/6, also in pair; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex.

J. BROTHERTON, Bradshawgate, Bolton, has 25 young Crests and Crest-breds; will sell in one lot, cheap; large, strong, healthy birds.

BIG massive Crest-bred cocks, dense, long head feather; price reasonable; Yellow-Green Crest-bred hens, 15/6: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

FOUR pair crested and Crest-bred, large, young 1910 birds, cold-room, cheap, 9/6 pair, 36/- lot: Newton, 86, Elmville-avenue, Scarborough.

PAIR Norwich Crests, 20/-; few pairs Norwich Plainheads, 15/-, prize-bred; approval: Jess, 6, Egerton Crescent, St. Judes, Plymouth.

30 good Crest and Crest-bred cocks and hens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-street, Norwich.

FIVE pairs of good Crests and six hens, suit dealer, 50/- the lot; one hen worth the money; approval: Willcox, 19, Argyle-st., Stoke, Coventry.

NOTICE; grand lot Crests and Crest-breds, for show or stock; prices low; easy payments; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, breeder and exhibitor (not a dealer); prizes 1910, Norwich, Cambridge, and Lowestoft; from 10/- each; approval.

HIGH-class Crests and Crest-breds, no rubbish, pairs from 50/- to £10; or will exchange anything useful to value: Fletcher, 216, Wilford-rd., Nottingham.

A LARGE clear body grizzle Crest cock, feather to point of beak, winner of many prizes, 40/-; another dark Crest cock, 20/-: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

LARGE clear C.B. cock, dark crest, wing marked hen, 15/- pair; monster Crested cock, green, 15/-; deposit; clearing out: 6, Norwood-gdns., Ashford, Kent.

LARGE, well-bred heavy-feathered Crests and Crest-breds, both sexes, from 10/- each; on approval; inspection invited: Gutteridge, Grocer, St. Margaret's-on-Thames.

GIVING up; one large pair Crests, 25/-; one C.B. cock, 7/6, King's; useful exchange entertained; wanted tyres and tubes; mutual approval: Evans, Long Preston, Yorkshire.

SPLENDID large C.B. cock, with Crest hen, two Crest show cages and case, 30/-. C.B. alone worth money; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesborough.

BARGAINS: High-class variegated Crested cock and 1 clear buff and 1 green Crestbred cocks, plenty of feather, cheap, 15/- each; worth double: F. G. Snell, 92, Salisbury-rd., Plymouth.

CHAMPION Crests and Crest-breds, many well-known winners sold this year; pairs, 40/- to £5; single cocks or hens, 20/- to 40/-; the cream only; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

WANTED, two large Crest-bred 1910 hens, clear yellow and buff, with large heads, and typical, good price given, no rubbish wanted; approval; cold-room bred: Brain, Glastonbury.

NO better value offered: Big clear Crestbred cock and 3 dark crest hens, 40/-; good green Crest cock and 3 Crestbred hens, 40/-; see show reports: Geo. Moore, 353, Abbeydale-rd., Sheffield.

LARGE crested hen, 1 year and 6 months, price £6 10/-; C.B. hen, £10, £4; grissle crested hen, £1 5/-, bred from winners (see Crystal Palace report): Mr. A. Lazarus, 55, Oldcompton-st., Soho, W.

A LARGE dark crested cock, 30/-; a buff light, with good crest cock, 30/-; a dark crested hen, 25/-; another one, 20/-, bred from winners; approval: H. Cowpertwait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham.

GEORGE GRANT, Thirlestaine Hall, Cheltenham, has the following crested cocks left: wing-marked, bred from two Crests, feather to end of beak, 60/-; marked breast, 40/-; clear hooded dark Crests, 20/- and 25/-; green and wing marked, 20/- each, young, healthy; approval.

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THE ZOO HULL

Foreign Bird Department.—Indigo Buntings, full colour, 22/6 pair; Longtailed Grass Finches, 12/6 pair; Silky Cowbirds, 8/6 each; Avadavats, 1/6 pair; Silverbills, 3/- pair; White Javas Sparrows, 7/6 pair; Tricolour Nuns, 2/6 pair; Spice Birds, 2/6 pair; Grey Finches, 10/- pair; Green Budgerigars, 6/- pair; Yellows, 8/6 pair; Cockatiels, 10/- pair; hens, 6/6 each; Madagascar Lovebirds, 3/6 pair; true pair Pennant Parrakeets, in outdoor aviary, perfect exhibition, condition £3, worth £5; approval before cash; Blue Bonnet Parrakeet, cock, £3 5s.; cock Moustache, 10/-; hen Rosella, 25/-; Barnard Parrakeet, £3; Red-crested Cardinals, 8/6 each, perfect condition; Siberian hen Bullfinches, giant birds, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; cocks, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6. Warranted in perfect condition. I am the only importer of these very large birds; not the small Germans. Siberian cock Goldfinches, ready for muling, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; Russians, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-; Siberian Mealy Redpolls, 500 to clear, cheap, worth double, 1/-, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; 3d. extra for packing in strong travelling box. Siberian Snow Buntings, very large, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6. Siskins, Siberian, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 1/6, 2/-, 3/6, 4/-.

British Bird Department.—Large, strong brown cock Linnets, in perfect condition, 500 to select from, all in separate cages, on full song, money returned if not satisfied, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 1/9, 2/-, 2/6, 3/3, 3/9, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, fit for contest; cages, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6. (All birds dying in transit replaced free.) The finest Linnets in the country. Hundreds sent away every week. Bramblefinches, cocks, 1/3 each; Twites, 9d., 1/-, 1/6, to 5/-; Larks, 1/- to 20/-; Blackbirds, 1/6 to 20/-; Siskins, cocks, 3/6, 4/6, 5/-; Redpolls, 6d., 9d., 1/-. (3d. extra packing.) British hen Bullfinches, 1/3 to 1/6 each.

Foreign Doves.—Triangular Spotted Pigeons, £2 10s. pair; Bronze-neck Doves, 30/- pair; Whitewing Zenadias, 16/- pair; Turtle Doves, 7/6 pair; Australian Crested Doves, 25/- pair; Senegal Doves, 13/6 pair; Brush Bronze Wings, £3 pair; Diamond, 20/- pair; Passerine, 20/- pair; White-headed Cuban Doves, £3 10s. pair. Also the following odd cocks: Ruddy Dwarf Dove, 10/-; Tamhourine, 10/-; Necklaced, 10/-; Aurita, 10/-; Violet, 10/-; Dwarf Ground, 7/6; Egyptian Doves, 3/6 pair; Barbary, 2/6 pair.

Pheasants.—Goldens, 25/-, 30/- pair; Amherst, £2 10s. pair; Siberis, 25/- pair; Versicolors, £3 10s. pair.

Waterfowl.—Swans: Common White, £2 10s. pair; Common Teal, 10/- pair; Pintail Ducks, 12/6 pair; Widgeon, 12/6 pair; Garganey Teal, 12/6; Shovellers, 14/6; Ruddy Sheldrakes, £2 10s.; Carolinas, 45/-; Great Tree Ducks, £1 10s. pair. Enquirics invited. Waterfowl continually arriving, too numerous to mention. Lakes stocked, and advice given free on the management of same.

Canary Department.—Special rooms for all kinds of Canaries. Warranted free from any "fever." Stock also warranted not to have been in any breeding rooms where fever has been. I have the largest collection of Canaries in the North of England.

Norwich Plainhead Cocks.—Clear Yellow, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-; Clear Buff, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- each. Evenly-marked Yellow or Buff, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 40/-. Ticked or variegated, 5/-, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Selected pairs for breeding, 7/8, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-. Specially selected, 21/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- upwards.

Crested Cocks.—Clear Buff Dark Crest, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-. Buff Grizzle Crest, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-. Green, Heavily Variegated, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- each.

Crest-bred Hens.—Clears, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-. Ticked or Variegated, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 22/6, 25/-, 30/- upwards.

Crest-bred Cocks.—Clear Yellow, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-.

Crested Hens.—Clear Buff, Grizzle, Light Crest, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-. Clear Buff Dark Crest, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 22/6, 25/-. Selected Pairs for Breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/-.

Norwich Plainhead Hens.—Buff or Yellow, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.

German Hens.—1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-.

Seifert Strain.—2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, to 20/-.

Pure Hardy Norwich Songsters.—7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 14/-, 15/-, 16/-, 17/6, 18/-, 20/-. Seven days' approval.

St. Andreasberg Rollers (imported direct into Hull).—10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 21/-, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/- each.

Hartz Cocks.—6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-.

Also Lizards, Dutch Frills, Belgians, Scotch Fancy, Borders, etc.

Yorkshires.—Cocks, Buff or Yellows, Ticked, from the finest stock in the country, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-. Hens, Buff or Yellow, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 11/-, 12/-, 12/6, 13/8, 14/-, 15/-, 20/-, 22/6, 25/-.

Selected Breeding Pairs.—8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 22/6, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/ upwards.

Breeding Cages, own make, complete, 18 by 16 by 11, single, 5/6; complete, 20 by 16 by 11, single, 6/6; double, 36 by 16 by 11, 8/6. Very strong, made with special machine, from 6d. square foot. Carriage paid on 10/- orders.

Conditions of Approval: All birds will be sent on approval, subject to being unsold, and to the following conditions: Cash or Deposit Note must accompany all orders, which will be refunded immediately if birds are not satisfactory, or at the option of purchaser I will send other specimens in their stead.

Transit.—All birds are sent at my risk; but I do not pay carriage either way. Three clear days after arrival on approval allowed. Songsters,—seven days. Sale will be considered complete if birds are not returned in prescribed time.

B. HOLLINS (B.E.N.A.), PROPRIETOR, THE ZOO, GEORGE ST., HULL. PATRONIZED BY ROYALTY.

JOHN Hands, 7, Simpson-st., Crookhill, Ryton, has variegated Crested cock 20/-, yellow variegated Crestbred cock, 1909 bred, 30/-, from double Crests, also few Crested hens and Crestbred hens; approval first.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds; few massive, feathery birds, Barnett's strain, single birds, 10/6 to £1; properly matched pairs, £1 to 35/-; grand stock birds; must clear; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

EVINS Bros., variegated Crest cock, long frontal, 40/-; ditto, perfect crest, 30/-; another, 20/-; Crest-bred cock, 20/-; all hatched 1910, and related to our winners at Crystal Palace; no hens for sale: 259, High-st., Exeter.

GRAND grey crested cock, 3rd Swansea, 3rd Cardiff, etc., 25/-, worth double; also green (foul tail) Crest-bred cock, winner, 25/-, bargains, both 1909 bred; approval: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

THIRTY years a breeder of Crest, having bred and shown some of the best ever seen on the bench, has a few nice young birds for disposal; price to suit everybody; on approval: Geo. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

LARGE Crestbred hen, winner 2nd Whitburn, 1909, 15/-; Crested cock, 1st selling class at ditto, 15/-; also 2 yellow green Border Fancy hens, Arnot and Jamieson's strain, 5/- each; cheap to clear: T. Bonsor, Thorterdykes, Hawick.

MASSIVE feathery variegated dark Crest cock, 10/-; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/-; large feathery Crested hen, 7/6; large feathery Crest-bred hen, 7/-; all massive, healthy birds; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

MILLS, 15, Moore-street, Kingsley Park, Northampton, green Crest-bred cock, feathers over end beak, Crested cock pair, wings dark, 15/- each; yellow cinnamon cock, 7/6, young, healthy, see report Limit Class, Palace; approval, P.O.

NUTTALL Bros. have 5 Crestbred cocks, from 10/- each, and 7 Crested hens, from 6/- to 20/-; pairs from 15/-; bred from and related to our winners; all good stock birds, in perfect condition: Brigge-st., Forest Side, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I want to reduce my stock of Crests and Crest-breds; no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-; single birds from 7/6; sent on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

OWING to want of room, must dispose of the following: Crested cocks, 15/-, 25/-; Crested hens, 15/-, 25/-; Crest-bred cock, 25/-; all 1910 birds; bred from my winners at all the leading Scottish shows; bargains; approval: G. F. Adamson, 23, West Netherton-st., Kilmarnock.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Barnett's Palace winning strain, only 15/-, honestly worth £2, genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

HART, 52, Stevens Street, Lowestoft, winner three cups, hundreds other prizes; yellow crestbred cock, wing marked crested cock, ditto hen, 15/- each; crested hens, from 7/6; two good pairs 30/- pair; cinnamons from 12/6 pair; few good Norwich Plainheads; approval; stamp.

MR. COMPTON, late of Belgravia, London, wishes to dispose of a few pairs of Crests, mostly young birds, off his noted champion blood, will be sold cheap to make room before breeding; no odd hens; on approval upon receipt of cash: The Stables, Waddesdon, near Aylesbury.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 30/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

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I CAN spare several large, young, strong, and healthy Crest-bred cocks, with feather to end of beak, 15/-, 20/- each, wing-marked, dark crested hen, 35/-; 1 ditto, 12/6; green crested hen, 12/6; large hen, with deformed crest, good stock bird, 5/6; green crested cock, 10/6; approval: Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers, in consequence of his severe illness, the whole of his show Crests, also grand evenly-marked yellow hen, large wide dark crest, £5; large clear yellow cock, grey crest, 30/-; evenly-marked dark Crest yellow cock from two Crests, 25/6; evenly-marked cock, large grizzle crest, £3; clear buff cock, grey crest, 25/6; yellow green cock, immense crest, £4; clear yellow hen, large grey crest, £2; nearly green buff crested hen, 35/6; enormous clear yellow cock, grey crest, £3; large buff variegated Crestbred cock (sire sold for £25), 50/6; immense variegated dark Crest cock, 70/6; enormous dark crest buff cock, £4; 2 variegated buff Crestbred cocks, mother won 15 1sts, 35/6, 30/6; variegated buff cock, extra large rough crest, 52/6; ditto large young Crest, £4; green Crestbred cock, turn over beyond beak, 30/6; fine yellow hen, grey crest, 30/6; very large green cock, with immense crest, £4 10/6; lightly variegated yellow Crest-bred cock, show bird, £3; large variegated yellow Crestbred cock, 4th Cheltenham, 70/6; small yellow green cock, nice crest, 30/6; approval.

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YORKSHIRE Greens, self, buff, and yellows, single or pairs, good birds, reasonable; approval: Cubbon, 40, Kinmel-st., Liverpool.

LARGE Yellow and Buff Yorkshire Greens, outdoor aviary, 15/- and 12/6 pair; also two extra size foul hens, 5/- each: Riley, 15, Violet Hill-rd., Stowmarket, Suffolk.

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LANCASHIRE coppy hen, small side, 4/-: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

FEW good birds left, cocks and hens; approval, stamp reply: W. Lee, 106, Bond-st., Macclesfield.

GOOD yellow coppy hen 20/-, also pair properly matched 40/-, no better bred obtainable: 18, Roydsst., Rochdale.

BUFF Coppy cock 10/-, buff Plainhead hen 8/-, approval: Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

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YELLOW Plainhead cock, buff coppy hen, 25/-; buff Plainhead cock, yellow coppy hen, 25/-; yellow coppy cock, buff Plainhead hen, 20/-; buff coppy hen, 10/6; stamp, deposit: Laycock, 31, Bankfield-st., Colne, Lancashire.

YELLOW Coppy cock and buff hen, 35/-, buff Plainhead cock and yellow coppy hen, 25/ buff coppy cock 20/-, extra large buff Plainbead cock 50/-; all on approval: West, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

BUFF Lancashire coppy cock, yellow Plainhead hen, 30/- pair; second cross Lancashire Plainhead cocks, 16/6 each, plenty of feather; P.O. or deposit; stamp: W. Sanger, Ellerbayes, Hele, Sullompton.

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HIGH-class Lizards, bred from my Manchester, Rochdale, and Palace winners, cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/-; approval: Holland, Bootbby-st., Macclesfield.

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NORWICH 1910 cocks 7/6, hens 3/6: Bainbridge, 38, Belgrave, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

TEN pair strong healthy Norwich for sale, cocks in full song: Powley, Napier-st., Norwich.

TWELVE 1910 Norwich Buff hens, 3/- each, cheap to clear: Osborne, Bredon, North-rd., Woking.

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EIGHT hens, 1909, good feeders, two cock Linnets, Canary reared, 25/-: W. Olliver, St. Cleer, nr. Liskeard, Cornwall.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens form, 3/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

NORWICH Crested, 8/- pair; cocks, full song, 6/-; hens, 3/-; Plainheads, 7/- pair: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

SIXTEEN Norwich hens, 2/6 each; or what offers the lot; cold room: Smith, 11, Orchard-st., Kettlebrook, Tamworth.

TWO unflighted yellow cocks, 1 variegated yellow cock, will sacrifice at 10/- each; approval: Skinner, High-st., Brechin.

E. GODLEY, Rishton, Blackburn, will send on approval Norwich cocks, 10/6, 15/6, 20/6; hens, 10/6, 15/6, 20/6, upwards.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, buffs and yellows, 7/6 each; approval: Reay, 49, Flower-st., Carlisle.

GOOD Norwich birds (outdoor aviary), 7/6 pair; cocks, grand singers, 6/-; Arnold, 49, Worcester-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

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SEVERAL pairs of Norwich to be sold, 14/6 pair; inspection invited; stamp reply: Copeland, 14, Playhouse-yard, E.C.

NORWICH hens 4/6, cocks 8/6, matched pairs 12/6 upwards, all large birds: Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Newington Green, N.

NORWICH Canaries, 1910 birds, hens 2/- and 3/-, cocks 6/- and 7/- each: Shipton, Postmaster, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea.

W. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn; from my prize strain; pairs £1 upwards, single hens 7/6 upwards; on approval.

NORWICH for sale, buff cock, yellow variegated, ditto buff, green hen, cheap; approval: Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

CHAMPION Norwich pairs from 10/-; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; approval: W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

A FEW grand yellow or buff cocks left, of the best, from 7/6; own breeding; approval: Jno. Allen, 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

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NORWICH CANARIES.—Cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

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GOOD healthy typical clear yellow Norwich cocks, 6/- each, one ticked 7/-; approval anywhere: Chapman, 110, Bergholt-rd., Colchester.

STOP! yellow cocks, local winners, from 7/6; also few pairs of Crests, from 12/6; approval: Armistead, Daisyfield, Bury, Lancashire.

SPLENDID pair Norwich 1910, only 17/6; Rudd double breeder, complete, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, graud songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6; real bargains; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CLEAR unflighted buff Norwich cocks, typical substance, quality, best blood, 12/6 to 18/6; approval, stamp: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

GRAND Norwich cocks, full song, 5/- each, 7 days' approval; also yellow Budgerigars, youngsters, 5/- pair: Lacey, 277, High-st., Eastleigh.

NORWICH cocks, yellow variegated, 12/6, yellow marked 10/-, 2 buff marked 7/6 each; approval; deposit: Harlaud, Postman, Whitby.

FOUR Norwich cocks, 1910, full song, yellow and varieg., 10/6, 12/6; hens, 1910, 3/6, 4/6; buff and variegated: Police Station, Eye, Suffolk.

NORWICH hens, cheap to clear, bred in outdoor aviary, yellows 6/6, buffs 4/-; see Cinnamons: Miss Westley, Limes, Downend, Bristol.

GRAND buff Norwich cock, splendid singer, and variegated ben, both healthy and ready to nest, 7/6 pair: Dearnley, Hurst Fold, Glossop.

THREE splendid unflighted buff cocks, colour fed, from winners, champion songsters, 8/6 each; approval: Viggers, 55, Warwick-rd., Banbury.

NORWICH cock, grand size and substance, 1910, colour fed bird, he Spalding; sacrifice 10/-; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

A. Marshall can spare several good buff cocks, 7/6, 10/- each; approval, cash or deposit; state wants: Wierton, Bromley-crescent, Shortlands, Kent.

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TYPICAL Norwich, same strain as my own winners, yellows and buffs, cocks or hens, from 7/6 upwards; state wants: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

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NORWICH, 8 young cocks, 2 yellows, 1 buff, 4/- each (full song); 3 large young green variegated hens, 2/- each: Allen, 36, Poplar-st., Wellingborough.

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W. ALLEN, Witchford Aviaries, Ely, Cambs., has unflighted buff cocks for sale, colour fed, bred from winners, large, typical, healthy birds; approval; 7/6 each.

HENS, 6 green pied, 3/6 each; 1 buff, 4 marked hens, 4/6; one clear yellow, 4/-; clear buff, 4/-; approval, stamp: Joseph Twigg, 11, Coxon-st., Spondon.

SIX unflighted typical medium size hens for sale, bred from recent Palace winning strain, buffs 5/-, yellows 6/-: Duckett, Jun., 91, Sepulchre-gate, Doncaster.

CHAMPION Norwich, several buff cocks and hens, also several yellow hens, from 7/6 to 5/-; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

UNFLIGHTED thick-set variegated buff hen, 10/6, bred from red-hot yellow cock, 1st, spl. Bedford, 1909 and 1910; approval: G. Notley, King's-place, Bedford.

OWING to the death of my wife must sell all my Norwich Plainheads, all good birds; stamp, reply: McLaughline, 87, Westbenhar, Harthill Lanarkshire.

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SPLENDID pair Norwich Linnet Mule Goldie Mule cock Linnet, single breeder, also three-compartment breeder, sacrifice £1 the lot: 11, Alma-row, North Wingfield.

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FEW grand Norwich for sale, yellows and buffs, cocks or hens, from 7/- upwards, mostly 1910 bred, and will send on approval; particulars: Hands, Crookhill, Ryton-on-Tyne.

MATCHED pair Norwich, clear yellow cock, clear buff hen, cheap; also clear buff cock, yellow variegated ditto, 10/- each, 1909 bred; approval: A. Norrie, 41, Southesk-st., Brechin.

FEW prize-bred buff cocks, 10/- to 20/-, pairs 15/-; 2 light Goldfinch Mules, 2nd, 3rd, S.W. London, 15/- each, winner S.W. London Novice Cup: Burgess, 216, Stewart's-rd., Clapham.

MR. SMITH, Chemist, Scarborough, has several grandly bred Norwich for sale, variegated yellow cock, very hot, 15/-; variegated buff, 12/6; ticked yellow, 10/-; hens from 6/-.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/3, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

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LARGE buff Norwich cock, 1909, 2 yellow hens, 1910, 1909, 1 yellow cock (ticked), 1910, 1 cinnamon green cock, 1909, 1 Goldfinch cock, 1910, lot 22/-: Bullock, 14, Victoria-rd., Northampton.

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NORWICH Plainheads, prize strain, cold-room, cocks, 15/- to 2 guineas; hens, buff 10/6, yellow 12/6; few good songsters, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6: Mrs. Downing-Farrer, "Goodwyn," Boscombe, Hants.

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SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale, at reasonable prices to clear, winners and related to winners, from 7/6 upwards; approval, deposit; particulars from: A. Crawford, 685, New City-rd., Glasgow.

GRAND variegated 1909 Buff hen, gem, 17/6; ditto clear Buff, rare colour and quality, 10/6; unflighted ditto, sister to my winning hen at Luton, 12/6; few Yellows; approval: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

TYPICAL stock birds, direct from winners, splendid heads and necks, perfect feather, cocks from 7/- to 20/-; specially good hens from 5/-; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North Avenue, Ramsgate.

LARGE stock birds, to breed winners, variegated yellow cock, 15/-; ditto hen, 10/-; variegated buff cock, 12/6; clear buff hen, 7/6; cold-room bred; approval: Davies, Steel Green, Millom, Cumberland.

BROKEN green, yellow cocks, a fountain of colour, 12/6; large clear yellow 1909 cock, grand stock bird, 10/6; buff ditto, 8/6, worth double; approval: F. Tesseyman, St. Matthews Schools, Camp-rd, Leeds.

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ARTHUR Wake can spare 2 pairs Norwich, 20/-, 30/- pair; 3 buff cocks 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, same as his winners Gateshead, Scottish National, etc.; approval; inspection invited: 41, Aske-rd, Middlesbrough.

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MONSTER 1910 exhibition buff cock, rare type and quality, grand colour and substance, sure winner, make champion stock bird, only 17/6, honestly worth £2, genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

MUST still further reduce my stock of champion Norwich, no better blood can be bought at double the price; good buff cocks, 12/6, pairs from 15/-; see winnings at principal shows: Dixon, 14, Claremont-avenue, New Malden.

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CHAMPION large Bullfinch-typed Norwich, feathered like wax, properly matched to breed winners, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, and 50/- per pairs; singles from 7/6; show birds; cheap, approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

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CLEARS, yellow cock, buff hen, 10/-; buff cock, yellow hen, 8/6; 1 var. and 2 clear buff cocks, 6/6 each; offers for lot, separate; exchange for 1909 yellow green stock cock, full song; these are dealer's prices but I am the breeder: Everett, 12a, Bloomsbury-st., London.

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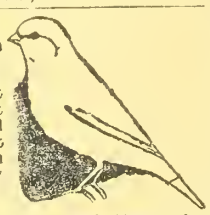
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GRAND clear buff unflighted Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; approval anywhere: Thomas Wych, 13, Radcliffe-rd., Haulgh, Bolton.

YORKSHIRES, cold-room bred, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6; inspection invited: S. Bloxam, 22a, Larch-rd., Balham, Surrey.

HEALTHY 1910 buff Yorkshire hen Canary, 3/-; 2 grand 1910 Norwich hens, 2/6 each; approval: Tebay, Millthrop, Sedbergh.

NOTICE; grand lot Yorkshires for show or stock; prices low; easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

FEW high-class Yorkshires, cocks from 6/6, hens 3/6; inspection invited: George Burgess, 54, Union-st., Greenheys, Manchester.

BARGAINS, extra long slim ticked buff unflighted Yorkshire hen, 6/6; approval, deposit: W. Colling, Mariners-ter., Filey, Yorkshire.

HAVE left 8 cocks and 12 hens from my well-known winners; cheap; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

A FEW good Yorkshires cheap, bred from winners, cocks from 8/-; hens from 5/-: Atkinson, 21, Ripon-st., Greenheys-lane, Manchester.

COLDROOM, long, stylish cocks, from 7/6, hens from 5/-, bred from winners; approval, deposit: Hall, 131, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

PROCTOR, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn: few good Yorkshires, pairs from 20/- to 35/- a pair, winners included; approval; stamp reply.

GREAT sacrifice, magnificent Yorkshire songsters, 6/- each, long slim birds, 1910; approval, cash or deposit: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris.

COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, at home all day; prices to suit anybody: Metcalfe, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, cold room bred, grand birds, cocks from 6/-, hens 3/-; stamp reply: W. Irving, Whittle Springs, Chorley, Lancashire.

TWO well-bred unflighted buff Yorkshire cocks, Bailey's strain, healthy, 5/- each, to clear: F. Ilsley, Blanchcroft, Melbourne, Derby.

THREE pairs of good Yorkshires, for disposal, 17/6 pair, or accept £2 5/- for lot; approval: R. H. Dixon, 26, Gilpin-st., Houghton-le-Spring.

BUFF hens, 3/-: Buff cock, 5/6; Yellow hen, 3/6; large Goldfinch Mule, 5/6; two 1910 Yellow hens, 3/6; Yellow cock, 6/: Blakesley, Hinckley.

MODERN Yorkshire cocks and hens from 5/- to £1 10s. each; approval; latest wins: Taunton, Truro, Falmouth: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

YORKSHIRES, champion strain, good length and type, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/6; approval: Hannaford, 65, St. Quintin's avenue, North Kensington.

SALE, typical yellow 1910 Yorkshire cock, 16/-, 1st prize winner First Feather Show, Southport: approval: Wright, 10, Sheffield-rd., Southport.



More Winners This Week.

Read following testimonials, which are only samples of scores I receive weekly:—From 6, Garden Terrace, Girvan, Scotland, Feb. 5th, 1911.—I am extra well pleased with the cock you sent me, and he won 1st and spl. prize at our show here.—Wm. Pitt to J. A. Taylor. Another from 31, Church Street, Bangor, Co. Down, Ireland, Feb. 6th, 1911.—The cock won 1st and spl. prizes, and the hen 2nd and spl. prizes, so you see they have done well for me, and I am highly satisfied.—D. Carleton to J. Taylor.

Scores similar to these received during last week, and all filed for inspection at any time. Champion Yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; Buff cocks, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song, and seven inches long. Pairs, carefully matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. In clears, ticked, marked, cinnamon-marked, and clear pink-eyed. Colour fed or natural colour, and all cold-room bred and kept. Extra good Yellow and Buff hens at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Inspection invited at any time. Illustrated new price list post free. All sent on seven days approval at my risk to any part. Export orders a speciality.

Crests, Norwich, Sib Hens, etc.

Champion large Norwich Plainheads at same prices as Yorkshires. Colour fed and natural colour. Large Crested cocks and hens at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; Crest-bred cocks and hens at 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. "Barnett's" and "Joyce's" strains. Pairs, matched for breeding, at 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/- per pair; Sib-bred muling hens, for dark or light muling, at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6 each. **"Easy Payment System."** Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Send for full particulars, terms, and new price list post free. No extras charged, and same value guaranteed, as if you were paying cash down. All on seven days' approval at my risk. Only and old address:

J. TAYLOR,
36, Aireville Road,
Frizinghall, Bradford.

BUFF cock, 2nd Brighton, 3rd Eastbourne, 15/-; good stock bird; also Yellow, 2nd Brighton, 12/-, or offers: Pearson, 36, Warleigh-rd., Brighton.

TYPICAL Yorkshires for sale, cheap to clear, single or pairs, pairs from 7/6; inspection invited; approval: Peverall, 49, Mendora-rd., Fulham.

YORKSHIRES, yellow unflighted and 2 buff cocks, winners, cheap, good stock birds; see Pateley Bridge Show report: Barfe, Pateley Bridge.

KIGHTLEY, Mount Pleasant-rd., Stroud Green.—Healthy Yorkshire hens, 1910, Greens, variegated; buffs, variegated, Cinnamon, 5/- each; approval.

FOR sale, 6 Yorkshire hen Canaries, 4-compartment breeding cage, loose centres, 16/- the lot, or offers: Joseph Anderson, Sadberge, Darlington.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, Belgian crosed, some 7 ins., from 7/6; also good Norwich, same price; stamp: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

YORKSHIRES, 3 unflighted cocks, 2 buffs, 1 yellow, 6/- each; buff hen, 4/-; bred from winners; stamp reply: F. Cockeram, 60, Parker-st., Derby.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 14 cocks from 8/6; also 3 hens, 12/-, bargain, the lot £6; approval, deposit: Chorlton, 16, Brailsford-rd., Fallowfield, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, only 3, genuine bargains, 25 years' strain, yellow 4/6, buff, cheek marked, beauty, 4/-; buff, clear, 3/-; hens: Rink, 86, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

LONG slim yellow cock, 3rd prize, 12/6; monster buff cock and long yellow hen, 1910, 15/- pair; deposit; giving up: 6, Norwood-gdns., Ashford, Kent.

H. C. Hedworth has 3 Yorkshire hens to dispose of, 2 clear yellow, 10/- and 7/6, 1 clear buff 7/6, Amblers' pure strain; approval: Dudley-rd., Grantham.

TYPICAL champion Yorkshires bred from my cup winners, Leyton and North London, 8/6 pair; inspection invited: Bennett, 17, Hartley-rd., Leytonstone.

BREEDER only; exeellent cocks from 8/6; pink-eyed; 11 years strain; approval; satisfaction guaranteed; none better: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

LOVELY yellow Yorkshire cock, show bird; six Yorkshire show cages and case; lot 30/-; approval: Rev. Bernard Wilton, Bilsdale Vicarage, Middlesbrough.

FIVE Yorkshire cocks, full song, 5/- each; 3 Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; greens, 1910 birds, or best cash offer: Kellett, 33, Hunt-st., Breck-rd., Liverpool.

WANTED two good stock pairs, Yorkshires, mated breed winners; exchange winning Jacobins, homers; approval: Particulars, write, Harry Butler, Hawarden, Chester.

TWENTY cock Canaries, Yorkshire, Norwich, and Crested, also 12 hens; overstocked; £5 the lot, or nearest offer; deposit: 6, Porchester, Woolston, Southampton.

BARGAINS in high-class Yorkshires, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; exchange; no cards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

MUST sell to make room; hens, 1909, 18/- each; 1910, £1, 18/-, 10/-, 6/- each; cocks, 1910, 18/- each; bred from winners; approval: H. Walker, The Hermitage, Frome.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, show or stock birds, from my winning strain; hens, 3/-, cocks 5/-; cash or deposit: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd, West Bowling, Bradford.

YORKSHIRES, 3 good cocks, 8/- each, 1 marked, 1 clear yellow, 10/6 each; 1 hen, 5/6; few pairs, 15/- upwards; approval: James Atkinson, 7, Salters-rd., Wingate, co. Durham.

YORKSHIRES, cocks 5/6, hens 3/- upwards, pairs 8/-, 9/6, 10/6; few hens on small side, 2/3, 3 for 8/-; cash or deposit; approval: Price, 22, Wood-st., Chapel-lane, Wigan.

GENTEEL!

Yorkshires for quality and price—all the following will be found a

REVELATION

as to value. But there, have on approval; that is not only the best test, but the only practical one. **Remember, these are Yorkshires, not balls of feather, or Cross-breds, but the best value that has ever been sent out. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 2/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; three for 6/6. Pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Cages, 3d. extra. Greens.—I have a grand lot of these, in pairs, and cocks or hens; state requirements.**

Just examples of hundreds recently received; but sufficient to prove all I claim for these bargains:—

Lily Bank, Pettenzes-road, Crieff, Feb., 1911.—Yellow York. hen arrived safely, and gives entire satisfaction.—D. Comrie to W. Rudd.

Donisthorpe, Feb. 13th, 1911.—The Yorkshire cock arrived on Friday afternoon in good condition, and **very satisfactory.**—L. Finch to W. Rudd.

A Revelation.

26, Napier-place, Falkirk, N.B., Feb. 11th, 1911.—Yorkshire Yellow Cinnamon-marked hen arrived Friday 10th, and everything was all right. The bird particularly so. Once again your selection gives entire satisfaction, and such quality for the price is a revelation.—R. Walker to W. Rudd.

Every Satisfaction.

Pinkhill, nr. Edinburgh, Feb. 11th, 1911.—I beg to acknowledge receiving Yorkshires safe, and they give me every satisfaction.—J. Smith to W. Rudd.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

YELLOW Yorkshire cocks, nice upstanding birds, 6/- each upwards; yellow and buff hens, 5/- each upwards, winning strain: Fred Dyson, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Hudderfield.

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1910, cold room; cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 3/-, 3/6; 4 days' approval; cash or deposit, inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-road, Acton, London, W.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, 3 cocks, 2 hens, 1910, 2 cocks, older, large three-dome mahogany aviary, 2 36in. breeding cages, 30/- all: Baker, 140, Prospect-rd., Woodford Green, Essex.

PAIR Yorkshires, related to our winners; see show reports; latest winnings Palace; also Goldfinch cock and Norwich hen, exchange both for lady's cycle; offers: Auton Bros., Spalding.

SEVERAL good pairs to dispose of cheaply from strains of Ambler, Shackleton, Ogden, Crisp, also odd cocks from 10/- to 30/-; approval, deposit: Hudspeth, "Rose Neath," Hertford.

GEO. BUTLER, 56, Bowness-rd., Hillsboro', Sheffield, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Yorkshires, has about 50 birds for disposal, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-, pairs from 9/-; approval.

YORKSHIRES, 3 good matched pairs, 10/6, also few smart hens, 4/6 each, all in breeding condition, genuine bargains, room wanted: Yates, St. Catherines-rd., Bitterne Park, Southampton.

GIVING up the Fancy: D. Bradley, breeder and exhibitor of Yorkshire Canaries only, has about 30 pairs for sale; stamp for particulars: Clarence-ter., Bollington, near Macclesfield, Cheshire.

SAM HAIGH has the following Yorkshires for disposal:—Cocks, 2 yellow-marked, 12/6 each, buff-marked 10/-; hens, clear yellow, 2 clear buffs, marked buff, 7/- each: 21, Range Bank, Halifax.

GIVING up.—Winning Yorkshires, yellow or buff cocks, overn 7ins. long, many noted winners, also hens; up-to-date breeding and flight cages, racks, cases, everything complete: Brennan, Earney-st., Altrincham.

BARGAINS in Yorkshires.—Typical buff hens from 3/6; yellow from 4/6; cocks from 7/6; splendid matched pairs from 12/6 upwards; approval, deposit; call and see them: Stoakley, 11, St. George's-rd., Wimbledon.

NOT giving up Fancy or removing, etc., but have several real good Yorks. for sale from my winning strain, 6/6 upwards; approval; also winners; stamp reply; inspection invited: Jones, 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow.

A. BROWN, 7, Norman Avenue, West Wood Green, must clear this week 40 Yorkshire and Norwich, including my winning stock, Bailey's, Amber's, Miles', Irons' strains; double breeders, show cages; 3 days' approval willingly.

GRAND long slim yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/6; lovely buff cock, 7/6; long slim buff hen, 7/6; another, 5/-; long slim yellow hen, 7/-; Bailey and Swanger's strain; bargains; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

ROOM wanted; a few typical pairs of Yorkshires for disposal from 12/6; odd cocks from 7/6; hens from 5/-; every bird right type and feather like wax; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: G. Gill, 14, Birk-st., Harrogate.

HAVE purchased well known exhibitor's Yorkshires, not surplus, but show and stock; all picked birds, speedy sale required; all buff price, pairs 20/- to 50/-; single birds, 10/- to 30/-; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

YORKSHIRES (guaranteed Bailey's strain), cocks, standard length, splendid type, quality, 6/6, 8/6, hens 4/-, 5/-, pairs 10/-, 12/-, from my winners; approval: Geo. York, 53, Oxford-st., Church Gresley, near Burton-on-Trent.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, bred from my winners Sale, Altrincham, Eccles, grand birds, cheap to clear; room wanted; cocks 6/-, hens 4/-; worth double; cold-room: Radford, 114, Second-avenue, Trafford Park, Manchester.

HIGH-class Yorks., stock birds, some 7in. long, yellow or buff 7/6 to 25/-, hens 4/6 to 12/6, matched pairs 12/- to 30/-; cold room; related to my winners; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Simeson, 63, Beaconsfield-st., Acomb, York.

MAGNIFICENT matched pairs, 25/-, 30/-; grand cocks, 10/- to 20/-; hens, eighth Yorkshire Belgian cross, grand position and quality, matched with long typical Yorkshires, 20/- to 30/- pair, worth double; satisfaction, approval: Negus, 4, Monmouth-road, Abergavenny.

JOHN ED. PRIESTLEY'S champion Yorkshires, can spare a few, same strain as my winners at Bradford, West Halifax, Queensbury, clinking cock with two hens, 25/-; winners local show, others from 6/-; some clinking hens left; stamp: 258, Hanson-lane, Halifax.

CHOICE, healthy pedigree hens, cold room, nest companions to my onen winners; overstocked, room required; yellows 5/ 7/6, buffs 4/6, 6/- each; also 2 buff cocks, one open winner, £1, other grand stock, 15/-; bargains; approval; only want seeing: George Harris, Kenley, Surrey.



YORKSHIRES, NORWICH, CRESTS & CRESTBREDS, SCOTCH FANCIES, BORDER FANCIES.

For **value** in any of the above varieties I defy all competition. I have some clinking stock birds that are bred from winners, and also a few actual winners for sale. But see what others say. These are specimens of hundreds recently received, and filed for the inspection of my visitors:—5, Widdington-terrace, North Shields, Feb. 9th, 1911.—Thanks for cinnamon hen. I am very pleased with the way you have treated me, and only too sorry I did not deal with you sooner. I have **proved** you to be an honest business man.—R. Arkley to Joe Thomas. 29, Naburn-street, Glasgow, Feb. 10th, 1911.—I received bird in splendid condition. I have tried a few dealers, but I must acknowledge you as the first. The hen was **value twice the amount.** 25, Wakeham, Portland, Feb. 8th, 1911.—Pair Yorkshires to hand. They are grand, and your business methods of the straightest.—T. Price to Joe Thomas. I could print hundreds similar did space permit.

Remember, I do not staud in the dark. **I offer an open invitation** to any fancier to come at any time but Sunday and inspect my stock. My birds will speak for themselves. I send every bird on seven or ten days' approval, and guarantee all pairs unrelated.

YORKSHIRE COCKS, grand, lengthy birds, full of type and quality, and in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each upwards; erect, racey, close-feathered hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; properly matched pairs, guaranteed unrelated, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards.

YORKSHIRE GREENS, some real gems, Clayton and Helliwell's strain, wonderful length, deep and rich in colour, and very tight feathered, same price as Yorkshires. Also few Cinnamons.

CHAMPION COBBY NORWICH.—See my advert. on page 160.

BORDER FANCIES.—Some real gems in all colours, including a few greens that have won at leading shows. Same price as Yorkshires.

SCOTCH FANCIES.—Few good stock birds, cocks or hens, clears or pied, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each.

SEIFERT ROLLERS.—Just received, my best and largest consignment this season. I have some of the best; cocks or hens. Cocks, in full rolling song, with many changes, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Extra special Schoolmasters, trained to perfection, and a real treat to listen to, 25/-, 30/- each.

SIBERIAN GOLDFINCHES.—Another large consignment just in. Many can win. They are large birds, with big scarlet blazes and well buttoned; will suit anywhere. Guaranteed cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6.

SPLENDID SIB. HENS FOR MULING, Buffs or Yellows, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each.

Also Crests and Crest-breds, Goldfinch Mules, Linnet Mules, etc., etc.

Every bird is on approval at my sole risk. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

Send a postcard for my free illustrated catalogue and advice to breeders.

If you want an exhibition bird, or good stock birds, likely to breed winners, all I ask is that you will send me particulars, and let me send you birds on approval, and compare all others.

Easy payments arranged, if neeessary, with any bona-fide fancier. Full particulars in catalogue.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder and Exhibitor, **AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.**
32 years same address.

FOR sale, 3 Yorkshire cocks, 2 hens, 2 singing cocks, 2 hens; brown Linnet and Greenfinch cocks, both house-moulted, bred Mules; 6 cock Greenfinches, 1 cock Redpoll, caged months: James, 9, Abbot's-cottages, Hatherley-rd., Cheltenham.

BEGINNERS wanting some real good birds, I think I can suit you; cocks, yellow and buff, from 7/6; smart yellow hens from 5/6; buff 3/6; must reduce to prepare for breeding; guaranteed healthy; approval, deposit: H. Smith, 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, colour fed, cocks 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, upwards, hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, upwards, pairs properly mated that will breed winners, 7/-, 8/-, 9/-, upwards; carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

SEND a postcard for my illustrated price list of high-class Yorkshires, correct type, 7ins. long, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each, matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, all carriage paid, on seven days' approval: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

STEWART'S Yorkshires have won this season 18 1sts, 13 2nds, 17 3rds, 8 4ths, 24 specials, at Lancaster, Darlington, Newcastle, Carlisle, Harrington, Gateshead, Whitehaven, Ayr, Annan, Cockermouth, Blaydon, and Palace; see reports; some grand birds, related to above winners, cheap; approval: Stewart, Albion-st., Whitehaven.

THE old Yorkshire breeders have one of the finest selections of Yorkshires in the country, winners of over 100 prizes; see reports Middlesborough, Malton, Darlington, Keighley, etc.; cocks, full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; splendid pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1: Middleton Bros., 32, Unity-st., Keighley.

CHAS. MORRISON, the Yorkshire novice champion, has gained above one hundred and twenty points with his four highest birds above anyone else at all the Yorkshire Union shows for the season, so that is proof of being the champion—279 points, a record. So I have some grand pairs to sell, sure to breed winners, and sure to please you; stamp reply: Clifton-rd., Brighouse.

NOTICE. It will pay you to give me a visit and see these. 50 pairs high-class Yorkshires at working men's prices; cold room bred, Nor. clears, variegated, and cinnamon marked, cocks, on song, 5/-, 5/6, and 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; a few specials for show or stock birds, cocks at 10/- each, hens 5/- each; inspection invited; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days approval, cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Mercerou-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

OWING to business pressure I cannot find time for breeding Canaries, so must sell 1 new 36in. joiner-made (last week in January) double breeder, 0in. deep, 17½in high, French polished outside, enamel inside, sand traps, loose fronts, outside bath, seed and water pots, 1 pair of really good clear Yorkshire Canaries, the lot originally cost about 22/6, will accept 14/6, another lot similar, but cage is 38ins. long, and 6lb. of seed, etc., with this lot, 15/6, or 29/- the lot; deposit, approval: A. Brown, c/o 48, Waterloo-st., Hull.

DYKES' YORKSHIRES



Still lead the way. Read following testimonials: 13/2/11. 18, Garden Street, Manchester. "Received birds in good condition; they are the best pair ever I had. Shall send you another order soon."—C. H. Lowe.—121, Harnshaw St. St. Helens. 12/2/11. 'Received bird safe. It is a real beauty, and does you credit to send such a bird for the money. Shall deal further with you."—J. Knott.—110, Stanley Road, West Croydon. 11/2/11. "Birds arrived safe and very pleased with them. Give every satisfaction for length, type, and quality, and no delay."—R. Mudd.—74, York Road Waterloo, S.E. 12/2/11. "Received the birds safely, and very pleased with them. They are far better than I expected for the money."—E. Azario.—37, Bottom Green, South Normanton. 13/2/11. "I received birds safe and give every satisfaction. Cock started singing as soon as he had refreshed himself. Thank you for sending such a nice pair."—J. A. Shields.—86, Sherwood Road, Harrow. 11/2/11. "I am writing to thank you for the splendid pair of birds you have sent me. I showed them to several friends and they could not believe it for the money. Please send following for enclosed amount."—A. Furness.

Champion Yellow Yorkshire Cocks at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- each.** Buff Cocks at **5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/- each.** All in full song and seven inches long. Pairs properly matched to breed winners at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-,** and **30/- per pair.** Clears, ticked, green, or cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed. Colour fed or natural colour, and every bird guaranteed cold-room bred and kept. Extra good racy hens, all ready for immediate breeding, and lovely quality; right sort to breed winners. Yellow lovely quality; right sort to breed winners. Yellow or Buffs at **3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6,** and **12/6 each.** Travelling Cages, **3d. extra.**

Also few clinking pairs of Norwich and Crests at **12/6, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/- per pair.** All on seven days' approval at my risk and safe delivery guaranteed, any distance. Inspection invited at any time. Illustrated price list post free.

Please state wants to the old reliable breeder and exhibitor, with a life's practical experience, who breeds his own winners and **NOTE** I have won 70 1sts, 49 2nds 48 3rds, 27 4ths, 37 Specials, 2 Cups, and several and silver medals, and other specials to numerous too mention at Crystal Palace, L.C.B.A., and all leading shows in England and Wales during the present season, and birds I have sold are winning for my customers in all parts of the world.

Easy Payments arranged to enable those who are not in a position to pay ready cash to purchase high-class stock and birds sent off at once. State wants. Stamp reply.

L. DYKES, Reliable Aviaries, 70, Bolton Hall Road, **BOLTON WOODS, BRADFORD.**

CHAMPION Yorkshires, winners Darlington, Stockton, Middlesbro', Stanley, Derwent Valley, etc., cocks and hens, same blood, large upstanding, from 7/6, pairs properly mated 15/-, 16/6 upwards, exhibition specimens from 21/-; approval 4 days; 26 years' breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

FANCIERS requiring winners or stock birds, I am now offering at great sacrifice, typical, well-drawn C.F. Yorkshires, for style, type, length and quality cannot be excelled; cocks or hens, clears, ticked or marked, 5s., 7/6, 10s. each; all birds are sent out on 7 days' approval, deposit: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LEAVING the Fancy: The whole of my valuable stock of Yorkshires, about 14 cocks, 20 hens, 6 large flights, 12 single breeders, 6 baths, 8 show cages, 2 cases, 2 mills, 16 nest pans, offer wanted for lot; pairs from 12/6 upwards; breeding cage given with each pair, fitted up complete: Welch, 95, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

WHY pay fancy prices when you can get real good Yorkshires, cocks, in full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; stylish hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; matched pairs, 8/6 to 20/-; all in good sound condition, good feather and plenty of size; 3 days' approval; cash or deposit: Middleton Bros., Croft, Thwartes, Keighley, Yorkshire.

FOXEN'S matched pairs, yellow cock (father of my 4th Palace) and buff hen, 40/-; long buff cock, yellow hen (sister to my 1st Clapham), 30/-; yellow cock, buff hen (parents of my 4th Battersea), 25/-; yellow cock, buff hen (sister to my 2nd Wimbledon), 20/-; odd cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6: 8, Aberdeen-bldgs., Bromley, Kent.

"YORKSHIRE Canaries: How to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit." By H. W. Rattye, President of the Yorkshire Union. It deals fully with the Yorkshire Canary, and its sub-varieties, and should be in the hands of every breeder; it gives the fullest instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, exhibiting, and how to treat both in health and disease. Illustrated by Messrs. H. Norman and A. J. Simpson; price, post free, 1/2: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

Just Purchased 60 YORKSHIRES
Including ALL HIS NOTED WINNERS this Season, from Mr. MERRIN, Bedale.

Tick Buff Cock, winner 8 1sts, etc., £2; Yellow Cocks, Yellow and Buff Hens, all winners of 1sts and 2nds this season. Send for prices; selling cheap. Grand Yellow and Buff Cocks, fit to win, from 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Yellow and Buff Hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; every bird a picture. Those requiring these noted winners of this season, write me, and I will give all particulars where they have won at all leading shows. Chance of lifetime for novices. All on approval. First come first served. Breeder 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge, **PRESTON, LANCS.**

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BRISTOL CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Meeting held Feb. 1, headquarters, City Hotel, Wine Street, Mr. W. H. Manley presiding. Mr. F. G. Coleman (Bristol) elected a member. The balance sheet, postponed from the last meeting, was passed as read, showing a balance in hand of £3 19s. Decided, to hold a matched pair and British bird show second Saturday in March, headquarters; further particulars, re judge and classification, to be decided at next meeting. Messrs. Manley and Lovell will give a few notes on what they saw at the Palace show.—A. Carter, Hon. Sec.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Textile Hall, Vice-President Mr. J. Brough in chair. Following officials elected:—Rev. R. P. Hudson, M.A., president; Mr. J. Brough, vice-president; Mr. H. Fortman, auditor; all members on committee. Balance sheet for past year submitted and passed as correct, showing a balance in hand of £1 5s. Decided, that headquarters be the Y.M.C.A., Rock Street, where all meetings will take place second Tuesday in each month. New members can be enrolled at any meeting on payment of 1s., and a subscription of 6d. per month after. Radius 5 miles from Bury Old Church.—H. Jameson, sec., 45, David Street, Elton, Bury.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting and pair show held January 26th, Mr. Emmett in chair. There was a good muster of members and friends. Mr. Knowles judged, and no fault was found with his placings. Mr. Houghton won special for most points with 18, Dukes 14, Harper 13, Mort 13, Leech 11, Weston 10½, Walters 9½, Barnet 9, Hardy 7, Emmett 6, and Nelson 5. Upwards of 50 entries—very good for an evening show. Mr. Emmett won judging competition Next meeting British bird judging competition. Two new members, Messrs. West and Smith, proposed, so the Society seems to be making a little headway. A vote of thanks to Mr. Walters, as chairman, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—G. M. Nelson, Hon. Sec.

NORTH SHIELDS AND DIS. C.B.C

Meeting held Feb. 1st, before a crowded house. After the usual roll of business, the meeting was thrown open to allow members and visitors to look round, the programme being a table show for British birds. There was a record entry of nearly every local bird, with a fair mixture of foreign. Mr. Allaway, of Lark fame, and a noted fancier, ably judged. Competition in nearly every class was very keen. Messrs. King, McVay, Wilson, Hunter, Muckle, Udberg, Potts, took premier honours in their various classes, and after Mr. Allaway had complimented us on the very fine show and attendance, the meeting closed with the best thanks to Mr. Allaway. Nine new members were made, which clearly shows we are working earnestly for the great cause.—R. P. Fox, sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, King-st., Feb. 1st. Vote of sympathy passed to our chairman, Mr. W. Thompson, on his serious illness. The vice-chairman, Mr. W. L. Smith, occupied the chair. A good number of members turned up. After the usual preliminaries the secretary presented the balance sheet for the past year, which was passed as satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £4 0s. 11d. Three new members, Messrs. Widdowfield, W. Priestley, and J. Mather, were added as members. Following officers elected:—President, Ald. Readhead (mayor); vice-presidents, Lord Robson, J. Kirkley, Esq., Right Hon. Russel Rea, M.P., J. Readhead, Esq.; chairman, W. Thompson; vice-chair, W. L. Smith; trustees, T. Baker, and C. W. Alty; treasurer, W. Duke; committee, T. Winter, B. Addison, W. Howden, G. R. Telford, J. Richardson, J. Hands, J. Potts, T. Baker, C. W. Alty, J. Mather, A. Widdowfield, and W. Priestley.—James Barrass, Sec., 50, Armstrong-terrace, South Shields.

BRISTOL F.A.

Established in 1886, the society is entering upon its 25th year with signs of enthusiasm which indicate a renewed lease of life. We are now away from licensed premises, Mr. E. T. Parker (treasurer) having kindly offered us use of his auction saleroom. Last meeting resolved upon a new departure, viz., table shows for all sections every month except August, instead of occasional shows for separate sections. Prize money to be on sliding scale, no deduction for penning. To prevent "deck-sweeping" no member is to take more than one prize in a class; there is no hardship in this, as extra entries in same class are accepted at half fees, and all awards will count full points for points specials. £2 was voted to be allotted as points specials over year—10/- in each section. Mr. Tottle, the new president, kindly gave 10/- to be divided similarly between certain sub-sections. Mr. A. C. Fish promised 2s. 6d. for every monthly show this year; Messrs. F. Cook and T. P. Fish each promised 2s. 6d. for every show; Mr. Tottle promised specials for March meeting. Specials promised up to now total nearly £6, more than half of which are for novices. Will members please show by their presence and entries that the kindness of the donors is appreciated? Instructions were given as to the purchase of new pens and vacancies on Executive Committee were filled. Eight new members proposed.—G. T. Maggs, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

The patronage shows having been completed, the following are the results in the different sections. Members will oblige by checking their points, and should there be anything wrong, a notification must be sent to the secretary on or before Feb. 23rd, after which no claims can be entertained. Champ. Yorks.:—Cup, H. A. Nimmo, 101; gold medal, R. Atherton, 79; 15/-, P. Clayton, 59; 12/-, T. Rowlands, 48; 8/-, T. Wardale, 42; 5/-, W. C. Robinson, 38. Champ. Nor.:—V. H. Deacon, 89, not competing for specials; cup, E. Lawson, 80; gold medal, W. Hales, 74; 15/-, J. Walker, 97; 12/-, T. Harrison, 50; 8/-, R. Jenkins, 32; 5/-, R. Barker, 26. Novice Yorks.: Cup, S. McNulty, 98; gold medal, J. McDermott, 69; 15/-, H. Cunningham, 55; 12/-, W. Simpson, 36; 8/-, W. Walker, 26; 5/-, J. Pilling, 7. Novice Nor.: Gold medal, J. Pyke, 60; 15/-, E. Peake, 42; 12/-, J. Pilling, 7; 8/-, J. Wagstaff, 4. Bord., Open: Cup, J. Johnston, 103; gold medal, Geo. Green, 97; 15/-, Mrs. E. Fildes, 82; 12/-, H. Amos, 65; 8/-, P. Clayton, 61; 5/-, J. Walker, 60. All points count for cash specials. Three highest birds count at each show in champ. sections for cups and medals, but all points scored by the novices count on the same scale as the cash specials. The novice cup was competed for by the Yorks. and Nor. novices, and went to the former on points. The champ. cups have to be won twice before they can be won outright, but the novice and Bord. cups are won outright first year. The distribution of cups and specials will take place at the annual dinner next week, date not yet fixed.—Geo. Green, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

Meeting held Nutclough Tavern, Feb. 2nd. After the ordinary business we sat down to an excellent supper provided by our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood, to which the members present did full justice. Those who were not present missed a real treat, and we felt quite sorry for them. After the removal of the cloth we had a show of British birds, when Mr. W. Spencer's Linnet won. The remainder of the evening was given up to singing and selections on the gramophone kindly lent by Mr. J. Greenwood. Votes of thanks to our host and hostess and all who had helped to entertain us, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—A. Pickles, Hon. Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, "Black Dog," Watergate, Feb. 6th. There was a splendid turn-up of members, over 20 being present. Business: Pair show, for which all arrangements were made; this will be held at the Co-op. Hall, Feb. 18th—tickets for same selling well. We hope to have over 70 cages on show. We had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Lockton lecture on breeding, after which questions were asked. The lecturer answered to the satisfaction of all. Next meeting first Monday in March, when Mr. Parsons has promised to give us a few notes on Catching and Bringing Birds on to Hard Seed. All fanciers should make an effort to attend as Mr. Parsons has been a catcher and fancier all his life and has had very great experience of all British birds.—W. Ratcliff, Chairman.

CHATHAM AND DISTRICT F.A.

General meeting, held January 31, Ropemaker's Arms. Mr. J. Smith presided over a very large number, supported by Mr. T. Clifford, vice-chairman, and Mr. W. Roberts, treasurer. Decided to hold annual show, Nov. 2nd and 3rd, Queen's Hall, and to open entries to all Kent fanciers. The chairman expressed the hope that all those fanciers who had not attended would make an effort to attend next meeting, and rally round the new sec. and committee. He spoke of the cups competed for annually. Several new members were proposed, and accepted, and several others promised to join at an early date. Special invitation is given to all cage bird and other fanciers of the district to join the society. After a lengthy discussion on the various sections, a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.—Hy. Wray, Sec.

DALKEITH AND DISTRICT C.C.

Meeting held in "Ship," Feb. 4th, when the question of whether club be dissolved was gone into. After a lengthy debate, it was resolved that club be carried on, but that various changes be enacted, viz., that Scotch Fancy classes be reduced to two, till increased membership and entries warrant an increase; that secretaryship be honorary, and ways and means of improving the finances be proposed. Election of office bearers:—Mr. J. Stirling, president; Ewing and Steel, joint hon. secretaries; J. Hamilton, T. Hamilton, J. Currie, and A. Rowe, members of committee. A programme of song was then gone through, and the meeting closed. Each member pledged to do his utmost to make the club a success under a more up-to-date regime than has previously obtained. Mr. Steel notified his intention of granting a trophy for best Border bred by a novice member.—Ewing and Steel, Hon. Secretaries.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual distribution of prizes, held Roundabout Inn, Feb. 4th, before a large number of members and friends, Mr. Kinder presiding. Secretary read report of past show season. Mr. Richmond wins the society's cup and medal with 128 points; Mr. Marsh second with 88 pts.; Butler Bros. third, 81 pts.; Mr. Pawson 4th, 63 pts. Mr. Richmond also wins sectional specials; firsts for Green and Cinnamon marks, first for most points in Yorkshire and Norwich, also special for best Norwich, 1910 bred. Mr. Jeffrey wins special for best Yorkshire 1910 bred, also consolation prize. Mr. Maltby wins Sandiford's medal. Mr. H. Hill, secretary of the Yorkshire Union, presented the prizes. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. Noble, Holder, Casson, and Raper; pianist, Mr. Raper. An altogether enjoyable evening was spent.—H. Raistrick, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held at headquarters, the "Feathers" Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, Jan. 27. Present: Messrs. J. Dewhurst (in the chair), C. Cooper, T. R. Trower, G. Crabb, J. Frostick, A. Silver, A. C. Askew, C. T. Maxwell, C. R. Tyson, A. Plumbridge, and J. P. Carr. Report of sub-committee was read and accepted, and a vote of thanks accorded the sub-committee. A letter was read from Mr. S. Beaty, and secretaries were instructed to answer same. Mr. Trower read the balance sheet and financial year's report, which was received with great satisfaction by the committee. Mr. Trower read the heading for the petition proposed to be sent to the Home Secretary as drawn up by the hon. solicitor, for which Mr. Trower was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. In view of the recent controversy in the Fancy Press re the Two-Barred Crossbill and the American White Crossbill, Mr. Frostick brought for the inspection of the committee the bird in dispute along with two drawings by two prominent bird artists of the Two-Barred Crossbill, which proved very interesting. As far as the committee could judge Mr. Frostick's bird was identical with the drawings of the Two-Barred Crossbill. Mr. Frostick also brought a fine specimen of the Common Crossbill of N. America, which is like our Crossbill but smaller. Mr. Frostick stated that these were the only two living specimens in England. Mr. Frostick was thanked by the committee for bringing two such rare specimens for the members to see, and it was hoped that others that had rare specimens would do likewise. A revision of the classification was discussed, but as there was no member present who thought an alteration was necessary, the matter was deferred until a later date. The following were elected members of the club:—Miss Bousfield, Bournemouth, Mr. Theodore Martin, Huddersfield (life member), Mr. F. Archer, Huddersfield. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Sec.

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LUTON C.B.S.

At a meeting held Feb. 7th, we arranged to hold our open show on Nov. 9th, with Mr. C. A. House as judge of Canaries, and Mr. R. J. Howe judge of Mules, British, and Foreign birds. Next meeting, Feb. 27th, to take form of a table show pairs of Canaries matched for breeding. Messrs. Bennett, and Martin are to be the judges. Will Watford and Bedford members please note open show date and the judges?—E. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec.

BARRINGTON AND CHOPPINGTON S.C. & C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 11, headquarters, for the election of sec. and officers. Mr. Thos. Griffiths takes over the secretaryship in place of Mr. W. Woollett, who has resigned. The other officers remain as at present, with the exception that Mr. Woollett's name has been added to the committee. Next meeting Feb. 25, when we intend holding a table show of pairs of Norwich for this year, bred birds to be on the table at 6 o'clock.—Thomas Griffiths, No. 5, South Row, Choppington Colliery.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, Feb. 7th, Mr. J. Bracegirdle presiding over a good attendance. Auditors, Messrs. Parker and Richards, reported having examined the books and accounts for 1910, which were correct. On the proposition of Mr. Cave, seconded by T. Gardner, the accounts were passed. Letter read from R. A. Yerburgh, Esq., M.P., intimating his continuance of the presidency, which met with unanimous approval. Three new members were elected. The arrangements were then made for the pair show on Feb. 15th, Mr. T. Wright judge. Messrs. Parker and Gardner stewards. We look forward to a good show at the Boot Inn.—J. Swindley, Sec.

KILMARNOCK. C.B.S.

Fifth annual general meeting, held Jan. 20th, President J. Oram in the chair. Balance sheet for 1910 was submitted and unanimously agreed to. Following office bearers elected for ensuing year:—President, J. Oram; vice-presidents, W. Watson, W. G. Muir, and G. F. Adamson; treasurer, J. Latta; auditors, G. Blair and A. Watson; committee, J. Noble, J. Johnstone, R. McCaw, J. Jamieson, H. Train, J. Hutchison, W. Strathearn, G. Willison, J. Bonillie, and J. Calderwood. Agreed, to hold annual show same date as last year, 18th Nov. To the numerous fanciers in and around Kilmarnock we extend a hearty invitation to become members to strengthen our hands and assist to keep our society in its present position.—Wm. Guthrie.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, Jan. 20th, when a good number of members were in attendance. Mr. Cook voted to chair. A fair amount of business was discussed. A fair number of members and visitors were present to hear Mr. Cook lecture on "The Lizard Canary and its General Management." He began by saying he believed first in cleanliness in birds, cages, and utensils. In passing he gave us a recipe, viz., turpentine and limewash as a preventative of red mite. He next spoke of dieting the birds carefully as the safest way to maintain good health, medicines being very rarely used. We were taken through the whole management. Breeding, rearing, and moulting were touched upon. A few questions were also asked the lecturer, which he very ably answered. A vote of thanks was then given Mr. Cook for his lecture. We are to have a discussion very shortly on the subject, "Does like produce like?"—G. Lawton, Gen. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, 4th Feb., Mr. F. Farrar in chair. Decided, to hold a pair show March 4th, Headquarters; 8 classes, including champion and novice Yorksbire, champion and novice Nor., 1 A.O.V. Can., and 1 class for Mule or Hyb. pairs. Several good specials were kindly given, viz., silver medal for best Yorks. (given by Mr. Farrar), 2/- best Nor. (Mr. Hall), 2/- best novice Nor. (a friend), 2/- best novice Yorks and 2/- best Mule or Hyb. pair (given by the society), which should secure for us a humping entry. Fee 3d. per cage, all returned in prize money. Carried, that points gained at June 3rd first feather show count for specials, which, apart from ordinary special list, will include 3 gold medals to be competed for at four members' shows and open show on Oct. 14th, with six highest birds for Yorks., Nor., and Brit., the member gaining most points in each section to be the winner. Mr. Chambers, late hon. sec., was presented by the society with £1 10s. He thanked the members in a well chosen sentence. Mr. Pawson was elected a member. This terminated the business.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

At meeting held Feb. 6th we had a very successful table show of matched pairs for breeding, Norwich, Yorks, and Mules or Hybrids. Some capital pairs were staged, which should produce something that will gladden the hearts of their owners when the show season comes round again. Mr. J. Rathbone judged to the general satisfaction, and afterwards gave a most interesting and instructive paper on "Breeding, Rearing, and General Management of Cage Birds." A good number of questions were afterwards asked, and were answered in a most able manner. The best thanks of the meeting were given to Mr. Rathbone. Mr. H. George presented a handsome jet cup and stand to the Society for competition, and Mr. W. H. Walton promised to decorate it as desired. Both the latter gentlemen are recruits, and it shows a good fancier spirit when new hands make gifts for the benefit of all members. We afterwards had the pleasure of electing Messrs. Bennison and Bridgwood to membership. At next meeting we intend making arrangements for a young bird show, and decide how cup shall be competed for.—J. Pitchford.

CHESTERFIELD (Combined Socs)

Members of the Chesterfield, Whittington, and Staveley Cage Bird Societies met at the Victoria Inn, Shaw-street, Whittington, to consider a suggestion of combining together to hold a series of nest feather shows during the coming season. The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. T. Kay (chairman), G. Dodd, Weeks, R. Wilson, Bramall, Lancaster, G. Wilson, Gill, Hunt, Naylor, Roe, Barber, Goucher, and Smith. After open discussion Mr. Dodd proposed, and G. Wilson seconded, "That we combine, and hold three first feather shows, one in each district." Carried unanimously. Lots were drawn, and it was decided that Whittington Show be July 1st, Staveley July 22nd, and Chesterfield August 12th. All entries paid in prize money, after last show, sliding scale, each class to stand on its own. Mr. G. Dodd will be secretary of the combination with the assistance of each respective secretary. Mr. Dodd also offered a medal for most points in all three shows. Mr. Hunt promised 2s. 6d. for best Norwich at Whittington; Mr. Smith also promised 2s. 6d. for best Yorks. at the same show. Next meeting to elect judges and draw up classification March 4th, at 7.20, Victoria Inn, Shaw-street, Whittington Moor.—C. H. Naylor.

LANCASTER & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Office bearers for 1911:—Chairman, R. Mason; vice-chairman, C. Cafferty; treasurer, T. Swainson; trustees, G. Winn, W. Gardner, and W. Pennington; committee, W. Fisher, J. Gradwell, T. Mercer, A. Parkinson, J. Hawthornthwaite, H. Jackson, W. Whalley, W. Saul, and T. Fisher; assist. sec., H. Hoyle; hon. auctioneer, J. P. Baines, Esq.; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. Frankland and J. G. Shand.—C. J. Cafferty, hon sec., 45, Primrose Street, Lancaster.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S

At adjourned annual meeting, held Feb. 4th, there was a large turn-out of members, when after the usual routine business, the balance sheet was read and adopted, same showing a substantial balance. Members are also going to consider at next meeting the idea of a social evening, the object being to try and get the members more together. Elections then took place, the principal being:—Major F. R. Simpson, Esq., J.P., hon. president; J. Hands, Esq., chairman; J. Davison, vice-chairman; J. W. Clark, treasurer; and secretary, G. Havver, with a large working committee. Following fanciers proposed and accepted members:—Messrs. C. Graham, J. Hillary, T. Harrison, T. Ridley, H. Dyer, R. S. Bewick, T. C. Crawhall, R. Havis, France, Crosby, Golden, and W. Butler. We are thus making a very good start this year. Any fancier who would like to join will be given a hearty welcome.—G. Havver, Sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held 2nd Feb., headquarters, New Cross Road, when a good attendance was recorded. In addition to the ordinary business a washing competition was arranged for the benefit of novices. A special prize in the form of a silver medal was presented by Mr. G. Barton, and Mr. Geo. Hill was appointed to judge. Mr. Hill opened the competition by washing a Norwich, and showing the members the correct way in which to hold a bird. Everyone took a very keen interest in what Mr. Hill said and did. The result of the washing was astonishing, Mr. Cobden (the winner) handling and washing his bird like an expert. For a new society we are going along exceptionally well, and should be glad if fanciers will help to make the society a great success by forwarding their names to the joint secretaries, Messrs. Barton and Hearn, 8, Warwick Street, Deptford, S.E. Annual subs. 4s., or payable quarterly in advance. We are holding a British bird show, 2nd March, and all who join us now will be eligible to show.—Geo. Barton.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C

Annual general meeting held in the Press-room at the Crystal Palace, February 4th. The chair was taken by the president (Mr. E. Baker, of Cowes), and amongst those present were Messrs. G. Crabb, J. Hodder, A. J. Kilby, A. W. Curtis, Geo. Gardner, R. J. Pretty, S. Gill, W. Ellis, W. Collings, H. Schneider, and F. S. Matthes (hon. sec.).

The Secretary announced results of the voting for officers for the year as follows: President, Mr. E. Baker; treasurer, Mr. F. S. Matthes; auditors, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Robson; committee—for London area, Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, J. Hodder, Richardson, Robson, Gardner, Hazell; Provincial, Messrs. Midgley, Collings, Kilby, Ellis, Rippon, Godden. Mr. E. Baker returned thanks for the confidence reposed in him, but said he would much prefer someone else filled the position. Would Mr. Crabb accept it, as he (Mr. Baker) found it difficult to be present at the meetings of the committee. Mr. Crabb declined, pointing out that they had a chairman of committee, who would at any time relieve Mr. Baker. Besides, he thought Mr. Baker was the right man in the right place. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Baker said, that being the case, he would accept the position, but he still thought another could be found better able to attend the meetings.

The Hon. Secretary then made his annual statement of the position of the club. They had, he said, a balance in hand of £13 8s. 7½d. in 1908, but in 1909 they had an adverse balance of £7 17s. 3d. The club, however, was in just as good a position to-day as it was when it had £13 8s. 7½d. cash in hand. In 1908 their assets on account of specials were about £10, but at the end of 1909 they reached to the value of £23 or £24. A little difference had been made in the arranging of the accounts, as Mr. Heath thought the financial year should end on December 31st, instead of at the general meeting. Taken all together, and seeing that he had paid all debts to December 31st, and had a balance of about £3 in hand, he hoped the club would be, financially, in a better position than ever before, if he was able by special prize fund to clear the £7 17s. 3d. There were 118 members on the books, and he had received about 97 payments. The club shows had shown the novices to have come up better. He thanked the members one and all for the kind assistance given him, and he left it to them to say whether they wished him to continue in the position or not. The report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Schneider.

The results of the cup competition were announced as follows:—£10 10s. cup, Messrs. Gill and Pethick, with 136 points; Mr. E. Baker being the runner-up with 97 points; £3 3s. cup, Mr. Midgley, with 70 points; £1 1s. cup, Messrs. Gill and Pethick, with 100 points; 15s., Mr. Baker, 67 points; 10s., Mr. Ellis, 65 points; 5s., Mr. Hodder, 57 points. Battersea Show, J. T. H. Roberts, teapot; Mr. J. S. H. Roberts, 2s. 6d.; Mr. P. Brooks, 2s. 6d. special. Hastings, Mr. H. Pennells, teapot; Mr. G. Brooks, 2s. 6d. special. Southend, Mr. Cooper, 5s. for specials L.C.B.A.; Mr. Steed, teapot; Mr. Ferris, 2s. 6d. special; Mr. Lack, 2s. 6d. special. L. and P.O.S., Mr Steed, novice cup for most points during the season, also 2s. 6d. special.

The President spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Mr. Matthes in the post of secretary, and said they would have to go a very long way to find a better official. Mr. Matthes had done the work well, and, personally, he hoped the committee would re-elect him to the position. There had been a discussion in committee on the previous day as to the duty of the club, under rule 8, to elect the secretary by a vote of the whole of the members, and the committee had decided that the rule made it necessary for such to be done. Some discussion took place upon the point, the prevailing opinion being that such a course would entail many difficulties. Mr. Gardner pointed out that as rule 8 now stood the committee had no power to elect the secretary, but as it was the definite wish of that meeting that the committee should retain the power he suggested that the general meeting, by resolution, should give the committee power to elect a secretary pro tem, until the next general meeting, and in the meantime, by motion duly given notice of, so alter rule 8 as to bring it within the scope of the committee to elect their secretary.

The proceedings, which had been characterised by much unanimity throughout, then terminated, votes of thanks to retiring officers and president being given.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
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S. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
L. LEWIN, Aviaries, 58, Marlborough-road, Oxford. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules. 30 years' experience.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
WM. REID, Falkland, Fife. Judge of Norwich; Crests a speciality; terms moderate.
D. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.
R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston. Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
B. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
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The Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.'s programme for 1911 comprises three table shows, a "sharp practice" debate, a first feather show, a washing demonstration by Mr. A. G. Davis, and papers by Messrs. J. Raynes, W. Broughton, T. Harrison, F. Richards, and W. A. Bladon. The annual show is fixed for Oct. 27 and 28 at the Belle Vue. The Secretary (Mr. H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme, Manchester) will be glad to send particulars as to membership to any contemplating joining the society.

The Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. is to be congratulated upon being in a good financial position, the balance sheet for 1910 showing a balance in hand of £12 17s. 1d. This is £3 19s. 11d. better than the amount with which the Society commenced the year. And this has been achieved in spite of the fact that the members' show of January, 1910, and the First Feather show of July, 1910, resulted in combined financial loss to the society of £3 5s. 1d. Credit is due to the secretary, Mr. H. Boothman, and his fellow officials.

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Twitterings.

Thanks for your excellent report of Palace show.—J. Pitchford (Stoke-on-Trent).

Nantwich show report, class 71, 3rd prize should read J. Bridges, as I won 3rd in that class.—J. Bridges (Ludlow).

Through business ties I have resigned the Secretaryship of the Clapham and District C.B.A., writes Mr. A. C. Askew.

Mr. R. Symonds is, we bear, secretary of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S., his address being 29, Melbourne Road, Earlesdon, Coventry.

The West Bromwich and Dist. C.B.S. have now fixed a twelve-mile radius for their society, writes Mr. W. G. Andrews, the Hon. Sec.

I thank you for the grand Crystal Palace number and its very pretty plate and fine report of the show.—H. Law (London, S.E.).

We thank you for the splendid way in which CAGE BIRDS reported the Crystal Palace show last week.—Blackburn and Mitchell (Halifax).

The members of the Bedlington Station and Dist. C.B.C. intend holding their annual Nest Feather show on July 8, writes Mr. J. Jobling, the Secretary.

The annual social, and Mr. Waterworth's lecture, will be postponed to some future date, writes Mr. J. F. Thackray, Sec. of the Halifax O.S.

Reading your splendid report of the Palace show does make me wish I could get there to see everybody and the birds.—J. E. Arkinson (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

We are informed that Mr. J. Walsh, the Blackburn bird specialist, has been engaged to judge Mules, British and Foreign Birds at Darlington on November 11th.

The Doncaster and Dist. C.B.S. have fixed their open show for November 24 and 25, writes Mr. G. Bescoby, the hon. sec. Will secretaries please note, to avoid clashing?

Messrs. J. Wilcock and J. Walsh have been appointed to judge our sixth annual open show on Nov. 11, writes Mr. R. S. Black, hon. sec. of the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.

Crystal Palace report gives Mr. Kilby as 4th in the Norwich Unflighted Buff Cock Class; this should have been Holden 4th and Kilby extra 4th.—A. HOLDEN (Gateshead-on-Tyne).

The winner of Miss Williams's Challenge Cup (open to Carmarthenshire) is Mr. R. H. Sampson (Pontardulais), writes Mr. Daniel John, secretary of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly note that I have removed from Moss Street, Grimesthorpe, Sheffield, to 148, Earsham Street, Sheffield, where I shall be pleased to meet old and new friends, writes Mr. Webster.

Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods) will judge our pair show, to be held this Saturday, February 18th, birds to be staged at 3 o'clock, writes Mr. J. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Spen Valley C.B.S.

We have fixed our show date for the 23rd and 25th Dec., 1911, and would be glad if other Associations will note, and so avoid clashing.—A. W. Douglas, Secretary and Treasurer of the Elgin C.B.S.

My successor in the position of secretary to the Newcastle C.B.S., is Mr. J. E. Atkinson, 10, Trewhitt road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, late secretary of the society.

We learn that owing to removal, Mr. C. B. Whitelaw, of Blantyre, has sold at a good figure his well-known self-green Plainhead winner to Mr. Strachan, of Glasgow, a promising fancier of the chubby ones.

Mr. F. Hawkes, late secretary of the Liverpool B.B.A., has taken over the secretaryship of the Bootle and District C.B.A., where I hope he will meet with much success, writes Mr. J. Roberts (Liverpool).

Kindly correct a slight error of mine in report of annual meeting; the name of Mr. E. Stead was given as on the committee in place of Mr. H. Goodland.—W. O. Brooke, Hon. Sec. Bournemouth and Dist. C.B.A.

We have received from the Secretary of the Scottish National C.B.S. (Mr. A. W. Watson) a copy of the abstract of accounts to be submitted at the society's annual general meeting on Feb. [illegible] it we gather that the Society is in a flourishing financial position, there being a balance in hand of no less than £73 7s. 6d.

The 1910 balance sheet of the London Cage Bird Association reflects the greatest possible credit upon the Secretary (Mr. W. H. Mugford) and upon his fellow officials and the members generally. The balance in hand is no less than £74 3s. 1½d., and this shows the gratifying increase over the amount brought into the accounts from the previous year of £52 9s. 8d. The total income for the year was £639 8s., and the assets of the Association, apart from the balance in hand, are valued at £30 14s. 4d., with outstanding liabilities of only £3 3s. 11d.

The Crewe and Dis. O.S. have arranged a Members' Show for February 25th, in the Ante Room, Co-op. Hall, and Mr. A. C. Brotherhood has been engaged to judge, writes Mr. J. C. Heaton, the assistant secretary.

We have received an order for books to the value of 1s. 6d., together with cash for same; but the sender appears to have omitted his name and address, upon receipt of which we shall be pleased to execute the order.

Mr. Leonard Priest, of 28, Kyrle Road, Clapham Common, London, S.W., has, we hear, been elected secretary of the Clapham and Dist. C.B.A., with Mr. J. Gooch, of 18, Littleton Street, Earlsfield, as assistant secretary.

Will fanciers please note that I am now hon. sec. of the Southend and Southern Counties O.S., and that all communications for the Society should be addressed to me at 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea, writes Mr. Wm. C. Lockwood.

We hear from Mr. W. T. Mattinson, the secretary of the Great Harwood C.B.S., that his society's next annual open show is to be held on Nov. 24 and 25.

OBITUARY.

Mr. E. M. WRIGHT (Wibsey).

On behalf of the members of the Wibsey and District Cage Bird Society, allow me to express our sympathy with the widow and family of our late member, Mr. Ernest M. Wright, who passed away suddenly on February 8th, writes Mr. H. C. Crossley, Sec. of the Wibsey and Dist. C.B.S. He was a well respected and most unassuming fancier, always ready in times of need, to give help, which he always gave with a good heart. All fanciers who knew him will sympathise with his widow and four young children in their sad bereavement.

Fanciers in the Aylesbury District will, writes Mr. J. Stephens (Aylesbury) sympathise with Mr. Inch, of the High Street, in the loss he has sustained by the lamented death of his wife. Mr. Inch took no small part in the formation of the Aylesbury and District F.A., being one of the secretaries the first year. He is well known in the district as a keen fancier and sportsman. The interment took place at Aylesbury Cemetery.

Cage Bird fanciers in the Warrington District and the Fancy in general will be grieved to hear of the sad loss that has befallen Mr. E. Houghton, one of the oldest members of the Warrington C.B.S., through the death of his wife, on Feb. 10, writes Mr. J. D. Leigh (Warrington). During Mr. Houghton's long connection with the Fancy she was his main help in attending to the wants of his favourites, and it is sad to think that whilst his birds were gaining honours at the Crystal Palace, she, who took such an interest in them was passing away. She leaves behind a husband and six young children. I am sure all will join me in sympathy with them in their sad loss.

The Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. are, writes Mr. J. E. Atkinson, the newly-appointed secretary, holding their annual social, whist drive and dance on March 9 at the Northumberland Hall, High Friar Street. Tickets are 1s. 6d. each, and it is hoped there will be a record attendance.

In my last letter which you published last week, writes Mr. J. Bunn, Sec. Nottingham Permanent O.S., I stated that Mr. W. Burrow was the judge appointed for the Canary classes in our show of February 11th. These classes were judged by Mr. L. Burrows (of Egypt Road, Basford).

The winners of the Victorian Canary Club specials at the Palace show were:—Best Norwich, Mr. J. E. Davies; do. Crest, Mr. G. C. Ley; do. Crest-bred, Mr. J. Franz; do. Cinnamon, Mrs. W. Dormer; do. Lizard, Mr. J. Rukin; do. Yorkshire, Messrs. Ogden Bros.—J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager.

The judges appointed for the Aberdeen Show on Dec. 15th and 16th, are:—Mr. James Sandison (Aberdeen) for Norwich; Mr. Allen Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), for Crests, Cinnamons, and all other varieties, and Mr. Alex. Cochrane (Edinburgh) for Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, writes Mr. J. Bryson, the secretary.

My best thanks are due to you for including my Toucan in the birds selected for illustration in CAGE BIRDS Crystal Palace Number; also to Mr. H. Goodchild for the very life-like portrait he gives of him, and of all the other birds. Fanciers have much to be grateful for in the way you cater for them.—S. Watson (Preston).

I must thank you for the valuable help your paper, CAGE BIRDS, gives me. It is brimful of information, and it is a paper that is good for the practical fancier as well as for the novice. Allow me to congratulate you upon the plate in the Crystal Palace number of CAGE BIRDS, with its grand report. It is fine.—T. W. HEMSLEY (Mexborough).

Respecting the Palace winning Necklace Tanager, your reporter says the bird was showing signs of a heavy show season. This is not so, for the bird has not had a heavy show season, and when despatched to the Palace show was in the best of feather and condition, as he was when received back, and he could not have been otherwise when judged, or Mr. Finn would not have awarded him premier honours. I may just mention that the first and second Palace Tanagers have previously met in competition this season, when they were placed in the same positions at Nottingham, by Mr. J. F. Dewar.—PITCHFORD & STOCKER (Stoke-on-Trent).

Your latest plate ("Gems of the Finch Family") given away with the splendid Crystal Palace number of CAGE BIRDS, is a beauty, and I have had it framed.—Wm. C. Lockwood (Leigh-on-Sea).

Allow me to give you and your valuable artist, Mr. Goodchild, my best thanks for the grand Crystal Palace issue and the accompanying coloured plate. They are really grand.—A. W. BACON (Redhill).

The Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid pourtrayed in our last issue, the well-known winner belonging to Mr. R. Jamieson, junr., of Linlithgow, was 1st at the City of Glasgow, 1st at Lochgelly, and 2nd at the Scottish National shows, and has won many other prizes.

The coloured plate of Mr. H. Goodchild's ("Gems of the Finch Family") given away with the grand Crystal Palace number of CAGE BIRDS, is a marvel; and the accompanying article by Mr. C. Prior is indeed excellent. I have learned at least one fine tip from it.—A. H. C. LEGG (Porth).

Through unforeseen circumstances have given up the office of secretary to the Barrington and Choppington Social Club C.B.S., and am compelled to reduce my stock of Norwich and Cinnamon. Mr. Griffiths, of 3rd Row, Choppington, is my successor in the office. All further communications must be sent to him.—W. Woollett (Barrington).

The Crystal Palace number of CAGE BIRDS, with its capital report of the show, is excellent. Thanks to Mr. Goodchild for his delineations of "Foreign Notabilities," and lovely colouring of "Gems of the Finch Family." The information concerning same by Messrs. Prior and Page is just the thing to please "birdymen."—Alfred Jackson (St. Helens).

I have removed from Cerrig-y-Druidion, near Corwen, to 47, Victoria-road, Wrexham, writes Mr. J. Salisbury, having been promoted to the rank of Inspector of the "A" Division Police.

Your reporter at the Palace show states that the first four Yorkshires in the Limit class came from the county of Broad Acres; the second prize bird, however, came from "Canny Cumberland," writes Mr. J. Stewart (Whitehaven), being staged by me.

A STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK.

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I have resigned the secretaryship of the Hamilton (Cadzow Oak) O.S. after three years' experience in the position, writes Mr. A. Cant. It is with great reluctance that I do so, more especially as the Society is in a sound position to-day. But business reasons compel me to take this step. The Society has found a worthy successor in Mr. George Marlin, and I hope fanciers will rally round and give him the same hearty support they accorded me. Although no longer secretary, I still remain a member.

Will fanciers and secretaries please note that I have been elected secretary of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., so that all communications regarding this society should be addressed to me at 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath, Birmingham, writes Mr. S. Mole. Mr. J. H. de Maillet resigned the secretaryship owing to business pressure, but will act as assistant. We are having a two-day show to be held at head-quarters, Crown Hotel, Station Street, on October 18 and 19, when we hope to have a good classification.

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

All Societies desiring the cup patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club must send in applications to me at once with the judge's name (if judge appointed) and date of show.—JNO. HOPKINS, Hon. Sec.

"Our Free Trip" Winner.

The winner of our "free trip to the Palace Show," Mr. Jeacock, of Coventry, came up to London on the Saturday with a party of brother fanciers from the City of the Three Spires. In the course of conversation, Mr. Jeacock told us how delighted he was to learn of his success, which he did while out early on the Friday morning, before he had seen his own CAGE BIRDS, a townsman meeting him, fetching him a smack on the back and saying "You lucky man!" Mr. Jeacock said that but for his good fortune he should not have been able to visit the show, but in company with Mr. Tom Gilbert, and Mr. George Lawrence, two other good fanciers of Coventry, he was staying until the Monday to see the King and Queen en route for the State Opening of Parliament. He considered the exhibition a magnificent one, and had thoroughly enjoyed the trip. A pleasant incident was the presenting of a handsome silver medal to Mr. Jeacock by Mr. Ramsden (the show manager), on behalf of the London and Provincial O.S., to commemorate the occasion. The recipient was surprised at, and delighted with, this unexpected gift. Mr. Jeacock is an old bird-lover and breeder, taking up the hobby in the early eighties.

How to Make a Practical Breeding Cage.

By H. NORMAN.

Our Artist-in-Chief describes and illustrates simple methods of making and fitting up single and double breeders.

(*Concluded from page* 134.)

The front rail should now be fixed in position, the front of the sand tray being with it to give the correct height. The perches should be cut a full half-inch in width and twelve inches in length. The edges can be rounded somewhat with a plane or coarse file. Now file the head off a brad and fix it in one end of the perch, allowing about half of it to go into the wood; the other half will go into a hole at the back of the cage, Fig. 6.

It will be noticed that the perch is cut longer than the width of the cage; consequently, when it is in position it juts out beyond the wire front. It will keep rigid because it fits tightly between the wires. The object of this extra length is that it can be easily taken hold of to remove, and a clean one put in its place.

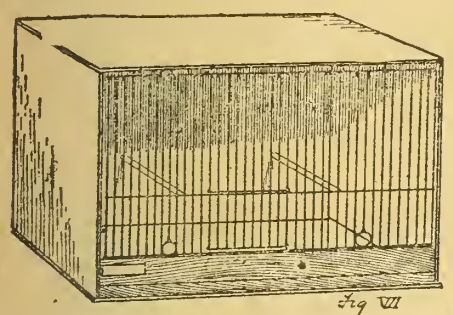


Fig VII

All we have to do now is to paint or enamel our cage, fit in the wire front, and we have finished our single breeder, Fig. 7.

Now, although the cage we have described is a most useful one, and many breeders use no other, still, there may be among our readers some who prefer, for obvious reasons, a double-breeder. One or two of these in a bird room are certainly very handy. They can be used singly, for, say, an exceptionally good pair, or where a cock bird is running with two hens; and later on as a flight for young ones. A very handy size is that which requires two sixteen-by-twelve wire fronts; this would measure, over all, thirty-six inches. In the actual making of this, there is very little difference between it and the single cage.

Two lengths of wood must be cut off for the top and bottom. Let these be three feet in length. The two side pieces will be the same as for the other cage, that is, fifteen and a half; the back, thirty-four and three-quarters.

Having cut the wood, and cleaned and rubbed it with sand-paper, take the two pieces intended for the back, and glue together as described previously. When it is thoroughly dry proceed to nail the box together. It will be noticed that the top and bottom boards are a shade longer than is actually necessary, but these should be allowed to jut over the sides, as it looks neat and smart, and also adds to the strength of the cage by giving a greater bulk of wood to hold the nails.

As this cage is intended to be a double one, we shall require a sliding partition in the centre. So turn the box upside down and get the exact centre by measurement from side to side. Take the square, and mark a line across the inside of the top. We now require two strips of wood half an inch square and long enough to go from back to front, as shown in Fig. 8. Nail one of these on first and then take an odd piece of wood the same thickness as the intended partition; hold it against the nailed piece, and mark where the other strip is to be placed. Do not mark too closely, or the partition will not run smoothly. Having fixed that, we proceed to cut a piece of wood for the partition to run on at the bottom; this must be of the same height as the front rail, and can be nailed in position from the bottom, back and front; and it will add greatly to the strength of the whole. The front rail can be cut as previously described, excepting that it will require a slot for the egg-pan at both ends; which will give one for each partition. In this cage we shall require two sand drawers, but if the fancier decides to dispense with these, one rail will be sufficient.

Having fixed these, we must cut our partitions. This can be a plain piece of wood, or it can have a wired opening, as shown in Fig. 9. This cutter is much to be preferred, as it will be found of great service during the breeding season. Be careful to cut the partition so that it slides easily without noise and fuss. Everything about breeding cages should work smoothly and quietly.

I make no mention of guides to be fixed each side of the bottom rail for the partition to run on, for the reason that I do not use them myself, as I find they get clogged with dirt, and harbour insects. The top guides I find quite sufficient; and when the partition is pushed home it fixes between two pieces of wire, which prevent it moving. To make this, bore a hole in the rail about an inch from the back, and insert a piece of short wire, and bend it up at right angles (see Fig. 8L).

Some idea of what the double-breeder will be like when finished is shown in Fig. 10.

If the fancier carefully follows out the above directions, he should have no difficulty in making serviceable cages. What he must be careful about is to make everything perfectly square, so that his cage shall stand firm and true. Be liberal in the use of the square: "try" everything before fixing, and if not true, work at it until it is. Remember the old saying, "If a thing's worth doing at all, it's worth doing well."

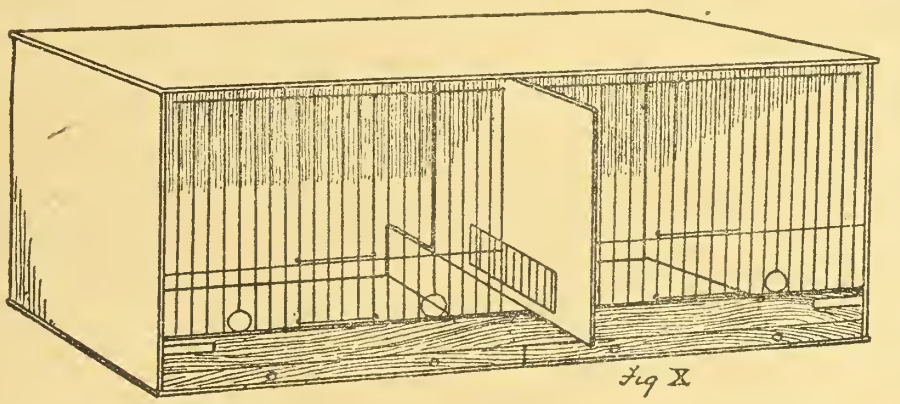


Fig X

Hybrid Breeding: Its Pleasures and Difficulties.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

(*Continued from page* 134.)

Colour plays an important part—shall I say the most important part?—in the exhibition world to-day, and it is useless in these days of keen competition to place a specimen on the show bench that is weak in this respect. I sometimes think there is too much sacrificed to colour by many of our judges to-day, not only in the judging of Mules and Hybrids, but also in regard to certain varieties of the Canary where colour is an important factor, and even among British birds. That judicious colour-feeding improves some of our Britishers I will not deny, but in the mad rush for colour some are fed out of all recognition, as if colour were the beginning and end of the show-bird. Perhaps some of my readers will say that it is colour which constitutes the beauty of a bird. My answer is, that there is beauty in shape and position—that beauty which the sculptor or carver can give—as well as in colour. I am quite prepared to admit that colour is a highly important matter; but it should not be allowed to outweigh all other qualities.

There are many who are not in a position to pay regular visits to the bird shops, or to catch or rear their Britishers. In this case, it is advisable to place yourself in the hands of some well-known and reliable dealer, explaining to him what you require. Here, again, caution is necessary. Do not be misled by glowing advertisements. Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Linnets fit to win, or which will moult out into certain winners, are sometimes advertised at two or three shillings each; such specimens are worth just what they are advertised at, possibly even less, and certainly not more. Pay a fair price for a good bird, and always have your bird sent on approval. The average Englishman is somewhat sceptical by nature, and is not unwisely suspicious of these eulogistic advertisements; but the unwary are often trapped, and I strongly advise purchasers to adopt the deposit system of CAGE BIRDS when dealing with strangers.

Pairing and Feeding Finches.

Having secured your birds for the coming season, see that you get them thoroughly steady and accustomed to their new mode of life by the time the breeding season arrives. Provided your Finches are steady and have thoroughly adapted themselves to their changed conditions of living, it is not necessary that they shall be house-moulted before giving them a trial. It is absolutely useless, however, to attempt to breed with a bird which is continually endeavouring to obtain its freedom. Nothing is more annoying and disappointing to the keeper of birds than to have in his aviary or bird-room a bird which dashes wildly about its cage every time one approaches it, and which absolutely refuses to settle down to cage life. Such specimens should be set at liberty again without delay, for they will be of little use for either breeding or exhibition.

It is not advisable to have cocks or hens of the same species within call of each other when Hybrid breeding. Suppose, for instance, you have a Goldfinch-Bullfinch paired together for breeding. Do not have a cock Bullfinch within hearing, or the two Bullfinches will be continually calling to each other, and the Goldfinch will very likely get served badly whenever he approaches the hen Bullfinch. The same rule applies to the other crosses, though in a lesser degree, perhaps, for the Bullfinch is very spiteful and pugnacious. I have tried the experiment but it turned out a dismal failure, and I soon got rid of all my hen Greenfinches and Goldfinches and cock Bullfinches, including one fine exhibition specimen.

When pairing up your birds you will discover that while some pairs settle down on the most friendly terms almost at once, others behave in most unseemly fashion, quarrelling and fighting from morning till night, commencing with a tussle over the early morning meal, and ending with a fierce dispute and much bad language, as to who is to have the choice of roosting quarters. Do not let this worry you, however, for the course of true love never runs smoothly, and in most cases everything comes right in the end. If either becomes too aggressive, part them by putting in the wire slide until you see them feeding between the wires. It will then be safe to leave them together.

I have known cases in which the birds have absolutely refused to come to terms. When this occurs, you will find almost invariably that this condition of affairs is brought about by a previous attachment of either cock or hen to some other bird within sight or hearing. In such cases it would be wise to let the birds have their own way in the matter, and re-arrange the pairs.

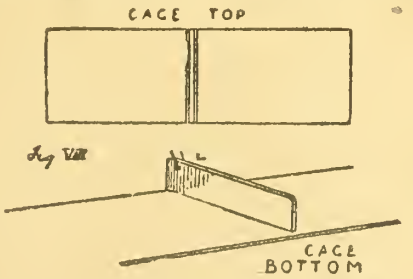


Fig VIII

As a general rule, the birds soon settle down to a quiet and peaceful life, and as the breeding season advances the breeder will begin to build his "castles in the air." Visions of rare and beautiful Hybrids will come before his eyes, as he watches the mating of his birds. And—oh, the joy at the finding of the first egg! But then "there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," and it is probable the breeder will see many such eggs before he sees his first Hybrid.

The feeding of your stock is a matter of supreme importance, for it is desirable to get your birds into breeding condition as early as possible. Let me state at once that I consider the moulting season the most important time for getting your birds into condition. Provided you bring your birds well through the moult you will get little trouble through the winter months. During the moult and early part of the winter keep your cocks and hens separate, or your birds will be striking friendships different to what you intended.

While the moult is in progress, give your birds a liberal supply of wild seeds in addition to the ordinary dried seeds. You will be able to get a plentiful supply of groundsel, plantain, shepherd's purse, chickweed, knapweed, charlock, and other ripe seeds at this season of the year. You need not be afraid of giving too much as long as the seeds are fairly ripe. My birds live practically on such seeds during the moult, and I find these seeds of great benefit, as the birds always come through the moult well, and are soon in first-rate condition. It will also effect a saving in your seed bill. In addition, my Bullfinches and Greenfinches get unlimited supplies of blackberries, privet berries, and other fruits as they come in season in the autumn. I also store a large quantity of plantain stalks and heads of knapweed for use

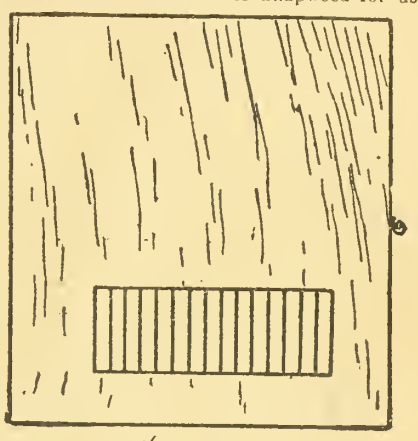


Fig IX

during the winter. Not only do these afford a nice change from the ordinary winter diet, but they also give the birds a great deal of pleasure in breaking open the seed vessels in search of the coveted seeds.

When supplying green food, always clear out, every day, from the cages any that is left, for if it is allowed to remain and the birds eat it when it is in a partly decayed state, it is likely to set up inflammation. Also be very careful in the use of green food after the frosts have set in, or you will soon upset your birds. It is best to give sweet apple during the winter.

Throughout the year I give my birds equal parts of Canary, hemp, rape, and teazel seeds, all supplied separately, together with an occasional tit-bit consisting of a mixture of maw, charlock, thistle, dandelion and gold of pleasure seeds. In feeding Bullfinches, sunflower seed is substituted for the hemp. Linseed should be used freely during the moult. All food should be free from dirt and of the finest quality.

As the spring advances, and breeding time draws near, give your birds plenty of freshly-gathered dandelion seeds. You will find these in abundance during the latter part of March, April, and May. You cannot give your birds too many of these if the seeds are gathered in a fairly ripe state. Always clear out the cages before giving a fresh supply. When these seeds become plentiful they are supplied to my Finches at the rate of a hundred dandelion heads per day to each pair, and sometimes in even larger quantities. There is nothing to equal them for bringing the birds into breeding form, and I feel confident my success is in a great measure due to the free use of this and other wild seeds whenever obtainable.

Saving the Eggs.

One of the first difficulties which confront us when the breeding season arrives is the saving of the eggs laid by the Britishers, and the placing of these eggs under Canaries for testing purposes. There is, perhaps, no other part of this hobby which presents so many difficulties to the breeder, excepting, of course, the securing of fertility in the egg itself, which, I am afraid, is a matter over which we have no real control, though we can increase our chances by careful management and good feeding.

Numerous egg-saving devices have been tried by breeders; some successful and some otherwise. Indeed, one needs now to be of an inventive turn of mind, for unless great precautions are taken, all our hopes and ambitions will end in broken eggs. After three years' experience I have come to the conclusion that the best and only safe plan is to keep a strict watch for eggs, and remove them as soon as possible. Many breeders adopt the double nestbox plan. By this arrangement the egg passes through a hole in the bottom of the nest into a second nest-box fixed underneath, where it is safe from the attacks of the Finches. This is an excellent plan where the hen lays her eggs in the nest, but in the majority of cases the eggs are dropped from the perches, and here the nest-box arrangement is plainly of no use. We must, therefore, adopt some plan to prevent the breaking of the eggs so dropped. As I have already mentioned, when explaining the fitting-up of the cages, a good plan is to fill your cage bottoms to a depth of two or three inches of coarse pine sawdust, and arrange all your perches so that the eggs can drop only on the sawdust. Dried grass, moss, or bran may be substituted for the sawdust, but I find the latter the more convenient.

The trouble does not end here, for, as most of my readers are aware, Finches have an unhappy knack of putting their beaks through the egg if it is left within their reach. Thus there is a necessity for keeping a strict watch. The danger is minimised by shutting off the cock, but unfortunately the hen is almost as wicked an offender as her mate in this matter.

(*To be continued.*)

The Breeding and General Management of Canaries.

A Paper read by J. Rathbone on Feb. 6, before the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.

At the request of your secretary I have come to give you a few of my methods in the breeding and general management of Canaries for exhibition. As this is quite a new experience to me, I hope you will excuse me if I do not come quite up to your expectations. But I will endeavour to the best of my ability to give a few hints to the novice members assembled here as to breeding, rearing and washing the exhibition bird. As now we are close on the breeding season, I take it most of you will be looking your stock over, and others buying new stock for pairing up in hopes of breeding something good, if not a few champions for the forthcoming show season.

A Word of Advice.

I should like here to give a word of advice to the new beginner, and that is, do not go to Jack So-and so for a cock bird, and Tom So-and-so for a hen to pair up with it; but place yourself in a reliable breeder's hands—one who does breed his own winners—and tell him what you want, and what price you are prepared to go to. In doing this you will save yourself a lot of worry in selecting birds that may or may not "hit."

In selecting a pair to breed from, you must have size and colour on the cock's side, and type and quality on the hen's side. Of course, you get quality from both sides, but generally I find that the cock influences size and colour, while the hen governs type and quality. So see to it that you have the above-named properties well fixed up in your hens, as this is most important.

Methods of Feeding.

I will proceed to give you a few of my methods of feeding. I use the best Spanish canary seed for the staple diet, and about twice a week I give a few teaspoonfuls of German rape, which I put in separate pots; now and again I give them the rape scalded. When the weather is cold I also add a little hemp seed. This is my stock diet during the quiet season for the stock birds (which I might say are in the flights). Of course, you will have to feed your exhibition birds much more liberally to stand the strain of travelling to and from and during the shows, giving them a good diet of mixed seeds, and twice a week about a teaspoonful of egg and colour food.

In the month of February I add a few spoonfuls of inga seed for the hens, as I find this prevents egg-binding. The cocks I begin to feed a little more liberally, giving them a little egg food during this month and March, and for the hens I begin to look out for a few nice shoots of dandelion, supplying also just a little egg-food, but only a little, as I do not like my hens too fat when commencing to breed. I find that the dandelion brings my hens on quite early enough.

I generally pair up at the end of March or early on in April, putting a nest-cup in the cage at the same time; they seem to know what it means at the first glance, and settle down much quicker.

When you see the hen taking a survey of the nest cup and the cock feeding her, you will know that all matrimonial matters are settled. I give them then just a little nesting material, till such time as I see the hen has begun to line the nest cup with what she has and is looking about for more. Then I hang up a goodly bunch of builder's cow-hair well pulled to pieces; which I prefer for nesting material, as I think the lime and preparation in this help to keep down red mite. I also give the nest a good dusting with Keating's insect powder when finished, and by giving the cage fronts a wipe over with a duster slightly soaked with paraffin oil at least once a week you will be troubled very little with this pest of bird life.

When the Clutch is Laid.

After the hen has laid her full complement of eggs I take away the cock, and leave the hen by herself to sit; I find that some very vigorous cocks are most troublesome, giving the hen no peace while sitting, pulling and tugging at the nest. It is annoying when a hen has been sitting four or five days to come home from work and find the nest turned "inside out" as one might say, and the eggs cold at the bottom of the nest cup; you are then in a fix as to whether to let her sit the eggs out or not. I find that generally it is much better to take the cock away, as then the hen has to come off the nest to feed herself, which, in my opinion, is much better for either eggs or young, especially if the hen is at all inclined to "sweating."

If the hen does not feed up to my expectations, of course, I place the cock back as soon as possible. But my general rule is to take him away till the young are a fortnight old.

The night before the young are due to hatch I return the egg food, and on the fourth day I give a little green food, also a good pot of hemp seed. If the old birds should tire a bit in feeding I try them with a little soaked seed, which seems to give them a freshening-up, and starts them well off again. Keep a good look-out for young dying in the nest, as they very soon become offensive. When the young are getting well feathered be careful not to disturb them for once you frighten them out of the nest they never take to it again, and then comes your anxious time, for you will have to keep a sharp look-out for "plucking."

To prevent "plucking," I cage the youngsters off in a Yorkshire show-cage hung in front of the breeder; and to prevent the old ones from plucking the breast and tail feathers of the young, I place the perch about one and a half inches down the show-cage at the feeding end, I also place inside a pot of egg-food, and one of crushed hemp-seed, so that I can tell if the young are "plodding" for themselves; and as soon as I find the pots well cleaned out by them and the young looking generally fit, I place them in the flights, and gradually reduce the quantity of egg-food, giving them crushed hemp and Canary seed until they can crack seed, when I take away the egg-food altogether, as I like them to be on hard seed alone for a week or so before moulting. I find that by so doing they take to the colour-food much better, the egg-food coming then as a change to them.

When the young are eight to ten weeks old I commence to colour-feed. I mix my food very light, giving just a slight colour to the egg-food. I start with one teaspoonful of colour-food to one egg and five Osborne biscuits; each week I add another teaspoonful of colour-food until I get to the full strength, which I make up to the following: to one egg and five Osborne biscuits I add three teaspoonfuls of cold pepper and half a teaspoonful of hot; thoroughly mix the colour-feed with the egg and biscuit. I don't mean just simply add the colour-feed to the above and give what you would call a stirring-up; but grind the lot well together. I find that a table-knife shortened to half-length answers the purpose very well, as you can use more pressure in mixing.

When it is well mixed I add two teaspoonfuls of castor sugar, which helps to break it up again. Towards the finish of the moult I reduce the quantity of colour-feed, gradually bringing it back to the starting-point.

During their moult I feed on the best Spanish Canary seed and when they are about half-way through the moult, I give a plentiful supply of linseed in separate pots, as a tonic, and to fasten the colour, I give a few grains of sulphate of iron in the drinking water two or three times a week, also a little boiled carrot.

After the Breeding Season.

When the breeding season is over, which generally is, with me, about the middle of July, I pick out which old birds I wish to put on to colour-feed, and place the others in a flight by themselves.

Now by this time you will begin to pick out your most promising youngsters, and get them accustomed to the show-cage; which is most important if you wish to stand well in the judging. My cages and flights are so constructed that when my birds have done breeding I can draw the small slide in each cage and give the birds free access to the flights; which I find very useful in many ways; it helps to train them to run from cage to cage—by hanging the show cage on front of breeders; also getting the benefits of the flights at the same time. And, again, you can shut the birds off in the breeders while giving the flights a thorough cleaning-out, scrubbing the perches, etc., after which I throw on the bottom a layer of nice, clean, sharp sand, not forgetting a dish of clean water for the bath. How essential this latter is for a clean and quick moult is well known by the "old hands" here; and by giving the birds a free use of the bath you will be able to send out to two or three of the early shows before commencing to hand-wash.

Concerning Hand Washing.

About this I should like to say a word or two before concluding my paper. In the first place, I see to having a nice, clear fire and the room warm; also there must be a large kettleful of boiling water and a plentiful supply of clean, cold water close at hand. In addition to this there are the drying cages, for which I use the ordinary Yorkshire show cage thoroughly washed out and perches spotlessly clean; the bottoms I cover with a piece of clean mill flannel. These things I place in readiness on a stool about a yard from the fire to keep them nice and warm. For drying cloths I use white muslin, this being nice and soft, soaking the water well up. I generally have them about a yard square in size providing myself with two of them, so that I can go on with a dry cloth while the one used is drying; this latter I place over the cages so that it acts for two purposes—keeping the full heat of the fire from the birds and drying the cloths.

I always use three basins—a small one to mix up the soap lather in, and two small wash basins. The small enamel basins you can usually buy at sixpence are a useful size for the rinsing. I prefer Sandiford's "feather beautifier" to any soap, but Lever's glycerine and cucumber I have found to answer very well. If the birds are very dirty I add to the first water a few drops of Scrubb's cloudy ammonia, and always add a teaspoonful of glycerine to the finishing water.

Some fanciers prefer flannels and sponges instead of a brush, but for myself I prefer a good badger hair shaving brush, as you can get well into the neck and under the wings much better with the brush. For round the eyes and nostrils I use a small camel-hair brush cut to about three-eighths of an inch long, this being much handier than the shaving brush.

I do not propose to go into the method of handling a bird during the wash, as this comes natural to you with practice. But let me say this: do not be timid when handling your birds, for they seem to know when you are at all nervous with them. Always remember to have confidence in yourself. Do not be afraid of using the soap lather. Get well into the hollows and sides of the neck, but see to it that you swill it well out again. Be sure, too, to give the bird a good "sousing" with the clean water, as herein lies the secret of a good and clean wash. Be careful to avoid any undue pressure upon any part of the body, especially the neck, as the feathers here are apt to curl with it. If you feel the bird is getting out of your hand, let it go, for if you try to prevent it you will as likely as not break a wing or pull the tail out.

In conclusion, I beg to thank you for the patient hearing you have given me, and at some future time I shall be pleased to put a bird through the wash for the benefit of the novice members, which would be more instructive as to washing.

Problem of the Yorkshire Canary Exhibitor.

Easy of Solution, Yet Puzzling to many.

By. C. A. HOUSE.

Although nearly a couple of decades have passed since the Yorkshire Union of Ornithological Societies drew up its definition of what constitutes a "ticked" bird, the question does not seem to be universally understood, and there are to-day many fanciers who are not only hazy as to what particular markings constitute ticks, but cannot define a "ticked" bird, and do not know one when they see it. So widespread is the ignorance on this most important question that during the past season myself and other judges have had to pass otherwise splendid birds, because of the inability of their owners to differentiate between a "ticked" and a "marked" bird. The Editor of CAGE BIRDS, ever alive to the needs of the Fancy, has noticed this fact, and for the benefit of all those who doubt, and those who do not know, he has asked me to give a few notes on the subject in connection with the very lucid plate which Mr. Norman has so carefully portrayed (vide page 167).

The Yorkshire Union definition of a "ticked" bird, which definition, I may say, is adopted by the Yorkshire Canary Club, the Cinnamon and Marked Yorkshire Canary Clubs, and the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club, reads as follows: "A ticked bird is one with dark or cinnamon feathers on any part of an otherwise clear body; it may also have a mark on one eye, wing, or tail, but not more than one such technical mark, separately, or in addition to any other variegation on its body."

One would think this definition so simple and plain that he who runs may read, could not possibly be misunderstood, but yet it is. In the plate which accompanies these notes Mr. Norman has given us different phases of the "ticked" bird in the following order—an outside thigh tick, a saddle tick, an eye tick, eye and thigh ticks, wing and back ticks, a wing tick, and cheek and tail ticks. These are very plain, and easily distinguishable ticks, or marks.

The first three are single ticks, although one—the eye tick—is a technical mark, the fourth—eye and thigh—gives us a technical mark, and a body tick. Some fanciers seem to think that such markings constitutes an unevenly-marked specimen. Not at all. The Yorkshire Union says distinctly that a bird may have one technical mark in addition to any other variegation. The next illustration—wing and back—comes under the same category as the eye and thigh. The next which Mr. Norman has given us is a bird which is marked on one technical point only—the wing, and yet, although technically marked, this bird is a ticked bird, because the marking does not extend to any other technical point.

The last illustration we have is that of a bird with a technical mark and two body ticks, the ticks being on the cheek and head, and the technical mark on the tail. This last illustration carries the matter further than do the other illustrations given, and is one which gives rise to much misunderstanding. I will mention a few cases which have caused confusion amongst the novitiate. My first example is that of a bird marked on one eye, or wing, and ticked in two or more places on the body. Such a bird is a ticked bird within the meaning of the law, yet many argue that it cannot be, because it carries more than one body tick. They are wrong, because the Yorkshire Union definition clearly states that "a ticked bird may have one mark on a technical point, but not more than one such technical mark, separately, or in addition to any other variegation on its body."

Taking an opposite illustration of a bird marked on both eyes or wings, and carrying only one body tick or mark, such a bird is unevenly-marked, because it has two technical marks in addition to the one tick. This is the point so many seem unable to grasp. They cannot understand why a bird marked on one wing, one eye, or one side of the tail, should be ticked, and yet if it carries two of either of these markings it becomes unevenly-marked. Such, however, is the law.

Quite recently a discussion arose on this "ticked" question at a show at which it had been my duty to mark several birds "wrong class," owing to the owners not having correctly read the definition of "ticked" and "unevenly-marked," as given by the Yorkshire Union, and the other clubs mentioned above. During the discussion one fancier said to me, "What would you do, Mr. House, with a bird marked on one eye, ticked on the head and neck, splashed on the breast, and marked on the saddle?" I replied, such a bird would be a "ticked" bird, and should be entered in the "ticked" class; but I doubted if my heckler, or any other fancier, had ever seen such a bird, and I further said that, in my opinion, it would be impossible for such a bird to be produced, as, owing to the large amount of variegation about its body, it would be so full of green blood that all the parts mentioned by my interrogator could not be marked without two or more technical points also being marked.

In conclusion, I would direct my readers to the fact that, whilst a bird has only one technical mark, no matter how many body ticks it may have, it is a "ticked" bird; but immediately the marking spreads to a second technical point in addition to the body ticks, then the bird becomes unevenly-marked. There exists one strange paradox in relation to unevenly-marked birds. A two-pointed bird, that is, one marked either on both eyes, wings, or both sides of the tail, is, according to the Yorkshire Union law, an unevenly-marked bird. The reason why? Because such a bird would stand no chance in a class for evenly-marked birds, and therefore to avoid shutting out such birds from competition, the Yorkshire Union council some years ago decreed that they should be classed with the unevenly-marked. After careful study of Mr. Norman's plate, and these explanatory notes, it should not be difficult for the new hands to be able to decide what is, and what is not, a "ticked" bird.

Wild Bird-Life.

Notes on Starlings.

To the general observer of Wild Bird Life, Blackbirds and Thrushes appear to be the most numerous of our larger insect-eating birds, and so it may appear to those who confine their observations to gardens and the suburbs of large towns. But get away into the country across the fields and meadow lands, and there the flocks of Starlings to be seen on every side will cause one to think that these birds are much more numerous than is supposed. Plentiful as these handsome birds are during the summer months, they are much more so in the winter, when thousands from across the seas join our resident birds and jostle them for right of place, and the lion's share of food. As a rule, these migrants confine themselves to the lands bordering the sea coast, and the wild waste of marshes by tidal rivers and estuaries running in from the sea. Unless one has seen them, they can hardly imagine the huge flock that frequent these wastes. In open weather the soft, yielding grass-land supplies thousands of birds with insect food of all kinds, and in winter there is no more interesting spot for the naturalist to visit. The Plovers in large flocks are on the same quest as the Starlings, so are the Rooks, Jackdaws, Larks, and many shore and inland species. The Starling is a most voracious feeder, and is generally plump and in good condition; he is almost the last to feel the pinch in a time of stress. Although his main diet is insects, worms and grubs, he is a most general feeder, and does not disdain to take a meal of scraps, food from the poultry runs and cow sheds, and although the writer has seen it stated the Starling is not a grain eater, he has seen birds opened whose crops were crammed with wheat. But fortunately this is only at one particular season of the year, just when the young corn is beginning to sprout. In the autumn the Starling is a terror to the fruit grower, and where the fruit is unprotected will do no end of damage. Just now we are mostly interested in his effort to prove to us that he should be considered a musician of some note. For the last half-hour one has been sitting on the chimney stack in the bright sunlight, puffing out his feathers, and bubbling and gurgling in the most approved Starling manner. The sounds he emits at present are something between a toy steam whistle and a squeeky wheelbarrow, but he will improve immensely with practice, and presently his clear whistle will be quite musical.



Drawing by] [*H. Norman*

A PROBLEM OF THE YORKSHIRE CANARY EXHIBITOR.

An article by Mr. C. A. House upon what constitutes a "ticked" Yorkshire will be found on page 166.

The Nightingale at Home and in Captivity.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(*Concluded from page 105*).

Most of our readers, however, will probably not have time to catch their own 'Gales, and all such I would most earnestly advise never to buy a fresh-caught bird except from an expert. I know a fancier who bought one of the unhappy birds one sees advertised every spring. It was sent down to him in a cigar-box, reeking of tobacco, with half a hard-boiled egg, and, as I need hardly say, it was dead—yes, dead as New Zealand mutton! I do not blame any man for trying to earn a few shillings by catching Nightingales, but, if we buy them, it is you and I, reader, who are to blame—we who are guilty of cruelty.

A Nightingale Cage.

I am a great believer in a large cage. I do my own carpentering, both as to aviaries and cages, and the cage illustrated in our photo I have found very useful. It is 3ft. long, 18ins. high, and 14ins. deep. The top is only canvas. The perches are forked twigs, and as far apart as possible (I think one might almost say it is impossible for a Nightingale to keep in health long unless it can use its wings). The use of spring perches gives the bird much more exercise. The framework is covered with narrow fillets of virgin cork. By using wire netting of small mesh (three eighths of an inch) one can keep out mice. There are two doors, each closed by a spring, the lower one only being used for feeding, because so many valuable birds are lost by slipping out of a large door. The trays are of zinc.

I will not venture to do more than make a few general suggestions with regard to foods. On this subject we are all of us just learners, and must find out by experiment what suits our own birds—and our own pockets—best. Speaking generally, I think the majority of softbills are far too liberally fed. The Nightingale in a state of liberty takes a huge amount of exercise and eats a huge amount of food. If we reduce the exercise to the vanishing point we must also reduce the bill of fare, or the result will inevitably be indigestion and fatty degeneration.

Feeding.

I am glad to say that the old regime of meat and egg is rapidly passing into disuse. This method of feeding is really a survival of the early days of aviculture. For instance, we as a matter of course find it recommended in the old book which we have already quoted from, but, from the author's own admissions, we can gauge the amount of success attained by these methods. For instance, he tells us, "I have seen very many that have been killed with some of the loose flesh or sinew hanging about the tongue or throat." Also we find the following advice: "As soon as taken, pull or cut off the feathers from the vent, otherwise they will be subject to clog and bake up the vent which is present" (immediate) "death." Now if his birds were so badly scoured as to require this treatment, the feeding must have been very wrong. Lastly he tells us: "Give them no duck eggs, for I had six Nightingales killed one night with a duck-egg." We shall have no difficulty in guessing that it was not a duck-egg, but a stale duck-egg which killed his birds.

They knew one thing in those days, however, which has since been to some extent forgotten: "to give them now and then a mealworm makes them familiar, but too many spoils them." Now, if this was known in the year 1711, I surely need not repeat it in the year 1911.

The stock-food of those days, we are told, was made of horse-beans and almonds ground fine, unsalted butter, yolks of eggs, saffron and honey, beaten up together and baked, and we have the curious piece of information that "this brave strengthening cleansing diet is the only meat used in Italy by all the country people for the preserving of Nightingails and is made by the Apothecaries and sold by the Penny-worth." I fear the modern Italian does not take so much trouble about his birds, for the owner of a very prosperous looking 'Gale which I once saw in that country told me he fed it on olives and crumbled stale bread.

Well, now, with all the experience of the past before us, how shall we feed a Nightingale to-day?

In the first place, let us agree to banish, once and for all, meat, eggs, and mealworms: I am prepared to guarantee that anyone who will do this, and will use natural perches (twigs of varying thickness), will never have any sore feet in his bird-room. For the larger Softbills I use as a stock food sponge-cake. Let us also agree that every insectivorous bird should have some sort of live insect food always before it. The only practicable one is gentles, which I use all the year round in quantities. They can be bought, and are only half the price of mealworms.

There is only one other point to be considered, and that is that in the crops of insectivorous birds a mucus is formed, which (amongst other uses) serves to bind together the indigestible portions of the insects consumed. If we can supply a few cockroaches daily we need not trouble about this; but, if not, we must absorb the mucus in some way. This is the real value of dried "ants' eggs," but please notice that they should be given dry. Those who recommend soaking them cannot have thought the matter out, because preserved "ants' eggs" are of no value as food, and, if soaked, they are useless for the purpose for which we really want them.

They are not, however, indispensable: the husk of spray-millet (after the seeds have been picked out), broken into small pieces, will do quite as well, or perhaps better.

Management.

Now we come to our first real difficulty, namely, how to make our Nightingale take exercise: if he sits motionless all day, we shall never do much with him. You will be surprised what an improvement in a bird's health will follow his removal from a small box-cage to a large airy cage (as illustrated), where he has to *fly* from perch to perch. Try also spring perches, and try moving into another room. Those who have a heated aviary have no difficulty in finding a change of quarters, but a cold aviary is altogether too risky. Let us agree as to the general principle that, if we want to keep a bird's *body* in good order, we must find some occupation for his *mind*.

We now come to our last—and greatest—difficulty, how to induce our Nightingale to sing; in this respect I fear we are little better off than the 17th century aviculturist. There is, however, just one modern invention which may perhaps be of use to us—the gramophone! A German firm has recently brought out some records of the Nightingale's song, and a correspondent of the well-known bird paper, "Die Gefiederte Welt," wrote recently that he had tried them for training young Rollers, and that they were a success. I have not tried them myself, but the idea seems a sound one.

Although we all know the Nightingale which sings too little, few of us have been troubled with one which sings too much. This, however, was the experience of Col. G. A. Momber, whose amusing narrative I quote from the "Avicultural Magazine":—"My last Nightingale recently hopped his last twig, but for long he so ruled me, one summer I took him with me on my travels. Although he had sung discreetly at home from January to mid-May, we had no sooner reached Aix than he allowed himself to be swept into enthusiastic rivalry with a wild Nightingale in the hotel garden. The two trilled at each other day and night without stopping until Phil drooped wings and eyelids with fatigue. I drooped too. But, though outclassed, he refused to be outsung. One tio, tio, tio, tix from the garden revived him to torrents of melody. The hotel visitors also grew heavy with watching, and complained of the loud songs before sunrise, though they knew not the cause. I tried quartering him at night in bath rooms and uninhabited places. I tried smothering his cage with rugs and whacking it with a stick. At length I grew desperate, and, taking him from his cage, I tied him up in a handkerchief." After this I can almost accept the statement of the author of my bird-book that "they strive among themselves in fervent contention, the vanquished not seldom ending her life with her song, through grief or over straining."

The Nightingale in an aviary is a delightful pet, most docile and full of quaint humour (a pair I once had used to amuse themselves for hours at a time playing hide and seek), but seldom sings freely. There are exceptions, however, to this rule also; some years since I saw an account of two Nightingales which sang at Christmas, with snow on the ground, in a wired-in garden. I must admit I was a little inclined to doubt this account, but a reader of "Cage Birds" who gave me a look up last summer told me that he had himself seen these birds and could vouch for the truth of the story.

My best wish for you, reader, is that, in 1911, your birds may all turn out as brilliant performers as those mentioned above, and that you may have no wasters!

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

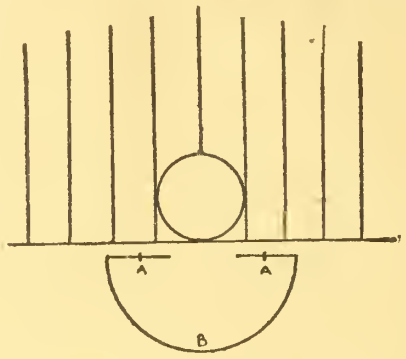
Illustrated Ideas

No. 484.

Useful Fountain Holder.

Sent by A. Bailey, 14, West Street, Hucknall, Notts.

Enclosed is what will be called a useful fountain holder, especially by those who pack a lot of cages up, as one need not keep bending them up, which is liable to break them off. First get a piece of ordinary cage wire about



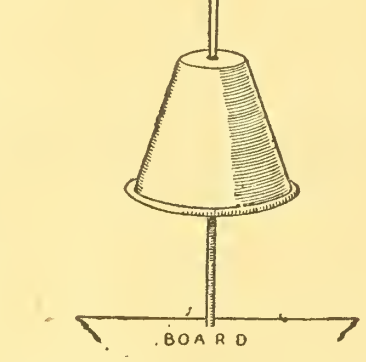
seven inches long, and bend as shown at B. Then get two pieces an inch long, and make into small staples as shown at A. To complete, drive the staples into wood to hold B in its position, which acts as hinges.—A. Bailey.

No. 485.

A Mouse-proof Seed Box.

Sent by F. Golding, Cheltham Road, Soundwell, Staplehill, Bristol.

I send you a sketch of my mouse-proof seed-box for aviary. It is the shape of a flower pot made of tin. A post runs through the hole.



The seed box is on top and a board runs along bottom for it to stand on. The same will do in the garden for cats, only use an old bucket instead.—F. Golding.

Preparing for the Breeding Season.

A Lecture by Mr. LOCKTON before the Grantham C.B.S. on February 6th.

I have been asked to give you to-night a few words on the preparation of birds for breeding for the benefit of the new and younger members of the society. First of all, I expect you have selected your breeding stock by now. If not, do so at once, and if you intend purchasing fresh stock, don't delay in getting what you require, as by so doing you get them well used to your system of feeding before the time arrives for pairing-up. Turn all your hens into the flights and let them have all the exercise possible; by so doing you enable them to stand the strain of breeding much better. Hens that have been kept in small cages with little exercise are apt to become too fat and lazy, and you know what that means—generally bad sitters and feeders, and consequently a season of disappointments.

One of the greatest points to remember is not to be over anxious. Don't be in too great a hurry to put your birds together. There is no hard and fast rule to go by, but you must be guided by the weather and the condition your birds are in. It is a great mistake to force your birds into condition too quickly; sooner let them come on naturally, even if you think you are a little behindhand, and I am sure you will not regret it. Then, again, if you have a hen or two very keen, and your cocks are not quite ready, don't try to keep them back. Let them go to nest, even if you sacrifice empty eggs, as by so doing you are keeping your hens right; whereas, if you kept them back you would most likely upset them for the whole season.

I also advise you to examine the claws of all your birds before putting the pairs together; and cut those that require it, because if you let your hens sit with long claws, it often happens that they pierce through the eggs, thus spoiling otherwise good ones. It is all these little things that count so much in breeding.

A Time Table.

Some fanciers have a certain fixed date, and they put all their pairs together then, whether they are ready or not. Now, I think this is a great mistake. It is far better to put each pair up as they come in condition; and I am sure you will save a lot of trouble and disappointment. Don't start with any more birds than you can comfortably attend to, because as time goes on the attention required keeps increasing, and if your time is limited, you are apt to skip over them too quickly, and thereby miss giving them all a thorough examination each day.

Cages Considered.

I think a word or two on cages won't be out of the way. Now, everyone has his own ideas as to cages, regarding size etc. I will give you what I think to be the best and most useful. I have found the single breeder to be the most satisfactory, say, 24 inches long, 16 inches high, and 11 inches wide, with an earthenware nest-pan fixed in between, and a trifle higher than the perches. If you can arrange to have all your cages of one uniform size and colour, so much the better, as nothing looks nicer. In fact, I think if you take a customer into your bird-room, and a nice stack of cages catches the eye, it goes a long way towards selling your birds.

Feeding Matters.

As a staple food there is nothing to beat the best Spanish Canary seed, with a little German rape seed added. Also give a few hemp seeds now and again, especially if the weather is cold and damp. Always buy the best quality seeds; they will be found to be the cheapest in the long run.

Various opinions exist regarding egg-food. Some prefer to use stale bread with a little brown sugar added. Others pin their faith to Osborne biscuits. Both are very good. But whichever you commence with, keep to the one way. A little maw-seed added is also beneficial.

For green-food during spring and summer, nothing beats the young leaves of dandelion or watercress given fresh and dry—not too much at once, but "little and often" applies to both green-food and egg-food, especially when you have young ones in nest, as it often induces the hens to come off and feed, and so obviates sweating.

It is the best plan to discontinue egg-food as soon as your hens commence to sit. By so doing they do not want to nest again quite so quickly, and it gives the young ones a better chance to get out of the nest, and look after themselves.

The Egg-binding Trouble.

Now this is the most serious complaint a fancier has to contend with. Many valuable hens are lost yearly through egg-binding alone. A hen may appear to be in excellent health and condition one day, and the next she may be found all in a heap in the corner of the cage. There are several ways of treating egg-binding, but the one I think the best is to get a jug of hot water ready with a piece of thin muslin stretched over the top. Then catch your hen very carefully, and drop one drop of olive or castor oil into the vent, and hold her over the steaming water for a few minutes. Don't hurry things; and be very careful not to break the egg in her inside by careless handling. If the egg does not pass in a little time, you must repeat the operation in an hour.

I have explained what to do in cases of egg-binding. Now I will tell you how to prevent it. Many old breeders recommend a liberal supply of niger seed; but I found something better, and since using it myself I have never had a hen so troubled.

For a month or five weeks before pairing, I give mixed in the egg-food cod liver oil, about 5 drops for each bird is sufficient. You will find it a splendid "conditioner," and it supplies the oil to the system that is essential to the easy passing of eggs.

Taking Cocks Away.

You must here again be guided by your own judgment. If you have a young, vigorous cock bird, it is the best thing to take him away about the fourth day, and return him again when the youngsters are about three days old. Some hens won't sit without a cock is with them, and others won't settle down when the cock is left with them; so you must carefully study each pair, and act accordingly.

There are lots of other items connected with the breeding operations, which might be given with better advantage at a later date. I have just given you a brief outline for the time being, but if there is anything you do not understand, or I have not spoken concerning which you would like to know, just put the question, and I will answer it to the best of my ability. I thank you all for the kindness you have shown me in listening to me, and if it has been the means of furthering the interests of the society, I shall be amply repaid. I hope this is only a forerunner of many pleasant evenings together. I should like to suggest that someone else be asked to give a paper at the next meeting. Such gatherings as these help to stimulate the Fancy, and by hearing different opinions you can pick out the tit-bits and add them to your own system with great advantage. Before I close, I would like to wish you all a successful breeding season, both in quality and numbers. I think it is the ambition of all to have an open show, and I see no reason if we all work together like we did the last twelve months why we should not attempt one before long.

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Astounding Robberies of Birds at Ayr.

Thief Breaks Open Several Aviaries.

I am very sorry to have to report (writes our local correspondent) a most despicable burglary on a working man's aviary, which took place in Ayr, early on Sunday morning, February 12th. Mr. Alex. McCord, a year or two ago took to keeping a few British birds as a hobby, and lately erected by his own hands a neat little aviary bordering on his bedroom window —a fact which he naturally thought would protect him against prowlers and thieves. But no, as he found to his cost on visiting his aviary on Sunday morning. Last year he was successful in breeding and rearing three Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrids, of which he kept two. These two birds, their parent (a foreign Goldie of very good quality), three British Goldfinches, and a variety of other Britishers (18 in all) were quite secure when he arrived home from work at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning, but on going out to feed them on daylight appearing, he was shocked to discover that the locks of the doors had been forcibly opened, and all but one hen Greenfinch and a hen Bullfinch had been stolen. Very hard lines on a working man, this. It is a very great pity that this unmitigated scoundrel should go so long undetected, for it is only three or four weeks ago since Mr. McQuiston had a similar experience, but the thief was apparently disturbed, as the total loss on that occasion amounted to three Twites, and fortunately none of very great value. The genial secretary of the Ayr and District C.B. Society (Mr. C. C. Irvine) has not been so fortunate, as on two occasions this winter, his aviaries have been broken into, and some valuable birds stolen. This prowling cur has a hot half-hour awaiting him should he be caught in the act.

A specially useful article to fanciers will be found in the February issue of the "Avicultural Magazine," by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., on "Practical Bird-keeping." It is the writer's second instalment in the series, and deals with the British Warblers. Other features in the issue include articles on "The Breeding of the Crossbill," by Mr. J. Lewis Bonhote, M.A., and Mr. A. Silver (whose notes are written round a magnificent coloured plate of the species), "The Nesting of Spotted-backed Weavers," by Mr. G. E. Rattigan, and "The Common Quail," by Mr. D. Seth Smith, F.Z.S., etc.

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Some Notable Foreigners at the Crystal Palace Show.

WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

Notes on the illustration on page 135.
(*Concluded from page* 131).

Everitt's Parrot ranges over the Phillipines, Celebes, Moluccas, Tenimber Islands, and N.W. New Guinea. In its cage it is quiet and undemonstrative, and does not scream; neither does it impress one as a talking species. Nevertheless, it is handsome, and as it should do well in the temperature of an ordinary living-room, it should make a good room-pet, especially for those with a penchant for rare species. Its requirements are few. The bird herein described does well on a mixture of hemp, sunflower, Canary and millet, a few nuts, dry biscuit and apple. That the above treatment meets its needs was amply demonstrated by the clean and tight condition of the exhibit.

The Rev. G. H. Raynor states that it takes life very quietly, is not excitable, will eat almost anything, but is especially keen on spray millet oats, sunflower and various nuts. Several species of this genus are on view in the Parrot House of the London Zoo.

The Black-throated Hangnest.

The Black-Throated Hangnest: This handsome species was exhibited by Mr. S. M. Townsend, and I rather incline to the opinion that it is a first appearance on the show bench. The Hangnests are famed far and wide for their fearless and confiding demeanour. They become finger tame very readily, and will indulge in all sorts of familiarities at their owner's expense. The genus *Icterus*, to which this species belongs, consists of birds mostly clad in yellow and black, or orange and black, with mostly one or more white wing bars. They are mostly tightly feathered birds, and when in condition, like the specimen we are noting, the whole of their plumage has a glistening satin-like surface. The arrangement of the colour areas of the Black-Throated is clearly indicated in the figure on our plate, a glance at which will be better than pages of text. The light areas are rich orange-yellow, and the dark portions shining black.

They are exceedingly handsome and showy birds, but are also pugnacious, and must not be associated with birds smaller or weaker than themselves; in fact, they will not hesitate to attack a bird three times their own size, and with their impetuous, fearless rushes usually come out "on top."

Like many other imported birds, they are not easy to establish, but once this is accomplished, they are not difficult to keep fit. A dietary of soft food, milk-sop, ripe fruit and live insects will keep them in excellent health, and their life in captivity is usually a fairly long one. A beautiful and rare exhibit.

The Black-Billed Toucan.

The Toucans are an interesting if somewhat grotesque group of birds; the colouration of many species being quite gorgeous, and the Black-billed is by no means the least beautiful of the group. Their note, however, is not musical, being a sort of discordant bray; nevertheless, their grotesque form, beautiful colouration, and the confidence they place in their owner, cause them to be great favourites with those who have once kept them.

Mr. Walter Goodfellow, writing of these birds, states (Avic. Mag., Vol. VI.): "In a cage one thinks of them as clumsy, but there was no clumsiness in that graceful flight across the valley—unlike the flight of any other birds. How I feasted my eyes as they gambolled among the branches, chasing each other from branch to branch. One would throw a fruit into the air—another would seize it without any intention of swallowing it, but pass it on like boys would a ball."

The Black-billed is a very handsome species, the upper surface and the bill being mainly black, with the under surface principally orange and red. The specimen figured on our plate was exhibited by Mr. S. Watson, and was a beautiful and striking bird in excellent condition, and was only ousted from the premier position by the Cock of the Rock.

Diet: Soft food mixture with a liberal admixture of grocers' currants, some live insects, mealworms, beetles, grasshoppers, cockroaches, etc., should also be given; also soaked currants, sultanas, and banana, apple, pear, etc., cut up into small squares. Many individuals are fond of a mixture of boiled rice and potato; in fact, they are almost omnivorous.

Most species of Toucans are light feathered birds, and should not be subjected to too low a temperature. They are a large group, and are not only very varied in colour, but also in size, ranging from the giant Sulphur-Crested Toucan to the Small Toucanettes and Aracaries.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Loss of Voice.

E. J. R.—You must first look after the cause and remove it before you can hope to do any good with treatment of any kind. See that this bird is in a bright airy position, but perfectly free from draughts, extremes of heat and cold, and fumes from burning lights or fires. A just comfortable temperature which is fairly equable and free from impure air is what you should aim at. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, and a morsel of banana. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight at least. During the same time give the following decoction four times a week in place of pure water for drinking. Place a small teaspoonful of linseed, a piece of liquorice the size of a pea-nut, and one large or two small chlorate of potash lozenges, in a teacup. Pour boiling water over to about three-fourths of the cupful. Stir until all is dissolved, then cover and allow to stand until cold. Then pour off the clear liquor, stir in a small teaspoonful of glycerine, and give in the drinker instead of plain water.

More Haste, Less Speed.

F. H. H.—Mark the above sound proverb and digest it well. Although anxious to succeed, as you say, you are simply courting failure. You put the birds together at least six weeks too early. When you received them you should have caged them separately until the end of March or beginning of April. I also rather suspect you are not keeping them quite free from draughts or fluctuations of temperature. See to these points. If the hen has not yet begun to build, separate the birds and take away the nesting material and nest box. A piece of cuttlefish may be left in the hen's cage. Feed on a staple of plain canary with half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and give the hen a pinch of inga twice a week, and the cock a pinch of a mixture of inga, hemp, and teazle as often. A teaspoonful of egg food once a week will suffice, as the birds are quite forward enough already for the season. A young dandelion leaf three or four times a week may also be given. At the end of March they should be in fine condition, and if weather is favourable you may then begin to think of putting back the nest box and material, and putting birds together. To avoid further mistakes you should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, from our manager, or see the article in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1911, ready immediately.

About the Greens.

N.K.J.—Sorry my last advice came too late to be of service. As regards the green colour, you are quite correct in wanting to keep a fair amount running amongst your stock, but I fancy you are not quite clear as to its purpose, or even, so to speak, about its appearance. The chief object of introducing green blood into clear or marked birds is to give depth and tone and brilliancy to the colour; the green, as you remark, being the real fount of colour. But if you have a good proportion of variegated, or more or less heavily marked birds in your stock, these being not far removed from the green, are evidence that you already possess plenty of green blood. It is when breeding for clear birds, and frequently mating two clear or nearly clear birds together, and the depth and brilliancy of the natural colour is failing and becoming pale and "washed-out" in consequence that green blood is specially required to give tone to the colour. Then you may either mate a pure green with a clear bird, from which you will get a good number of variegated young which you will mate up the following year with clears again, when you will produce a greater proportion of ticks and clears teeming with colour to continue to mate up in the ordiuary way, ticked, marked, or variegated, to a clear for the next few seasons following, and thereby keep up the natural colour of the stock as high as possible. Or you may save a year in the first place by using a variegated yellow bird bred from greens instead of a pure green, when you will not have so much variegation to breed out in the first year. In due course you will find the subject more fully dealt with in "Our Canaries."

Dregs of a Bad Moult.

"Laurie."—I suspect the bird got a bad chill during the removal, which, acting on an already debilitated system, is responsible for these bad after-effects. Keep the bird in a fairly warm and cosy place, not too overheated, but quite away from the cold or chilly side, and quite free from draughts and great fluctuations. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give separately a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed, and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for two days, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, and 20 drops of whisky on the alternate days. After this give 20 drops of chemical food in the water every second day for another fortnight. If not too far gone, this should pull him round and put him on the road to recovery.

Yorkshire Mopy (Waffy). — Am afraid you have been putting it to unnecessary pain and inconvenience; and you should not have used turpentine on it in any case. Feed as advised "T. Oates," and carry out same suggestions re geueral treatment. In the drinking water give the same salts and rhubarb mixture for a week, and the next week four drops each of tincture of geutian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then go back to the beginning and repeat two week's treatment in same order.

Canary Mixture (Constant Reader).—Elaborate seed mixtures as a general diet are not to be commended, neither from a dietetic nor ecouomic standpoint. The best mixture for a staple diet when a mixture is used at all in this way consists of three parts canary to one part summer rape, or two parts canary to one part rape for Rollers. All other seeds should be given separately in very small quantities as required, or for single caged specimens a mixture may be made for occasional use, such as is given in reply to "R. P".

Norwich Getting Fat (Greenfinch Mule).—Keep the flight quite clean and free from waste seed. See that the birds are free from draughts. Give plain canary only for staple diet, and limit the quantity given daily to a modcrate size teaspoonful per bird. Twice a week reduce the allowance by one-half, and make up to same quantity with summer rape seed. Allow a free supply of green food daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. If necessary repeat the two weeks' treatment in the same order.

Treatment for Roller (R. P.).—Keep it in a box cage in a comfortable, but not overheated, place, quite out of reach of cold draughts, extremes of heat and cold, and fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Once a week give a teaspoonful of egg food, or an equlvalent quantity of crushed sponge cake, or bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. On one other day each week give a teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, and millet, and one part each teazle, linseed, and maw. Four times a week give a scrap of any green food in season, or a morsel of fruit as a substitute. For more detailed items of general management, get the nutshell booklet on "The Roller Canary," 2½d., post free, from our Manager.

Four Various (H. R.).—(1) Yes, you can safely breed this season with birds hatched last June. You would do well not to mate them before first week in April. (2) If you mean will a Roller cock mated to a Norwich hen breed successful, the answer is, yes, certainly. For proper food for Roller, see reply to "R. P." (3) Put the cinnamon hen on a diet of plain canary for a fortnight. Give half a teaspoonful of summer rape twice a week, and once a week a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw and a supply of green food on each of the remaining days. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week. (4) Treat the Canary for hoarseness the same as advised to "E. J. R."

Worms in Canary (J. R. P.).—I presume you are satisfied that the worms are passed by the bird, and are not introduced into cage by some accidental means. Keep cage, perches, and seed and water vessels scrupulously clean. Use sawdust on cage floor, and remove and burn it daily until all trace of worms has disappeared. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a pinch of teazle seed, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of the following soft food, viz.: Crush finely two teaspoonfuls of stale sponge cake, add half a teaspoonful of maw seed, and as much finely powdered areca nut as will cover a threepenny piece, and well mix together. The night before you give this soft food remove the seed, and give the soft food first thing next morning, keeping the seed away for an hour or two until the soft food is at least partly consumed. The next day give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of sulphuric acid in the drinking water. A week of this treatment should quite remove the trouble.

Irritable (A.E.C.).—Give the bird a staple diet of plain Canary seed only. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana, raw carrot, or watercress. Limit the diet solely to this for the time named. Allow the bird to bathe freely in mild weather, and all a few drops of Jeyes' Fluid to the bathing water. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for two days. After this dissolve half a sodium salicylate and potass bicarb. tabloid in the water every second day for a week. Keep perches quite clean, and slightly smear the bare places around eyes with spermaceti ointment once or twice.

Not Singing, and Moulting (T. Oates).—The bird will not sing until the moulting is stopped. Do not keep it too warm, but in just a comfortable temperature, and quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold. See its cage is free from red mites, and do not hang it near or over burning lights in the evening. Feed on plain Canary only as staple. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cage with four drops sherry and two cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Three times a week give a morsel of raw carrot or banana. Allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and six drops of syrup of rhubarb every second day for a week, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until moulting is stopped. Continue this feeding and treatment for a month if necessary.

Norwich Breathing Heavily (Lillie).—Judging from your letter, I greatly fear that instead of being able to breed with this bird you will be lamenting his departure hence before this reply can appear. However, if this is not the case, try what the following treatment will do for him in a month. Give a diet of plain canary seed only as staple. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts summer rape and maw seed, and a morsel of banana or spray of watercress. Limit the diet strictly to this. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of whisky. In the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every seconu day. In the last two weeks give 20 drops of chemical food every second day.

Always Moulting (W. Kirby).—Keeping them in the kitchen is undoubtedly the key to the trouble. If you cannot keep them in another room where the fluctuations of heat are less violent than they probably are in the kitchen you must at least keep them as far away from the fire and burning lights as is possible consistent with perfect freedom from cold draughts. Try to keep them in a place where the warmth will be as equable as possible at all times. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed; and on alternate days a pinch of hemp and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until the moulting ceases. The cocks should begin to sing without assistance when moulting is quite finished, but will not do so until that time. I cannot imagine what it is you call a "cooing" noise the hen makes. Better write again, and describe it more fully.

Moulting, etc. (E. J. C.).—(1) See reply to "W. Kirby," and treat the bird that is moulting the same. You might also examine cage closely, and to make matters sure, probe any open joints, holes, or crevices with a pin whilst holding a piece of white paper beneath to catch what is raked out for inspection. (2) Certainly, you can run two hens with one cock if you wish. Put up the hens in separate breeding cages, and at the proper time, when birds are ready, mate the cock with the hen that seems most forward. When she has laid the fourth egg, and commenced sitting, remove the cock and mate him with hen No. 2. When she has laid her complement of eggs and began to sit, remove the cock again, and cage him by himself until hen No. 1 is ready to begin nesting again, when you will repeat the procedure with the second and any subsequent broods. Of course, the hens are left to hatch and rear the broods alone, which they will do quite as well as when the cock remains with them permanently. (3) Sorry, but for obvious reasons we cannot single out any particular advertiser for mention. The one you name we have, personally, always found fair dealing.

In-breeding (Brasso).—You say the birds are brothers and sisters, but from different matchings. I am taking this to mean they are from different broods, but have the same parents on both sides, and are, consequently, full brothers and sisters, and not half-brothers and sisters. Such close in-breeding as this, and it is the closest possible to do, is only to be tolerated for some very special object, and in exceptional cases. As you only wish to avoid the expense of getting new birds, none of these considerations appear in your case, and you have absolutely no valid reason for the mating you propose. As a compromise which will not affect your outlay at all, I strongly advise you to get a fresh hen for one of the young cocks, and mate the old cock with one of the young hens—his daughters. Then you might dispose of the other young hen in exchange for an unrelated hen of the other young cock; or you might run the old cock alternately with both young hens, as advised in No. 2 to "E. J. C.," and keep one young cock separate for a songster. Young birds hatched last season are quite old enough for breeding in the coming season.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

What Bulbul?

Bulbul.—Your birds are Red-eared Bulbuls, and should do well in your aviary, though it is early to put newly imported birds out, but if they have taken no harm when you see this reply, you can leave them out; but if they look miserable you had better catch them and keep them indoors till May; they can then be put out again and then left out together. In addition to the seed diet, you are supplying, you must give soft food and ripe fruit, and two or three mealworms or other insects per bird daily. Yes, they breed in captivity, and if they go to nest will either build in a mass of branches or use some box. Supply hay and long grass for nesting material. If any young are hatched out they will need an unlimited supply of live insects—gentles, beetles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, wasp grub, live ants' cocoons, etc.—for the first seven to ten days, in addition to the dieting given above. Their value varies. They have been as low as 3s., but 7s. 6d. to 10s. is about their present value.

A Feather Puller.

Shaw Hill.—The habit of feather-pulling, once a bird becomes confirmed in it, is almost impossible of complete cure, the only remedy being patience and perseverance on given lines. Tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food, must not be given. I advise an entire change of dict, as follows:—Seed mixture: Three parts of Canary and white millet, and one part each of hemp, dari, paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds; well mix and supply continually in the cage. A pinch of grit may be added with advantage to the daily supply of seed. Also supply ripe fruit, few nuts, pieces of plain biscuit, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Spray the bird twice weekly with either a weak solution of fir tree oil or quassia, choosing a period when the room is warm, keeping it quite free from draught. Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, add one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to the daily supply of drinking water, and on intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Persevere with the above and report progress about a month hence.

Parrot with Growth on Tongue.

Miss R. W.—This bird will need careful nursing for some time. I hope the bird is tame as this will greatly facilitate treatment. Put some honey and borax (ready mixed from any chemist) in the bird's mouth twice daily, either with a camel hair brush or quill feather, which must be well cleansed after use, preferably in boiling water, and only the clean brush or feather put into the mixture. Continue this while the trouble lasts. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour same with Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet: Boil some maize till quite soft, and then drain away all the water you can and keep a supply in the cage. This only keeps fresh one day, so it must be prepared fresh daily; a little rice prepared the same way might be given as a change if the bird cares for it. As regards the bread sop, it must have enough to eat, and you can sop either bread or plain biscuit with tepid water and chemical food in equal parts. Supply as much banana as it will eat. As soon as the soreness begins to yield, you must reinstate the dry seed mixture again, and when you note the bird eating it heartily, you can then gradually discontinue the soft foods. You had better report progress a fortnight hence.

Parrot Descriptions (Constant Reader).—I regret owing to one of my books being out on loan I shall have to ask you to wait for the Parrot descriptions till next week.

Indoor Aviary (A. Steel).—You will have room for a couple of dozen birds. Put in pairs of Grey and Green Singing Finches, Cuban Finches, Silverbills, Common and Green Avadavats, St. Helena Waxbills, and for effect, if not for song, pairs of Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches. You ought to have an Alario Finch (one was advertised in our columns last week), and you could put in a Norwich or small Border Fancy to mate with it. A cock Pekin Robin could also be kept, but this would require fruit, soft food, and a few mealworms or other insects. English Goldfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites, would agree with the above. See our Nutshell Booklets referring to above species.

Bluewing Lovebirds (Unknown).—Both sexes are grass-green birds, but the male has lovely azure-blue flights, lower back and upper tail-coverts. A Canary breeding cage is not large enough for them; it should be about 2ft. long, 1ft. deep, and at least 1½ft. high. A cocoa-nut husk will suffice, but you must supply a few leaves and a few live sticks with bark on; this they will strip off and use for lining their nest respectably. They are not free breeders, but they have bred and reared young in captivity several times, and one at least of these occasions was in a cage. They will do well enough in a cold room, but must not be subjected to draught. Cannot give any definite time; you will have to exercise patience, and leave them to their own devices.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Java Sparrows (J. R. Barnett).—(1): It is better for the hen to be of the White variety, though when the other is the case they should breed, but might take longer about making the start. (2) There are perhaps two solitary instances of odd young birds being reared of Red-billed Weavers, but though endless nests are built, eggs are very seldom laid, but in a roomy aviary there is always a probability of this taking place. (3) Yes, the Saffron Finch breeds fairly freely in an aviary. (4) No, you must not keep the two pairs together, put one pair in the aviary (white cock and gray hen), and the other pair would do well enough in a double canary breeder with the partitions removed, or in a cage as figured in our recent issue.

What Parrot (N. Bourne).—It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, and is a native of India. Diet: Seed mixture, canary and white millet, two parts each; hemp, dari, paddy rice, oats and sunflower seeds one part each—well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. If it will not bathe, it must be sprayed once weekly at this season, choose a genial day and keep strictly out of draught, but dry. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Indoor Aviary Flight (L. A. K.).—About 36 birds. Do not put in the Budgerigars with the Canaries; put up the enclosure 4ft. square for them, so long that it is not really dark, and the room is well ventilated, and without draught they will do well enough. If you mix the Budgies and Finch-like birds together, though they may agree at first, disaster is sure to follow sooner or later. You can put pairs of Grey and Green Singing Finches, Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, and Java Sparrows, in with your Canaries, and they will agree altogether well enough, but should not be admitted into the outer enclosure till May.

Indian Parrot and Cockatoo (Cycle).—(1) It is quite natural for many species of Parrots to regurgitate their food and then eat it again, often doing this when anyone they are fond of is caressing them. When kept in pairs this regurgitation takes place, and they then feed each other. But if you suspect indigestion or some kindred trouble, then give Dinneford's Magnesia and Chemical Food, at periods and quantity as advised in other Parrot replies in this issue. (2) Re the Cockatoo, give one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, continue the Chemical Food and keep a piece of cuttlebone continually within its reach. Repeat this query next week, and tell me how you are feeding, and I will then see if I can help you further.

Ring-neck Parrakeet (Parrot).—Patience and gentleness will accomplish this; for the present, be quiet and steady when supplying its wants, and avoid sudden or rushy movements in its vicinity, and it will soon steady down and become used to you. When this takes place, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, also talk to it and pet it, and train it by the constant repetition of any word or short sentence you wish it to repeat. Do not be discouraged, it may be a month or more before there is the least response. It is no use beginning training till the bird is fairly restful, and it will be more effective at such times as it is quiet and restful. Some respond quicker than others, but the bird should, at any rate, talk a little ultimately.

Food for Cockatoo (Cockie).—Seed mixture: Canary and white millet two parts each, hemp, paddy rice, maize, dari, oats and sunflower seeds one part each—well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit (such as it will take), nuts, plain biscuit, stale crusts, grit, cuttlebone and water for drinking and bathing. If the bird will not bathe, it must be sprayed, once a week at this season, twice weekly during the summer months; keep strictly out of draught till dry. It is a good plan to add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed. Feather pulling is almost incurable if the bird is confirmed in the practice. Anoint bare parts with Spratt's "Pennakura," and spray with a weak solution of fir tree oil. Also put the bird on a course of Dinneford's Magnesia and Parrish's Chemical Food. For quantity, etc., see replies to other Parrot queries. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps or any kind of animal food.

Dropping its Feathers (Amazon).—These are being bitten off, not shed in the ordinary way. Confine the diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, a little bread and butter will do no harm, but it should not be given in any quantity. Tea is altogether wrong, and must be stopped at once; replace it with tepid water and Parrish's Chemical Food in equal parts. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and put a pinch of grit with its daily supply of seed mixture. The seed mixed advised for an Alexandrine Parrakeet, in this issue, will suffice for your Amazon if you add a little maize. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour it with the Chemical Food. Spray once weekly at this season with either a weak solution of fir tree oil or a dilute solution of quassia, and well cleanse the perches and food utensils with boiling water. Do not give any tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. Report progress in three or four weeks.

Pekin Robins, etc. (Mrs. B.).—(1) In lieu of sand use either cocoanut fibre refuse or fine peat moss litter for cage bottom. But you must first catch the bird, soak its feet in tepid water, thoroughly cleanse and dry them before returning to its cage. You can put the bird out-of-doors in May. Diet: Soft food, ripe fruit, and say, three mealworms per bird daily, and any spiders, caterpillars, beetles, etc., you can capture for them. You can give a little minced kidney (not necessary though) occasionally as a change. The voidings of fruit-eaters and softbills generally are regularly more or less liquid. You can let them have a bath daily. Get our nutshell booklet on this species, 2½d. post free from our manager. (2) Seed mixture: Canary and white millet, two parts each; hemp, dari, maize, oats, and sunflower seed one part each. Well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. If the bird persistently rejects any item of above, it can be left out, but it should not be permitted to diet itself exclusively on hemp and sunflower seeds. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, grit, cuttlebone, and water. Re talking, see our reply to Parrot in this issue; it should certainly talk a little.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Trio (Perseverer).—(1) A Chaffinch-Greenfinch Hybrid has never, to my knowledge, been produced. (2) It makes a difference which way the birds are mated, inasmuch as the hen Chaffinch is less likely to nest in a cage than the hen Greenfinch. In a large outdoor aviary it would not matter quite so much; though even then my own choice would be the Greenfinch hen. (3) Follow the advice given in the "Nutshell" booklets on the Chaffinch and the Greenfinch; but the Hybrid would need to have little hemp seed, and not too much sunflower (an occasional feed).

Breeding with a Mealy Redpoll (John Bull).—I have several times stated recently that in my experience the Mealy Redpoll is not at all a good breeder (fertiliser of eggs) in a cage, whereas the Lesser Redpoll is just the opposite. Just think how very, very few Redpoll Mules we see on the show bench which bear any evidence of having been bred from the Mealy. However, Mealys have been exceptionally plentiful this season, and perhaps I may be able to take a more optimistic view of them as breeders when I visit next year's shows. I have never found it matter much whether Redpolls be house-moulted or in field plumage; in either case they are just as ready to breed. But the Lesser fertilises his eggs; Mr. Mealy does'n't.

The Chaffinch (Reader of "C.B.").—The Chaffinch is most certainly a true Finch. By many scientists it is held to be the typical representative. The Buntings are related to the Finches, inasmuch as they are members of the same Family, but are grouped in a sub-division, in the same manner as the Greenfinch and Hawfinch (which are in the Grosbeak sub-division). Thus the Buntings have as much claim to be considered Finches (for the purposes of competition at our shows) as have the Greenfinch and the Hawfinch. It is not easy to make these matters quite clear in a few words; but I hope I have succeeded.

Losses in an Aviary (Chingford).—I can find nothing in your letter to give a clue to the reason of the loss of birds you are suffering. The aviary seems a nice, suitable place, well sheltered, and, as far as I can judge, well lighted. Your feeding I don't quite approve of. I should give less "wild seed," which is more of a tit-bit, and the usual seeds freely, with plenty of hemp and sunflower during the colder weather. But this would hardly account for the birds dying, and I am forced to the conclusion that you have been unlucky enough to get some contagious disease amongst your stock. Send a body to our Mr. Yates, and have a post-mortem examination made; he will decide the matter for you.

How Many Linnets? (T. H.).—There is only one bird entitled to be called the Linnet, and that is our old, well-known, brown-coated friend. Some fanciers will tell you there are the Stone, Grey, Gorse, Rose, Brown, and goodness only knows how many other Linnets. But they are all one and the same bird in different stages of plumage. For instance, the Grey, or Stone, is the buff, and the Brown the jonque, form of Linnet; while the Rose is the cock in breeding plumage with his red breast. Of course, other birds are sometimes called "Linnets." Thus we have the Green Linnet (Greenfinch), Mountain Linnet (Twite), and Pea Linnet (Lesser Redpoll); but these are only local, so familiar names, and do not make the birds into a "Linnet."

A Half-Moult (J. J.).—The roughness of the plumage is owing, of course, to the bird going through only a half-moult. This may be due to no fault of yours; a bird is likely to get "stuck in the moult" (or go into a "soft" moult) with the best of treatment. A sudden, severe change in the weather (either a big drop or rise in the temperature) can bring about both troubles. As your bird is singing now, and seems healthy, I should not worry over the roughness of plumage, but trust to the next moult putting matters to rights.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Swerdua.—There was nothing contagious; death was accidental, due to hemorrhage of the lungs.

L. Steinhardt.—Apoplexy, from rupture of a blood vessel on the brain. Any sudden fright is sufficient to throw these birds into fits, particularly if enclosed in a small space. Again, it may result from constipation, due to indiscreet dieting. Discretion should be used in the giving of green food; apple, though often given, is not good. If kept in an aviary part may be laid down with grass, or introduce a sod of grass. If in cages, a little canary seed may be grown in shallow pans. These birds are much better kept in an aviary, particularly for breeding purposes. I could not determine the presence of red mites. Irritation often arises from other causes. I would suggest spraying with a warm solution of sulphurreted potash, using 30 grains to 8 ounces of warm water.

Brinis.—Death arose from broncho-pneumonia, from extension of the catarrhal process into the smaller bronchial tubes, later involving the lung tissue. The trouble, no doubt, originated in a cold, and when such is allowed to continue, fatal consequences are bound to arise. Glycerine, and even honey, are almost inert—one might almost as well give nothing at all in such a case. For all catarrhal affections the preparations of ammonia are the most reliable, such as Aromatic Spirits of Ammonia, or Liquor Ammonia Acetatis. No doubt many appear to get well on the former treatmeot; possibly they would if nothing were attempted. Whenever catarrh exists there is inovitably a rise in temperature. If this is allowed to continue for any length of time, the organs must suffer. The temperature must be reduced, and the heart's action maintained. For such purpose I find the above mentioned drugs invaluable.

R. B.—Both birds died of acute pneumonia, probably from chill during transit, and the damage was done before arrival; you do not state the distance they travelled, but with long distance journeys birds are often in a very puggy condition, rallying after a few hours, on the other hand if exposed to draughts, during transit, or if the journey is unduly prolonged such accidents are bound to occur. There was no evidence of existing disease, and I have no doubt same were in a healthy condition prior to leaving vendors' hands.

S. A. Hearn.—Congestion of the lungs, with subsequent hemorrhage from rupture of a blood vessel in the lungs. There was a quantity of coagulated blood surrounding the lungs and heart. With congestion there is always an overfulness of the blood-vessels; if the tension be too great, and the bird handled or frightened in any way there is a tendency to rupture of any one of these, which, when it occurs is soon followed by death. Your theory as to stunning I do not think tenable.

A. H. C.—Fatty infiltration of the liver as existing disease, and inflammation of the bowels as a result of same. The former had existed some time. Its substance had become disorganised, its biliary secretions lessened and altered in character; consequently, as a result the intestines suffer adversely from loss of same. The symptoms displayed were due to the change taking place in the liver substance. The treatment advised was very good, but unfortunately this disease is seldom amenable to treatment. Use less rape, allow plenty of green food, and give occasionally a little glauber salts in the drinking water with the remainder, if any.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Water Fountain (E. Clarke).—We have given this quite a number of times.

The Packing of Birds (E. Ellis, or Elliott).—We will deal with this matter next week.

Cuttings (E. Harris, E. James, and others).—Many thanks for your kindness. We will utilise as space permits.

Distributing Calendars (H. Law).—We are exceedingly obliged to you, and hope to always deserve your good opinion.

Two Addresses (L. Pyman).—The two addresses are: Mons. Pauwels, Everberg, Belgium, and Mr. T. W. Richards, High-street, Narberth, Pemb.

Suggestions (J. Kay).—Rest assured that your suggestions have received every consideration, and will be adopted if we can see our way to carry them into effect.

Two Points (Rev. B. Nume).—With regard to No. 2, it is not always possible to avoid this, when two extra pages are needed in a hurry. We at one time issued an index, but we found practically no demand for it.

Criticism of Show Reports (Jas. Stewart).—It has always been our rule not to allow criticism of show reports, and we cannot depart from this when there is no evidence that our reporter's comments were made, otherwise than in good faith. There will always be differences of opinion; no two fanciers, we imagine, look at the same bird with quite the same pair of eyes.

Belgian Canaries (T. Shelton).—Belgian Canaries are to be bought through our columns, all the year round, though, of course, the autumn and winter are the likeliest seasons to secure stock. This bird of position is not so popular as it used to be many years ago, but several of the large firms using our advertisement columns still import some of the best from the Continent.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Feb. 23, headquarters, 8. Table shows, and selection of judges, enrollment of new members.—R. Forster.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Feb. 21, P.S.A. rooms, 7.45. Table show of Yorks. matched pairs, yell. ck. and buff hen, buff ck. and yell. hen; judge, H. Foden.—H. Foden.

Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine-st., 8. Business: Election of office-bearers and ann. show.—J. S. Napier.

Armley Wortley C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Station-rd. Mission Room, Armley, 7. Show arrangements and syllabus.—A. H. Craven.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Onward Hall, 8. Table show Nor. pairs, judge Mr. J. Raynes (Manchester), specials given; amat. judging competition, date of F.F. Show.—J. Spencer.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Forresters' Arms, 7. Lecture by Mr. J. Steel on British Birds and their Habits. New members enrolled.—G. Harper.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 21, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Smoking concert, etc., friends heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Feb. 21, Abbett's Cafe Rooms, Market-st., 8. Pair show, for classes see bal. sheets; judge, Mr. J. Burns; ent. fee 7d.; three specials promised. New members may be enrolled after show; sub. 2/6.—A. E. Lloyd.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Elderyard Gym., 7.30. General meeting.—C. H. Naylor.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 18, 2. Members' show, birds to be staged 2 o'c.; fanciers invited.—J. Atkinson.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Arcade Temperance Hotel, 7. Review of classification, election of judges; cage bird fanciers invited to join.—J. R. Reid.

Crewe O.S.—Feb. 21, Earl of Chester, 7.30. Entries for show, Feb. 25. It is hoped members will make a "bumping entry" and thus ensure a record.—J. C. Heaton.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Members' ann. pair show, and table show of Brit.; admission free.—W. Hodson.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Co-operative Hall, 6. Ann. meeting, election of office-bearers, breeding pair show.—R. T. Campbell.

Dalziel O.A.—Feb. 18, Y.M.C.A., Brandon-st., Motherwell, 7.—J. Mathieson.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 18, headquarters, 6.30. Members' prize money, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Darlington C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Half Moon Inn, 8. Table show, Feb. 18, match pairs, Can. and muling; and Brit.; also business.—H. Todd.

Derby C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Derwent Hotel, 7. Open show business.—W. Stevens.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Feb. 25, George Hotel, 2.30. Pair show, Yorks., Nor., A.O.V., Mule or Hyb. novice, Yorks. nov., Mule or Hyb.—R. S. Black.

Ealing, Hanwell F.S.—Feb. 22, Hanwell Library, 8. Mr. P. H. Bayliss, lectures on "How to become a successful fancier," admission free.—W. Bird.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Cairns Memorial Hall, George Road, 8. Consideration of rules, enrolling new members, election of committee, shows, etc.—J. I. Mackie.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8. Washing exhibition.—R. Heggie.

Green C.A.—Feb. 23, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Table show Brit., 7 classes. Nominations for officers, 1911-12. Arrangements for ann. dinner and distribution of season's specials.—G. Green.

Hanley C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Albion Hotel, 8. Business of great importance.—G. Lawton.

Holywood C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Old Masonic Hall, 8. Election of judges for ann. shows.—F. Cole.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Feb. 23, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—A. Pickles.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 20, White Hart Hotel, 8. 1st monthly table show, pair classes, Yorks. and Nor.; judge, Mr. G. Bray (Holmfirth).—F. Sykes.

Inverness O.A.—Feb. 22, Crown Mission Hall, 8. Fix date of ann. show and appoint judges.—Urquhart and Sutherland.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. — Feb. 21, Headqnarters, 6. Judges, etc.—A. Dickson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. Important re date of next show, also matters connected with new cups for society show.—D. John.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 25, Miners' Hall, 4. Pair show, 4 classes Can. pairs, 2 classes Brit. Hyb., 1 for pair, 1 muling pair.—J. Pollock.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. — Feb. 21, White Swan, 8.30. Table show: Nor. yell. and buff unflig., do. Green or broken Green (any age).—J. E. Wood.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Nor. Nat. col., open novice classes: Nor. heavily variegated or Green, and A.O.V. Can. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S. (Glam.).—Feb. 23, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. Every member kindly attend and try and bring a new member.—A. H. C. Legg.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Yorks. and Nor.; judges, Messrs. G. F. Gray and J. Raynes; and paper on Norwich by Mr. Raynes. Ent. fee, 3d. per cage; 2s. 6d. for most birds staged in each section given by Messrs. A. G. Davis and J. Yeats.—H. Boothman.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Crown Hotel, 2.30. Table show.—A. Wake.

Midland Roller C.C.—Feb. 23, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. T. J. Smith.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Earl Gray Hotel, 7.30.—J. Nichol.

Musselburgh O.S.—Feb. 25, 83, High Street, 7. Motions; election of judges, etc.—W. Nisbet.

Mannington C.B.A.—Feb. 18, Headquarters, 5. Dinner, social, 7 o'c. Fanciers invited.—H. Grange.

National Brit. B. & M.C.—Feb. 22, Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Election of offices.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Feb. 22, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Table show.—J. Bertram.

Pelton Fell C.B.S. — Feb. 20, Institute Hall, 7. Arrange for nest feather show, etc; new members welcome.—W. Foster.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich (Lower Hall), 8. Special general meeting; receive bal. sheet, pay out members' prize money and specials; election of officers; alterations of rules; fixture list; election new members; receive ticket money from late show; subs. due from last year.—Dibley and Meades.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Baptist School. Members' show; birds staged 3 o'c. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes.—W. Jagger.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Feb. 23, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8. Distribution of prize money and prizes, after which Mr. A. W. Curtis will give a lecture on the Norwich Canary; visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting; whist drive business, etc.—E. Hartley.

Southall F.S. — Feb. 18, St. John's Schools, 7. Special general meeting.—A. E. Argyle.

Sheffield O.S. — Feb. 21, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Committee meeting, very important business; it is important that every committeeman will make an effort to be present.—Bishop and Coltan.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Feb. 21, Liberal Club, 8. Next open show, etc; intending members please attend.—H. W. Gill.

Southend and Southern Counties' O.S.—Feb. 22, Blue Boar Hotel. Members' show, matched pairs: Yorks., Nor., Mule, Hyb.; entry fee, 3d.; judge, Mr. W. Franks. New members being enrolled.—W. C. Lockwood.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Feb. 25, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5 o'c. Financial statement; election of office bearers, etc.—A. W. Watson.

Spen Valley C.B.A.—Feb. 20, Commercial Hotel, 8 o'c. Pair show, Feb. 18th; judge, Mr. Chittenden (Bolton Woods).—J. Lewis.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Jolly Carter, Ashton Old Road, 8.—A. Smith.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 18, Holme Lane Sunday School, 3. Members' show and meeting; judge, Mr. Mason (Windhill); last show of season, 1910 and 1911.—J. Smith.

Walkden C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Institute, 7.30. Table show of Brit. hardbills, two classes; Mr. T. Toothill judge.—H. Howard.

Wandsworth F.A.—Feb. 23, Red Lion, 8.—W. Lightfoot.

Wakefield Roller Club.—Feb. 20, Elephant and Castle, 8. —J. Netherwood.

Warrington C.B.S.—Feb. 23, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. Bal. sheet; Brit.; judging competition; prize money.—G. M. Nelson.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Winners 1910-11 Competitions.

The following are winners of cash prizes for 3rd, 4th, and 5th birds at competition shows, viz., Bradford City, 3rd birds, E. Radley; 4th birds, H. H. Towers, T. Brown, and Messrs. Thornton and Bower divide; 5th birds, Shaw Bros., S. S. Rigg, and A. Radley. Bolton O.S., 3rd birds, J. Bailey, J. Thomas, Messrs. Hartley and A. Hirst; 4th birds, J. Edmondson and Son; 5th birds, A. Hirst, Ogden Bros., J. Thomas, Burnley; 3rd birds, C. T. Parkes, Myers and Lumb, and J. Thomas; 4th birds, L. C. Casey, J. Thomas, and S. B. Grayshon; 5th birds, not won. Shipley O.S.: 3rd birds, J. Wilson, C. E. Hall, F. Townend, and J. Whitwham. 4th birds, J. Wilcock, A. Whitley, Shaw Bros., H. Long, and S. Tyas. 5th birds, H. Long. Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4th birds, J. Wilcock. 4th birds, J. Wilson. 5th birds, J. Wilcock. Bradford (West), 3rd birds, J. Morley, J. Whitwham, F. Western, A. Whitley, Shaw Bros., Tom Wood; 4th birds, H. Hill; 5th birds, J. Helliwell, J. Greaves, J. Edmondson and Son, J. Thomas, A. M. Craven, Brown and Son, and J. Bateman. Manchester, 3rd birds, not won; 4th birds, R. Schofield, J. Wilson, J. Robertson, and C. E. Hall; 5th birds, A. Hirst. Great Horton, 3rd birds, W. Cruise, Hartley, F. Armstrong, J. Helliwell, J. Wilson, F. Murgatroyd, A. Cooper, and J. Whitwham; 4th birds, J. Thomas and A. Cooper; 5th birds, J. Thomas. Eccleshill, 3rd birds, W. H. Shackleton; 4th birds, J. Thomas; 5th birds, H. H. Towers and J. Wilson. Liverpool O.S., 3rd birds, Sutcliffe and Son; 4th birds, Ogden Bros., A. Cooper, J. Thomas, and E. Clegg; 5th birds, Myers and Lumb. Windhill, 3rd birds, S. S. Rigg, Thornton and Bower; 4th birds, Brown and Son; 5th birds, W. Cruise, W. H. Shackleton, Brown and Son, J. Helliwell, J. Edmondson and Son. Harrogate, 3rd birds, J. Thomas, J. Edmondson and Son, Chew and Stokoe; 4th birds, J. Thomas, Chew and Stokoe, W. Wadsworth; 5th birds, J. Edmondson and Son. Leicester, 3rd birds, H. Long; 4th birds, J. Helliwell and L. C. Casey; 5th birds, L. C. Casey. Halifax, 3rd birds, J. Horsfield, J. Wilcock, L. Dyson, J. E. Priestley, Sutcliffe and Son; 4th birds, M. Peel; 5th birds, J. Wilcock, J. Wilson, H. Charlesworth, J. E. Priestley, J. Edmondson, and H. Lodge. Gateshead, 3rd birds, not won; 4th birds, Thornton and Bower; 5th birds, not won. Bradford (East), 3rd birds, Ogden Bros.; 4th birds, Ogden Bros., H. H. Towers; 5th birds, L. Dyson, H. H. Towers. Queensbury, 3rd birds, H. Smith, J. Robertshaw, H. J. Chittenden, C. E. Hall, L. Dykes, A. Radley, and A. M. Craven; 4th birds, Brown and Son, A. M. Craven, L. Dykes, H. J. Chittenden, E. Clegg, H. Hill, W. Cruise, E. Radley, L. C. Casey, and —. Edmondson; 5th birds, L. Dykes. Skelmanthorp, 3rd birds, H. H. Towers; 4th birds, J. Helliwell; 5th birds, C. Morrison. Crystal Palace, 3rd birds, J. Robertshaw, L. Dykes, C. E. Hall; 4th birds, L. Dykes; 5th birds, J. Thomas. All cash prizes will be paid by the Secretary personally on Saturday, March 11th, and members desiring to attend the dinner on that date should send in their names to Mr. H. Hill, Union Sec.—John Greaves, Secretary.

PRESTON O.S.

General meeting held Tokio Cafe, Feb. 2nd, Mr. Dent in chair. Balance sheet for 1910:—Owing to a heavy loss on the November show, this was not very satisfactory, but the balance in hand was considered quite sufficient for the society's working, and to enable us to "come up smiling" with another big show in November next. Decided, to hold table show for breeding pairs at meeting March 2nd.—Mr. Dent kindly promised to judge. There will also be a judging competition. Special of 2/6 were promised by Messrs. Pyke, Harwood, and Mapp. I would urge all members to make a few entries, and so give those who have the work to do, and those who so generously give specials, a little encouragement, and show them that their efforts are appreciated.—J. P. Leeming, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

FORRES AND NORTHERN O.A.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 30, Mechanics' Hall, a good number of members and friends being present. Mr. J. Robertson (president) in chair. Treasurer (Mr. W. Cumming) submitted financial statement for year showing a slight debit balance. Office bearers appointed:—Hon. pres., Mr. W. Forrest; hon. vice-pres., Mr. J. Maclean; pres., Mr. J. Robertson; vice-pres., Mr. J. Russell; treasurer, Mr. W. Cumming; sec pro tem, Mr. G. T. Russell; committee, Messrs. K. Maclean, J. Yonnie, T. Angus, W. Dingwall, W. Clarke, W. Macpherson, D. Macdonald, R. Black, A. Ross, D. Mathieson, D. Smith, D. Campbell, S. Maclean, and P. Maclean. Annual show fixed for December 2, and it was proposed to hold a members' young bird show in the autumn. I will be glad to hear from any fancier wishing to join (sub. 2s. 6d.).—G. T. Russell, Sec., 16, Urquhart Street, Forres.

Correspondence.

Hints Wanted on the Making of Birdlime.

SIR,—Will some one of the many kind readers of CAGE BIRDS give me a hint how to make holly-bark lime that will stand frost or rough weather?

YOUNG BIRD-LOVER.

A Twirling Goldfinch.

SIR,—Would any of your readers who may be kindly disposed towards an amateur, tell me how I could cure a Goldfinch which has developed a habit of looking up, and sometimes almost falling off the perch backwards? He is a very good bird, and I am desirous of curing him. He is in a large cage with wooden top, with 30 others. I shall be obliged for any information. "YOUNG 'UN."

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Bedlington.

SIR,—A number of fanciers in this large and rapidly growing district have decided to start a cage bird society, seeing that a large number of young men are taking up the Fancy. We have decided to hold a meeting in the Turk's Head Hotel, Bedlington, on Saturday, February 18th, at 7 p.m. Will those fanciers wishing to join kindly attend? If unable to do so, if they will send their names to me, we will be pleased to enrol them.

WM. FAIRBAIRN, Sec. pro tem.

Vulcan Place, Bedlington.

"Horned" Parrakeets; and Others.

SIR,—I have more than once tried to point out to bird dealers that the Uvœan Parrakeet is not the Horned Parrakeet, but when they receive the former they invariably advertise them as the latter. The Horned Parrakeet is even rarer as an imported bird than the Uvœan. They are the two representatives of the family of "Nymphicus." The Uvœan Parrakeet has the crest curved forwards towards the forehead; the Horned Parrakeet has two crest feathers which grow over towards the back of the head, and are longer than those of the Uvœan's which latter's are composed of several feathers. If bird dealers (in some cases) do not know what species a bird is, they are apt to invent a name, and also to sometimes spell a right name wrongly. Let them also beware of confusing the commoner Ring-necked Alexandra Parrakeet with the extremely rare "Queen Alexandra," which is a Polytelis.

HUBERT D. ASTLEY, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.

Yorkshiremen in Town.

Recollections of a Trip to the Palace Show

SIR,—We were a merry party as we left Bradford Midland Station on Friday night, Feb. 3, at 10.45, and made even merrier by being joined at Shipley by a contingent of "all nighters" en route for London and the "Great Glass House." The journey to Town was a good one; some had a nap in between the pranks that were played, whilst others engaged in "nap" of another colour, which, needless to say, left some pockets lighter. London was reached about 5.40, and refreshment was sought for and obtained, consisting of tea and coffee in pots that would hold a quart! After this the party broke up, and now I shall relate the doings of four of the party, which I think, Mr. Editor, cannot well be beaten. We took the Underground from King's Cross to Covent Garden Market, and were rewarded with the sights we saw there; afterwards we journeyed on to the Thames Embankment and walked gaily along to Westminster and the Houses of Parliament, feeding the gulls on the way. Afterwards we toddled along through the great Whitehall and Downing Street, to Trafalgar Square, where we spent some time. Then one of the party said he felt "faint," and vowed he would not go another inch without a "good feed." We found I may say, a grand shop, and "did ourselves well." Leaving there, we moved along the Strand, and, needless to say, were the "star artistes" for a good few Cockneys, who listened to our "twang" with much merriment. On we went down the great newspaper street (Fleet Street) and were minded to call in and see you, Mr. Editor, but, alas! time was short. We made a call at the Hotel under the Bridge at Ludgate Hill (the King Lud Hotel, I believe) and there we sampled their "fare," including "Sardines on Toast," and "Welsh Rarebit," and you have our word for it, Sir, emerged like giants refreshed. Next we visited the Monument and one of our party would not be satisfied until we had planked down our 3d. and climbed the 211 steps to the top, which we did without a halt. Leaving, we visited the great Billingsgate, thence on to the Tower, seeing on our way the raising of the Tower Bridge. At the Tower we inspected the Regalia, and the Beefeaters were a source of attraction. One of the party, whose first visit it was, could not keep his eyes off them. We were, however, a little disappointed at not seeing the great diamond which has been so much talked about, but we saw many other priceless gems. Time was getting on now, so we thought it best to be getting to the Palace, and after what we thought a dreary ride, we arrived at the scene of so many triumphs and defeats in the cage bird fancy. The space allotted to the exhibits was a large one, and an animated scene met the eye as one walked in. My word, Sir, what an array of "stuff"! The British and Foreign birds were magnificent, and we shall not forget them in a hurry. Lucky are the exhibitors to possess such birds as these. We left the Palace about 6 o'clock and away we went to the Tivoli Music Hall, where we stayed until about 10 o'clock. We wound up by catching the train home, which we reached at 7.30 a.m or so, after having spent a very enjoyable time.

ONE OF THE FOUR.

The Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A.

SIR,—The executive issued in the beginning of this week membership tickets to fanciers with an appeal to last year's members to secure another fancier for the membership, besides joining themselves. We hope this will be responded to heartily. The executive also wish to point out that there is a heavy expenditure through the secretary having to remind those to whom tickets have been sent to account for the tickets; this expense would be considerably curtailed were accounting done earlier than formerly.

R. WRIGHT, president; J. HOGG, vice-president; THOMAS SMITH, secretary, 10, Lochside-Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

Climbing the Yorkshire Exhibition Ladder.

SIR,—We may now say that we have attained the object we have been striving after for years; that is to breed a bird and to exhibit it, and win at the Crystal Palace. This is not the first winner we have bred, however. In the seasons of 1904 and 1905 we bred the bird which won us our novice gold medal, and was claimed and then successfully shown by a Mr. Taylor, of Halifax. It won at the Crystal Palace in 1905, in the Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen class after it had changed hands from Mr. Taylor. Also, this year's winner in novice marked Yorkshire cock class at the Palace only left our stable in December, 1910, and is own brother to our champion marked, the winner in open section. We attribute our success to years of careful study and judicious pairing and inbreeding, also to valuable information received from CAGE BIRDS. We wish your paper every success.

BLACKBURN AND MITCHELL.

How to Solder with Resin

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent "Linnet," re soldering with resin, I may say that I have found the following method very successful and far preferable to using the ordinary copper-bit which, at best, is a clumsy tool for the work. Get (from the ironmonger's) a small blow-pipe, costing about fivepence, and a small soldering lamp to burn methylated spirit, or a small gas bunsen. Then powder the resin (if it is lump, which is cleanest), and reduce the soft, "tinner's" solder to a coarse powder with a very coarse file or rasp. Then, with a penknife blade, put a little of the resin and solder on the desired joint, and with the blow-pipe direct a flame immediately below, when the solder will be found to run round the wire forming a neat, strong joint. With regard to "Fluxite," it should be applied first, as then the solder will adhere to it before using the blow-pipe. But if a lot of work is to be done, I should prefer the resin, as the "Fluxite" will be found to be rather expensive.

"HARDBILL."

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Guisborough Show.

SIR,—You say that this matter is not of sufficient interest to your readers to take up further space in your valuable paper. That may be true, but there has gone out to the thousands of its readers a base charge against me of being a traitor to my society. It is only just that you should allow me to reply in order to clear myself. Mr. Cuthbertson wrote to me, as Chairman of the society, after he had written our secretary. I replied saying I was very sorry that there was any unpleasantness, and asked him not to publish it until after our meeting. I also promised to bring the matter before our society. I hid nothing from any of the members. I consider it very cowardly of Mr. Mays to make such a charge against a fellow-member, without the slightest cause. He also says I went very strongly for Mr. Cuthbertson having his money back, but said nothing about the others. Now, Robert, there is not a word of truth in that statement. The question before the members was: "Should these men have their money back or not." The meeting was unanimous with the exception of yourself. Now, my boy, I am old enough to be your father. Take a bit of fatherly advice: Be prepared to do what is right, show a better spirit, don't be so vindictive. Remember, as far as the work of a society is concerned, every man should have just consideration. Treat your fellow-fanciers as men. Remember every man has as much right to his opinion as you have to yours; and because he does not fall in with your views, you need not jump on him and call him a traitor, etc. A traitor is one who has betrayed, or been false to an office of trust. This, your chairman has never been. He has had the interest of the society too much at heart to lend himself to such work. I have never thought anything too much trouble that would help the society in any way. In conclusion, please call a meeting and get matters settled up; as for anything you have to say to me, or any other member, the meeting is the proper place to settle these matters—not the Press.

J. G. COOK,
Chairman.

[So far as our columns are concerned, this matter must now close.—EDITOR.]

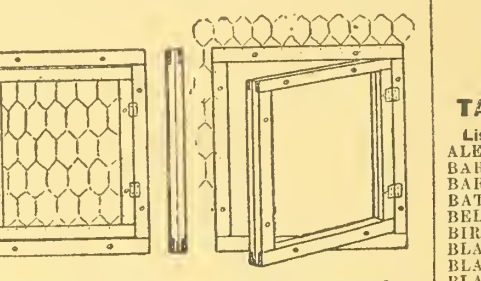
The Black-throated Hang-nest at the Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—Reading of Mr. Townsend's prize winner described by the broad title of "Black-throated Hang-nest,' permit me to say, whilst appreciating his difficulty in giving its proper designation, that it is the "Icterus croconatus," as I with great difficulty discovered through the South Kensington Museum. I have one I bought in Paris by a fluke six months ago, and may add that very few specimens have hitherto reached Europe—the merit being their yellow head instead of the black of the commoner species. In justice to Mr. Wesley Page, he also defined it correctly, but a dozen other "naturalists" I could quote selected roomier and vaguer names.

FOLKESTONE.

To Make a Door in a Wire Netting Front.

SIR,—Herewith I send you an idea for making a small door in a wire netting front. I find that this door is very useful when feeding birds in an outdoor aviary. It can be made small enough to admit your hand only, and you are not, therefore, likely to lose any bird when feeding them. The idea is two (or, rather,



four) square frames screwed firmly together, and holding the netting between them. Of course, the netting will require cutting all round inside the larger frame, and the smaller frame works on hinges. I think the sketch will explain itself. This idea, I hope, will answer one of your correspondents, and also prove as useful to many others, as it has to me.

H. LEWIS.

Rare British Birds at the Palace Show.

SIR,— May I be permitted to ask the judge, Mr. Silver, why he left un-noticed in the A.O.S. Bunting class some of the rarest birds there? It cannot have been because they were not good ones, because one Black-headed Bunting has had many prizes given it, and the Meadow Bunting was second in a fine class at the Scottish National show at the New Year. The answer, I expect, will be that they are not on the National British Bird and Mule Club's list. But why don't Mr. Ramsden, or the show officials, say that only birds on this list will be allowed?—not take our money, put us to the heavy railway expense, only to get our birds shelved on one side. I don't call this fair play—to take our money and not even give us a run for it. I am the more disgusted because at one Palace show these rare Buntings will be given prizes, then they won't be looked at the next year.

THISTLE-TOP.

[A letter from Mr. Ramsden bearing on this subject will be found in this issue.—EDITOR.]

A New Cage Bird Society for Smallbridge and District.

SIR,—I would like to tell "Well Wisher" that the majority of the Smallbridge members are members of one society in Rochdale, and that this society in Smallbridge has been formed in order to keep the fanciers more in touch one with another; they don't wish to rob another society. I think "Well Wisher" makes a mistake in saying there are too many societies. I should think the more societies there are the better it is for the Fancy—if they are carried on in a proper way. Now he talks about one society having a cup to compete for. Well, it is not the only society with a cup, and I don't see why this new society, when it has been going a bit, and gets some money on hand, can't have a cup, too, for they all seem keenly interested in the Fancy. Will "Well Wisher" tell me why this society with a cup that he talks about is being reconstructed? Be careful "Well Wisher," how you throw stones, or else you will break some of your own windows.

A REAL FANCIER.

SIR,—"Well-wisher"(or, rather, "Jealous") is quite right in saying there are already two societies in Rochdale, and one in Littleborough, and that we are only 1½ miles from Rochdale. But this is a long way to go to a meeting that is supposed to start at 8 o'clock, and when you get there at that time to find that you have to wait until 8.45 or 9 o'clock for the meeting to commence. Then the business takes till 10.30, and you get home about 11 o'clock, and you are no better off in knowledge regarding birds. I might say we are novices, and the society is on purpose to keep these together, by holding members' shows and encouraging young fanciers. Further, we have one or two gentlemen at our head whose business will not let them go so far as 1½ miles from home, and we have also got about 16 fanciers (nine, I might say, belong to one of the societies mentioned). We have a good prospect of more. I think myself a society at Smallbridge is wanted.

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The North Wales C.B.S.

SIR,—After further consideration the committee have decided to cancel the Pigeon Section, and the society will now be called the North Wales Cage Bird Society. The following have been elected office-bearers: Treasurer, Mr. Edward Jones; chairman, Mr. Owen Thomas; vice-chairman, Mr. David Roberts, and a strong committee. All fanciers in North Wales (whether members of other societies or not) are cordially invited to join. Membership fee, 1s. First Members' Show will be held on Whit-Monday, June 5th.

J. W. JONES, Hon. Sec.
40, William Street, Carnarvon.

Dandelion from Seed.

SIR,—Mr. Downing objects to the statement in my last letter on the above subject, "that he said it was impossible to grow dandelion from seed which had been gathered the previous season," I have tried to find Mr. Downing's and also "Straight 'Un's" letters, which somehow have been mislaid, but I have a hazy idea that both he and "Straight 'Un" used words to the effect that they had sown seeds which had been gathered the previous season, and the seeds had absolutely refused to come up. I won't be emphatic on the point, however, and if Mr. Downing says he didn't, well then, he didn't. I have made a note of his address, and will, in the course of a few weeks forward him some young plants which, I would inform him, are now past the prospective stage.

T. JOHNSON.

Wood Pigeon Said to Have Killed and Eaten a Thrush.

SIR,—It may be of interest to some of your readers to know that while taking an observation of nature a few days ago, in the White Bridge Glen (Onchan, Isle of Man), I came across a Wood Pigeon killing a Thrush, and afterwards eating it in the same fashion as would a Hawk. As for Magpies, it is quite a common thing for them to devour small birds when food is scarce. There is only one bird, according to my idea which seems to be on friendly terms with all. It often arrives here about the middle of March, providing the weather be fine, but rarely utters its call note "Cuckoo," before the first of May.

PAT. MCCLUSKY.

[We cannot refrain from expressing our surprise at hearing of a Wood Pigeon killing and eating a Thrush. Apart from other considerations, we should have felt inclined to back any healthy, stout-hearted Thrush to defeat a Wood Pigeon in single combat—unless the latter managed to fall on him and suffocate him by sheer bulk and weight. With regard to the Cuckoo, we have frequently seen it being mobbed and ill-treated by other birds, which apparently entertained any but friendly feelings towards it.—ED.]

Another Talking Canary.

Authentic Record of a Bird Which Spoke Away Back in 1858.

SIR,—Noticing the remarks in your last issue concerning talking Canaries, permit me to submit an extract from the proceedings of the Zoological Society relating to a Canary which lived about the year 1858, and which could talk.

SIDNEY L. PAIN.

[We are much obliged to Mr. Pain for his kindness, and have pleasure in publishing the account in question.—ED.]

Extract from the "Proceedings of the Zoological Society," No. CCCLXI., 1858.

"Note on a Talking Canary, addressed to Dr. Gray. V.P.Z.S.—By S. Leigh Sotheby.

"The Woodlands," Norwood,
March 26th, 1858.

DEAR SIR,—Touching that marvellous little specimen of the feathered tribe, a talking Canary, of which I had the pleasure a few days since of telling you, I now send you all the information I can obtain respecting it from the lady by whom it was brought up and educated at this our homestead. Its parents had previously and successfully reared many young ones; but three years ago they hatched only one out of four eggs, the which they immediately neglected by commencing the rebuilding of a nest on the top of it. Upon this discovery, the unfledged and forsaken bird, all but dead, was taken away and placed in flannel by the fire, when, after much attention, it was restored and then brought up by hand. Thus treated, and away from all other birds, it became familiarised with those only who fed it; consequently its first singing notes were of a character totally different to those usual with the Canary. Constantly being talked to, the bird, when about three months old, astonished its mistress by repeating the endearing terms used in talking to it, such as "Kissie, kissie," with its significant sounds. This went on, and from time to time the little bird repeated other words, and now for hours together, except during the moulting season, astonishes us by *ringing the changes*, according to its own fancy, and as plain as any human voice can articulate them, on the several words: "Dear sweet Titchie" (its name), "Kiss Minnie," "Kiss me then, dear Minnie," "Sweet pretty little Titchie," "Kissie, kissie, kissie," "Dear Titchie," "Titchee wee, gee, gee, gee, Titchie, Titchie." The usual singing notes of the bird are more of the character of the Nightingale, mingled occasionally with the dog-whistle used about the house. It sometimes whistles very clearly the first bar of "God Save the Queen." It is hardly necessary to add that the bird is, of course, by nature remarkably tame; so much so that, during its season, it will perch down from its cage on my finger, shouting and talking in the most excited state. Our friend, Mr. B. Waterhouse Hawkins, who has heard the bird, tells me that about twenty years ago a Canary that spoke a few words was exhibited in Regent Street, the only other instance, I believe, publicly known. I have now only to apologise for having trespassed upon your patience to read all this long story about the accomplishments of a little bird; though at the same time I feel, that in acquainting you, as vice-president of the Zoological Society, with the facts stated, I am not only giving you the means of placing upon record the same, but affording you the opportunity of witnessing the truth thereof as being, in the event of any accident happening to the bird, a more satisfactory evidence than the mere assertion of Dear Sir, yours most faithfully,

S. LEIGH SOTHEBY.

Dr. John Gray.

Alleged Borrowing of Show Birds at Chester.

SIR,—At the monthly meeting held at the club room "Nag's Head" Cocoa House, February 7th, no communication (either written or verbal) was received from the writer of the letter over the signature of "Subscriber," which appeared in CAGE BIRDS of January 21st, although I asked for particulars in your issue of January 28th.

JAMES SWINDLEY, Hon. Sec.
Chester C.B.F.A.

Bird Life in the Winter Near Preston.

SIR,—I have to-day (February 13th) been visiting friends in a village a few miles from Preston. I was shown a beautiful Starling which had been shot and stuffed by them, and which was of a beautiful silver colour. It was like an ordinary Starling in every other feature, possessing the beautiful spangling and sheen peculiar to the Starling family, but was about the largest Starling I ever saw. I think it was a hen bird. Another feature of wild bird life about there (four miles from Preston) is the quantity of Gold-crested Wrens which abound in the winter time. They do an enormous amount of good to the fruit trees in the winter, living on the eggs of moths which do great damage to the trees in summer, if allowed to hatch.

T. JOHNSON.

The Crystal Palace Show.

A Question of Rules.

SIR,—In your very excellent report of the above show, I find two references to N.B.B. and M.C. rules—one stating that a Mule was wrong classed for not conforming to these rules, and the other stating that a Crested Lark was left out, possibly on account of its not being in the N.B.B. and M. Club's list of birds. In justice to the judges, I must state that the show was not held under N.B.B. and M.C. rules, but under the classification as printed in the schedule, to which the judges have assured me they strictly adhered, every bird being judged upon its merits, without consideration of any rule or bye-law of any club. I might add that there were 225 exhibitors in the Mule and British Champion Sections, and only 15 of these exhibitors indicated on their entry forms that they were members of the N.B.B. and M.C. Had it been intended for these sections to be judged under this club's rules, I should have had to print a copy of the club's rules and lists in the schedule for the information of non-members.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

A Question of Markings.

SIR,—At the Palace Show I saw a Mule marked in both wings was disqualified for being a two-pointed bird. Will the judge kindly say why the second prize bird, marked in both eyes, was not disqualified also? Many other novices, like myself, would like to know.

SIMPLE SIMON.

SIR,—How "Simple Simon," and the "many other novices" he mentions come to consider the second prize Goldfinch Mule (Mr. Longden's) as being marked on both eyes, I am puzzled to understand. It has a light tick near the left eye; otherwise the bird is clear. I see that one reporter actually took it to be a "clear." Further, such a mark as is found near the eye of Mr. Longden's bird is not recognised as a technical mark, so that even were there two of them (one near each eye) this bird would not be a two-pointed Mule. "Simple Simon," and his fellow novices, will find the difference 'twixt eye-marks proper and a foul-mark, or tick, fully explained by both letterpress and illustration in Mr. Houlton's work, "Cage Bird Hybrids," published at the office of CAGE BIRDS.

G. E. WESTON.

A Curious Sparrow.

SIR,—Can any of the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS kindly tell me if my bird is of any value. It is a light cinnamon colour all over, with yellow legs and beak, and is a proper House Sparrow. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, as it is such a valuable paper for information.—JAMES BROWN.

[Mr. Brown's bird has some value to collectors of rare-feathered specimens. He should invite offers for it through our advertising columns. White, cinnamon and silver coloured House Sparrows have often been exhibited at the Crystal Palace and other Shows.—EDITOR.]

The Experiences of a Canary Enthusiast.

SIR,—Like many others, from my earliest childhood I have possessed a devouring love and interest for anything living. Like others also, this love has been more especially centred on the winged creation. So, when but thirteen years of age, I must needs convert an old shed into a bird room, and start breeding on my own. Feverish with enthusiasm, I bought an old orango box and converted it into a most atrocious cage. There was a sliding partition in the middle (this, by the way, sometimes slid, but more often collapsed in the process); and the door was conspicuous by its absence, and so I had to undo the wire netting every morning to feed the unfortunate inhabitants. I paid a visit to a grown-up cousin who kept a great number of Canaries in aviaries. I possessed unbounded cheek, and I returned home the proud possessor of a hen Canary. I put this in one division of the cage, and kept it there (or, at least, tried to, for as often as not it appeared in the other). And there I stuck—I had no cock bird. However, I had a faint idea that a Linnet cock would breed with a Canary hen. So I saved a little money, and poring over the advertisements in CAGE BIRDS, decided to purchase a "cock Linnet, housemoulted, Mule breeder, on full song," etc., which I did for a few pence. The bird arrived, and I, knowing nothing about Linnets, was delighted. The fact that it never sang a note did not trouble me; I thought it due to the new surroundings, or else to the great attraction presented by the Canary. I need not dwell upon the proceedings that season. A fresh-caught Linnet hen (even if advertised as housemoulted cock) paired to a Canary hen never give great results. But nothing daunted I set to again the following season. I bought a Norwich hen, having previously made a new and a better cage. I also managed (with my usual cheek) to borrow a cock bird for a week. I put him with the hen, gave them a nest, and in four days she laid. All four eggs were fertile, but only one youngster hatched out. If the hen fed her young one twenty times a day, I fed it eighty. She was a priceless, patient mother, and I still regret her death the following winter. After this I confined myself to the Norwich—a variety I had always fancied. I had one hen who was a most perfect nest maker. I provided her with moss, and white and red cow hair. She never confused the two colours. She first made an outer lining of moss alone; next she covered this with white cow hair, very neatly and cleverly interwoven, finishing the nest with a lining of red cow hair. My first pair of Norwich were rather unfortunate. The hen was very masterful, and would always have her own way. It was certainly very amusing, but all the same, annoying, to watch the two "'arring and garring." But they never fought, for the simple reason that the cock believed discretion to be the better part of valour. She had that dog-in-the-manger disposition so common in Canaries. If the cock was eating, she must be eating, and she must be eating out of the same seed hole also, which led to much annoyance on the husband's part. If the cock was nibbling at the wires, she must nibble at the wires also. She laid four eggs at last, sat them out, but made very sure that her husband fed her continually. Only one egg was fertile; all the rest were clear. The hen refused to feed the nestling, although she sat on him at nights. However, the cock proved an ideal father, and reared him by himself. Next time they went one higher, and had two young birds. Since then I have had very fair success, but whether a fancier is successful or not on the show bench, I am certain he will find Canary keeping to be the most perfect and the most delightful hobby he ever took up.

J. LAMBURN.

The Young Naturalist.

**Feeding the Sparrows.

Once when at my grandma's house I saw a lot of Sparrows. I asked her what this meant, and she told me that those birds came at that time every morning for their morning's meal. I was told to watch what they did. Following grandma into the garden, the birds flew to her and quickly took the soaked bread. They then flew into a tree close by. Grannie said the birds can hear her speak, for as soon as the plate is empty she says, "It is all gone," and the birds fly away and do not come again until the next morning.—Alfred Haskins, 3, Seneca Street, St. George's, Bristol.

*Defending the Weak.

A lad robbed a nest fifty yards from our house. My father took the two young Sparrows from him and put them in a box on the room window, where the old birds came and fed them until they were old enough to fly. We used to sit in the room and watch for the old birds to come to feed them.—James Shannon, No. 3, Percival Street, Old Swan, Liverpool.

*A Knowing Chaffinch.

One Sunday we let a Chaffinch away. It flew round the garden, as if to say, "I want to come back." The bird flew round the garden for a few days. One day my father left the aviary door open. The bird was just going to fly in the aviary, when it was frightened away, but I left the washhouse door open, and it flew in there, and I caught it. It must have been content with its home.—Sent by Joe Nicholson (age 13), 6, Weardale Place, Grange Estate, Stockton-on-Tees.

Singing Contests.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club open race, held Feb. 12th, when 6 pairs were hung (10 minutes singing):—1, G. Roper, 4 score 8; 2, J. Baker, 2 score 17; 3, D. Wilders, 2 score 15; 4, C. Cunnew, 2 score 11; 5, F. Pope, 2 score 6. G. Roper winner of Mr. D. Jones's special prize (set of jugs). Open race Feb. 19th.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet contest held Feb. 4th, "Black Horse," Elvet, when 16 birds entered. Result:—1, 2, 3, G. Showler; judge, Mr. T. Gibbons. Sec., Mr. D. Trotter. Same day, contest held at "Travellers' Rest," Gilesgate Moor. 36 birds sang. Result:—1, silver cup, R. Boyde; 2, A. Bailes, hard lines for a novice; 3, Page. Judge, Mr. J. Stout; timekeeper, T. Cammeron. Next contest Feb. 18, Mrs. Burrell's, Colliery Inn, Brandon. 10s. given to all entrance, meet 2 p.m.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Glasshoughton and Dis. Linnet Club held open sing Feb. 12th, Rock Inn, when 30 birds sang for three good prizes. Result:—1, Dobson; 2, Sweeting; 3, Potter. Open sing, Feb. 19th, Rock Inn, first bird hung 1 p.m. prompt.—R. Longfield, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held George and Dragon, Bridge Street, 41 birds turning up to sing for three of the best prizes this year. After a very close match, result:—1, A. Fowler; 2, O. Potter; 3, B. Nelson. We should be pleased to have all Linnet fanciers from the surrounding districts present and make them members. Entrance fee 1/1, 2d per week.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Feb. 12th, 16 birds entered (2 minutes time singing) for 3 specials:—Thompson, 1st and 2nd, 79 secs. each; Williamson, 3rd, 68 secs.; Williamson, 61 secs. Thompson, 53 secs.—A. Brown, Secretary.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-st., Attercliffe Common, Feb. 5th, when there was a match between Mr. Brown and Mr. J. Rodgers, £1 a side, time singing, 3 minutes sing:—Brown won with 69 secs., Rodgers 62 secs. After the match, usual contest held, when 18 birds entered (3 minutes time singing):—Thompson took 1st and 3rd prizes, with 105 secs. and 78 secs; Brown, 2nd, with 95 secs.; Shimwell, 70; Baker, 61 secs.; Thompson, 60; Rodgers, 52 secs.; Williamson, 52.—A. Brown, Secretary.

WHITEHAVEN.

Whitehaven and Dis. Linnet S.A. indoor singing contest held headquarters, Harmless Hill, Feb. 4, when same was well patronised by fanciers. Seeing this was the first contest under Association rules, some excellent singing was witnessed, and resulted in Mr. Finnigan being first and second. At the close it was decided to hold the following contests on Saturday at Mr. Cunningham Ginns, Feb. 18, at Tooles, Arrowthwaite. The secretary of this new Cumberland Association is Mr. J. Parrish, King's Arms Hotel, Harmless Hill, Whitehaven.

BRANDON LINNET CLUB.

Meeting held Feb. 4th, Mrs. Burrell's Colliery Inn, when a large number of fanciers were present. Twenty-two were made members, and the following were elected officers:—President, Mr. J. Gilchrist; treasurer, C. Christon; sec., Geo. Reid. Next meeting Feb. 18th, when first payment is due, 1/3 per month. All fanciers who wrote sec. are accepted, and we are still open for any others.—Geo. Reid, Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. usual weekly contest held Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket, Feb. 11th. Result: Nelson 1, McMillan 2, Pullan 3; judge, Mr. Moulden; timekeeper, Mr. McKay. Contest, Feb. 18th, 4 p.m. The club will hold a show of house and field moulted Linnets and field-moulted Goldfinches, March 2nd, the two first prize birds of previous show debarred.—W. Ross.

BLACKBURN

Blackburn quality Linnet S.A., Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. Linnet singing contest for quality held Feb. 11th, when 12 birds competed for three good prizes given by Mrs. Morris. 1, W. H. Topping; 2, A. Catterall; 3, H. Dugdale. Judge, Mr. Catterall; timekeeper, Mr. Topping; Vice-President, E. Christopherson.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A., King's Head. Usual quality singing contest held February 11th, when 13 birds entered for 3 good prizes. 1, 2, Stead; 3, Prince. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and J. Mealla. Also February 12th, when 20 birds sang to a large company from all parts of Yorkshire. Winner turned out to be Mr. J. Varley's dark one that there has been a lot of talk about, but this was the first time we have had the pleasure of hearing it. 1, J. Varley; 2, Sissons; 3, Hayes; 4, shared by H. Wigfield and W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, J. Melia, and C. Cooper. Next Saturday's match, first bird up 2.30, when we have our Lancashire members coming.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Skinner Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane. Usual quality singing contest held Feb. 12, when 13 birds competed, and some good singing was heard. Result: 1, Green; 2, Ward; 3, Hutchinson. Judges, Messrs. Grainger and Read. Also on above date Canary contest, 7 birds competed. Result: 1, Green; 2, Noble. Judges, Messrs. Lunn and Kibler.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Usual quality singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, Newtown, Feb. 12, when some of the best birds in England competed. Result: 1, 2, shared by Butler and Brophy; 3, Chip. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and J. Clarke.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

First Saturday quality singing Linnet contest this year, held Plasterer's Arms, Skinner Lane, Feb. 11th, when 20 birds faced the judges, P. Soloman and P. Madden. 1, J. Green; 2, J. Hargreaves; 3, F. Dean. A dispute arose, 'twixt Farrer and Dean re 3rd prize, so a match was sung and Tommy Johnson was called in as a neutral judge. Dean was again winner. Match, Feb. 18th, commence 3 o'clock, also Feb. 19th, 1 p.m. Will fanciers from away please note, a big match will be held at above house, Feb. 25th; so if they like to enter will they let me have their names previous to the contest.—Joe Hargreaves.

A LONDON FANCIER FIGHTING THE FLAMES.

Is Presented with a Gold Watch for his Pluck.

Mr. H. E. Tringham (of Rotherhithe), well-known in the London Cage Bird Fancy, recently had his plucky action and presence of mind at a big London fire fittingly rewarded by being presented with a gold English lever watch, inscribed with his initials and the date of the fire. We heard of the incident quite by accident, at the recent Crystal Palace Show. On October 7th last, Mr. Tringham was rudely awakened at about 3.30 a.m. by the violent ringing of the bells. His bedroom was brilliantly lighted by the glare of the flames, which he found issued from his firm's refining house, a three-storey building, 70 feet by 40 feet. It did not take him long to "sprint" up the street (very lightly and "airily" clad) to the fire alarm, and before long several contingents of the Fire Brigade arrived in force, including the chief officer, and also that of the Salvage Corps. The articles handled in the business, though not volatile, are, we were informed, very inflammable, and the firemen's task was, therefore, not an easy one. It was due mostly to the efforts of the river floats "Alpha" and "Beta" that the fire was eventually subdued, after doing damage to the extent of £15,000. The streets thereabouts are very narrow, and the salvage men had the unique experience of having to wade knee-deep through linseed oil. Amid the excitement, Mr. Tringham was not slow to determine how best to act in the interests of "the kindest and most indulgent of masters" (to quote Mr. Tringham himself). He at once directed the attention of the Brigade chiefs to the most vulnerable spots of the manufactory; with the result that the spread of the fire to the storage tanks was effectually prevented. Had the tanks been overtaken by the fire, it would have been a calamity indeed for the neighbourhood. The authorities were quick to recognise the value of Mr. Tringham's pluck and presence of mind, and the inscribed watch which they presented to our friend has given him considerable pleasure to accept, although he tells us that his surprise was not less considerable.

OUR VISITORS BOOK AT THE PALACE SHOW.

We publish below the names of those visitors to the Crystal Palace show who signed CAGE BIRDS "Visitors' book" at our stall:—

The Rev. G. H. Raynor (Maldon), Mrs. Forth (Doncaster), Mrs. E. Litchfield (Streatham, S.W.), Mrs. L. M. Thynne (Thames Ditton), Mrs. F. E. Deacon (Liverpool), Mrs. Holliday (Southampton), Mrs. H. Butt (Sheffield), Mrs. L. Ogden (Bradford), Mrs. Burgess (Clapham, S.W.), Mrs. Marsh (Keston), Mrs. Lockett (Dover), Mrs. Butler (Chiswick), Mrs. G. Hinds (Gosport), Mrs. Leech (Abertillery), Mrs. Travis (Stourbridge), Mrs. Bright (Clapham, S.W.), Miss Wakelin (Hull), Miss Frances Botell (Whyteleafe), Miss Cooper (Streatham, S.W.), Miss Hayter (Beeston), Miss T. H. Cutbush (Goodmayes), Miss S. Young (New Brighton), Miss Daley (Southall), Miss Langford (Folkestone), Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams (London, N.W.), Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nimmo (Liverpool), Mr. and Mrs. C. Handley (Walsham), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson (Deal), Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. Watts (Derby), Messrs. Harold Prentice (Maldon), T. H. Evins (Exeter), F. C. Levett (Oxford), Epps and Son (Herne Bay), W. J. Clarke (Oxford), H. Goodchild (Regent's Park, N.W.), G. M. Osborne and G. Osborne (Woking), E. B. Dugdale (Westmanoote), A. Young (Newark), W. E. Baker (Cardiff), J. S. Matthews, J. Harrison (St. Ives), F. J. Gibbs (Canterbury), F. Hills (Maidstone), R. Davison (Twickenham), John Frostick (Balham, S.W.), E. Baker (Cowes, I.O.W.), L. Mortara (Winchester), A. T. Jupe (Petersfield), F. J. Wickham (Chatham), T. W. Pope (New Cross, S.E.), E. Cusel (Clapham, S.W.), Otto Breitmann (Hamburg, Germany), A. Stigwood (Ealing, W.), E. S. Lugg (Lewisham, S.E.), A. E. Lawrence (Croydon), C. Parnell (Paignton), W. Swaysland (Brighton), A. B. Malairida, H. E. Tringham (London, S.E.), C. Sadler (Cbingford), W. Read (Guildford), T. Yates (Reading), C. Botting and H. Stewart (Camberwell, S.E.), C. E. Gunnell (Woodside, S.E.), A. Skinner (Stratford), G. W. Saunders (Sutton, Surrey), W. Gilbert (London, E.C.), E. J. Hirst (Hull), H. J. Rabenie, C. Sarling, and P. Humphrey (Romford), O. E. Dunmore (Purley), F. E. Botell, O. Millsum (Everberg, Belginm), E. Helsom (Anerley), S. Fuller (Harrow), R. Brownlie (Brockley, S.E.), A. J. A. Marley (Leyton, N.E.), H. W. Tomsett (Brockley, S.E.), S. Williams (Edmonton), B. J. Pounsett (Upper Norwood, S.E.), H. Lakeman, H. Kirtan, Bland, and H. B. Holtom (Sydenham, S.E.), A. L. Hawkes (Leytonstone), G. Street (Highgate, N.), W. J. Blaker (Epsom), C. Mahey (Battersea, S.W.), W. Foxen, P. Lampard, and J. H. Barber (Bromley), J. Hillman, and G. Broome (Abertillery), J. Bevan, W. Schofield, J. Baker and E. Olle (Ipswich), F. Beale and G. Fielc (Watford), D. A. S. Longden (Swansea), E. Field (Bradford), R. Finley (Bushey), B. Lane and T. H. Inman (Bradford), F. Archer (Huddersfield), E. B. Edwards, A. Edwards, and S. Gregory (Camberwell, S.E.), R. Clements (Walworth, S.E.), R. Cleaves, J. Parfitt, and J. J. Probert (Abertillery), H. Mortimer (Blaine), H. J. Ford (Cardiff), R. J. Hately, L. W. Simpson, and W. Williamson (King's Lynn), W. Woodfine (Chester), V. H. Deacon (Liverpool), G. Drake (Cardiff), T. Wright (Gomersal), T. W. Brown (Southgate), G. Toulman (Gildersome, near Leeds), H. Blackett (Ascot), G. Knott (Ilford), J. Gregson (Nelson), W. Collings (Devonport), S. Gill (Plymouth), G. E. Wilkinson (Nottingham), J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool), D. R. Jones (Llanelly), A. Richardson and T. Wright (York), E. T. (Henley-on-Thames), C. King (Dartford), A. Watts (Peterborough), W. E. Crundell, W. Crundell, G. Crundell, and E. Lepson (Doncaster), S. H. George (Swansea), E. Brooks (Brighton), H. C. Brooks (Horsham), J. H. Richards (Swansea), A. Dickinson (Whitby) E. Beet (Rugby), W. W. Freestone (Norwich), G. F. Shippe, Ogden Bros. (Bradford), H. H. Towers (Keighley), O. Halstead (Streatham, S.W.), W. J. Minty and H. Pope (Frome), P. Rowles and G. Clarke (Peterborough), W. Mills and W. Skinner (Eastleigh), T. Woods and A. J. Sheppard (Woking), F. G. Jolner and W. R. King (Portsmouth), J. Lyes, B. Chase, and C. Lay (Thetford), J. W. Crookes and Jno. Hodkin (Sheffield), Thos. Pope (Plymouth), W. Spillman (Devonport), T. Nash (Sleaford), A. Shellam (Cardiff), E. G. Atkins (Basingstoke), J. Dimes (Hanworth), J. Walker (Liverpool), A. Price (Thackley), J. T. Jones, W. R. Morgans, W. A. Wilcox, and W. H. Lewis (Morriston), E. M. Evans (Swansea), R. Todd (Balloch, N.B.), J. McLay (Kirkintilloch), C. Hollis (Nottingham), J. Driver and R. Vertigan (Derby), T. Barlow (Alfreton), W. Binns (Blackpool), H. W. Hobden (Wallington), H. T. Gibb (Brighton), W. E. Fellows and W. Tottle (Southampton), G. Lawrence (Coventry), L. Smith (Leeds), J. Glasby (Blackwell, near Alfreton), G. (Kirkintilloch), C. Hollis (Nottingham), J. Driver and R. Vertigan (Derby), T. Barlow (Alfreton), W. Binns (Blackpool), H. W. Hobden (Wallington), H. T. Gibb (Brighton), W. E. Fellows and W. Tottle (Southampton), G. Lawrence (Coventry), L. Smith (Leeds), J. Glasby (Blackwell, near Alfreton), G. McGuffie, and P. Joyce (London, N.), J. Moy and J. Gibson (Nottingham), H. Schneider (Winchester), G. Thomas (Walworth, S.E.), A. Hartley, and F. Stebbings (Bradford), C. Baxter (Regent's Park, N.W.), J. A. Whitwham (Bradford), A. M. Craven and F. Craven (Shipley), D. L. Lawson (Dulwich, S.E.), G. Moore (Bradford), T. H. V. Hayter (Beeston), T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle-on-Tyne), H. Dixon (New Maldon), H. E. Parrott (Weybridge), C. H. Goodman (Bedford), L. Hodgson (Bradford), T. White (Charlton, S.E.), Tiffen (Forest Gate), A. Goodwin, W. J. Taylor (Leytonstone), F. Marsball (Leyton), J. Brotherton (Bolton), H. Robertson (Hampstead, N.W.), B. Jiggins (Chelmsford), A. Spencer (Doncaster), J. Hammett (Newport, Mon.), J. H. Fowle (Queensbury), W. Napper (London, S.W.), A. W. Spillman (London, N.E.), F. Richer and J. Richer (Upper Edmonton), S. Roberts, H. Smitb, and L. Warringer (Norwich), Geo. Spencer (Wayne C., N.Y., U.S.A.), H. Horton (Blackheath), W. Sinnett (London, E.), G. Harwood (Battersea, S.W.), J. G. Taylor (Peckham, S.E.), F. Hammond and H. Simonett (Bradford), C. W. Baker (Pimlico, S.W.), T. Brown (Yeadon), T. Underwood (Weybridge), A. E. Ebbage, C. C. Beaumont and J. Johnson (Norwich), A. J. Holloway and W. J. Holloway (Peckham, S.E.), E. Collins (Barnstaple), A. Whitley and W. B. Atkinson (Bradford), W. T. Turner (Parkgate), W. Bagnall (Rotherham), M. Willis and F. T. Ginger (Abbotts Langley), E. Holliday (Southampton), E. McGregor, W. Mcgregor (Earlsfield), T. J. Davies (Felinfoel), W. H. Manley (Bristol), S. Collett and E. Freer (Leicester), J. M. Harris (Walthamstow), T. Sandiford (Preston), E. Watson (Cambridge), T. Parsons (Battersea, S.W.), B. Brett (Plumstead, S.E.), B. C. Smith and F. Fox (East Ham), C. H. Cooper (West Ham), F. Cole (East Dulwich, S.E.), F. P. Lester (Highbury, N.), F. Jepson (Doncaster), W. Lowne (Gt. Yarmouth), E. W. French (Kensington, W.), T. Sherwood (Etchingham), W. Tabor (Northampton), J. Steel (Queen's Park, W.), A. Lupton and S. Jordon (Bermondsey, S.E.), H. M. Sayward (Halstead), C. Keymer and H. Dady (Gorleston), L. C. Casey and W. Robinson (Bradford), C. H. Grindell (London, S.E.), F. C. Bowler, F. T. Bowler and W. J. Mitchell (Aylesbury), R. Rivett (Beckenham), G. Beaumont (Upper Norwood), S. Sargeant, A. Osborne (Streatham), A. Harrison, E. T. Sendall, and W. J. Tancourt (Stamford), T. Gilbert and E. H. Jeacock (Coventry), A. Free (Tooting, S.W.), R. Edmunds (King's Lynn), H. and B. Booth (Rbydding), A. M. Rees (Dulwich, S.E.), W. Dalton (Leytonstone), S. Bailey (Sydney), New South Wales), A. Baxter (Paddington, W.), G. Barker (South Chiugford), G. Fletcber (Sheffield), A. Polley (Southfields, S.W.), T. Woods (Stamford), F. E. Herbert, H. E. Herbert, junr., and A. Herbert (Bournemouth), Greenwood and Pickles (Hebden Bridge), W. H. Drew (Forest Gate), E. Pettet (Walthamstow), J. W. Woolhouse (Sheffield), Robinson and Sharpe (Bradford), F. P. Found (Wimbledon, N.W.), W. Claydon (Stony Stratford), E. Woolmer and A. Mitchell (Bradford), H. G. Sears (Clapham Common, S.W.), H. J. Hireson (Southall), W. R. Wall (Brixton, S.W.), C. S. Jones (Clapham, S.W.), H. W. Jones (Battersea, S.W.), W. Young (New Brighton), S. Jarvis (Fulham, S.W.), W. T. Kerby (Bourne), D. Jeremy (Morriston), S. L. Pilcher (Bickley), J. D. Granwell (Millwall, E.), A. L. Stokes (Purley), E. T. Bush (Tottenham, N.), G. J. Warley (Brixton, S.W.), W. B. Silverthorne (Camberwell, S.E.), A. Hirst (Accrington). W. G. Simmonds (Edmonton, N.), V. R. Hunt (Brockley, S.E.), G. W. Hudson, W. Stables, and O. Priestley (Bradford), J. Edwards, J. Clarke, and W. Southly (Sevenoaks), T. Bishop and G. Drabble (Sheffield). P. Mays (Manor Park), J. Starbuck (Silvertown, E.), G. Bock (Plaistow, E.), L. W. Winter (Guildford), G. Green (Liverpool), T. Smitbers (Addlestone), T. Keegan and W. Keegan (Bristol), C. R. Butler (Bromley), C. Channing (Chiswick), J. Brighty and W. Burgess (Clapham, S.W.), J. E. Wood and V. Sarson (Leicester), S. Harris (Walworth, S.E.), W. H. Phipps and J. Phipps (Isleworth), C. Huxley (Twickenham), M. E. Newmarch (London, E.C.), Geo. Dring (Enfield Lock), W. T. Creed and W. T. Smithers (Tonbridge), H. Legg (Penge), P. Brooks (London, N.), W. M. Copeland (London, E.C.), C. Young (South Norwood), E. Clark and F. Clark (Thornton Heath), W. H. Daniels (Lewisham), J. Smith (Weybridge), P. Walsh (Sheffield), E. M. Spinner and F. Greenaway (Croydon), J. H. Ford and J. W. Ford (Swansea), A. Hobson (Sheffield), H. W. Cook (Poplar, E.), G. Thurling (London, E.C.), W. Salter (Hackney, N.E.), R. J. Pretty (London, W.), J. Bleunerhassett (Manor Park), E. E. Smith (Sheffield), E. A. Lovell (Bristol), W. H. Turner (Sleaford), F. Thomas (Ramsgate), R. Patterson (Canterbury), A. Marsh and K. Marsh (Keston), C. Lockett (Dover), J. A. Lees and T. W. Wren (Oxford), F. J. Weaire (Snodlands), A. W. True (East Grinstead), H. Turner (Staines), M. Woodhouse (S. Shields), J. W. Copp (Barnstaple), T. W. Richards (Narberth), W. Smith (Chatham), H. W. Casemore and F. H. Casemore (Canterbury), D. Ferguson (Rochester), J. W. Dewhurst and W. Crabtree (Bradford), E. J. Burch (Faversham), P. S. Harwood (Luton), A. J. Shinton (Balham, S.W.), J. E. Lawrence (Bracknell), W. H. Gibb and J. Boxall (Brighton), J. Fysh (Swaffham), W. Buckingham (Watford), G. H. Smith (Portsmouth), G. Rumsey (Worthing), T. Brown (Margate), H. J. Matthews (Westgate-on-Sea), A. T. Sears (Watford), T. J. Waller (St. Leonards), Geo Hinds (Gosport), C. Simmonds (Croydon), A. Starling (W. Croydon), G. Whent (Shoeburyness), J. Mackenzie (Gateshead-on-Tyne), E. J. Lamb (New Malden), A. W. Culham (Catford, S.E.), F. A. Forse (Plumstead, S.E.), F. A. E. Smyth (Catford, S.E.), E. G. Kew and H. H. E. Howard (Margate), P. Arnold (Lewisham, S.E.), G. Langridge (London, N.), C. Thornton (Otley), H. Clay (Bowes Park, N.), C. P. Weekes (Southampton), C. F. Mitchell (Westminster), W. E. Hunt (Margate), H. Akehurst (Brighton), R. S. Sharpe (Southwick), W. Fraser (Clapham Park, S.W.), R. E. Skinner, D. E. Skinner, and A. Martin (Croydon), S. Palmer, H. Grant (London, S.W.), C. F. Tear (Acton), A. Burtenshaw (Worthing), Allum Bros. (Hampton-on-Thames), A. T. Billinger (Bromley), S. P. Lackey (Morpeth), E. W. Rogers (Brighton), A. T. Billingsley (Leyton, N.E.), W. Marsh (Keston), Joe Thomas (Halifax), T. Gilbert (Jersey), J. R. Leech (Abertillery), C. B. B. Hodgson (Morden), W. H. Vale (Clapham, S.W.), and E. F. Holmes (Norwood).

In the Courts.

PARROT DEALERS IN TROUBLE.

Curious Case at Sheffield.

A dozen or so Parrot-lovers assembled in the Sheffield Stipendiary's Court on January 23rd, watched with amused interest the hopeful but futile efforts of their former owner to extract from alleged Parrots an acknowledgement of his entreating overtures. "Pretty Polly" returned only an unsympathising stare. "They're shy and sulky in strange surroundings, your Worship," was the explanation vouchsafed by the baffled bird fancier, James Marshall, of Fisher-gate, Nottingham. He was charged with obtaining money by false pretences by selling birds falsely described as "talking parrots."

Mr. P. Blyth Richardson, who prosecuted, said that since 1892 the prisoner had been "living as a vulture on the public, and has been exceedingly fortunate in having so far escaped the clutches of the law." He and his father had been advertising "talking Parrots" for sale. Mr. Richardson read the advertisements inserted by the defendant, who, he said, enlisted the sympathy of his prospective customers with a story of the loss of a pony, and the consequent economy he was reluctantly compelled to practice by the sale of his "pet Parrot." Since the first hearing of the case last week, a large number of people had communicated with the police and himself complaining that they had been similarly swindled. It had been the practice, pursued Mr. Richardson, of prisoner to sell to these people Cockatoos worth approximately 2s. 6d. each, which could not, and never would, talk.

Prisoner interposed the objection that the birds were not Cockatoos, and could talk if people gave them time enough.—The Stipendiary: Never mind, don't talk so much, you can sell them cock-a-doodle-doos if you like (laughter).

Detective-Officer Plant proved arresting prisoner at Nottingham. He expressed his willingness to return the money.—Mr. Richardson: I believe you have been getting a nice collection of Cockatoos at the police station?—Detective Plant: Some people have brought the birds, but a lot of them have left them at home. One has since died.—Mr. Richardson: Died in a vain effort to talk. (Laughter.)

Mrs. Bridgford, Chippingham-street, Attercliffe, proved giving £1 5s. for the bird, with the promise of another 5s. if it proved able to talk at the end of the week. The bird never spoke. Some days later she happened to be coming to Sheffield Police-station to tell all about her transaction when she saw the prisoner coming down the station steps with another two "pet Parrots." She went with him to the police-station. He had assured her that the bird could talk, quoting such remarks as "Kiss Polly," "Fetch Polly's breakfast," "watercress," "cats," "dogs," "good morning," etc.

Mr. J. Holland, and Mr. T. Harding Jarvis gave similar evidence of having bought birds that had shown no signs of talking.—Mr. Richardson mentioned the particulars of numerous other cases. In some of these prisoner had adopted other names—"Eaton," "William Baxter," etc.

At the Stipendiary's suggestion the prisoner went into the box and exercised all his powers to induce the birds to speak, but without effect. Later in the hearing, however, the birds emitted shrill screeches, to the great amusement of the court, and provoking the Sitpendiary's comment: "They're finding their voices now."

Stephen Marshall, of the same address, was then put into the box and charged with obtaining by similar false pretences the sum of 25s. from J. M. Benson, Broad-street, Sheffield.

Mr. Richardson said that at the last hearing this man came forward as "the poor old father whose son had the misfortune to land himself in the clutches of the law"; he told his Worship what a good boy his son had been, and, added Mr. Richardson, "I believe his Worship was rather impressed by this patriarch. Since then further inquiries were made, with the result that he appears to have been running the whole show, and his two sons have sold the birds, and when they have got into trouble this old hypocrite has come forward as the distressed parent pleading for leniency." It had also become necessary for the mother to come forward and speak of her son's innocence.

In the case of the father, the Stipendiary held that it was more a case of breach of guarantee than of false pretences, and dismissed the case with the remark: "You had better make the birds talk as well as you do yourselves, and you will then get on all right."

The son asked for an adjournment to enable him to show that the birds could talk, as he was confident he could do this.—The Stipendiary acceded to this request, and granted an adjournment till Monday next.

Mr. Richardson: Well, it is causing endless trouble. We shall have some more fun out of this. If the case is adjourned I shall lay a lot more information in respect to these other cases.

The adjournment was, however, granted, bail being allowed.—"Nottingham Guardian."

We understand that at the adjourned hearing the case was sent to the assizes for trial.

I think the coloured pictures in your birthday number most beautiful and interesting, and especially the "Wild Plants and Seeds." I wish I had known of all those seeds before; I should have laid in a good supply for winter use.—Mrs. E. M. Sargeant (Worcester).

The Shows.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Successful combined show of matched pairs for breeding held recently. Our club-room is an ideal one for a small show, and is also very well lighted. A most enjoyable time was spent by members and their friends. Mr. J. Perry placed the cards, and Mr. W. Walker made a very efficient steward.

NOR.: 1, Johnson; 2, Hibberson; 3, Ridler. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, Peirrepont; 2, 3, Webster. MULING: 1, Peirrepont; 2, Hailstone; 3, Watson.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

First of a series of table shows to be held during coming season; this one was allotted to Norwich matched pairs. Mr. J. E. Davies placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction.

YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Jones; 2, Drable; 3, Marsland; 4, Foxall. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 3, 4, Foxall; 2, Marsland. Poiuts gained will count for points' specials, which will be worth competing for. At next meeting, Feb. 21st, there will be a pair show of Yorks.—H. Foden, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

A most successful members' winter show held Feb. 11, White Hart Hotel. There were 11 classes, and 74 birds in all; and some very fine specimens faced the judge, Mr. H. Stead (Huddersfield), his awards giving entire satisfaction.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, Haigh; 2, 3, Quarmby; 4, Lawford and Son. BUFF: 1, Charlesworth; 2, 4, Quarmby; 3, Lawford and Son. HEN: 1, Moorhouse; 2, M. Radley; 3, 4, Lawford and Son. CINN. YORKS.: 1, 2, Fountain; 3, Quarmby; 4, Sykes. HEN: 1, Mosley; 2, 4, Fountain; 3, Beaumont. NOR. YELL.: 1, 4, Morris; 2, Skinu; 3, Jackson. BUFF: 1, 3, Morris; 2, Jackson. HEN: 1, Morris; 2, 3, Jackson; 4, Beaumont. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Archer; 4, Fountain. SELL.: 1, Mallinson and Son; 2, Moorhouse; 3, Moss; 4, Haigh.

LEADGATE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting and table show held Feb. 4th, Church Square Hall, Mr. E. Westthorp presiding. There was a good turn-up of members. The secretary's duties were carried out by Mr. J. Dickenson, in place of Mr. J. A. Turnhull, who acted as judge, his awards giving entire satisfaction. During judging the members held their meeting, when it was decided to pay 10s. per class for annual show. Some good exhibits were shown in British and pair classes, which formed a special feature.

BUFF YORKS., ETC. (3): 1, Laidlaw; 2, Westthorp; 3, Reed. BROWN, ETC., LINNET (6): 1, Wilson; 2, Thompson; 3, Hetherington; 4, Rice. BRIT. (9): 1, Williams; 2, Thompson; 3, Humphery; 4, Reed. PAIR (10): 1, 3, Mason; 2, Thompson; 4, Williams. Walton's Special: Nor. (5): 1, Williams; 2, 3, Mason; 4, Humphery.

LOWESTOFT AND DIST. C.B.S.

Show of pairs of Norwich and Crests matched for breeding held at meeting-house, February 6th, when the grand total of 41 pairs faced the judge, Mr. A. Parke, who kindly officiated in place of Mr. Bedwell, who was unable to judge as announced. Amongst the 29 pairs of Plainheads were some real good pairs which required some sorting out. Mr. Hart eventually secured premier honours in both classes. We hope to see as good an entry next meeting night, March 6th, at a table show of 2 classes—yellow cock and buff cock. Mr. Howard Bunn kindly promised a silver medal for best yell. cock, and Mr. Kirk silver medal for best buff cock. Mr. Hart has kindly consented to judge, and will not exhibit.

PAIRS PH.: 1, spl, Hart; 2, Catchpole; 3, Castleton; 4, Hart. CRESTS: 1, spl, Hart; 2, Saunders; 3, Linder; 4, Saunders.—F. Rackham, Sec.

PATELEY BRIDGE AND DIS. F.S.

Annual show held February 11th, Oddfellows' Hall. Mr. P. H. Marsden judged and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Barfe staged a team of real gems in the Yorkshire classes, which were greatly admired, as also was Mr. Wilson's Waxwing.

YORKS. CL., ETC. CK.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Barfe, 1st best in show, last year's winner, 2nd nice straight bird 3rd unflg. nice bird. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Barfe, 1st unflg, grand position, good length, 2nd nice silky feather. HEN: 1, spl, 2, Barfe, 1st mealy buff, nice smart lady, 2nd cl. yell., nice and slim, good position. BRIT.: 1, spl, Wilson, Waxwing, grand bird; 2, Wilson, Hyb., grand col; 3, Bell, Goldfinch. COTTAGERS' BIRD: 1, spl, J. W. Brown, grand bird, good enough for open class; 2, Swires, nice buff; 3, Robinson. SELL.: 1, spl, Barfe.—R. Weatherhead.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting held Feb. 7th, when we held a table show. There was a good entry, especially in British birds, the total numbering over 40. Messrs. Edwards and Birks judged, and gave every satisfaction. There were specials galore, including one for every class, one for most points in show, and one for best British bird.

NOR. YELL.: 1, sp, George; 2, 3, Davis. BUFF: 1, spl, George. YORKS. YELL.: 1, spl,; 2, Lea; 3, Tams. BUFF: 1, spl, Lea; 2, Tams. A.O.V.: Cancelled. NORWICH STOCK PAIRS: 1, spl, George. YORKS.: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, spl, 3, Hallam; 2, Lovatt. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 2, Hallam; 3, Walker. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Hallam; 2, 3, Davis. LINNET: 1, spl, 2, Hallam; 3, Davis. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Davis. F.M. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Davis; 2, Tams; 3, Hallam. LINNET: 1, spl, Davis; 2, Walker.—Hallam and Lovatt, Hon. Secs.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Stock pair show held Club Room, Portland Arms, Jacksdale, Feb. 11. The number of birds fell below last year's pair show, but what was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. It is not encouraging for the committee to arrange shows if members are not going to patronise them, as it means unnecessary expense. Mr. B. Simpson placed the awards.

NOR. PAIRS: 1, 2, Ash, two grand pairs, win well; 3, Martin, not quite so fine in feather, grand shape. YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 2, Mitchell, suitably matched. CREST PAIRS: 1, 3, Parson Bros., nice pairs, good width of skull; 2, Howard, grand pair, lose on condition MULING PAIR: 1, Ash, Linnet and Canary, gem of Linnet; 2, Mossendew, Greenfinch and Can., good exhibits. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Mitchell, Greenfinch and Bullfinch, two old faces. BRIT. 1, Smith, Goldfinch, good tannings. NOVICE NOR. PAIRS: 1, Barlow; 2, Parson. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, Mossendew. BRIT.: 1, Mossendew, Will members try and be at club room, Three Sons Inn, Feb. 18, 7. The committee are requested to attend a committee meeting also at 6.50 p.m.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Table show held February 7th; nice collection staged; judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes.

A.V.: 1, Crookes, very fine pair of Crests, wins well; 2, T. Bishop, Yorks., well matched, A1 quality, length and position; 3, bc, Woodhall, Nor., good length, nice size and shape, well placed; 4, Hodkin, pair Crests, worth their place; res, Moore, neat pair Crests; vhc, Bishop; c, Elshaw, typical Yorkshires.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held February 7th, Onward Hall, Mr. W. Rohinson presided over a good muster of members and friends. After usual business the first of the series of table shows for Yorkshire pairs was held. Mr. Slater (Wilmslow) judged, and his awards gave general satisfactiou. Before announcing the awards ten members took part in an amateur judging competition, and Mr. Gowenlock was declared winner, with Mr. Yeates second. Next meeting Feb. 21st, table show of Nor. stock pairs, judge Mr. J. Rayues (Manchester). Birds staged 8 p.m. Two sections (open and amateur) and (novice). Some good specials in store. Fanciers and friends invited. Result of table show:

YORKS. PAIRS: 1, 3, Valentine; 2, 4, Simpson.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

First show of season, held headquarters on Feb. 9. About forty cages were staged; judges, Messrs. Dolan and Davidson.

NOR.: 1, 2, T. J. Robson; 3, 4, Chaplow 5, Is. Robson; 6, Jos. Robson. YORKS.: 1, T. J. Robson; 2, Jos. Robson. BORD.: 1, 3, Thomlinson; 2, Is. Rohson; 4, 5, 6, Morgan. MULE OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, Bell. BRIT. (LARGE): 1, 5, Bell (Waxwing and Bullfinch); 2, 3, Chaplow (Thrush and Starling). SMALL: 1, Bell (Goldfinch); 2, 4, 6, Wilson (Linnet); 3, Chaplow (Tree Sparrow). FOR. (LARGE): 1, Bell (Pennant Parrakeet). SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Bell (Green Budgerigars, Zebra Finch, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills); 4, Chaplow (Zebra Finches). Specials, most points in Can. section, T. J. Robson; ditto Britisb and Foreign, John C. Bell.—J. C. Bell, Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Pair show held Constitutional Club, High Road, Jan. 28th. Many grand pairs were staged in Norwich and Yorkshires. There was a very good attendance. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged.

CHAMP. SECTION.—YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Jones; 2, 3, 4, Forse and Son. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Forse and Son; 4, Jones. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Williamson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Williamson. AMAT. SECTION.—YORKS. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Burbridge. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Parr. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Parr. NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Farmer; 2, 4, Webb. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Farmer; 3, 4, Sharkley. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Bartlett; 2, Marshall; 3, Pettet; 4, Horsup. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Webb; 2, Marshall; 3, Perring; 4, Horsnp. CAN. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Pettet; 2, 3, Walker; 4, Webb.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Members' show held Feb. 11th, 56, Briggate. Entries came up in good numbers, there being 23 in the three classes provided. Mr. Netherwood judged.

NOVICE YOUNG BIRDS (6): 1, Atkinson, holl. roll 6, boll. bell 2, bass roll 2, schockel 4, flute notes 2, belt roll 2, gen. effect 3, sharp flute notes 1, total 20; 2, Best, holl roll 5, holl bell 2, bass roll 1, schockel 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 2, gen. effect 3, total 17; 3, vhc, White, holl roll 6 bass roll 3, schockel 4, flute notes 2, bell roll 2, gen. effect 2, hard aufzug 1, sharp flute notes 1, total 17. NOVICE ANY AGE (14): 1, Hunter, holl roll 7, schockel 2, flute notes 2, water glucke 4, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, gen. effect 4, total 23; 2, Brunt, holl roll 5, bass roll 3, schockel 3, flute notes 2, D.B.W.T. 2, bell roll 2, gen. effect 3, sharp bell tour 1, total 19; 3, Heron, holl roll 7, bass roll 3, schockel 3, flute notes 3, bell roll 1, gen. effect 3, sharp bell tour 1, total 19; vhc, Peel, 18 points; hc, Heron, 18 points, c, Dobson, 17. 15s. LIMIT (3): 1, White, total 16.—H. L. Davis, Assist. Sec.

NEWARK AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual members' show held Feb. 4th, Boar's Head Hotel (headquarters), and a fine array of birds was to be seen. Mr. A. Young (the sec.), Mr. W. Lidgett (the chairman), and Mr. F. Smith (the treasurer) make a capital trio of workers, and the show under their guidance was ably carried through. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged, his awards appearing to give every satisfaction.

NOR. CK., CL.: 1, spl, Wells; 2, Stray; 3, vbc, hc, Lamb; c, Fitchett. TICKED, ETC.: 1, spl, Wells; 2, 3, bc, c, Lamh; vhc, Fitchett. HEN, FED: 1, spl, 3, Wells; 2, spl, vhc, Lamb; hc, Young; c, Ellis. HEN, NOT FED: 1, spl, Lamb; 2, Wells; 3, vhc, Young; hc, Smith, sen.; c, Fitchett. COCK NON-FED: 1, spl, Young; 2, Wells; 3, Smith, sen.; vhc, Cooper. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, Ellis; 2, R. Simpson; 3, Spinks; vhc, spl, Hopkinson; hc, Smith, sen. NOR. (owner not having taken a prize in present season): 1, two spls, vhc, Townbee; 2, Smith, sen.; 3, Young; hc, Smith, jun. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, spl, Wells; 2, c, Simpson; 3, spl, vhc, Fitchett; hc, Smith, sen. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 2, Toynhee; 3, Fitchett; vhc, Lamb; hc, Warriner; c, Slack. FOR.: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, c, Lidgett; vhc, spl, Burbidge; hc, Stray. SELL., CAN.: 1, spl, Wells; 2, Smitb, sen.; 3, Smith, jun. Special for most entries: J. Lamb.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

This recently formed C.B.C. held its first exhibition of matched pairs, February 7th, Village School Room, Alexandria; and it was a decided success. There was a large attendance of members and friends to see an excellent collection of pairs. Mr. J. Hannah (President) occupied the chair, being supported by Mr. A. Lees (Hon. Vice-President) and Mr. J. W. Bell (Vice-President). The criticism, being keen and enthusiastic, proved the educational value of such discussions. Hybrids set the hall a-rolling, and it was eventually agreed that Mr. J. M. Kirdy's pair Greenfinch-Bullfinch was the most likely to produce the most popular Hybrids. The Finch and Canary class proved the tit-bit of the evening, a very animated discussion taking place as to whether Mr, A. Thom's Linnet-Canary or Mr. J. Lile's Goldfinch-Canary pair were the best. Mr. M'Lean's pair were the admired Norwich, and in Scots Fancies a good general discussion took place, Messrs. Thom and M'Lean being the favourites. Borders found Mr. J. Campbell leading with his yell. cock, 1st Uddingston, etc., and buff variegd. hen, Mr. J. Crow's pair running them close. Eight new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. A. Campbell, H. Hannah, D. Steven, J. Stevenson, J. Proctor, H. Irwin, J. Linton, and P. Campbell. Next meeting same place, March when Mr. J. Hannah will give a lecture on "British birds (hardbills) and their Management." Visitors invited.—A. H. McLean.

YARM, EAGLESCLIFFE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second table show held February 3rd. There were some capital entries, and local rivalry very keen. Chief prize winners were: Messrs. J. Henderson, F. Danby, H. Garhutt, A. Clement, C. Willis, C. Johnson, W. Harwood, W. Smith, and E. Wilson. Judge, Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby). Next meeting February 24th.—Thos. Wilson, Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, on Jan. 25th. Report of show season was gone through. Medal winners resulted as follows: Messrs. J. Forster and R. Todd and Son (Darlington), 2 each; J. Maddison, T. C. Crawhall, C. G Pettersseu (Newcastle), 2 each; J. McKenzie (Gateshead), 2; T. Robson, A. Noble, G. Taylor, 1 each; G. Davidson and W. O. Neill (Carlisle), 1 each; C. Waters (Sunderland).I. Extra Medals: British birds, T. Steele, A. Noble, 1st and 2nd; Mules, Sokell and Kings; foreign birds, M. C. Potts. Cups: That well-known fancier, Mr. J. Maddison captured both British Bird and Mule Cups, and Mr. J. McKenzie the Foreign Bird Cup. New members enrolled: Messrs. J. Slack, J. Scott, and Young, these being unanimously elected. Table show result:

LINNET: 1, Bertram; 2, Shepherd and Son; 3, Irving. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Bertram; 2, Potts; 3, Robson. FOR.: 1, Shepherd and Son; 2, McKenzie; 3, Pettersaen. Mr. J. Maddison judged. Agreed, to hold a table show at next meeting, classes as follows: Linnet; Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; A.O.S. British; and A.S. For. Hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Maddison brought meeting to a close.—J. Bertram, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.A.

Meeting and table show of matched pairs held Clarendon Hall, Feb. 10th. There was a splendid turn-out, no less than 62 pairs facing the judges. This is really grand, considering this is the first pairs show the club has had. The quality was excellent. Judges: For Canary pairs, Mr. J. Young, and for Muling and Hybrid Pairs, Mr. R. V. Raine. Their awards were well received. While the judging was in progress, the meeting was held in the side room, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a large attendance. Twelve new members were enrolled. viz.: Messrs. J. Phillips, W. McManus, T. Baird, J. Rogers, A. Thomson, J. Bannerman, W. Armstrong, A. Kinneburgh, J. Houstou, G. Corner, R. Brown, and W. Davidson.

NOR. P.-H. (13): 1, Campbell; 2, 5, McMechan; 3, 4, 6, 7, Jas. Crawford. CRESTS (2): 1, Crawford; 2, Proudfoot. BORD. FCY. (10): 1, Proudfoot; 2, 5, 6, Symington; 3, 7, Campbell; 4, Lunn. YORKS. (10): 1, 2, Hendry; 3, 4, 7, Pinnock; 5, Loan; 6, Wilson. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, E. Taylor. MULING PAIRS (13): 1, Proudfoot; 2, 7, Wilson; 3, 6, Smith; 4, Hughes; 5, McMechan. BULLFINCH HYBRID PAIRS (4): 1, E. Taylor; 2, Jamieson; 3, Dunlop; 4, Proudfoot. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS (9): 1, 4, 7, E. Taylor; 2, Wilson; 3, Seath; 5, Proudfoot; 6, Jamieson.—William Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

HULL CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

First members' show of the year held Feb. 6, Oddfellows' Hall. 83 pairs were staged, and some grand pairs were on view. Messrs. Geo. Brumby and J. Calam were the elected judges, but Mr. Calam declined the honour, and Mr. R. Barwick officiated in his place. Mr. Brumby judged the Norwich classes and the Champion A.O.V., Mr. Barwick taking the Yorks and the Novice A.O.V. Mr. Thirsk offered a cash special for best pair, and this was won by Mr. Stamford.

CHAMP. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Calam; 3, Prentice. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Calam; 3, Stamford. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, sp, Stamford; 2, Prentice. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Stamford. A.O.V. PAIRS: 1, 2, Calam. NOV. NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Potter, F.F.; 2, Douse. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Douse; 2, Potter. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Frith; 2, Sowden; 3, Clayton. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Frith; 2, Lightfoot; 3, Smith. A.O.V., PAIRS: 1, 2, Longhorn; 3, Potter F. F. This being the first show for the society's points cups, the following are the number obtained by each competitor:—Champion Section: Calam 43, Stamford 25, Prentice 9; Novice Section: Potter F. F. 22, Douse 16, Frith 16, Longhorn 11, Lightfoot 8, Clayton 5, Sowden, H., 5, Smith 4, Ridley 3, Hogg 3, Girling 3, Howe 2.—E. R. Ridley, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) C.S.

Table show held Feb. 11, it being a thorough success, no less than 62 birds being staged in the classes, making a grand show. The judges—Messrs. W. H. Raven (British) and L. Burrows (Canaries)—placed the awards to everyone's satisfaction, and the society are grateful to them. Owing to the excellent manner in which members and friends pushed the sale of admission tickets, about 500 were disposed of, the society benefiting considerably thereby. A good singing Canary was kindly presented by Mr. J. Alsebrooke, to be given to a ticket holder, the lucky drawer being Mr. Winfield; 3 specials (one in each section) value 7s. 6d. each, and consisting of a beautiful gilt picture, a set of vases, and clock, and a copper kettle, were won by Messrs. J. Smedley (Norwich), J. Goode (British), and H. Cowpertwait (Crest). The society's thanks are due to Messrs. T. H. V. Hayter, and J. Bowers for their generosity in giving two of the specials, also to Mr. J. Bunn for the efficient manner in which he performed his secretarial duties.

NOR. CK. (8): 1, 3, Smedley, 1st buff tkd., well-known winner, needs no comment; 2, Hill, grand yell. tkd., close runner-up. HEN (5): 1, 2, Smedley, both cl. buffs, exceptional quality and col.; 3, Hill, cl. yell., nice tight specimen. CREST (8): 1, 3, J. Cowpertwait, both showing exceptionally good head feather of nice radiation; 2, H. Cowpertwait, varieg., very little to choose between this and first; 4, Bowers, nice grizzle Crest. C.B. (11): 1, H. Cowpertwait, large varieg., regular "beak-ender," one of the best in show; 2, Barker, similar to winner, not quite so good in head; 3, Davis, varieg., smaller in skull; 4, Bowers; 5, Davis. LINNET, ETC. (12): Owing to the variety, the British classes were extremely hard to judge, but the general opinion was that Mr. Raven did remarkably well: 1, Wood, Linnet, recently-caught, and as this astute fancier showed it in preference to his others, no further comment is necessary; 2, Bunn, Greenfinch, one of the finest coloured specimens we have met, would make a regular stormer if a bit larger; 3, 4, Goode, 3rd Linnet, exceptionally well marked specimen; 4, Twite, grand bird; 5, Hayter. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Goode, Goldfinch, cl. cut cap, good col., nice buttons; 2, Hayter, Bramblefinch, typical specimen, nicely spangled, exceptional col.; 3, Smedley, Bullfinch, field-moulted, like wax, perfect cap, very rich breast; 4, Saywell, Goldfinch, good specimen; 5, Bunn. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, Goode,, Yellowhammer, undoubtedly grand specimen, col., and markings perfect; 2, Harrison, Wheatear, large specimen, beautiful condition and col.; 3, Handley, Hawfinch, extra large specimen, good show points: 4, Hayter.

CLYDEBANK & DISTRICT C.B C.

Pair show, held usual meeting place, Feb. 9th. Great credit was due to Mr. Miller (Annesland) for the satisfactory way in which he judged. Being a newly-formed club the classes were exceedingly well filled, especially the Plainhead and Muling classes. The enthusiasm displayed by the members present shows every one has the welfare of the club at heart. At meeting held during judging, Mr. Tawse presided, owing to the indisposition of our worthy chairman, Mr. Sheridan. Mr. C. Hamilton was proposed a new member.

NOR.: 1, spl, Tawse; 2, spl, Hart; 3, Bilsland; 4, McGown. SCOTS. FCY.: 1, Bilsland. BORD.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Buchanan. YORKS.: 1, 2, Kane. MULING PAIRS: 1, spl, O'Donnell; 2, Sheridan; 3, Hart; 4, McGown. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Greer. Special for best pair in hall: Tawse.

BANBURY (Oxon).

Twenty-second annual show of the Banbury C.B., etc., Society held Cadbury Memorial Hall, Feb. 7th and 8th. The entry was the best for some years past. The veteran, Mr. H. Dale, as usual, was very busy in our section. We trust this Society will see their way to make a better classification next year. Mr. G. A. Townsend (Leeds) judged.

NOR.: 1, 2, sp, Hall, leader good unflig. cl. yell., grand shape and quality, short wings and tail, grand condition, 2nd buff tkd. on head, very typical, short, thick set, good Nor. throughout; 3, hc, Butler, another fine specimen; res, Lovegrove; c, Grant. SELL., 15s.: 1, Dale; 2, Butler; 3, Hall; res, vbc, c, Viggars; hc, Grant. BRIT.: Good class: 1, spl, Parsons, well-known Magpie, in grand order, well staged; 2, 3, res, Viggars, 2nd Greenfinch, large nat. col., good shape, beautiful quality feather, 3rd Songthrush, nicely mkd., very steady, res Nuthatch, in perfect feather, in very good condition; vhc, Battley; hc, Wodbull; c, Rowson.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIST. C.B.A.

Matched pairs show held Feb. 11th, Mr. H. Peverall officiating as judge. The exhibits numbered 84—76 pairs and 8 singles being staged, which was 7 less than last year. The awards were well received. A good muster of visitors attended during the evening, among them being several prominent London fanciers. A very pleasant feature was some good records on a gramaphone. The show should prove a financial success from the number of tickets sold.

CHAMP. NOR. (8): 1, spl, 3, Roberts; 2, Lethbridge. NOVICE (8): 1, spl, 2, spl, 3, Bown. CHAMP. YORKS (6): 1, 3, Ayres; 2, Rogers. AMAT. (8): 1, 2, Menhennett; 3, Monger. NOVICE (22): 1, spl, 3, ex. 3, Lawrence, 2, spl, Herring. GOLDIE AND CAN. (6): 1, spl, 2, Clark; 3, Birch. GREENIE AND CAN (6): 1, Clark; 2, Lowe; 3, Birch. LINNET AND CAN. (4): 1, Birch; 2, Battison; 3, Lawrence. A.O.V. HYB. (1): Clark. PAIRS LIMIT (25s.) (9): 1, 3, Lethbridge; 2, Rogers. SELL. (20s.) SINGLE (8): 1 2. Rogers; 3, Baker.—J. C. Birch, Hon. Sec

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 7th, headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, where a large and enthusiastic number of members turned up, the Chairman (Mr. T. Down) presiding. Confirmation of Secretary's report of work done, also some business, etc., transacted, the chief of which was the election of 18 new members. We are anticipating another 18 or 20 new members next meeting night. The event of the evening was a table show of matched pairs Canaries for breeding, prizes 5/-, 2/6, and 1/6, with no entry fee. This is where the members get "something for nothing." There was an exceptionally good show of birds. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) placed the cards. Mr. Barnes afterwards made some interesting remarks as to how the birds had fared. The merits of each particular variety were considered, and what were the chief faults to watch and guard against, both in buying stock and matching birds. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Barnes. Don't forget our next meeting, March 7th, when a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary will be given by Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford). The Committee will have a pleasant surprise for members (see CAGE BIRDS during the next few weeks), something that will no doubt be appreciated by both old and new fanciers. Membership now totals 50 paying members, and we are only two months old! 1, Crookes, pair of Crests; 2, Bishop, 2 pairs Yorks; 3, Woodall, 2 pairs Nor.; 4, Hadkin, Crests; res, Moor, Crests; c, Elshaw.—John A. T. Woodall, Correspondent.

SANDY.

Second quarterly meeting and show of the Sandy and District F. and F.S. held Town Hall, Feb. 9th, and proved a great success. The Secretary, Mr. J. Kent, ably assisted by Mr. F. W. Western, together with an enthusiastic committee, carried out their duties in a businesslike manner, and everything went off with a swing. There was a good attendance, and the balance at the finish was on the right side. Mr. Palmer (Glamlingay) judged the cage birds, and gave general satisfaction. The quality of the birds was really very excellent for a local show, and augurs well for the future.

NOR. CK.: 1, spl, 2, res, hc, Thompson, 1st very fine typical buff, rare sweep of chest, grand quality, 2nd lovely mkd. buff, excelling in quality; 3, Wilmot, another very fine big buff with rare body, good head; vhc, Kingston; hc, Thurley. HEN: 1, Wilmot, very short and compact, extra good body properties; 2, 3, Thompson, excellent yell., simply teeming with quality, and good headed buff, a trifle pale in col; res, Kingstone, nice grizzled buff, good quality; vhc, Livermore. NOR. NAT. COL.: 1, res, Thompson, nice quality marked yell. and cl. buff; 2, vhc, Kingstone, bull, nice type, wee bit flat on head; 3, Wilmot, cl. yell, good quality. A.O.V.: 1, Thompson, good Nor. green rare depth of col.; 2, Kingstone, mkd. yell. Nor., in the wrong class; 3, Ibbitt, nice Yorks, would look better in a Yorks cage. CAN. SELL. 10s.: 1, res, Klngstone; 2, Thompson; 3, vhc, Chater; hc, Trum. GOLDFINCH, good class: 1, Croot, rare col, expansive buff, good bird; 2, Sarll, very smart, clean, good col. Finch, very steady, some thought might have won; 3, Wilmot, large field-moulted bird, extra good blaze; res, Searle; vhc, Thompson; hc, Hunter. BULLFINCH: 1, Miss Harris, well-formed, jet-black cap, nice size, good col., wins; Thurley, fine col.; 3 Banes, smart, a trifle on small side otherwise good; res, Wilmot, good one, bigger than 2 or 3; vhc, Croot; hc, Godman. MULE: 1, Godman, smart Goldfinch Mule, nicely marked; 2, Miss Harris, very fine large Greenfinch Mule; 3, Wilmot, good col. Linnet Mule, of rare size; vhc, hc, Dunton. LINNET: 1, Wilmot, house-moulted, nice distinct pencilling; 2, Thompson, excellent type nicely pencilled; 3, Croot, smart, shows whites nicely, not quite so good in pencilling; res, Banes; vhc, Sarll; hc, Thurley. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Thompson, rich col. Bramble, nicely spangled; 2, res Miss Harris, one big Greenfinch, of good col, very smart, good col Siskin; 3, Pyant, rich col. Chaffinch; vhc, hc, Thurley. GIFT.: 1, 2, J. Kent; 3, Pyant; res, Empson Bros.

LEICESTER (Combined).

Members of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand and Leicester C.B. Societies held a most successful joint show Jan. 28, White Swan Hotel, Market Place. Classes were well filled, and the competition was keen, the Goldfinch class being one of the best got together in Leicester, 20 facing the judge, some well-known winners having to stand down. Needless to say, the winner changed hands at a good figure, and it has gone into a sportsman's hands; with a good moult, more will be heard of it. The judges finished in good time, and everything was ready nearly an hour before stated time for opening show. Judges: Open Section, Mr. G. W. Wheatley; Novice Section, Mr. F. Harrison; and British, Yorkshires, and Borders, Mr. W. Judd.

NOR., NAT. COL., CK.: 1, Heighton; 2, 3, Herbert. HEN: 1, Wood; 2, 3, Herbert. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Stevens; 2, Harrison; 3, Peberdy. BUFF: 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Peberdy; 3, Stevens. MKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Hextall; 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Gibbons. BUFF: 1, Walton and Noakes; 2, Hextall; 3, Stevens. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Tyler; 2, Freestone; 3, Gibbons. BUFF: 1, 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Peberdy. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Stevens; 2, Sanders; 3, Walton and Noakes. BUFF: 1, Hulse; 2, Sanders; 3, Freestone. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Walton and Noakes; 3, Hulse. HEAVILY VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Hale; 2, Tyler; 3, Pole. NOVICE CLASSES: NAT. COL. CK.: 1, Miles; 2, Claypole; 3, Wortley. HEN: 1. Heighton; 2, Collett Bros.; 3, Wortley. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Groocock; 2, Heighton; 3, Miles. BUFF: 1, 2, Adams; 3, Groocock. MKD., ETC., YELL: 1, Sherriff; 2, Boulter; 3, Kilsby. BUFF: 1, Chambers and Son; 2, Heigbton; 3, Kilsby. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Kilsby; 2, Moore; 3, Warmington. BUFF: 1, Adams; 2, Sherriff; 3, Gamble. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Moore; 2, Collett; 3, Adams. BUFF: 1, Adams; 2, Sherriff; 3, Essex. MKD., ETC.: 1, Adams; 2, Groocock; 3, Moores. HEAVILY, ETC.: 1, 3, Miles; 2, Boulter. OPEN CLASSES: CINN.: 1, 2, Tyler; 3, Adams. YORKS.: 1, Collett; 2, 3, Freer. A.O.V.: 1, Gamble; 2, 3, Tyler. LIGHT MULES: 1, Orme. DK. MULES OR HYB.: 1, Groocock; 2, Sherriff; 3, Stevens. GOLDFINCH: 1, Yates; 2, Hawthorn; 3, Brooks. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Ride; 3, Riley. LINNET: 1, Orme; 2, Bell; 3, Hawthorn. GREENFINCH: 1, Ride; 2, Chambers; 3, Orme. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Groocock; 2, Ride; 3, Harrison. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Turner; 2, Pole; 3, Hawthorn. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Tyler; 2, Turner; 3, Walton. A.O.V.: 1, Ride; 2, Chambers; 3, Heighton. BRIT. HEN: 1, Ride; 2. Kilsby; 3, Chambers. INSECTIV.: 1, Ride; 2, Moore.

MILLOM.

Millom and Dist. C.B.A., 7th annual show held in the spacious Drill Hall, on Feb. 11th. The hall is a well lighted and most suitable rendezvous for a show. The entry totalled about 80 birds (confined to a radius of a few miles). Owing to some slight misunderstanding, some 50 or 60 entries failed to be made from one or two large fanciers, and enthusiasts in the district. We trust matters will be put in order and that another year all the available show birds will be present. All the leading lights of the district lent their patronage, and the committee is composed of the following: Chairman, Mr. S. Withington, and Messrs. P. Davies, F. Coulson, W. J. Park, W. R. Watson, H. Baines, J. Bertram, H. Bell, J. Evans, A. Wood, W. Denny, T. Vernon; Hon. Treas., W. Park; Hon. Sec., F. W. Bradley. Three money prizes and specials for each class were offered for a 1s. entry fee. Some very nice Yorkshires and Borders were shown, a team of the latter being the successful winners of the champion cup belonging to Mr. W. Park. The winning yellow ben is a gem, and we were told she was the runner-up last year for cup. Taken all through, it made a very nice show of good birds, some very pretty Mules and British and Foreign birds being staged. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his work was well received.

The Critique.

YORKS CK. (8): 1, Bradley, buff, very slim and stylish, neat and clear through, stands well up, firm, rare carriage and very tight condition, medium size; 2, 3, hc, c, spl, Coulson, fine quartet, 2nd long cl. yell, fine stand, well up on leg, clean through, good carriage and condition, 3rd cl. buff, grand quality of feather, just a bit apt to cross wings too much, otherwise a gem; vhc, Bradley, large yell., bit full in neck HEN (5): 1, Bradley, lovely cl. buff, grand style, straight up, clean through, fine carriage and condition; 2, 3, vhc, res, Coulson, grand trio, 2nd varieg. yell., full of style, col., quality, carriage and condition, all there, 3rd tick wing buff, lovely feather, fine drawn, nice contour; hc, Wood. BORD. CK. (6): All W. Park, grand lot, leader fine jaunty eye, ticked yell., lovely quality, 2nd buff, fine quality, shape and carriage, 3rd rather slimmer yell., nice bird, vhc buff, smaller, but splendid quality. HEN (3): All W. Park, leader the winner in the champion cup competition, a regular charming lady, very gay and jaunty, graceful carriage, lovely condition, a 5-pointed yell, 2nd cl. yell., smaller and beaten in wings a little, 3rd short compact buff. A.O.V. (6): 1, 3, c, sp, Park, buff green Bord., foul tail, lovely shape, col. and condition, 3rd foul yell. green Bord., nice col. and type; 2, Bell, big nat. col. buff Nor.; vhc, J. Davis, nice cinn. Nor. type; hc, Metters, nat. col. buff Yorks. DK. CAN. MULE (7): 1, 2, hc, c, sp, Bertram, 1st good thick-set buff Greenie-Can., nice shape, feather, and condition, 2nd good shape, deep col. yell. Linnet-Can., in grand condition; 3, vhc, Baines, 3rd fine jonque Goldie-Can., in nice feather and condition. BRIT. GOLDIE ETC. (6): 1, vhc, sp, Bertram, good blaze, tan body, moons and bars, nice shape, grand when tighter in feather; 2, Baines, nice conditioned Bullie, good cap and breast, etc.; 3, c, Bell, Goldie, grand body condition. LINNET (5): 1, spl, Denny, nice size, shape, col. and markings, wins on condition; 2, A. Bradley, cobby, very good markings nice feather; 3, Bertram, largest in class, grand head, markings and col., condition apparently kept it from 1st; vhc, Coulson; hc, F. W. Bradley. A.O.S. BRIT. HARD (10): 1, Baines, fine Bramble, good markings, shape, and condition; 2, 3, spl, Bell, good Yellow Bunting, fine col., markings, and condition, 3rd nicely marked Siskin, dense cap; vhc, Stone, good Redpoll; hc, c, Evans. SOFTBILL: 1, Coward, Blackbird. SELL. (15s.) (7): 1, 2, spl, Coulson; 3, F. W. Bradley; vhc, hc, c, Dr. Glaister. (10s.) (9): 1, spl, Watson; 2, Dr. Glaister; 3, A Wood; vhc, Coulson; hc, Davies; c, Bertram. FOR. (6): 1, spl, Coward, fine Blue-front Amazon, in best of feather; 2, Northmore, big Yellow-nape Amazon, a great talker; 3, Withington, rare fine Siberian Goldie, grand blaze, buttons, bars, brown tail and feather, just wants steadying up a bit; vhc, Bertram, another good Siberian Goldie; hc, Gendle; c, Miss B. A. Withington, pretty Black-headed Gouldian, only short of pins in tail to make it stand higher. Cup Competition: 1, Park, Class 9, No. 1, 2, ditto, Class 7, No. 1; 3, ditto, Class 7, No. 6.

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WANTED, young African Grey Amazon or a Parrot, in exchange for brass cornet in case: Bentley, 1, Silver-crescent, Gunnersbury, W.

WANTED Canaries; good exchange in gents,' ladies', and childrens' boots and shoes; send particulars: Wressell, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

WANTED Budgerigars (adult) in exchange for Harmsworth Encyclopaedia, 40 parts, complete: Underwood, 146, High-st., Kingsland, N.

WANTED, 6 pairs Norwich, for model ship under glass, worth £5; 2ft. 6in. long. 11in. wide, depth 21in.: Undertaker, George-lane, Woodford.

WANTED, good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires and Crests; send lowest prices to A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

TO exchange dark Goldie Mule, buff, winner, for 2 unflighted yellow, clear, Norwich hens, or sell 15/-: Street, 69, Park-rd., Crouch End, N.

WANTED good talking Amazon Parrot (no screamer); give words, price, on approval, deposit with Editor: 34, Jones-st., Seedley, Salford.

WANTED Canaries; exchange £2 5s. gramophone disc machine, Pathe saphire sound box, sell 25/-; offers: Marriott, Wickham, Halstead, Essex.

WANTED large yellow Yorkshire hen, exchange cock and hen (1910) White Bantams; approval both ways: Toyne, Borkham-st., Wainfleet.

WANTED, sectional cycle house (two cycles); exchange high-class Norwich cocks or breeding pairs: Scott, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

WANTED, Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, any quantity; state lowest price: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

WANTED talking Parrot or small Toy Pom.; exchange 3 pairs of Norwich Canaries, prize strain, 20/- pair; D. Browning, 40, Hoopern-st., Exeter.

WANTED, cob harness; good exchange high class poultry, Buff Orpingtons, White Wyandottes, Leghorns, Minorcas: Cainbage, The Gardens, Poppleton.

WANTED, cock Canary; exchange three crossbred Seifert Roller Norwich hens, 1910, two clear, one ticked: S. Jones, Saddler, Albury, Hadham, Herts.

OFFERS Yorkshires or house-moulted Goldfinch cocks, for pair of ball-bearing skates, cost 21/-: Roberts, jun., Stannab Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

WANTED, cock and hens, Canaries, large or small quantities, cheap for cash; will deposit cash with visitor: Carter, 45, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED, any quantity Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., also hen Canaries, and mules; please state price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, offers in Norwich, for a good pair of Borders, two show cages and case, nearly new, or sell £1: J. Forrest, 134, West Main-st., Whitburn, N.B.

WANTED offers in Norwich Canaries for silver fawn rabbit buck, 18 months, two lots and vhc, only time shown: Mitchell, Buckingham-st., Aylesbury.

WANTED offers, 3 Sib. Muling hens, bred nearly clear last season, also cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, Mular; genuine bargain: G. Herniman, Bideford.

A GREAT Grey Shrike, either fresh-caught or house-moulted, good price given for a good specimen, send particulars to: E. S., 24, Goosley lane, East Ham.

WANTED, good, strong, healthy Canaries, in exchange for cigars, pipes, razors, and Norwich cropper pigeons: Trapnell, Hairdresser, Weston-super-Marc.

WANTED, large colour-fed Norwich, also Cinnamon Norwich; will give 7/- per pair for good birds; send particulars: H. Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensborg, Bradford.

NOTICE! Will give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, 10/- for Crests; also a Scotch Fancy wanted: M'Reand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, 2 good hen Canaries; exchange 2 bantam cockerels, 1 pure-bred Golden Sebright, 1 common duckwing: Schalk, Fairford, Gloucester.

WANTED, Canaries, Rollers preferred, in exchange for fishing tackle, golf clubs, black melton coat and vest and Persian cat; apply: A. Lewis, Kennels, Great Missenden.

WANTED Siberian cock Goldfinch and 2 hen Canaries, exchange 3 grand laying pullets; birds first; approval: Martin, Wardine-cott., Leintwardine, Herefordshire.

WANTED, offers in Black Minorca pullets; must have large drooping combs, for two Yorkshire cock Canaries, or sell 15/-; yours first: Bentley, 275, Astley-st., Dukinfield.

WANTED, three cocks, Canaries, singing, or mules, or 9 hens; exchange heavily silver-plated teapot or cruet; state wants in cutlery; approval: Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

CATCHER to supply Goldies, Bullies, Linnets, for cash, or birdlime, for resale; some prize Norwich for sale, cocks 8/6, hens from 3/6: Hilbert, 16, Ann-st., Reddish, Stockport.

WANTED, large, steady hen Bullfinches or Siberian cock Goldfinch; exchange pair Yorkshires, sell, 10/-; approval; offers first: Harrison, Ellenborough-place, Maryport, Cumberland.

WANTED offers for 7 Yorkshire cocks, 3 Norwich cocks, 4 Yorkshire hens, and 7 Norwich hens, bred from high-class stock and colour-fed: Beck, School House, Rookery-rd., Handsworth, Staffs.

WANTED pair Rollers; exchange pair clear stock Norwich; also 2 house-moulted cock Linnets and house-moulted cock Twite, Mule breeders; wanted Rollers: Peters, School-st., Little Hulton.

WANTED, large colour-fed Norwich, also Borders and English Rollers; good price for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; full particulars and stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED, good Norwich yellow cock and hen, good buff hen, exchange Greenfinch-Mule, winner card sent, and two Norwich hens, also cash for good strain; approval: Dean, Cavendish-rd., Matlock.

PROVED hybrid pairs; cock Goldie, hen Bullie; cock Chaffinch, hen Bullie; cock Linnet, hen Greenie; wanted clear cock Canaries, also a good Peathroat and large Buff hen, 7/6: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinch Mules or Linnet Mules, for cash; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; also wanted puppies, rabbits, guinea pigs, fowls, and anything alive: Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London, N.

WANTED driving or blanket rugs, household goods, gentleman's wardrobe; exchange eggs for hatching, from special pens of White Wyandottes, Buff Orpingtons, R.I. Reds, Houdans: Cambage, The Gardens, Poppleton. Warranted fertile, 5/- dozen.

OPENING new premises; wanted, wholesale price lists, appliances, cages, all requisites to bird trade, wicker cages, also British, from catchers; Canaries, etc.; any quantities: Editor's deposit: Reliable Aviaries, 7, Talton-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.

R. Anderton, Breeze Hill, Cadley, Preston, has not enough buff hens for breeding, and wishes to balance up his stock pairs by exchanging an excellent exhibition yellow Norwich cock, winner of few good prizes, for a typical unflighted buff Norwich hen.

WANTED Crested cock and 2 Crestbred hens, large and young birds preferred, exchange 6 young Yorkshire hens and 1 cock, or sell £1; hens, 3/- each; cock, 5/-; carriage paid; stamp for reply: Pickles, Showcroft Hill, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge, Yorks.

CASH offers, whole-plate, mahogany camera, ½-plate hand camera, both complete, folding mahogany table, bagatelle board, 84 inches by 22 inches, also Terry's chest expander; particulars, stamp: Herbert Woodhead, Jug and Glass, Edwinstowe.

WANTED Canaries, breeding, Rollers preferred, Muling cock Goldfinches, exchange 5 1/6 Edison indestructible records, new Edison recorder for making records, Revenge acetylene cycle lamp, double burner; birds first; approval: Dickinson, Carleton Green, Pontefract.

WANTED, any quantity Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, squirrels, Jays, Jackdaws, Magpies, ferrets, white mice, Parrots, Mules, catchers, or small lots, from aviaries bought; hen Canaries, etc.: Manager, Bird Stores, London-rd., Manchester.—Branch, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, will give 4/- each for cocks, 18/- dozen hens; no Germans; will give 4/- each for cock Goldfinch Mules; 11/- dozen hen Goldfinch Mules; 8/9 each for cock Linnet Mules; 9/- dozen hen Linnet Mules; I have 21 Siberian cock Goldfinches, good singers, will exchange for Canaries or Mules: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

WANTED, cock Canaries, in full song; state prices; will give 1/- each for small hens, Norwich and Yorkshire 1/6 and 1/9; best prices given for Linnets, Larks, Goldfinches, and Bullfinches; must be healthy, for shop in main thoroughfare, doing about best trade in Yorkshire; talking Parrots and monkeys bought: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BRITISH and tropical butterflies, humming birds, mounted for ornamental purposes. Nature study cases; lists: Ford, Naturalist, Stourfield, Bournemouth.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

FOR sale or exchange, 4 Jays: S. Allington, Barley, Royston, Herts.

TWO exhibition mules for large Siberian Goldfinch or Sib. hens: Brain, Glastonbury.

GOLDFINCH mules, singing cocks, exchange carpenters' tools; offers: Fitzjohn, Star-st., Ware.

TWO extra large cock Skylarks, 1/6 each; or good exchange: Winterborne, Wisbech St. Mary, Cambs.

EXCHANGE two young cock Bullfinches for a cock Seifert Roller: E. Price, Rowfant, Crawley, Sussex.

DARK cock Linnet Mule for two Yorkshire show cages; Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 to 12/6: 364, Bury-rd., Bolton.

HAND-reared pet Magpie, 1908 bird, 5/-, or suitable exchange, to good home: Marshall, 19, Mavin-st., Durham.

THREE-QUARTER violin and bow in case; mandoline; 18-egg incubator; carpenter's tools; exchange good cock Rollers, or anything; offers invited; letters please: Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

TWO pair Bullfinches, 7/-, exchange pair Yorkshires, or 2 good hens; offers: Miss Wagland, 29, Bath-st., Chard.

EXCHANGE white-legged cock Goldfinch, for laying pullets, or sell 10/-: Allday, 23, Carnarvon-rd., Stratford, London.

COCKS; Larks, Linnets, full song, 1/6 each; exchange Goldfinches, Canaries: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE 6 selected Linnets, 2 Greenies, all cocks, for Yorkshire or Norwich hen: Witton, 7, Winsley-rd., Colchester.

COCK Linnets (guaranteed), in full song, 2/6 each; cock Skylarks, singing, 1/6 each; exchange; offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

COCK Hawfinch, grand colour, bib, and markings, 12/6, exchange cock Goldie, to moult: Burrows, Grange-rd., Southall.

TWO hen Bullfinches, Lark, Greenfinch; what offers in cycle covers, 26 by 1¾, wired on, or hen Canaries: F. Hird, Helm, Windermere.

TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch and Sib.-bred hen Canary, 10 6 per pair; approval: Renwick, 126, Ingleby Drive, Glasgow.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch and Yorkshire hen, 4/6; or exchange for Norwich hen, Buff, 1910: Sleep, 10, Oakfield-terrace, Plymouth.

PAIR Bullfinches, 2 hen Canaries, 7/- lot, or exchange for moulted cock Goldie; offers; yours first: Rennie, 8, High-st., Prestonpans.

SPLENDID Sib. cock, 12/6; or exchange good Roller cock or Goldfinches; approval: Robinson, Feckenham-rd., Headless Cross, Redditch.

EXHIBITION dark Buff Greenfinch Canary Mule, big winner, 30/-; exchange pair cinnamons, Norwich type: Hall, Forfield-place, Leamington.

EXCHANGE hand-reared cock Linnet, Sib hen, Mulers, for pair Borders, sell 7/6; offers: A. J. Allen, New Road, Gillingham, Dorset.

WILL exchange Goldfinch cock Mule, Finch notes, for two Yorkshire hen Canaries; hens first: J. Warwick, 26, Faversham-st., Middlesbrough.

BULLFINCH cage (metal), cock brown Linnet, lot 5/-; exchange cock Canary, Foreigners; offers: Podmore, Ravenscliffe-rd., Kidsgrove, Staffs.

WILL exchange eight homers and a little cash for a good 1910 Norwich yellow cock; must be good; bird first: Morris, 57, High-st., Tooting.

HAWFINCHES, and other British, to moult for exhibition, for sale, or exchange prize Norwich; offers: A. Wyer, New Sawley, Derbyshire.

VARIETY Silver Fawn Linnet, beautifully pencilled, with show cage, 10/-; or exchange approval: Smart, 5, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

WINNING Redwing and show cage 10/6; case and two British show cages 5/-; exchange Hardbills; offers: Morrison, North Station, Johnstone.

SELL or exchange pair Crossbills, twice aviary-moulted, for exhibition; British Hawfinch wanted; approval: Boddy, 9, Westwood, Scarborough.

EXCHANGE two muling cock Goldfinches for good Border hens, or sell 10/-; approval: W. Goldsmith, Wheelwright, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

THREE hen Mules, beauties, Redpoll, Siskin cock, 2 hen Bullfinches, exchange anything; offers, letters please: Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

FOUR grand cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 5/6 each, exchange 2 for good Yorkshire cock: A. Blinman, 16, Lower Lane, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

SPLENDID Jay (hand-reared), 6/6; fine cock Hawfinch, 6/6; exchange Zebra Finches, Yellow Budgerigars, cock Canaries: Jupp, Stone-st., Maidstone.

COCK Hawfinch, grand bird, nest-moulted, 7/6; one field-moulted, 6/-; exchange either for good singing Mule: F. Clark, Harold House, Waltham Cross.

CANARY reared cock Goldfinch, Mule breeder; sell, exchange Canaries; only good birds wanted and offered; approval: J. Lyes, Thetford, Norfolk.

I WILL exchange high-class British for Muling, showing, or singing, for any kind of cock and hen Canaries: Fred Allen, Bird Specialist, Porter-st., Hull.

LARGE house-moulted Linnet, splendid bird, singing strong, sale 5/-; exchange good Yellow Norwich hen; approval: G. Gordon, 76, High-st., Fraserburgh.

CHAFFINCH, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, Linnet, sell 6/-; Goldfinch, Siskin, 3/- each; guaranteed cocks offers; anything: Cadman, 45, Princes-rd., Brighton.

THREE cock Goldfinches, one cock Linnet, bred Mules, exchange for good yellow Yorkshire cock, unflighted; on approval: W. Steel, Cannon-lane, Maidenhead.

GRAND team field moulted specimens, two Bramblefinches, two Greenfinches (yellows), Linnets, all handsome cocks, 5/- lot: Keymer, Blackwall Reach, Gorleston-on-Sea.

WHAT exchange in Canaries for two pairs Bullfinches, five large cock Greenfinches, three cock Chaffinches, one large cock Redpoll; offers: J. Warrior, Arskew, Bedale.

HOUSE-moulted cocks, and in full song; two Linnets, 4/- each; 2 Redpolls, 1/6 each; Greenfinch, 2/-; hen Bullfinch, 1/-; or exchange Canaries: Silvester, 27, Retcar-st., Highgate.

WHAT offers in Canaries for nest of four Greenfinches, Canary-reared, twice h.m.; cock Goldfinch, cock Skylark, all healthy: W. Higby, High-st., Raunds, Wellingborough.

CHAMPION cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, 12/6; exchange Yellow Norwich hen; cock Bullfinch, house-moulted; exchange Buff Norwich hen, unflighted: T. Lewis, Church-st., Narberth.

EXCHANGE clinking cock Goldfinch Mule, also cock Linnet, twice house-moulted, both full song, for Leghorn pullets, or sell; offers: Goodey, Grammar School, Halstead, Essex.

FOR sale or exchange, pair Cinnamons, buffs, for British Hawfinches or Bearded Tits, or other British (must be first-class birds or need not apply): Wm. Boyd, Byermoor, Burnopfield, Durham.

FOUR selected Scotch Linnets, exchange Buff Border cocks, also good yellow Green Siskin Mule, cock, for yellow Border cock, or sell 12/6 the lot: John Smith, 23, Kinnaird-st., Arbroath.

EXTRA large cock Nuthatch, cage six months; wanted outdoor Yellow hen Budgerigar, cock Siskins, Hawfinch, or Goldfinches; hand-reared cock Greenfinch; wanted hen Canary: Wilbee, Rickmansworth.

MAHOGANY aviary, containing pair grand Yorkshire Canaries and hen Greenfinch, sure muler, 30/- lot; also square and round Parrot cages, as new; or exchange groceries preferred: J. Winterbottom, Jordan-st., Glossop.

GREENFINCH, colour-fed, winner, Yellowhammer, ditto, winner, 10/- each; also clear Yellow Norwich cock and two Buff variegated hens, 17/6 the three; exchange any of above for exhibition Hawfinch: Parker, Nellfield, Denny.

NICE dark cock Goldfinch Mule, also cock Goldfinch, father of the above, 2 good buff Muling hens, would sell for £1 or exchange for 2 good yellow Norwich hens or Belgian hares: J. Meek, 35, Lockord., Spondon, nr. Derby.

REPEATING OF ADVERTISEMENTS.

OWING to the number of announcements received, we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, page, and column are stated by the advertiser.—Advt. Manager, "Cage Birds."

TWO h.m. cock Goldfinches, four large cock Goldfinches, picked birds; two large cock Greenfinches; will exchange for four Yorkshire cocks, 1910, or sell 18/6; Canaries first; approval both ways: Mew, 1, Quay-st., Newport, Wight.

SALE or exchange. What offers? Two selected cock Goldies, 2/6 each; one white-legged, 4/-; two variegated hens, 2/6 each; two clear, 3/- each; buffs, two pairs, 10/6, 12/6; clear yellow cock, 10 6; winner, Yorkshires; one pair Bullies, cock cage moulted, 3/-: F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset.

OFFERS wanted in Yorkshires and Seifert Rollers for four Siskins, five Goldfinches, five Bullfinches, three Mealy Redpolls, two Greenfinches, one Chaffinch, one Linnet, cocks; one Siskin, one Bullfinch, hens; three Goldfinch, one Greenfinch Mules, hens: French, 2, Richmond-st., Halton, Hastings.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE for hen Canaries any breed, 2 Yorks cocks, in full song: 34, Christchurch-rd., Southend.

EXCHANGE 6 healthy 1910 hen Canaries, for good pair Yorkshires, or sell 2/- each: Stubberfield, Sidley, Bexhill.

SALE, 5 buff hen Canaries (3 Crestbred), 1910, 10/-, or exchange 2 cocks: Mortimer, Albert-rd., Epsom.

PURE Norwich Canaries, cocks 8/6, hens 4/-; exchange laying pullets: Olivier, 185, Southwark Park-rd.

SELL or exchange Canaries, 5 cocks, 4 hens, healthy young birds, 26/- the lot: Payne, Old-pl. Sleaford.

EXCHANGE three pairs Norwich Canaries for talking Parrot; yours first: Barker, 15, St. Olaves-rd., Norwich.

EXCHANGE 3 good Norwich hens for case, 4 show cages, or White Wyandottes: 69, Fisher-st., Canning Town.

CAGE fronts, or cage-moulted cock Bullie; give Yellow Norwich hen, 1910; yours first: 32, Latimer-avenue, East Ham.

SIX large hen Canaries, 10/-; exchange h.m. cock Goldfinches, or large Norwich cock: Townsend, Other-rd., Redditch.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock and two buff hens for buff Norwich hen: Bell, 1, Second-st., Bowhill, Cardenden.

GOOD 1910 racy Yorkshire cocks, full song, 6/6; hens, 3/6; or exchange; offers: George Neal, Freckenham, Soham, Cambs.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires, buff cock and 2 yellow hens, value 15/-, for buff cock: Ward, 44, Churchgate, Loughborough.

NORWICH greens, good young Crest, cock and hen, 30/-; exchange anything useful; approval: 35, Kidder-st., Blackburn.

TWO good Muling cock Goldies, 5/- each; good pair Norwich, 12/6; exchange Rollers; offers: R. Edwards, Glastonbury.

FOR sale, two cock Canaries, 5/- each; or exchange for breeding Budgerigars; approval: Wilson, 11, Head-st., Middlesbrough.

SIX hen Canaries, sell 2/6 each; also cock Linnet Mule, 6/6; exchange pullets; offers: Bracey, 33, Oak-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

LARGE Green Crest hen, good crest, exchange for a large Crest-bred cock: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

EXCHANGE 2 Crestbred hens for pair of Yorkshires, breeders; offers, other breed: Rickman, 18, Whitbread-aven., Bedford.

BORDERS and Crests, and breeding cages and flight sale or exchange; no live stock; anything useful: 107, Greengate-st., Oldham.

FOR sale Yorkshire Canaries, 5/- a pair, cocks in song, or exchange; approval: James Dixon, South Broomhill, Northumberland.

EXCHANGE for Yorkshire Terrier dog, toy, 2 pairs Borders, good, or sell 12/6 pair: Sanderson, 83, Montague-st., Rothesay.

POTTER'S champion Yorkshires. Will exchange two pairs good stock birds for pair Crests, sell 25/- pair: Walker-st., Hull.

SALE or exchange, 12 yellows, 30 buffs, Norwich hens, 30 cocks, cages, and flights: Hill, 18, Coachter., Longsight, Manchester.

TWO pairs of Norwich Cinnamons, 15/- each, or exchange for good Siberian Goldies: Dixon, 26, Gilpin-st., Houghton-le-Spring.

THREE cocks, one hen Norwich, 8 breeding cages, breeding accessories; sell 28/-; exchange: Thompson, 91, Woone-lane, Clitheroe.

GREEN Yorkshires, 1 cock, 3 hens, good birds, exchange exhibition British; approval both ways: Precious, 316, Hawthorne, Hull.

GRAND variegated Crested 1910 hens, 7/6 to 15/-, or exchange Crest or Crestbred cock: Miller, 8, Southampton-st., Fitzroy-sq., W.

OFFERS in Norwich Plainheads for two Yorks. show cages and case; 160 "Cage Birds," with 40 plates: Dack, Worlingham, Beccles.

SIX 1910 large Norwich crees green hens, from good feeders, 14/- lot, or exchange; no live stock: 252, Ashley-rd., Parkstone, Dorset.

EXCHANGE three Norwich cocks, two cock Greenfinch Mules, for 1910 yellow Norwich, or Crested hen: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

ONE large Lancashire cock, 12/6, buff Lancashire hen, monster, 12/6; approval; unflighted birds: Lingard, 35, Marlborough-st., Burnley.

TWO pairs Borders, 6/6 pair; 2 four-compartment breeding cages, one new, 5/6 each, bargains; one double, 2/6: Lloyd, Sydney-rd., Crewe.

FOUR Norwich hen Canaries, good feeders, 10/- lot, or exchange for two singing cocks; approval: Renwick, 126, Ingleby Drive, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE Canaries or winning British birds for Edison Standard gramophone, or ½-plate camera: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LARGE buff cinnamon cock, exchange for large yellow green Norwich hen; stamp: Broomfield, 275, Herbert-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Crestbred and Yorkshire cocks, sale or exchange, good hens: W. Young, Hill View, Station-road, Lr. Soundwell, Kingswood.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

SELL or exchange 2 Crest cocks for one good Crest hen and one for good Lancashire coppy hen, or sell 30/-: T. Tressidder, Workhouse Hill, Padstow.

WILL give 2 pair high-class Borders for clear bred yellow Norwich cock and yellow hen; approval both ways: Montgomery, Mance-lane, Muirkirk.

GRAND clear yellow Norwich cock, 1909, winner, 35/-, exchange Crest or Crestbred hen, 1910, or feeders; Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod Wells.

EXCHANGE 1909 Yorkshire cock for safety razor, value 15/-; no rubbish offered or wanted; letters only: C. Whittaker, 20, Walnut, Blackburn, Lancs.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, muling Linnets and Goldfinch, sell or exchange scrap metals, waste rubber, or what offers; stamp reply: F. Green, Bridge-st., Dover.

MASSIVE high-class Crests, strong healthy birds, from 25/- pair; splendid hens from 15/-; useful exchange entertained: Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

FOUR pairs prize-bred Border Fancies, sell 40/-; or exchange bed chair or anything useful: Walter Ramsay, East Benhar, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

EXCHANGE two pairs of Yorkshires for two good Rollers; Buff Yorkshire cock for child's go-cart: Pendleton, 39, 39, Troughton-st., Liverpool.

LARGE aviary, good as new, and pair Canaries, exchange gramaphone, brass or wood flower horn, lever watch; offers: Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Upper Clapton.

TWO 1910 Norwich hens, one Yellow, one Buff, 6/-; or exchange for a yellow variegated Crested hen; approval both ways: R. Collins, Marsh-rd., rd., Ellesmere Port.

EXCHANGE Yellow and Buff Yorkshire hens (Shackleton's direct), for a good Yellow cock, or sell 7/6 each; change of blood: Percival, 43, Enville-Burnham-on-Crouch.

EXCHANGE matched pair Crests for large chubby yellow Norwich cock, buff hen, also yellow hen, or gramophone, sell 25/-; yours first: Kinanmouth, 77, Bridge-st., Stirling.

EXCHANGE pair good Norwich yellow cocks, as big as a Lark, and buff hen, cold-room, for good mangle or carpet, sell 30s.; Sergt. Dance, Buckingham-road, Aylesbury.

WILL give two medium-sized Norwich pairs for one large Norwich stock pair; must be large, good birds, unrelated, yours first, or will sell 25/-: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

THREE grand Norwich, £1; typical Border hen, 7/6; exchange Yorkshire yellow cock, double breeder, exchange Roller hen: Lucas, Bedford-avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester.

EXCHANGE two buff Norwich cocks, unflighted, from winners, for large yellow cock, also buff cock for large yellow hen; approval both ways: Price, Glanbryaan, Manordilo, Carmarthenshire.

FEW large healthy variegated Norwich hens, 4/- each; bargain; large stout healthy clear yellow Norwich hen, exchange variegated singing Linnet Mule: J. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

CINNAMON, grand pair birds, yellow cock, buff hen, cock took 1st prize Dulwich and Peckham Show, 15/-, or exchange for good big Crestbred hen: Rickard, 24, Idmerton-rd., West Norwood.

EXCHANGE 2 pair Yorkshire for pair Norwich, or sell 13/-; exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinch, Linnet Mule, hen Siskin, for singing Roller cock Canary: Mr. Dagwell, 23, Redclyffe Road, Upton Park.

WING-marked Buff Norwich cock, 1st prize Kendal Dec. 27th, 15/-; clear Buff cock, 7/6; ticked Buff hen, 3rd Kendal, 15/-; approval; wanted Crested and Crest-bred hen: J. Dickinson, Serpentine-terrace, Kendal.

PRIZE-bred Norwich cocks, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 6/6, 7/6; will give 1 pair for big house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, or exchange some for blankets, sheets, drapery; yours first: W. McFarlane, 8, Richardson-st., Carlisle.

PRIZE winning yellow Belgium cock, one year, bred second Wigan, November, 25/-, or exchange singing Canaries; two yellow cinnamon marked hens, Norwich type, 1910, light muling strain, 6/- each; exchange one hen for buff green Border cock or both for two: Hampson, Penketh, Warrington.

PAIR Crests, 25/-; pair Green Borders, winners, 12/6; five good Border hens, 3/6 each; Scotch cock Bullfinch and cock Linnet; exchange good Norwich or Yorks. pair; no rubbish; yours first; approval: Duncan Grant, 146, Waverley-st., Lochore, Glenerraig.

HYBRID breeders, 2 1909 Greenfinch cocks, 2 ditto hens, 1910; 2 Bullfinches, cocks (one winner of 1st), all Canary reared; Chaffinches, cock and hen, 1910, hand-reared; 2 Yorkshire hens; giving up; offers; no live stock; phonograph wanted; particulars stamp reply; mutual approval: James, Yew Cottage, Ashford-rd., Ludlow.

SALE or exchange: 3 buff Yorkshire cocks, 7/6 each; 3 buff hens, 5/- each, 1910 birds; Greenfinch cock, Bullie hen (laid in cage last year), 8/-; Greenfinch cock, green hen Canary, 5/-; Greenfinch cock, clear hen, 5/-; Goldie cock, Norwich hen, bred Mules, 10/6; offers invited; approval, deposit; dog wanted: Taylor, 16, Toronto-rd., Stockport.

Mainly Foreign.

SCARLET Tanager, in splendid condition, 25/-, or exchange Border cock Canaries: Penrice, Washington-st., Workington.

WHAT offers Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, for young Australian grey Parrot: Rhodes, 61, Young-st., Girlington, near Bradford.

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HEALTHY wire terrier dog, good guard and ratter, quiet with children, 7/6, or exchange: Rose, Westerfield, Ipswich.

THIRTY working homers, what offers in big buff Norwich Crests or Lizards: Sutherland, 4, Stannery-st., Kennington.

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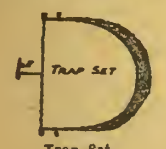
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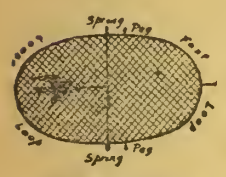
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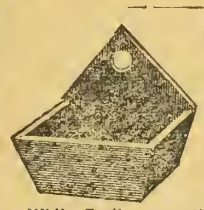
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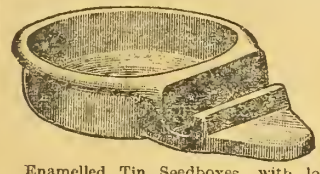
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BARGAIN.—Green Crest-bred cock, winner; yellow Crested hen, accept £1, worth double: Morris, Prior-st., Hereford.

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LARGE healthy 1910 wing marked dark Crest cock, full song, 7/6, with Crest-bred hen, 10/-; approval, deposit: White, Frankfort House, Desborough.

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JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, breeder and exhibitor (not a dealer); prizes 1910, Norwich Cambridge, and Lowestoft; from 10/- each; approval

HIGH-class Crests and Crest-breds, no rubbish, pairs from 50/- to £10; or will exchange anything useful to value: Fletcher, 216, Wilford-rd., Nottingham.

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PLEASE note, exceptional value in Crests: 3 dark Crest cocks, 1910 bred, 12/6 each; several Crest or Crestbred hens, £1 upwards: N. S. Bewick, 7, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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LARGE crested hen, 1 year and 6 months, price £6 10/-; C.B. hen, 1910, £4; grissle crested hen, £1 5/-, bred from winners (see Crystal Palace report): Mr. A. Lazarus, 55, Oldcompton-st., Soho, W.

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GOOD Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; Crestbred cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; Crested hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; Crest-bred hens, 3/6, 4/0, 6/-; money returned if not approved; stamp reply: Stewart's Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

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GEORGE GRANT, Thirlestaine Hall, Cheltenham, has the following crested cocks left: wing-marked, bred from two Crests, feather to end of beak, 6/-; marked breast, 40/-; clear bodied dark Crests, 20/- and 25/-; green and wing-marked, 20/- each, young, healthy; approval.

SIX dark Crested hens, 1910, from 10/- to 20/- each, good Crests; three massive variegated Crested cocks, 25/- each, massive variegated; large Crest cock, big clear Crest, pied hen, £4; all bred from first-class exhibition birds; approval: Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

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CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood; among many other winnings, £25, four £10 10s. and other challenge bowls with birds bred by myself; have splendidly bred ones for sale, from 20/- each; pairs from 60/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

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Lancashires.

YELLOW Coppy cock, 15/-; yellow Coppy hen, 15/-; stamp reply, deposit: Adams, Bedford-st., Rochdale.

BUFF Coppy cock 10/-, buff Plainhead hen 8/-, approval: Whipp, 13, Rushcroft-rd., High Crompton, Shaw, Oldham.

YOUNG yellow Coppy hen, 7/6; large buff Plainhead cock, 9/-; approval, healtby: Fitton, 41, Lansel-st., Rochdale.

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WANTED, Norwich: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

LARGE healthy Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6: James, Kirton-Lindsey, Lincoln.

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PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, to clear, 10/-, 12/6: Richards, 27, Camden-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

NORWICH cocks for sale, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; cold-room bred: Turner, 8, Devon-st., Glasgow.

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A FEW good Norwich Plainhead Canaries, from 12/6 pair: James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

NORWICH cocks, in full song, 6/6; clears, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval: G. Lock, Phone Stores, Sutton, Surrey.

LARGE 1910 Norwich cocks, full song, breeding condition, from 5/6 each: Salter, 34, Offord-rd., Barnsbury, N.

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NORWICH hens 4/6, cocks 8/6, matched pairs 12/6 upwards, all large birds: Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Newington Green, N.

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THREE good Norwich cocks, yellow 7/6, yellow 8/6, buff 6/6; approval, deposit: Timbrell Bros., Boot Mart, Chipping, Lancs.

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DARK yellow Norwich cock, father and brother winners, big buff ticked ben, 10/6; approval: Eddy, Bellevue-ter., Penzance.

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NORWICH, 20 very choice pairs, 8/6, 10/-; large yellow and buff cocks, 5/6, 6/6; approval: F. Downs, Everton, Bawtry, Yorks.

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BARNES' strain direct, yellow cocks, clear buff and yellow marked hens, 5/6 to 20/- pair: Smith, Jeweller, Kirton-Lindsey.

GOOD bred Norwich, 4 unflighted buff hens, 10/- lot; stamp particulars: Kirkby, 8, Kirkwhite-avenue Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

TWO 1909 buff cocks, 15/- each; 6 1910 buff cocks, 3 ticked, 3 clear, 10/6 each; approval, stamp: Irvine, 42, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

GRAND pairs Norwich from 6/6, hens 2/-, 2/6, from outdoor aviary; approval anywhere: Whiffin, Balsham-rd., Linton, Cambs.

THREE Norwich buff cocks, one variegated Yorks., 25/- the four, exchange yellow Norwich hens: Coles, High-st., Halstead, Essex.

LARGE Norwich cock Canaries, full song, 4/6; cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, grand songster, 4/6: McNaughton, Alne Yorks.

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MUST clear: Crests, Crestbreds, and Plainhead Norwich, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6 each; Parsons, 66, Spruleo-rd., Brockley.

GOOD Norwich hens, from 4/-, also stock cocks, from 7/6; see report of Gateshead show, etc.: Noble, 50, Chester-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NORWICH CANARIES.—Cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

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FOUR lightly splashed, 1 yellow Norwich hen, 1910, 2/6 each, 12/- lot; Wheatley, Adelaide, Nightingale-rd., East Molesey, Hampton Court.

TWENTY very good feeding hens, must be cleared, 2/9 each, warranted good and healtby; approval, deposit: Fred Lockton, Grantham.

SPLENDID pair Norwich 1910, only 7/6; Rudd double breeder, complete, 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris.

CLEAR unflighted buff Norwich cocks, typical substance, quality, best blood, 12/6 to 18/6; approval, stamp: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

SIX large healthy variegated Norwich hens, good breeders, ready to nest 3/6 each; bargain: J. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

YELLOW cock, two buff variegated cocks, buff variegated hen, three buff hens; approval: George Steven, 215, Montrose-st., Brechin.

GRAND pair Norwich, 10/6; buff hens, 2/6 each; yellow and variegated, 3/-, 5/6 for two; no rubbish: Clark, 93, Regent-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

TWO unflighted buff cocks, 12/6 each; two unflighted buff hens, 7/6 each, bargain; approval: Hayhurst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

STRONG healthy Norwich, 1910, cold room, first-rate condition cocks 4/-, hens 2/-: Wale, Bootmaker, Shepshed, Loughboro', Leicestershire.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens 2/6, 3/-; pairs 7/-, 7/6; grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NORWICH cocks, yellow variegated, 12/6, yellow marked 10/-, 2 buff marked 7/6 each; approval; deposit: Harland, Postman, Whitby.

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GRAND Norwich cocks 5/6, hens 3/6 upwards; buffs, yellows: Robinson, 121, Minor-st., Failsworth, Manchester (behind Houghton Arms).

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YELLOW and buff Norwich hens, 3/6 each, also good Crested cocks, 6/6 each; approval willingly: Gibson, 60, Vernon-aven., Basford, Nottingham.

LARGE frame typical Norwich hens, 1910 colour-fed, make grand stock bird, he Spalding, accept 10/-: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

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COCKS, three buff, 7/6 each; yellow, 10/6: hens, buff and yellow, 5/- each; seen evening after six, or Saturday afternoon: Clarke, 27, Standard-rd., Hounslow.

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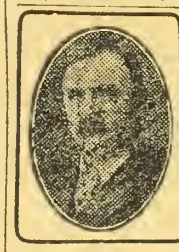
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Continued ill-health compels me to sell present stock of Yorkshires (about 200) including breeders and youngsters in all varieties, except whole greens; to effect early sales have reduced current price list 20 per cent.; amateurs and novices requiring birds of best type and quality at fully half prices charged by professional exhibitors and dealers, should before purchasing elsewhere forward postcard for season's list: Particulars to the old 30 years' recognised Yorkshire breeder, Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

CLEARANCE SALE.

Leaving the Fancy, the whole of my valuable stock of Yorkshires for sale, including many winners this season, also about 20 stock pairs from 10/- per pair; breeding cages, show cages, and cases, all birdroom utensils: inspection invited: Harry Foden, 73, Mansfield-s , Ashton-under-Lyne.

Just Purchased 60 YORKSHIRES

Including ALL HIS NOTED WINNERS this Season, from Mr. MERRIN, Bedale.

Tick Buff Cock, winner 8 1sts, etc., £2; Yellow Cocks, Yellow and Buff Hens, all winners of 1sts and 2nds this season. Send for prices; **selling cheap.** Grand Yellow and Buff Cocks, fit to win, from 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Yellow and Buff Hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; every bird a picture. Those requiring these noted winners of this season, write me, and I will give all particulars where they have won at all leading shows. Chance of lifetime for novices. All on approval. First come first served. Breeder 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

ONCE MORE

the breeding season is near. Are you prepared? Are all your stock birds ready? If not, let me help you by sending one of my pairs of winning Yorkshires; price 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- per pair: Arthur Harris, West Haddon, Rugby.

OWING TO REMOVAL

Most of my well-known stock will have to be sold from 15/- per pair; clears, Cinnamon, and green marked; write early to avoid disappointment.

W. RICHMOND, 16, Mayfield Grove, HARROGATE.

WEBSTER'S YORKSHIRES.

Having sold all my 8/- pairs, which have given every satisfaction to my customers, I have a few extra good pairs, related to winners, at 10/6, 12/6, to £1 odd; clinking buff hens, 3/6 upwards; approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited; note new address: 148, Earsham-st., Sheffield.

SINNS, BLACKPOOL

has a few good Yorkshires for sale, from his noted strain. I exhibit none but own breeding. See reports of great shows, Palace, Manchester, Scottish National, etc.

PAIRS FROM 15/- to 30/- A few extra yellow hens from 7/6 each. 9, Albert Terrace.

J. WILCOCK.

Not having had time for exhibiting this season, I have some real topping Yorkshires for sale, all sent on three days' approval: The Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, near Bradford, Yorkshire.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front. A few winners for sale, also grand stock birds; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; stamp for particulars: Manor House, Heighington, via Darlington.

PALACE WINNING STRAIN

Three yellow cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; three buff cocks, 10/- each; others at higher prices, a few good yellow and buff hens, all tight feathered birds, at 5/- to 15/- each; approval deposit: Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

H. W. WALSH, HALIFAX.

I have some splendid Yorkshires for sale, bred from or related to my own winners, which, without exception, have been bred by myself, as I do not buy to exhibit; I can supply long, straight, upstanding birds of beautiful quality; cocks from 6/6 to 20/-, hens 3/6 to 15/-, pairs 8/6 to 30/-; seven days' approval with pleasure; cash or deposit: Cecil-street.

H. H. TOWERS,

Winner championship trophy, C.M.Y.C.C., has still a few good cocks for sale, in dark or pink eyes, from 8/-; also several good hens, from 7/6 upwards; winning clear yellow, 1st Gt. Horton, etc. (as illustrated in "Cage Birds' Annual"). £1; several other winners, cheap: Write at once, to Glusburn, Crosshills-st., near Keighley.

AMBLER'S YORKSHIRES. The Old Bradford Firm.

are unbeatable, and always to the front, where they have stood for 30 years; see our winnings principal shows; championship for best Yorkshire in show, Palace, 2 1sts, 2 2nds, 3rd, 4th, Palace, 1911; as we are only retaining a few for breeding we have some real gems for sale, cocks and hens, wonderful length, type, and quality; pairs matched to breed winners, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; also some extra good pairs, including two wonderful stock pairs, £5 per pair, honestly worth double to breed from alone; please note, these are not dealers' Yorkshires, but are of the highest possible breeding, and the study of a lifetime; state wants; approval, cash or deposit; stamp reply: Messrs. Ambler, 29, Sefton-rd., Morecambe.

YORKSHIRES.

Cheap, to make room; 50 pairs of good-bred birds from 8/6 to £2 10s. per pair; odd cocks from 5/- to 30/- each; odd hens from 4/- to 20/- each; terms, 7 days' approval, cash or deposit "Cage Birds." The above includes a few self and foul greens. Must be sold, as room is urgently required.

SAMUEL DEAN,

6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

I WON 5,000.

Last season I won the confidence and good favour of 5,000 bird-keepers, and still continue by leaps and bounds to receive orders from new customers, everyone of which testify to the high quality of my birds. If you wish to breed some quality birds that will do you good, let me send what you require on approval. I guarantee every customer satisfaction. I have some of the best pairs of Yorkshires and Norwich in the world at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, all worth double. Here are one or two of the hundreds of unsolicited testimonials received this month. "273, Heeley-rd., Bournbrook, 9/2/11.—Received the Yorkshires in good health. Am very pleased with same. Thanking you for your promptness in delivery.—S. Wood." "20, Pentwyn Avenue, Penrhweeiber.—Received pair Yorkshires in good health. Am very pleased with them. Thanking you for your straightforwardness.—C. Bethell." "Formby, 11/2/11.—Thanks very much for Border Fancy. Am perfectly satisfied is a splendid bird. —M. Minnitt." "46, Stanley-st., Rosehill.—Pair of Norwich arrived in the best of health. Am well satisfied with them.—Thanking you for treating me so well. I will not hesitate in sending to you again.—W. Grieve." "109, Dwellings, Tilbury, 11/2/11.—Received Norwich cock quite safe. Am well satisfied with same.—H. Seaman." Call and inspect my stock. You will be convinced. I have the best pure-bred Yorkshires, that cannot be beaten for type, size, and quality; feathers like wax. Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; extra fine cobby Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; matched breedings pens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Send a postcard for my illustrated price list. Neat travelling cages, 3d. each. All birds carriage paid on seven days' approval at my risk: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

Broadbent's 10/- Pairs

Properly matched Yorkshires and Norwich at 10/- per pair. None of your undersized, half-bred mongrels, but the best strains in the country. Cocks 6/-, 7/6. Buff hens, 3/-. Any pair sent on deposit of 5/-, and balance at 1/- per week. Full price list and particulars sent on receipt of stamp only.

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high-class Yorkshires, any of this season's winners for sale; well matched pairs, 15/-; single birds, 7/6 upwards; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

SHAW'S YORKSHIRES.

Notice, if you want real good, upstanding Yorkshires, write or call, and you will see one of the finest stocks of Canaries in London, yellow cocks, in song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; buff cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; yellow hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6; buff hens, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; these are splendid birds, in prime condition, on 6 days' approval; send the money to me or deposit it with the Editor: Wm. Shaw, 97, Essex-rd., Islington, London.

TYPICAL YORKSHIRES.

Are you undecided where to buy high-class Yorkshires; give me a trial for some of the best blood in the Fancy. Cocks, yellow or buff, 7/6 to 15/-; grand breed hens, 6/- to 10/6; a few matched unrelated pairs, 10/- to 25/- per pair; all colour-fed and cold-room bred, and for feather and quality cannot be beaten; write stating wants; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: H. Morley, 63, St. Margarets-rd., Legrams-lane, Bradford.

SUTCLIFFE & SON.

We have bred and sold more winners in marked birds than any other fancier, also won the 10 guinea cup for Green marked Yorkshires this season, and winning the Cinnamon marked championship for 9 years, also special for best bird in show, with clear birds. This is sure proof of the quality of our stock, including highest honours at the Crystal Palace; we have a few extra good show and stock birds for sale, price from 15/- to 60/- a pair; state wants; three days' approval; inspection invited: 1, Kitson Street, and 1, Back Kitson-st., Cragg-rd., Windhill, Shipley, Yorkshire.

THE BLOOD THAT TELLS

Having won the Amalgamation 25 guinea challenge trophy, the Yorkshire Union 30 guinea challenge trophy, the Yorkshire 20 guinea challenge cup four times out of five, the Naylor challenge cup twice in succession, the Cinnamon Marked trophy, I have also won in two successive years at the Palace 13 1sts and 16 specials; also 3 championships for best Yorkshire, and 2 championships for best Cin. marked bird, and have concluded the season by winning at London C.B.A. and Palace Shows, 5 1sts, 3 2nds, 3 3rds, 2 4ths, and championship for best yellow-marked bird; also 1st in "Cage Birds'" competition. Can spare a few pairs at 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; also a few clinking pairs at reasonable prices; stamped address for reply: Shackleton, Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

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Who is the champion breeder? We never miss a summer breeding several of the best living. We have won more prizes at Crystal Palace, 1911, with birds bred by exhibitor than any other exhibitor, 2 1sts, 2 2nds, 1 3rd; all these we have bred ourselves. Our trio of buff cocks have won 26 1sts this season, all 3 standing 1st on the same day, at classical shows, where the keenest competition were—Leices- [illegible] bred. Thirteen times this season we have won [illegible] at the biggest shows in England, Gateshead, L.C.B.A., and Crystal Palace, also winner of the £10 Yorkshire Union trophy, the Y.C.C. Sandiford cup, valued 5 guineas, Carl's competition for most points, 589, gained at Yorkshire Union's shows, winner of Cinnamon-marked trophy with unflighted birds, must be bred by exhibitor. We have won more firsts than any other exhibitor in this variety this season, and the last ten years we have won competitions, cups, trophies, medals, etc., that will stand a record for some years. We don't buy 3 or 4 of the best living and trade on their reputation, and them 3 or 4 not for sale; we have 30 all 1st prize winners, practically any of them for sale; one of our winning buffs, matched to a clinking hen, £7 pair; properly matched pairs from 15/6 to 60/; certain to breed winners; buy the blood from the fountain-head; all those wanting honest dealings come and select for yourself or send cash to editor, and we will send you on approval the best value it is possible to get in England; stamp reply: Ashwood, Tong-st., Bradford.

Who is the Champion IN YORKSHIRES, 1910-11?

Read below, and judge for yourself. With 153 entries I have won 61 1sts, 23 2nds, 20 3rds, 15 4ths, 24 spls., making a grand total of 143 prizes. I have also won in the very keenest competition shows; have won Yorkshire Union 30-guinea challenge trophy, which makes it twice in succession, also Naylor Challenge Trophy, also twice in succession, and Ramsden 6-guinea cup, which makes this twice in succession, and now becomes my own property; also Y.C.C. 7-guinea challenge trophy, and the cinnamon marked competition prize for the man who has bred his own winners. Have also won three gold medals, few cage birds prizes, and colour food prizes too numerous to mention, and last, but not least, with 8 entries at 1911 Palace Show, capturing 5 1sts, 1 2nd, 1 3rd, 1 vhc, and championship diploma best cinnamon marked birds. I think this will convince you that I hold the plums in the Yorkshire Fancy. Have still a few 20/- pairs and some pairs extra good at very reasonable prices; stamp particulars: Bailey, South View-te. , Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford.

HAWKINS' CLEARANCE SALE

of surplus Yorkshires. Having sold 40 culls, I have still a few good birds for sale, including winners at Dublin, Cork, and Sligo Shows; yellows, buffs, green-marked, and cinnamon-marked; properly matched pairs, to breed winners from, 20/-; odd hens from 6/-; all on approval; cash or deposit: Ashgrove, Queenstown, Cork.

Various Canaries.

THREE variegated, 1 clear buff hen, 2/6 each; cocks from 5/- to 7/6: Twigger, 4, Tower-st., Leicester.

NORWICH or Yorkshires: cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/6; pair, 8/-: Game, 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich Canaries, cock in full song 5/-, hens 2/6, pair 7/-; approval: Hague, Chapel-st., Belper.

BARGAINS, cocks: Cinnamon Yorkshire Canary, 4/-; green Yorkshire, full song, 4/6; 1908 Linnet, house-moulted, full song, 2/6; Java, b.m., 1/6: Jacobs, 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

TWELVE Yorkshires, 14 Norwich, prize and prize-bred birds, 16 cages, bargains; selling owing to illness; particulars, stamp, approval, deposit: 23, Atherton-st., Prescot.

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Remember that I personally match these up myself, and exercise the same care as if they cost pounds, and just as I would do if I were pairing for myself. In fact, I always make it a rule to thoroughly satisfy in selection—then I am sure I shall satisfy my customer—that is, if satisfaction is possible. Now, this may not sound like anything very particular to the same time it is of the utmost importance to the purchaser, as everything depends upon this matching as to what results are likely to be; hence, you want it done by someone who not only knows what is right and what is wrong, but also someone who takes an interest in doing so, to get the only best results possible from the class of birds purchased.

I also offer suitable for all above pairs a good, serviceable breeding cage, fitted complete, price **3/6** ditto, fitted with sand trays and sanitary utensils, **5s.**

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, Norwich

FOR sale, two Yorkshires cocks, one green, one yellow, four Yorkshire hens, lot 22/-: Hartle, Peak Dale, Buxton.

TWO green adult cock Budgerigars, 2/3 each, good young Seifert Roller hens, 3/6 couple: Cliffe, Church Green, Witney.

YOUNG cock Canaries, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each; cold-room bred; perfect health: Rose, Grocer, East Sheen.

A BARGAIN, 2 Norwich cocks, 3 hens, 1 cock mule, 12 cage fronts, 18/6: Clark, 46, Ashgrove-rd., Bedminster, Bristol.

SPLENDID 1910 healthy cock Canaries, full song, 5/-; hens, 2/6; approval, cash or deposit: Marley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

THREE Canaries, in full song, splendid birds, sell 6/- each, or 3 for 16/-: Chaplin, 6, Gainsborough-sq., Victoria Park, London.

THREE hen Canaries, 2/- each, 5/- three; cock Redpoll; hen Chaffinch, house-moulted, 1/6 each: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge.

BORDER cocks, yellows, buffs, also 3-pointed yellows, from 4/-; prize-bred fed Norwich yellows, buffs, from 5/-: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle.

PURE-bred Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, cold-room bred; cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/- each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

THREE good young Crest-bred cocks, 2 hens; few good Plainhead hens, yellow and buff, few buff cocks; a fancier's stock who is going abroad.—Hugh Moreland, Bainsford, Falkirk.

SALE, champion pair of Yorkshires, 10/-; 4 Norwich hens, 2/6 each; 2 double breeders, 6/-; 3 box cages, 5/-; clean, no mites; lot 25/-: Holden, Joiner, Stonyhurst College, Blackburn.

FOR sale, one green cock, one dark hen, one lightly variegated buff hen Norwich, one buff Yorkshire hen, young birds, price 12/-; a bargain: Jas. Randles, 35, Queen-st., Ellesmere Port.

WANTED hen Canaries, any kind, any quantity, large Norwich and long Yorkshires preferred: Manchester Bird and Seed Stores, London and Manchester; branch, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

OWING to business I am compelled to dispose of all my winning Borders, cinnamons, and greens, cocks, hens, or pairs, cheap, or will sell in one lot: Woodman, 16, Liscard Village, Liscard, Liverpool.

CINN. yellow variegated hen, buff variegated hen, half sister, 4/6 each; variegated buff cock, variegated yellow, bred from Cinnamon on one side, 7/6 each; worth more; all 1910: Lilley, 5, Mysore-rd., Lavenderhill, London.

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GOLDFINCH Mules; cocks, two 6/-; two 7/6 each: Ling, 18, Fleet-st., Derby.

SELL 6 good large cock Siskins, for muling, price 5/- each, to clear: Duff, Kingsmeadow-rd., Peebles.

FOR sale, 3 cock Goldfinch Mules, 1 Linnet Mule, 1 variegated cock Mule: J. W. Jackson, Pye Pits, Malton.

FEW large Sib. bred hens, Norwich type, 7/6 and 10/6 each: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

VERY pretty, three parts white Goldfinch-Canary Mule, singing, 7/6, one dark, 4/6: Moore, 93, Portland-rd., Hove.

WARRANTED grand cock Linnet Mule, raised under Goldfinch, song, 7/6, bargain: Burrows, 15, Bradenst., Paddington.

CAN spare few very choice Sib. cocks, from 5/-; also Mules, variegated and dark: Yeo Boodealer, Keyford, Frome.

THREE cock Goldfinch Mules, Goldfinch song, 5/- each; approval, deposit: Pringle, 66, Buchanan-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

LARGE Siberian cock Goldfinch, with large clear yellow Sib hen, 15/-: W. Growdridge, 59, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

LIGHT muling hen Canaries (inbred), clear yellows 4/-, 5/-, clear buff 3/-, 4/- each: F. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

RARE chance: Cock Finch, nice hen Bullie, bred hybrid, Bullie, hatched young, 25/-: Stonebam, 52, Jaspar-st., Bedminster.

HYBRID breeders; large, steady, house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 2/-; one splendid colour cock, 2/-: G. Pemberton, Aston, Wem.

CATCHERS' Notice: Goldfinch Mule, one of the best, accept 10/6; approval: Chapman, 7, Queen's-ter., Rushden, Northants.

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TWO dark Linnet Mules, two dark Goldfinch Mules, 1910, grand condition, 7/6 each; approval: Deacon, Railway-terrace, Cockermouth.

GOLDFINCH, twice house-moulted, and large buff green Norwich hen, proved mulers, 12/6; approval: Moorman, Carisbrooke, Isle Wight.

HANDSOME white-legged cock Goldfinch, Mule breeder, 10/-; broken large Linnet Mule, Linnet note, 10/-: Calver, Bealings, Woodbridge.

FEW high-class Sibs., hens 7/6, 10/-; cocks, 12/6, 15/- each; 7 days' approval: James Heal, Naps Farm, Wagon and Horses, Shepton Mallet.

TO Mule breeders; one h.m. cock Linnet, one h.m. cock Siskin, one b.m. hen Bullfinch, 8/- the lot: Burtenshaw, Hillfield Stables, Reigate.

SIX Sib-bred cock Canaries for light muling, 1 variegated cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, for sale: Thomas Ewbank, Brompton, Northallerton.

WINNERS: Dark yellow Linnet Mule, 15/-; four-pointed buff Goldfinch Mule, 37/6; Greenfinch, breeder, 10/-: Williams, Game Dealer, Ruthin.

GOLDFINCH cock, Norwich hen, unflighted, 10/6; Greenfinch cock, Norwich hen, first cross, yellow cinnamon; approval; see Norwich: G. Bateman.

THREE extra large English hen Bullfinches, for muling, steady, in good feather, and in forward condition, 2/- each; approval: F. Stowe, Cornwell, Chipping Norton.

FOUR genuine Sib-bred hens, nice size, 3/6 each; Sib. cock, 7/-; 3 large muling cock Linnets, 2/- each; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

ONE Sib. cock, 6/-; 1 Sib. hen, 4/-; 2 good tame Bullie hens, 1 cock, 3/- lot; lovely pair O.E.S. Game Bantams, 6/-; exchange large hen Canaries: Fursland, Langport, Somerset.

HYBRID pairs, from outdoor aviary; Greenfinch-Siskin, 3/-; Greenfinch-Goldfinch, 3/-; Linnet-Siskin, 2/6; Linnet-Canary, 5/-; Twite cock, 1/-; approval: Ratcliff, Greenhill, Grantham.

TWO fine cock Linnets, Canary-reared, proved mulers, safe with eggs, 5/- each; dark Linnet-Canary Mule, 1910 bred, fine bird, approval, 7/-: Allen, Mundham Vicarage, Chichester.

LIGHT muling hens, 4/6 each; 3 cocks, 8/6 each, pink eyed; 2 light cock Goldfinch Mules, from same stock; all kept outdoors, no heat: Williams, 22, Old-st., Tonypandy, South Wales.

COCK Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, been together all the winter, 4/6; cock Goldfinch, twice housemoulted, bred Mules last year, 4/-; clean and genuine; approval: Hook, Dairy Farm, Lindfield, Sussex.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light-Mule breeders, 5/6, cocks, full song, 7/6 each; grand cock Goldfinch breeder, 7/6; Siskin cock breeder, 6/6; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HYBRID breeders, monster yellow cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, both house-moulted, finger tame, been together seven months, bargain, 5/6, sure breeders; new breeding cage, 1/9: Jacobs, 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

COCK Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, grand songsters, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; Sib. bred hen Canaries for light mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each (clear yellows or buffs); satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

MONSTER Greenfinches.—We have 80 cocks; can pick Mule breeders three giants, showing plenty of colour, right sort for miling and to moult for showing; price 1/3 each, worth 5/-; others 2/- dozen: Keymer Bros., Blackwall Reach, Gorleston-on-Sea.

RARE smart little hybrids, Blackheaded Siskin-Canary, supposed hens, showy yellows, 5/6, 3/6; buffs, 2/6; hen European Siskin-Canary, well marked, broken tail, 1/6 lot, six birds 17/6; room wanted; cash or deposit essential: Marsden, Ridgo Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

EXHIBITORS, very light Linnet-Mule, grand size and shape, should moult a big winner; pied Linnet and Sib.-bred buff, almost white hen Canary, price £2 2s. I bred Mr. Longden's clear Goldie Mule and several other big winners from this strain; approval with pleasure; exchange house-moulted British exhibition Goldfinch: W. Andrews, Weston, Olney, Bucks.

HIGH-class Sibs, few grand hens, also cocks, for light Muling, 42 years inbred, warranted, 10/- each; breeder, Mr. Jones's champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 1sts and special prizes; bred 1909, clear yellow six-pointed buff, 9 lightly marked; bred 1910, four-pointed buff ticked yellow, ticked buff, 8 lightly marked Mules, 44 years' breeder; high-class birds; approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

LOVELY 1909 yellow Sib. hen, mother of even 4-pointed Mule, 27/6; 1910 yellow hen, 15/-; from this strain I bred Mule twice 1st Palace, and numerous other winners, superior large 1908 English Goldfinch, 15/-; ditto Siskin, 8/-; free mulers, large Siberian Goldie, 10/6; immense Siberian Bullie hen, 15/-; field-moulted Linnet, certain winner, 7/6; choice yellow Siskin, wonderful cap and bib, 25/-; exceptionally large Chaffinch, grand colour and markings, perfectly steady, 30/-; two "champions" for next season: Beard, 2, Queens Mansions, Battersea.

SIBERIAN Bullfinch hen, magnificent bird, twice house-moulted, 15/-; hand-reared German Bullfinch hen, 4/-; both bred Mules last year; 4 housemoulted Linnets, proved Mulers, in splendid health, picked birds, 7/6; reason for selling changing residence: Rev. B. Nunn, Saltash, Cornwall.

LINNET Mule 50/-, Greenfinch Mule 30/-, both big winners, with show cages; house-moulted Goldfinch, Mule breeder, 10/-; yellow cock Greenfinch, Mule breeder, 7/6; giant Mealy Redpolls, cocks 2/6, hens 2/-; selected hen Canaries for light or dark Mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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Some beauties, singing hard, pure notes, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; cock Linnet Mules, 5/6, 7/6, pure notes; all guaranteed; established 1879: Sandiford, Naturalist, Preston.

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ADULT Budgerigars, 4/6 pair; green cock, yellow hen, 5/-: Dell, Jeweller, Harlesden.

WANTED African Grey Parrot, thoroughly acclimatised, cheap: Dutton, Dunstable.

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GOULDIAN FINCHES.

De Von and Co. will receive a direct consignment about the end of this month from Australia of 4,000 birds, consisting of Gouldian Finches, Grassfinches, Mask Double Bands, Zebras, Diamonds, Various Doves, Parrots, etc., we are now booking orders for same; see price lists: De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. Telegraphic address, Oiseaux, London. Telephone, 5489 Wall.

GOULDIAN FINCHES.

Immense quantities have left Port Darwin for the Continent and Great Britain. Prices will range from 8s. pair upwards before the season is closed; already 2,000 are in Marseilles. Particulars will be given of all arrivals in price list shortly to be published: John Hamlyn, 221, St. George's-st., London Docks.

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CONSETT & DIST. P.P.R. & C.B.S.

General meeting, held Feb. 11th, when the balance sheet was adopted, and the following officers appointed: J. Barrow, treasurer; E. Carlill and J. Tweddall auditors; J. Moss, chairman; and R. R. Walker secretary. The meeting was adjourned to Feb. 25th in the Co-op. Room, at 7.30 p.m. prompt.—R. Walker, Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

As the result of last Friday's sub-committee meeting, many startling innovations are in contemplation, the preamble of which will in due course be published in these columns. Meanwhile I would advise all societies desiring to participate in the guarantee scheme of Messrs. Rhodes and Ley to make application forthwith. Instead of the scheme going begging, it would appear the greater difficulty will be for the committee to determine at which eight shows the support shall be given, as I have already several in hand from societies who did not participate last year. Moreover, the club show cannot this year be held in London, and applications from provincial societies prepared to give the necessary classes should be made at once. All interested in the crested and crestbred Canary should apply to me for particulars of membership, etc., and all subscriptions and donations must be paid to me. I have four nominations since the general meeting, and these will shortly be submitted to the committee for election, and I solicit early intimation from others intending to join.—John Tyson, Sec., 169, Sloane Street, London.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKS. C.C.

The 1910-11 Competitions.

"Cage Birds" prizes (professional section): 1, H. H. Towers, 174 points; 2, L. Dykes, 79; 3, A. Cooper, 65. Amateur Section: 1, J. Smith, 33; 2, D. Thornton, 11. Junior Novice Competition, competed for at Yorkshire Union shows: 1, Burdekin Bros., 83 points; 2, Brown and Son, 82; 3, W. Kershaw (runner-up), 80; c, Morrison, with 58. Special prizes for most points with 4th prize birds in open competition: Shipley: W. Richmond, A. Cooper, E. W. Goodwin; Laisterdyke: W. Richmond, Langley and Thornton, L. Dykes, A. Jowett; Newcastle: F. Allen, A. Cooper; Gt. Horton: A. Cooper, L.C.B.A. L. Hodgson, J. Smith, A. Cooper. Brighouse: J. Smith, L. Dykes. Halifax: L. Dykes, E. Clegg. Queensbury: Ogden Bros. Crystal Palace: L. Dykes, F. Allen. Novice Competition: Bradford City: W. Kershaw, J. Lewis; Shipley O.S.: W. Kershaw, D. Thornton. Laisterdyke: Brown and Son, W. T. Pickering. Bradford West: W. T. Pickering, P. Imeson. Eccleshill: Brown and Son, T. Smith; Great Horton O.S.: W. E. Fergusson, A. Tillotson. Windhill and Shipley: Brown and Son. Halifax: Brown and Son, W. E. Fergusson. Great Horton Good Intent: Brown and Son. Queensbury: H. Bryant, Brown and Son. These money prizes will be distributed by the secretaries at the annual prize distribution on March 11th. Any member who desires to attend the annual dinner please notify Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.—Grayshon and Allen, Secs.

NATIONAL GREEN MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held Feb. 18th, 6.30 p.m., Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. W. H. Shackleton (president) presiding over a well attended meeting. "That the secretary be empowered to write all those in arrears with subscriptions reminding them of the same." Unanimously decided, that all specials presented by the club be of nett value, and that so far as possible winner to have his own choice, but the same must be there for presentation at the annual prize distribution on March 11th, Market Tavern, Bradford. The secretary submitted the following revised list of winners of the various competitions for the previous show season:—Open or Professional Section: 1st prize, Shackleton trophy and £1 1s medal, Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son, 125 points; 2nd, spl. cabinet, value £2 2s., W. H. Shackleton, 116 points; 3rd, £1 1s. special, L. Dykes, 107 points; 4th, 10/6 special, J. Thomas, 88 points; 5th, Broxup cigars, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 78 points; 6th, 5/- special, H. H. Towers, 61 points; runner-up, E. Smith, 46 points; special pair of pictures, to be won outright at Palace show, presented by R. B. Wright, Esq., Messrs. Ogden Bros., 17 points. Ramsden's special: 1st prize, silver-plated teapot, Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Son, 125 points; 2nd prize, silver medal, L. Dykes, 107 points. Open novice competition: 1st prize, Sandiford's cup, E. Clegg, 48 points; 2nd, L. C. Casey, 6 points; other not won, as they have not complied with rules. For CAGE BIRDS' prizes, see Mr. F. Hammond's list. Junior novice competition for Y.U. novices only: Results will be published next week.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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G. BENNETT, 46 Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds., judge of cage birds; 30 years' practical experience; terms moderate.
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J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).
H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.
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J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
WM. REID, Falkland, Fife. Judge of Norwich; Crests a speciality; terms moderate.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.
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J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, Specialist Mules, British and Foreign.
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The Royal Cornwall Show is this year to be held at St. Austell on June 14th and 15th. Mr. Northey, of Clifton Villas, St. Austell, is the hon. sec. of the cage bird section, which will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

I must thank CAGE BIRDS for my great success last year. I reared 35 young Canaries with one Norwich cock and two hens. That, all will admit, is jolly good for a beginner. Your CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL I would not be without.—Frank Strong (Clapham, S.W.).

A Parrot Tragedy.

A Parrot called Plato, remarkable for its ability as a linguist, was the principal character in a tragedy on February 10th, in Paris, according to the "Daily Express" correspondent. Plato was a remarkable Parrot. He could utter many military commands in Spanish, make charming little speeches in English, demand sauerkraut, beer, and the Kaiser in German, also talk French with uncanny fluency. M. Carvallo was very proud of his pet, and when he returned from his lectures he spent hours teaching the bird new phrases. It appears, however, that Mme. Machunel, his landlady, disliked the Parrot, and she frequently urged M. Carvallo to get rid of it. Yesterday morning, while at breakfast, M. Carvallo noticed a "murderous" look in the landlady's eye when Plato amicably invited her to come out and pick violets with him. M. Carvallo left to attend a lecture, but became uneasy, and returned an hour later, just in time to find his landlady wringing the Parrot's neck. Maddened with grief, the student threw his landlady downstairs. She was taken to the hospital, and he was taken to prison.

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Twitterings.

Banbury Show report reads Viggars, where it should read Viggers.—B. Viggers (Banbury).

At Wellingborough Show on August 9th, the cage bird classes will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

Kindly note my new address, writes Mr. Frank Strong; I have removed from Wandsworth, S.W., to 117, The Chase, Clapham, London, S.W.

Our next annual show is fixed for Nov. 7th and 8th, and Mr. J. Robson will judge, writes Mr. W. O. Brooke, hon. sec. of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.

Peterborough C.B.A. have fixed November 9th for their open show, with Mr. J. Robson to judge, writes Mr. H. Popple, the Hon. Sec.

October 18th and 19th are the days fixed for the holding of its annual show by the Bromley (Kent) society. Cage birds will be judged by Mr. C. A. House.

Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, has been engaged to judge our annual autumn show to take place on Nov. 25th, writes Mr. H. Jameson, sec. of the Bury C.B.S.

I received the copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL from you, and they are selling well.—J. Baker, Sec. of the Royal Alfred (Manor Road) Singing Club, Erith, Kent.

The King has, we hear, been pleased to grant a special warrant of appointment to R. B. Tope and Co., the marquee, tent and flag manufacturers, of Plymouth.

The Long Eaton C.B.S. have elected me to the secretaryship, and have thrown the radius open, writes Mr. G. T. Wall, Cleveland Avenue, Draycott, Long Eaton.

Allow me to thank you and your artist for the excellent drawing of my Goldie-Greenie Hybrid, reproduced in your issue of Feb. 11.—Robt. Jamieson, jun. (Linlithgow).

We have decided to enrol Roller fanciers as members of our Society, also to hold a show for the benefit of the same, writes Mr. J. Cope, Sec. of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.

We have engaged Messrs. W. E. Greeves, H. W. Battye, and J. Frostick to judge at our next annual show on Nov. 1st, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, joint sec. of the Cheltenham C.B.S.

Kindly note that I have removed from Campbell-street, Oldham, o 4, Ormerod-street, off Marton-street, Oldham, where I shall be pleased to meet old and new friends, writes Mr. J. W. Dalzell.

The splendid report you gave in CAGE BIRDS of the recent Crystal Palace Show was a treat to northern fanciers, and they all speak of it in the most complimentary terms.—W. Reid (Sunderland).

I received your CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL all right, and I find it worthy of the weekly CAGE BIRDS. I must say that your weekly paper is one of much interest. I make sure to get it every week.—J. N. Vysick (Colne).

I received the two dozen CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS I ordered all right, and was well pleased with them. I think they are good value for the money.—F. Barron, sec. of the Ashington and Dist. C.B.S.

The West Bromwich C.B.S. are holding a pair show at Dartmouth Hotel on March 4th. Mr. W. C. Wells (Erdington), has kindly promised to judge. Fanciers and friends are invited, admission being free to all.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

One of our members (Mr. Strathearn, of South Alloa) has, I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. W. Niven, Sec. of the Falkirk O.S., met with a serious loss through a stove in his bird room smoking. All his Scotch Fancies and feeders have been suffocated—over 50 in all.

We have decided to hold a table show of cage birds on March 4 at the Vine Hotel, Cross Street, writes Mr. F. Price, the Hon. Sec. of the Walsall and District C.B.S. There will be 11 classes, and Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury) will judge. We should be pleased to see the fanciers of the district present.

I have resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland, and all communications in future should be sent to the new secretary, Mr. R. B. Gibb, 96, Middleton-street, Ibrose, Glasgow, writes Mr. Fred. Bowman.

The Sec. of the Bristol F.A. (Mr. G. T. H. Maggs), and his fellow officials are deserving of great credit for the taste displayed in the Association's calendar for 1911. It is strung so that it can be hung in the birdroom, and on it will be found the dates and character of the meetings to be held during the season now started. The table show regulations and a list of the specials offered are also printed on the calendar.

Our annual show has been fixed for Nov. 15 and 16, with Messrs. J. H. Payne and J. Robson as judges, writes Mr. J. Dunnett, Hon. Sec. of the Cardiff and District C.B.S. I may add that our Society has withdrawn from the Cage Bird Union.

Mr. J. P. Sampson has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Penzance F.A., to the regret of the Fancy in the West. I have been appointed in his stead, with Mr. W. H. Batten as assist. sec. All communications should, therefore, be made to me at 18, Leskinnick-terrace, Penzance, writes Mr. William C. Bodinnar. Annual show at the Corn Exchange, Nov. 16th and 17th.

Will exhibitors please note, writes Mr. Geo. Jeffery, that, although I managed the cage bird section of Southall Fanciers' Society Show in January, I have had nothing to do with paying out prize-money. I understand from our Secretary, Mr. A. E. Argyle, that all prize-money has been paid out. So anyone overlooked should write to him at 2, Victor Terrace, Lea Road, Southall.

In our issue of Jan. 14, Mr. Wesley T. Page answered a foreign bird query under the heading of "A Lost Parrakeet." Mr. F. Clegg, of 7, Limefield Terrace, Littleborough, near Manchester, has written us to say that he has found one, and that if the querist referred to will communicate with him, giving full particulars of the lost bird, it may lead to its restoration to the proper owner.

OBITUARY.

It is with the greatest regret that we hear of the loss sustained on Saturday last (Feb. 18) by the popular manager of the Crystal Palace Show, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, in the demise of his father, who passed away somewhat suddenly. The deceased gentleman was 72 years of ago. The sympathy of the Fancy will be extended to Mr. Ramsden and other relatives in their bereavement.

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. George Green, the secretary of the Green Canary Association, of the death of Mrs. Hales, mother of that well-known fancier, Mr. W. Hales. Mrs. Hales passed away on February 15th, in her 81st year. The sympathy of a large circle of friends in the Fancy will go out to him in his sad bereavement. The interment took place at Annfield, on February 19th. The Liverpool societies were represented by Mr. and Mrs. Deacon, Messrs. Benson, Green, Metcalfe, and Rowlands.

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. W. Downing (Manchester), that the old man with the reaping hook appears to be very busy among us at present. Two of the oldest Norwich fanciers in the Manchester district have in the last few days had to submit to their wives being called away. Mr. W. Pollard's wife passed away after long suffering, patiently borne, and the wife of Mr. J. D. Steele, at the early age of 35 years, after a very short illness. A chum of her husband, a good mother to her children, and a friend to all, the latter especially will be much missed, both in the bird-room and out of it, by her many friends.

There will be a meeting of the society in the Riego Street Hall on 2nd March, when Mr. J. F. Dewar will give an interesting and instructive address on our hobby, writes Mr. R. Lile, sec. of the Edinburgh Western O.S. It is expected that a large number of the members will be present to give Mr. Dewar a cordial welcome. All intending members should endeavour to be present at this meeting.

For the last few weeks I have been unable to deal with my correspondence promptly, writes Mr. H. H. Towers, owing to the very serious illness of my youngest child. I am pleased to say, however, that she is now improving, and I hope soon to be able to get matters up to date. Will you kindly mention this, so that my friends may know that the apparent neglect has not been intentional.

Many thanks for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL; it is simply splendid. I had no idea it contained what it does, being, as it is, brimful of instructive information. No bird-keeper should be without it, considering too that the cost is so trivial. Shall have my copy hanging up in our Highgate Show next Saturday, and trust our members will avail themselves of the opportunity of possessing a copy.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec. of the Highgate, Hampstead and District C.B.S.

The attention of fanciers, especially in and around the Hamilton District (Lanarkshire) is drawn to the fact that the Hamilton (Cadzow Oak) Society's Show of cage birds will be held on November 11th, 1911, writes Mr. G. Marlin, the Sec. The following well-known specialist judges have consented to place the awards: Messrs. Watson (Kilmarnock), Norwich section; A. Walker (Lesmahagow), Border section; P. Pettigrew (Glasgow), Mules, British and foreign bird section. It is hoped there will be a liberal response in the matter of entries. Let Nov. 11th be a red-letter day in the history of the Society.

The Early Sparrow.

A remarkable discovery was recently made at Pound Batch Farm, Abbots Leigh, according to the "Standard" of February 8th. A workman had for some days fancied that he heard the chirping of young birds in a barn where he was employed, and on entering the building a morning or two since he saw a House Sparrow feeding her two young, fully fledged birds, which were perched on a beam. On examination of the building the nest was found in a corner beneath the roof.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(W. H. Bray, 14, Hamilton Road, Stoke.) W.V.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.)
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(G. Lawton, 159, Werrington Road, Stoke-on-Trent).
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terr.).
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 22, Leicester Street.)
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road).
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglesclife.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, Borough Surveyor's Office.)
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.).
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.)
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street).
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). W.E.G., H.W.B., and J.Fth.

Ireland.

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)

I have purchased all Mr. Coyne's (Ireland) winning Britishers at a fair price, writes Mr. Thomas Kemp (Barnsley). They are all splendid birds, and I hope they will do as well for me as they have done on the Irish show bench for Mr. Coyne.

A Lesson from the C.P.

In speaking of the recent Crystal Palace Show, the "Crystal Palace District Advertiser" says: "Coming to the British birds one was struck with the general excellence of all the classes. The beautiful condition of the birds, their fearlessness and perkiness in their show cages, was a strong refutation of the statements made by those faddists who are meddling with cage bird fanciers' rights and talking about the "cruelty" of caging British birds. When one considers the joy it is to thousands of working men and to hundreds of ladies in the country to have these pets under their care, and when one sees the fine condition in which these "natives" were shown—a condition which must have meant many months of loving care and correct feeding—it is surely only mistaken zeal which can regard their being kept as an act of cruelty."

Kindly thank all who replied to my small advert. in your ever progressing journal of "CAGE BIRDS," of Feb. 11th, re Wanted Canaries. I find I could not possibly reply to all who wrote me, but those who enclosed a stamp I wrote to, stating I had bought three gentlemen's stocks. I had about 50 replies in all.—Vincent Hankey (Liverpool).

My last advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," offering my pair of Stanley Parrakeets (own breeding), far exceeded my expectations in its results. I could have sold half-a-dozen pairs or more. I hope to have more young ones this season.—J. Smith (Kendal).

Allow me to thank you for my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" of Feb. 11th, re lady's cycle for exchange. I found it impossible to reply to them all, as they were so numerous. I think "CAGE BIRDS" is a safe place to put any advertisement in. A. Sherbrooke (Whitchurch).

We are simply swarmed with orders through our advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS." I received a large order from Canada on Feb. 18th, for nest pans, wire fronts, wire and punched bars.—W. Pimm (Birmingham).

Some Gems of the Finch Family.

By CHAS. PRIOR (Brentford).

One of our oldest and foremost exhibitors contributes most helpful notes on Mr. Goodchild's coloured plate, which was given with our recent Birthday Number.

(Continued from page 133).

Sexing Redpolls.

Ordinarily, the "sexing" of Redpolls is looked at somewhat askance. As an old bird dealer once remarked to me, "There ain't no cock or hen Redpolls; they're all cocks." Of course, this sweeping declaration is probably inaccurate, and while there are some individuals which perplex even the cutest, most Redpolls can be "sexed" with the same certainty as other birds. For instance, any Redpoll with red on the breast is a certain cock. Many Redpolls have a very slight pinkish flush on the rump. These also are certain cocks. Even warmth of colouring in this region is strong evidence presumptive of the male, for the hens run greyish there. Other differences are comparative. There is the red on the crown. In the cock this is bright scarlet, and much more conspicuous than in the hen. Taken in conjunction with other "henny" appearances, an excessive amount of heavy pencilling may dispose of a doubt. The lustier voice of the cock, too must not be overlooked. Of course, the various colour differences here noted apply to field-moulted Redpolls. They are greatly modified after house-moulting, and the difficulty of deciding sex considerably increased.

From the exhibition standpoint, the illustration presents all that is required so faithfully that words are not needed. Just one point may be noted, and that is size. Size is of rare occurrence in Lesser Redpolls, thus it naturally lifts its happy possessor out of the rut. (There is a larger species of Redpoll, the Mealy; but he is not in the picture this time.)

Home-bred Siskins.

We have already bracketted the Siskin with the Redpoll as one of the most easily tamed of birds, and of a truth, a wild Siskin in captivity is as much of a novelty as a tame suffragette at liberty. He is a most confiding pet, with a very lively manner, a brisk and cheerful song, and a hunger out of all proportion to his small size. A bird-loving lady acquaintance of mine (Mrs. Clark, of Sidcup) has successfully negotiated the experiment of breeding her own Siskins, and has exhibited some excellent specimens of both cocks and hens, bred in captivity and reared by their own parents. This is indeed a commendable achievement; one which suggests a whole catalogue of ideas, all pregnant with possibilities, and leading on finally to captive-bred winners of all species of wild birds.

But to the Siskin. Our portrait is itself a study in all that is excellent in the show bird. A sweetly modelled Siskin this, a yellow (as distinct from buff), hence not over large in size; and the most careful scrutiny reveals little else in his disfavour. We can well imagine his Buff nest-mate as being much bulkier in build, and if the two should meet on the show bench, they may well bring a pucker to the brow of the worthy judge. On the one hand the yellow, pure, rich colour, which throws into bold relief every feather which is not yellow or green. A well-formed cap, which is dense and black, but not entirely without lacing. Wing-bars and flight markings show up well on a bright yellow rump; ticking on back and thighs, regular and sharply defined. Finally, though it is not quite an indispensable point of merit, even the bib is in evidence.

Yellow and Buff.

On the other hand, the Buff. As perfect technically as his yellow brother, his perfections are presented in a less attractive form. His colours are as rich and his markings as regular and probably more profuse, but they are less striking, because they are enveloped in his natural mealiness. His cap, even if better in lacing, is less dense in colour. His bib, if he has one, is fainter. But, compensating for his one defect, cloudiness, he has the advantage of size, and a robustness of outline which is invariably denied to the Yellow. It is a hard galloping race for premier position between the two, and as we cannot have dead heats, there is bound to be a neck and neck finish.

It may be as well to note hereabouts that the colour difference, yellow and buff (otherwise, and perhaps more correctly in speaking of British birds, jonque and mealy), already mentioned in connection with the Siskin, are common to all birds. They are well established in the Canary world, separate classification for Yellow and Buff being provided at our big shows. This may not be practicable in the case of British birds, but the same dominating qualities are to be found in the Yellows and Buffs of other species as we have traced in the Siskin. The Buffs are excellent in all characteristic markings; bold in type and generous in contour; but cloudy in colour. The Yellows, pure and bright in colour, brimful of quality and polish, but, saving the rare exceptions, rather narrow at head and scanty in bulk. (By the way, of the seven species in our coloured plate, all are Yellows, excepting the Redpoll, which is a Buff).

Hen Siskins are easily recognised by the total absence of both cap and bib, the profusion of their markings on breast, flank, back and head, and their decidedly greyish colouration. They are attractive little birds, and enjoy quite a vogue in the hen classes which are now provided in yearly increasing numbers; besides which they are very useful in the pursuit of breeding experiments.

Sans Everything.

Our attention is next directed to the foot of the picture, where we encounter two of the handsomest of our native birds. Here, on the left, is a delineation of the Chaffinch, which, without as much as a thought derogatory to the excellence of the others, pleases me best of all in the picture. And why? Simply because he represents my ideal of the exhibition Chaffinch par excellence.

In the Linnet, the Greenfinch, the Twite, and the Redpoll, we love to study the beauty of subdued colours harmoniously blended. In the Goldfinch, the Bullfinch, the Chaffinch, and the Bramblefinch we expect the gayest of colours in the most striking of contrasts. Thus we have no place on the show-bench for the Chaffinch which is merely a self-coloured production of the colour-food artist. Let us have a chocolate-coloured back, by all means, but let the breast be many shades lighter—something approaching a tan. Let there be a nice display of pure white at the shoulder, habitually and naturally exhibited by the bird at every movement. Give us a steel-blue head and a grassy-green rump, enough size, and a "boxwood model" sleekness, and that will do.

Away with the one-colour-all-over monstrosity, *sans* head colour, *sans* rump colour, *sans* everything except that rich chocolate hue, who never shows his white shoulders, probably because he hasn't got one, and who simply travesties his nick-name of "Piefinch." We will have none of him. Incidentally, away also with the judgo who will not do justice to the attractive bird of contrasts when he meets him.

Variable in Temperament.

Pardon the violence of my language, good reader, and bear with me yet a little longer, while together we examine the behaviour of our subject under captivity. Few birds are so variablo in temperament as Chaffinches. I have had many examples which have been docile and well-behaved from the first, and some others which were still unsteady after years of confinement. Steadiness being a great point in Chaffineches, it should be observed as a general rule (not without exceptions, mark you) that young birds taken in the autumn just through the moult, or, better still, half moulted, are the likeliest to steady easily and quickly. Always allowing for exceptions, the later caught birds are the most difficult to get tame.

The demure-looking hen Chaffinch is an almost exact replica of the cock in everything excepting colour. Take away all the bright colouring of the cock Chaffinch and a little of his size and you have the hen.

An Apparent Affinity.

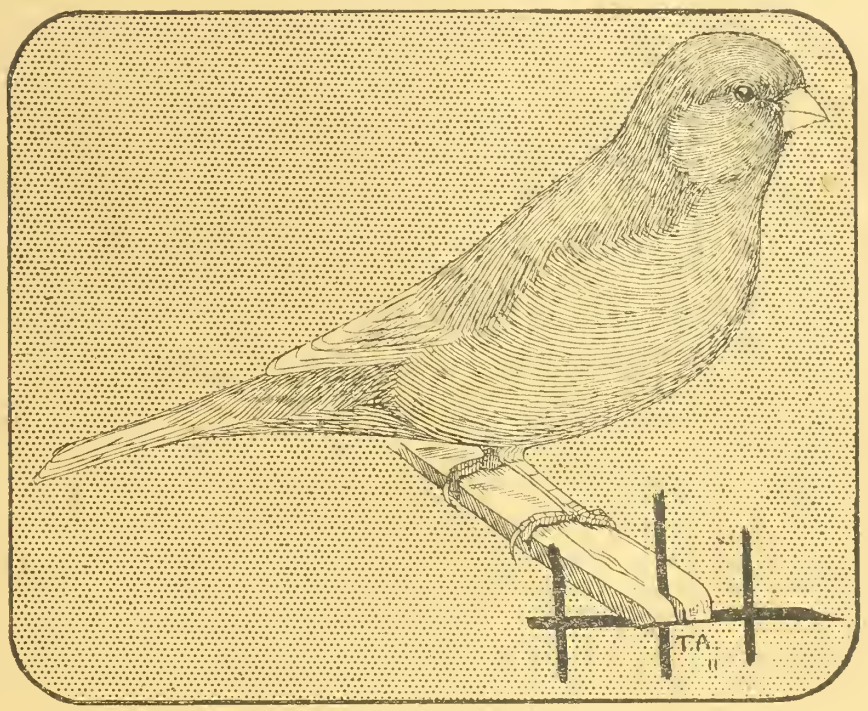
We now arrive at the last figure to be passed under review—the Bramblefinch. There is apparently an affinity between the Bramblefinch and the Chaffinch, for they have quite a number of characteristics in common. They are alike in shape, in size, and in feeding habits, and the soxes in each case are distinguished by the application of the same rule. Thero is the same variability of temperament, although of tho two the Bramblefinch is tho more capable of astonishingly sudden transitions from recklessness to sanity. The moulting period seems to bring to many a wild Brambling a realisation of the choice lying before him of another twelve months of riotous banging about all tattered and torn, or a corresponding period of gentle exorcise in his handsome new suit. To his credit be it said that he usually adopts the latter course.

The most important show points of the Bramblofinch are well brought out in our illustration. The head and back feathers are a "beetle-green-black," and each separate feather being edged with brown, a spangled effect is produced. The more regular and perfect this spangling is, the better. Tho chest colour is a bright tan, commencing right at the beak, and, in good spocimens, extending well down the breast—the further the better. Some Bramblefinches have a little patch of white just under tho beak. This is rather a technical imperfection than a downright fault. Others have the black of the head and neck continued so far down and round as to encircle tho throat. This is decidedly objectionable in tho show bird.

Notice should be taken of the variously-coloured wing bars, and of the two rows of ticking at the thighs, also of the clean cut lines which divido the several colours. The pure white regions immediately above and below the tail are an admirably suitable finish to an extremely handsome bird.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else



YELLOW NORWICH PLAINHEAD HEN

1st and special prizes at the Scottish National Show for Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough).

The Breeding of Norwich Plainheads.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. Furniss before the Sheffield C.B.S. on Feb. 2.

I received quite a shock on arriving home last Saturday to be informed that one of our secretaries had called to say that they had put me down for a paper on the Norwich Plainhead, seeing there are, in this society, members who have had far more practical experience than I. You have to-day a Fancy Press which gives all the information possible, so that you must not expect to hear anything but what has been oft repeated.

The Ideal Show Bird.

An ideal show bird should have a good, round head; that is, wide at the entrance, and rising nicely from a short beak, with a bold eye and prominent cheeks; a short, thick neck; good, deep chest, well filled in down the back; and the wings well braced, just meeting nicely at the tips. It must have a neat, short, closely-folded tail, clean round the thighs, and be short in legs, but not too short.

The bird must have a nice, jaunty carriage, and must take the perches in the best of style. It should possess that soft, silky feather which carries that delicate and desirable pinky shade of colour; and the bird should have no "trousers" round the thighs.

Now, to breed a winner, the birds would have to be paired together judiciously, and the fancier should be careful to avoid the pairing-up of those having the same faults, and to try to counterbalance the failing of one by the excellence of the other, thereby striking the happy medium as it were, which would bring us nearer the model given us to attain.

In pairing-up take particular notice of the hens. See that you get them true to type, and of medium size, with short, silky feather.

Points of the Hens.

Three of the most important items in respect to the hens are head, wings, and carriage. There is nothing looks worse than a slovenly hen, with wings crossed like scissors, or one wing down and the other one up. And the head properties are an important point, the head being one of the hardest things to keep up in size, so that it is as well to let both birds excel in head. On the cock's side you must have size, substance, and colour. You can afford to give a little as to feather, as there are few large birds which do not carry a bit of feather.

In visiting other fanciers' rooms, I have noticed that some of their old stock cocks possess massive heads, "nappers," as some call them; they are a bit browy, have short, thick necks, and oh! what bodies! Some of them are like young pigeons when handled. Stock birds which these old fanciers keep and breed with year after year are paired to hens of medium size, but all there for type and quality. I prefer a year-old cock—one which has been run over, paired to either a year-old or an unflighted hen of opposite colour, and, of course, both birds must be in good health and condition.

I am not a lover of using birds which sit on the perches all the winter looking thick, and then are forced into breeding condition. I like them to be vigorous all the year round.

Plenty of Green Blood Wanted.

Another important item is to have plenty of green blood in your stock, as you can then get colour and quality which, as you all know, plays such an important part on the show bench.

I must here say that at some of our shows you occasionally see typical birds put back in preference to the big, long-sided, red-hot, browy bird. Personally, I think type should be first. No doubt many winners on tho show bench to-day are the result of double-buffing. Of course, care is needed in selecting tho type of bird for this purpose, and also a knowledge of how the bird is bred. But if both birds are nice, light-feathered specimens, bred from good stock, and there is plenty of colour in them, they should produce something tip-top. I have seen youngsters bred this way of better quality than their parents.

One of the great drawbacks to double-buffing is the limiting of the yellow birds; practically all the youngsters are buffs. And in the ordinary way of pairing yellow to buff, you still got a preponderance of buffs. Double-yellowing I don't consider suitable for Norwich, as you get birds slimmer and smaller. Mind you, produce a good breeding yellow hen this way and pair it back to a big buff stock bird, and this should breed something right.

I have not touched on the work in the breeding and moulting season, through the limited time I have had at my disposal in preparing this short paper, but I will give you my methods of breeding, etc., on some future occasion.

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The Roller Canary: Its Breeding, Training & General Management.

By "SCHOOLMASTER."

This practical article is written by one of our leading present-day Roller experts who, however, wishes to remain anonymous.

(*Continued from page* 136.)

Place your hens in one of your double-breeding cages with partition removed. This will make a serviceable flight for two hens. Put your cock bird in another room out of hearing altogether from the hens, or his singing will have a tendency to bring the hens forward into breeding condition before anything like suitable weather prevails.

Subduing the Song.

Should the cock, instead of being a low, or moderate-voiced bird, be full-toned (which in Roller parlance means loud-voiced), with, say, two or more faults, no amount of darkening in a shutter-cage will make it into a low-voiced singer. But while the majority of these full-toned singers are in a closed shutter-cage, they will sing in a more subdued tone, but immediately they are given the light again they fall back into their old style of singing.

A bird of this description is by no means to be despised as a stock bird, providing it is well bred, say, from a winner and a properly selected hen, or again, from a known winning strain; it is no guarantee whatever that because the cock is a full-toned, faulty singer his youngsters will be the same. I will give the novice beginner just one illustration in proof of this; I could give more, but I think one will suffice to make my meaning perfectly clear. I have bred with a winning cock that sang a good variety of tours, but had a bad nasal tour; now, out of a whole season's breeding not one youngster bred from this cock sang this same fault. Some of the youngsters sang a slight aufzug, others a high schockel, and others, again, brought out sharp flutes and a high bell tour. At the same time they had some beautiful tours, especially the hollow roll, water glucke and bass tour. The beginner will see by the above that like does not always breed like. I might mention that these young cocks were not tutored by their sire. It is far the better plan for the purchaser to personally visit a breeder or dealer, whom he suggests to purchase his stock from; he would then in all probability hear the cock (or cocks) sing before he decides to buy. At the same time the seller will point out to him the different tours, also the faults, if any, which his selected bird sings.

A Tip

Perhaps a little advice on this subject would be beneficial. When you get into a breeder's or a dealer's room, remember that he is often a busy man, who always has plenty of work waiting for him. So tell him at once what you require, and how much you are prepared to give for the same, and don't sit in his room for a couple of hours trying to teach him how he should breed his birds, or that you do not think it matters what kind of a German hen he uses, or that you yourself had a beautiful singer (a Seifert) that sang over 30 changes, but alas! it is now dead. Old hands in the Fancy will know that the above is not a mere theorising on my part, but absolutely according to fact. And if the seller does not wish to begin an argument with you, well, he'll smile when you are gone.

So when purchasing your birds, do not waste the seller's time, but ask for what you want, and at the same time ask him how the birds have been fed, and whether they are used to a cold room or one where artificial heat is used. Also get to know what tours your cock bird sings. No man will demur answering these few sensible questions, and it is very likely you will also get the following thrown in: "If you get 'stuck fast' at any time, call again, and I'll do my best to set you right." It is often surprising the number of local callers a breeder will get in answer to an advertisement in our CAGE BIRDS, and every one takes up of his time. But try and remember that the "old hand" will not believe your yarns of cocks with 30 different changes of song.

Price Will Depend.

The price you will have to pay for your stock will depend a great deal upon the seller, and upon the price he paid for his own breeding stock. Opinions on this point differ very much, so no hard and fast valuation can be set upon it, and if a breeder's stock birds cost him from £3 to £5 each for cocks, and 10s. upwards for hens, then you cannot reasonably expect to get from him pair of birds for, say, 15s., because he knows it is very probable you are just as likely to breed a winner from one of his faulty singers (that is, if it is properly trained) as he is himself from a better class singer of the same strain. I think I have said sufficient to set the beginner right in the matter of the purchasing of his stock. Having ascertained the temperature your newly-purchased birds have been used to, and the kind of seed they have been having, follow out same at least until the warm weather arrives; then you can remove them to a cold room. By a cold room, I mean one where no artificial heat is used. The hens (or cocks) can then remain in this cold room all through the following winter, as the Roller Canary is a hardy bird, and will stand a great deal of cold. But by all means avoid cold draughts and damp. I have Rollers at the present time (Feb. 1st) in a cold out-door room, with the glass standing at freezing point, and my birds are all tight in feather, and as hard as nails. And even at this temperature they will have a bath and enjoy it. There is not a wheezy, ailing bird in my whole stock. I mention this fact to show the beginner that the Roller is not such a hot-house variety as some people believe it to be. Other people will complain that it is only a one-year's singer; also that when they purchase Rollers they sing sweet and low, and then after a short time the voices get so loud as to craze you. This is entirely the purchaser's own fault, and not the fault of the bird at all.

Not a One-Season Singer.

It is erroneous to say that the Roller is only a one-season singer, because if properly treated they will sing for you as long as they live. But I must admit that as age increases their song will deteriorate. I know there are exceptions in all cases, for I myself knew a common German Canary that sang well for eleven years, and this bird was hung from a ceiling in an open wire cage, over a gas jet and quite close to a fire. This is one of those exceptional cases, as the owner's next dozen pets might not stand this sort of treatment for as many weeks as his old bird did years.

The reason those low, sweet singers get loud, and craze you, is because before you purchased them their trainer had kept them dark. This is the whole pith of the thing. Treat birds in the following way: Place them in a shutter-cage, with doors about half-way closed. Then when you know the bird can readily find his food and water, begin gradually to close the doors until you have the bird so that he can find his food and water in the dark. Feed him liberally, but not too well, or else you will get the bird into rank breeding condition; that is, if he is in a warm room. It is only natural that when he comes into this form his voice will get louder.

When you have the bird used to the cage, so that it can find both food and water, you will find he will sing when closed up, but you must open the cage doors at least once per day, for a period of three-quarters of an hour, or an hour. If your time will not allow of this, then open oftener but for shorter periods. You should arrange it according to your time. Say, if you go home to your breakfast and dinner, arrange for the shutter-cage, or cages, to be open for a few minutes each time, then close them up again in darkness. But see to it your cages are properly ventilated.

By following out the above-named method you will get your low-voiced birds to sing in a low tone; but with a full-toned bird, no amount of darkening will make it a natural low-voiced one.

The Next Step.

Assuming that your hens are now placed in your breeding cage (which will act as a flight cage), place a good covering of gritty sand or sawdust on the cage bottom; but if sawdust is used, grit must be supplied in a separate vessel. A small shrimp-pot is handy, or a wire worker would make you a few grit-tins to hang inside the cage. A very convenient size is 1¼in. long, ¾in. wide, and ¾in. deep; these will be very handy, as they do not take up much room; they look neat, and they will only cost about 9d. or 10d. per dozen.

Cold Room Birds.

If your birds are in a cold room you may feed them more liberally than if they were in a warm room. In addition to their usual staple diet, give once per week a small teaspoonful of hemp seed for each bird. Then on another day give the same quantity of egg food or a capital substitute for the same, mixing with it a good pinch of maw seed. This, with a small piece of sweet apple, boiled potato or carrot, or a small piece of watercress once or twice per week, is ample to keep them fit until you commence to feed them up, before placing them together for breeding. I do not care for watercress myself, unless I can gather my own, and can then see what sort of water it grows in; it does not always grow in the cleanest and purest water.

The above-named treatment is suitable for both cocks and hens when they are kept in a cool room. Birds kept in this way do not they were kept in an artificially heated room, I should most certainly advise you to do the same. If this is not convenient for you, put the birds in your living kitchen and warmly cover the cages up each night when the gas is turned out. Here you will have to keep them until suitable weather arrives, when you will be able to transfer them to your selected cold room. Birds kept in this way do not require very liberal feeding during the winter months, or you will bring them forward into breeding condition before the proper time, and your hens will begin to drop eggs on the cage bottom, and by all possible means this should be avoided, as it often upsets a hen for the whole season.

Feed them on nothing but plain Canary and rape seed, or rape seed, as the birds are used to having, with a little apple or green food twice a week, and in all cases don't forget their bath. Let them bathe every day if they will; this is all that is necessary until you commence to feed them for breeding.

(*To be continued.*)

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A RARE AND INTERESTING HYBRID.

Crested Greenfinch Mule exhibited at Clapham Show by Mr. H. J. Weaser (Denham, Bucks.)

Wild Bird-Life.

The Destructive Woodpigeon.

All the year round Woodpigeons are fairly plentiful in that part of Surrey where the writer of these notes resides. During the early spring and heat of summer there is no sweeter sound in the woodlands than the love song of this handsome bird. He is well named, for when not feeding in the fields, he is haunting the woods, either to rest, and digest his meal, or to seek beech mast, and scorns, both of which he is exceedingly fond of; and although he frequently nests in isolated trees, in tall hedgerows, and small plantations, he undoubtedly prefers the solitude of the more extensive woods in which to build that curious platform of sticks which serves as a nest, to contain the pair of snow-white eggs and to rear a couple of lusty young ones. To the agriculturist the Woodpigeon is of very little use, for although during the months of June and July he will settle in the growing corn, and feed upon several of the seeds of weeds growing mostly upon cultivated ground, he is practically for the remainder of the year an enemy who has to be watched very carefully. The Woodpigeon is a tremendous feeder, and during harvest a good handful of ripe corn can be taken from the crop of a single bird, and later, in the winter, when the sowing commences, he is quite as destructive as the Rooks. When green stuff is scarce, towards the turn of the year, after he has denuded the woods of acorns, and beech nuts, he raids the fields for green food, and will devour as much in a day as will suffice for a human being. Unfortunately we have not only our own birds to contend with, but thousands of others visit us during the autumn, and winter months. These roam the country in huge flocks, doing no end of damage, and in the wooded districts of the southern counties are almost a plague upon the land. So serious are their depredations that big battues are arranged, extending over several counties. The method of dealing with them is simple yet effectual. At a given time of a certain day, every farmer and land-owner takes up a favourite position, usually at the edge of a wood; shooting soon commences. As the birds fly from wood to wood, they are met at each point, so that in a few hours thousands are slain, the majority of which are despatched to the nearest markets. Of late years these birds have become much more numerous, and as they breed nearly all the year round, it requires some such method to keep them in check, as we have now no large Hawk or Falcon, who systematically destroys them. Falcon, which systematically destroys them. That the guns entail huge slaughter upon the hordes of pigeons is unquestionable.

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Hybrid Breeding: Its Pleasures and Difficulties.

By E. COLLINS (Barnstaple).

(Concluded from page 134.)

Again, Britishers in captivity are very erratic in their manner of laying. Some hens will lay one egg, and then stop for three or four days, when you will get the rest of the clutch, perhaps on successive days. Others will present you with an egg on alternate days until the full clutch has been obtained; while others, again, will lay a certain number on two or three successive days, and an equal number again in about twelve or fourteen days. My hen Redpoll gave me considerable trouble in this respect, laying an egg every second or third day. Thus it took a fortnight or more to get a full clutch from her, with the result that the eggs were placed under the Canaries in two or threes, and at different times. The Bullfinch hen from which I bred by Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrids laid two eggs at the end of every twelve days with great regularity throughout the season.

Testing the Eggs.

Having secured your clutches of eggs, the next business is to test them. Here, too, your methods must be thorough. You cannot afford to be lax in this matter, for it is just possible that the eggs which you do not test are the

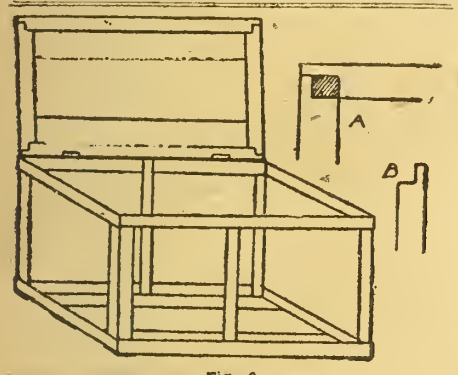


Fig. 6.

ones which would have proved fertile. Every egg must be thoroughly tested. This is not always an easy matter, even with five or six pairs of Canaries to take the eggs, and the resources of the breeder will often be taxed to the utmost.

Most breeders say that fertile eggs are more likely to be obtained late in the season, in July and August; but, with one exception, the whole of my Hybrids were hatched in May or early June. Two Goldfinch-Redpolls were hatched on May 12th, and a Linnet-Bullfinch on May 19th. I attribute this early success to natural feeding and the splendid condition of my birds.

Management of the Canaries

The next important point for our consideration is the management of the Canaries which are to be entrusted with the work of incubating and rearing the young Hybrids; it is not safe, as I have already stated, to trust the Britishers in these matters. It will be necessary to have several pairs of Canaries going off to nest at different times, so that there shall always be two or three hens sitting ready to take the eggs laid by the Britishers. Common Canaries are as suitable as any for this purpose, as they are generally good feeders.

If you are trying any of the smaller crosses, such as the Goldfinch-Redpoll, or the Siskin-Redpoll, it would be advisable to have a Border Fancy hen or two among your feeders, as I think the tiny youngsters would do better under these small hens.

My first pair is set going on the first Saturday in April, as a rule, and the remaining pairs on the following five Saturdays—one pair each week. By adopting this plan you will be sure that your hens are going off to nest at different times, which is a matter of great importance. Do not allow your hens to come into breeding condition too early, or you will find it difficult to carry out this arrangement. When setting your hens going, always select the most forward birds, for then they will soon go off to nest.

Give your Canaries their usual diet of Canary, rape seed, etc., but also get them used to the wild seeds, such as groundsel, dandelion, plantain and shepherd's purse, for you will find them very useful when the young Hybrid arrives. Some Canaries, too, will not object to ants' eggs when these are mixed with the egg-food, and I have known many Canaries devour them greedily. Such birds should prove invaluable, for I believe we should stand a much better chance of rearing our Hybrids if they were supplied with a certain amount of insectivorous food.

Colour-feeding for Exhibition

When at last the Hybrid is reared, there must be no relaxation of effort, for there is yet much to be done before the young bird will be ready for the show-bench. The approach of the moulting season is a most critical period, for much depends upon how the bird is steered through its first moult. If he moults out a strong and healthy specimen, he is likely, in an ordinary way, to live through several show seasons. Supply him with good wholesome food give plenty of exercise, together with a free use of the bath, and keep your cages and fittings scrupulously clean and free from red-mite. Attention to these matters makes all the difference in the bird's health, and will probably considerably lengthen its days.

It is scarcely necessary for me to say that if any winning is to be done with our Hybrids, they must be colour-fed. Indeed, it would be almost useless to send a natural-coloured specimen to a show in these days of keen rivalry. Colour-feeding, then, must form part of the scheme in the production of the exhibition Hybrid. Whether we agree with colour-feeding or not, does not very much matter. The fact remains that we must either colour-feed our birds or take a back seat.

When obtaining your colour-food, get it direct from a reliable dealer, and only use pepper of the best quality. To every 4 lbs. of tasteless pepper I add 1 lb. of best hot Natal, and ½ lb. of castor sugar. Many breeders add a certain quantity of best olive oil to the pepper; but I think that the foods as supplied by most dealers contain quite sufficient quantities of oil. When preparing the colour-food for my Mules and Hybrids, I mix one teaspoonful of pepper to two or three teaspoonfuls of egg food, supplying a teaspoonful of this mixture to each bird. Do not commence at this strength, but begin with a very small proportion of pepper, and gradually increase until the full strength has been reached. Do not wait until your birds begin to drop their feathers before commencing to colour-feed. I put all my old birds on to the food by the end of June, so as to get the colour well into the bird's system before the new feathers begin to grow. All young birds are put on to the food when they are about seven or eight weeks old. If your birds are to moult out a really good, even colour, the food must be given regularly, and you must see that your birds finish their allowance each day. You will often find it necessary to remove your seed vessels until the birds have finished their soft food. My own plan is to remove seed vessels at night, and put them back on the following day when the birds have eaten their egg food. I avoid the use of green food during the moult, as I find the colour-food quite relaxing enough.

Continue to give the colour-food until the birds are well through their moult, and then gradually decrease the quantity of pepper, and also give your birds their seed a little earlier every day until you get them on wholly to seed again. Do not let the change from soft food to seed be a sudden one, or you will upset your birds, and possibly lose some of them. Even after the birds are clean-moulted you will find it

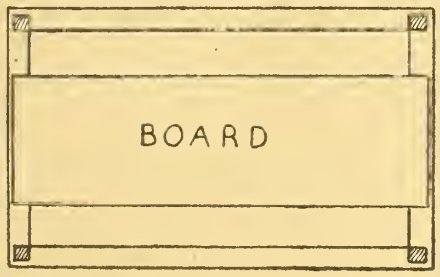


Fig. 7.

necessary to give your exhibition birds colour-food once or twice a week during the show season, as they are apt to lose feathers from various causes, especially when at the shows or travelling.

Hints on Exhibiting.

When the time arrives for sending your birds to the shows you will find that this part of your hobby furnishes yet another instance of that glorious uncertainty which makes bird-keeping such a fascinating pastime. Here, again, however, much can be done to enhance your chances of winning. Show your birds to the best advantage. I have seen many a bird at the shows, which would have occupied a higher position in the award list if it had been properly staged. Send out your birds in properly fitted show-cages of the latest pattern and design, and stage them as faultlessly as possible. Pay a visit to one or two big shows, and learn for yourself how some of the big winners stage their exhibits. I have visited the Western Counties Ornithological Society (Plymouth), and the Crystal Palace Shows, and have found these shows an education in themselves.

I am not in favour of over-showing one's Hybrids, unless one possesses a big team on which to ring the changes, sending one team out one week, and another team the next. I think five or six shows quite sufficient for any bird in one season; and this means sending a bird out about once a fortnight.

Do not be too apt to quarrel with the judge's decisions when you find your birds out of the cards. Learn to take your wins and losses in the same good spirit. We should not be hasty in our judgment of the judge's awards, nor should we assume that we know all his motives. By all means criticise his awards if you think he has made mistakes, but let your criticism be fair, and at least give him credit for having done his work conscientiously. Judges, after all, are merely human, and like the Mayor of Slocum-on-Mud, they sometimes make mistakes. Above all, show your birds honestly; do not let the desire to finish on top lead you to act fraudulently.

A Final Word.

Many have adopted bird-keeping as a result of reading an interesting article from the pen of an aviculturist who has been willing to allow others to benefit by his experience; and I shall feel amply rewarded if, by the writing of this article, I shall have persuaded any of my readers to follow in my steps, and adopt as a hobby the breeding of Hybrids. It is a generally accepted maxim that every man should have a hobby, and it cannot be denied that, as a rule, those men who spend some of their leisure in the pursuit of some interesting pastime, are far more happy and contented members of society than those who have no occupation during their hours of leisure. If there are any among my readers who are in search of a hobby, I can thoroughly recommend Hybrid-breeding as a delightful pastime, extremely fascinating, and one which will provide you with plenty of healthy and enjoyable excitement. You will in the pursuit of it find plenty of interest, to amuse and to instruct you, and when, at last, you have reached the goal of your ambition, and the living Hybrid stands before you—a result of all your labours—your joy will be such as is never known to the man who buys his winners.

Hints on the Construction of Travelling Cases.

H. NORMAN.

(Continued from page 33.)

All the above show cases are of a more or less finished character, but some may require something made of rougher material, suitable for long distances and easily constructed. Fig. 6 will probably meet their requirements. In this case no measurements are given, as it is simple to construct such a case of any size. The sketch almost explains itself. The only part where the ordinary fancier may find a difficulty is in constructing the corners. It is practically immaterial what wood is used—ordinary tile or slate batten is cheap, and answers the purpose admirably. The tile batten is perhaps the more suitable, and can be purchased at from one shilling to one

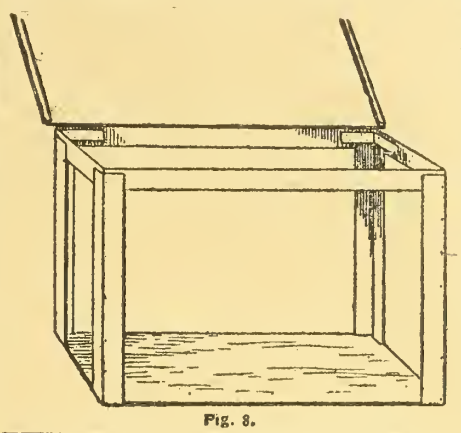


Fig. 8.

shilling and sixpence per 100ft., according to the district. It generally measures about 1¼in. by ¾in.

The rails should be cut each end as shown at B (Fig. 6); these should be nailed to the uprights as shown at A. These uprights want to be 1in. or a full ¾in. thick, but before doing this a small mortice would have to be cut in the centre for the centre uprights. If one is unable to mortice or hasn't the necessary tools, it could, of course, be carefully nailed, but a mortice makes a much stronger and a neater job.

When finishing, get the whole affair perfectly square, and nail a ¼in. board on to the bottom (Fig. 7); this not only adds to its strength, but keeps it perfectly square and secure.

The top can be made separately, as shown in the sketch, with another thin board across it. When this case is well lined with American cloth or stout canvas and fastened with straps, it makes a very serviceable case, and one that costs little, and will last a number of seasons.

A Light Carrying Case.

A fancier living in a large town where he is able to take his exhibits to the show himself and fetch them home again, will require a handy, light case for that purpose, one that is easily carried; the one in Fig. 8 is suitable. To make this, two thin boards should be procured of the desired size for top and bottom; also some strips about 3in. wide—these can be of pine like the bottom, or, if one can procure cedar wood, so much the better, as it is light and strong. Having prepared them, cut a piece out of each corner of the bottom board, as shown at B (Fig. 9), and nail the strips on at right angles to each other. Repeat this at all four corners. To these the top rails can be fastened either by nailing them inside or, as shown, with an angle iron inside for strengthening purposes. The lid is simply a board with a strip of narrow wood at each end to prevent the board splitting. Cover the whole with stout canvas or twill, and you have a handy, very light case, suitable for your purposes. Although it is much more rigid than it looks, remember, it is hardly suitable for sending long distances.

In making the all-wood cases, the fancier must not forget to bore a hole at each end for ventilation purposes. These should be covered inside with a small piece of perforated zinc; this prevents draughts. It is advisable to have one's cases all the same colour, or to have some distinguishing mark upon them, as they are then easily recognised and found among the pile of others usually seen at a big show, many of which so closely resemble each other that a mistake or much loss of time might easily occur. Do not forget to paint your name and address both inside and outside the case; also put on the outside, in good bold letters in red, the words, "Live Birds." and don't omit to use CAGE BIRDS "Live Bird Labels."

The Quails' Leader.

Old writers declare that the Corncrake is the leader of every flock of Quails. These two birds generally make their appearance at the same time, and being both ground birds are frequently found in the same district. They also depart to winter quarters simultaneously.

Birds of Australia.

Although the Australian Continent is several thousand miles from Europe, many of our birds are plentiful in some parts of it. Among the wild life of the country may be seen Swifts, Swallows, Martins, and Flycatchers, also larger birds, such as Hawks, Owls, Eagles, Gulls, Ducks, Plovers, etc.

Martins Rearing Sparrow.

It is on record that a pair of House Martins successfully reared a young House Sparrow, which they hatched from an egg deposited in the nest by a hen Sparrow. She no doubt laid the egg with a view of taking possession, but was turned out by the enraged Martins. The young one was carefully fed until he left the nest with the young Martin, and then finding he was neglected returned, and was again fed until he could do for himself.

The Largest Bird's Egg.

The largest bird's egg is that of the Ostrich. It weighs three pounds, and is about equal to twenty-four hen's eggs.

A Bird Imitator.

It is well known that birds swallow small stones and pieces of grit to assist in digestion, but few are aware that the crocodile also imitates birds by doing the same thing.

A Curious Rookery.

Rookeries generally consist of a good many nests, dotted about in several trees, but in Yarrell's "British Birds" mention is made of a Rookery in a single tree; this contained no less than one hundred nests.

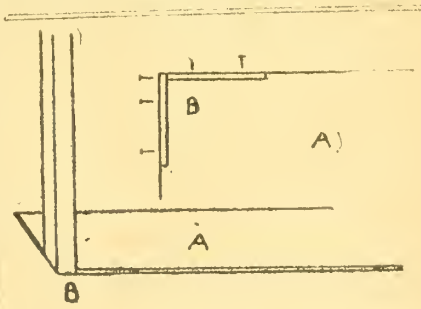


Fig. 9.

Jackdaws as Nurses.

Stanley relates an anecdote of some Jackdaws that were fed daily at a window sill, when one day the window was suddenly shut and crushed the greater part of the beak of one of the birds. It was nursed indoors for a time, and when released the companions of the bird fed it regularly until quite recovered, although it took several months for the mandible to grow again.

Three Forms of Bird Flight.

Birds have three chief modes of flight. They are: gliding or skimming; strokes of the wings; and soaring. Apparently most birds are able to glide, as even our common birds can be seen to do it; and again the majority progress by strokes of the wings, although the methods of using the strokes differs in the case of certain species, and frequently among the same birds. The sailing or soaring appears to be only possible to certain species. To rise higher and higher on motionless extended wings, is not an accomplishment given to all birds.

Club Reports.

DUNFERMLINE & W. OF FIFE O.S

Annual general meeting, held Co-operative Hall, Feb. 11th, Lord Bruce presiding. Balance-sheet was considered, and showed to be on the right side. Date of the show was fixed for January 2nd and 3rd, 1912.—Alexander Hynd, Sec.

CUPAR AND DISTRICT O.S.

Annual general meeting held 8th February. There was a record turn-out of members. Accounts were passed. Next show fixed for 2nd December. A large committee of fanciers were elected, with Mr. D. J. Bruce, Mount Pleasant, Cupar, as secretary.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, on Jan. 28th. Mr. J. Muir presided over a good attendance. Business: Revising rules and classes. We also extended the radius from 10 to 15 miles. Rule 21 has been deleted from the list. Next meeting Feb. 28th; nominating judges for ensuing year.—Wm. Clubb, Sec.

BEAMISH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, held Feb. 11th, Club Room, Bird Inn, Mr. Crosby in chair. Moved by Mr. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. W. Little, that we accept offer of Messrs. W. Butler, W. Knowles, and Crosby of a rose bowl, to be competed for at annual show for the best current year bird by a member. Moved by Mr. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. W. Butler, that Messrs. J. Robson, G. Robson, A. Young, and R. Goodchild become members. Moved by Mr. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. W. Butler, that we have nest feather show July 10.—W. Knowles, Sec.

BROXBURN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Public Hall, Feb. 9, Mr. Murray (president) presiding over a very large attendance. Secretary submitted balance sheet for year ending Dec., 1910, as audited by Messrs. T. Sharp and W. Paul; it showed a credit balance of £4 2s. This, although £1 or so less than the amount brought into the accounts from the previous year, is a very creditable result in view of the fact that the expenses during the past year were much heavier than formerly. Office bearers.—Pres., W. Murray; vice-pres., W. Paul; Secretary, W. McLaren; treasurer, J. Workman; committee, Messrs. Sharp, Crighton, Rodgers, Boag, Findlayson, Philip, Aitken, Richardson, Taylor, Thomson. Classification drawn up for annual show and nomination of judges.—W. McLaren, Sec.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting held St. Phillip's Mission Room, Westmoreland Street. Mr. T. Ridal presided over a capital attendance. The event of the evening was a judging competition with Mr J. Woolhouse as final judge. The result was a tie between Messrs. J. G. Cowley and H. Biddle; 2nd, Mr. J. Scott. This proved very interesting and instructive. Whilst the above was in progress the usual business was gone into. Decided, that we hold our nest feather show on June 24th, and that we appoint Mr. W. H. Champion to judge same. At next meeting, March 9th, we are to have the pleasure of hearing a lecture on breeding and rearing by Mr. G. Browning (Rotherham). Will all members endeavour to be present? Any fancier desirous of joining the above Society will be heartily welcomed. Following elected members: Messrs. Rhodes, Hutton, Kelsey, Hogan, Furniss, Roberts, and Howard.—C. W. Marshall.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Lecture on "Breeding and Management.

A large and enthusiastic body of fanciers welcomed Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) as lecturer at the meeting held Feb. 7th. The room was well filled with members and friends, who were delighted with a splendid lecture on "Breeding and Management." In the first place, the varied experience which he has enjoyed, coupled with the strong desire to fathom the many difficulties which face many fanciers, has given Mr. C. that confidence which an audience so thoroughly enjoys in listening to a lecture on such a seasonable topic; and although the lecture did, as Mr. Clarkson hinted it would, cover ground which in all probability had been traversed many times in previous lectures, yet the versatile manner in which he handled the subject made it very acceptable to both old and young fanciers alike, and I have no hesitation in saying that many of our members will be copying some of the methods Mr. Clarkson so freely gave; and I hope they will prove as beneficial to them in practical use as the lecture proved enjoyable.

In his opening remarks the lecturer took us back to the methods that prevailed at the time when he launched out in the Fancy; and the comparison he dealt with only tended to show the vast improvement which has taken place in the management of our stock and exhibition specimens.

In dealing with the cages, their preparation and arrangement, some real good points were dealt with. For instance, Mr. Clarkson does his cages inside with whitening, to which is added some ordinary table salt, the beneficial qualities contained in this common everyday commodity being very cleverly illustrated. No doubt much study has convinced the lecturer that it is almost a necessity with some animals and birds, just as it is argued on similar lines with regard to human beings. However, this proved a very good point. Those present mainly agreed with the lecturer in regard to the disadvantages which accrue from the use of enamel, etc., for the inside of the cages. Another very good idea was for the outside of the cages, instead of using the black lacquer, he used ordinary tar, to which had been added a sufficient quantity of turpentine, this acting in a double capacity—it was neat and was a check to any of the red mite or other pests which trouble a number of fanciers.

Mr. Clarkson's remarks anent his method of feeding his birds when preparing them for the breeding season contained some real good advice, especially re the advisability of studying the likes and dislikes of the birds. He also issued a warning with regard to pampering and over-feeding one's stock. This, in his idea, is a responsible factor in many of the disastrous events which follow afterwards when the young birds arrive. Ordinary household bread is used, along with hard-boiled egg and maw seed, the beneficial qualities of this seed receiving particular attention from the lecturer, who pins his faith to the good obtained from its use.

Mr. Clarkson does not believe in a too liberal use of green food at any period of the season, and refrains from using it at all for the first round. His arguments on this point were very forcible indeed, being backed up by considerable experience on his part. When the lecturer is preparing his nest boxes for the breeding season he fastens the linings of his nests in their proper place with Stockholm tar—another great preventive against red mite, it being almost certain to check any such pests.

On the training and upbringing of young birds, Mr. Clarkson dealt at great length, and impressed upon all the necessity for careful training, especially in the case of birds destined for the show bench. He said one-half the battle was to get them so they would show themselves to the best advantage, and whatever time was spent to obtain this result would always be repaid to the fancier in the long run.

Dealing with the question of feeding for colour, the lecturer, giving his methods of preparing and using same, passed some forcible remarks anent breeding for colour as well. Unless one was prepared to do this, he could, he said, assure him that satisfactory results would never be attained. Mr. Clarkson, in introducing this subject, said the idea that he had always followed out when breeding for colour was to use a cinnamon-marked hen, from which he obtained some real good quality and colour in the progeny. His objection to breeding it in on the cock side was in reference to the after-results.

In concluding, Mr. Clarkson said he would be pleased to answer any question that was asked. These were freely asked and answered. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was proposed in a neat little speech by the President (Mr. E. Suddards), and ably seconded by Mr. J. Farrar. Mr. Clarkson thanked the members for their attention. This closed a most profitable evening's business—one that had been thoroughly enjoyed by all.—H. Hill, Secretary

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Feb. 4th, 55, Briggate, Mr. Mahoney in chair. This was a most successful meeting, 9 new members being enrolled. The balance sheet for 1910 was read and passed. We have every prospect of better time in the ensuing year. New members' names: Messrs. Best, Bland, Cross, Dobson, Firth, Hardcastle, Heron, Stead, and Sykes-Healy.—H. L. Davis, Assist. Sec.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Election of officers for 1911: J. Busby, Esq., president; H. Saunders, chairman; W. Roycroft, vice-chairman; Messrs. Maff and A. Symonds, auditors; J. Busby, treasurer; committee, Messrs. J. Symonds, A. Wright, H. Wright, J. Blackshaw, H. Ward, J. Ingram, M'Dougall, J. Lucas, W. Wiberley, W. Rowley, and W. Payne; assistant hon. sec., T. Cooke; hon. sec., R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlsdon, Coventry.

LEITH (Jubilee) O.S.

Meeting held February 6th, Mr. Petrie presiding in the absence of the president through illness. There was a fairly good attendance, and a good spirit was put into the meeting by various members intimating that they had a goodly number of new members to propose at the March meeting. Proposed, that we have competitive classes of old birds at our annual show. Will anyone desirous of joining please communicate with me, or come to our meeting on March 6th?—Jas. Sinclair, 151, Easter Road.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Annual general meeting held Lesser Town Hall February 4th, Mr. J. Braidwood (vice-president) in chair. There was a large attendance. Mr. Cant (secretary) read the financial statement for 1910, showing a balance on the right side, and on the motion of Mr. Forrest, seconded by Mr. Allan, the balance-sheet was adopted. Chairman read Mr. A. Cant's resignation as secretary. Needless to say, we had to accept his resignation, but not without regret. Election of office bearers: Pres., W. Shearer, senr.; vice.-pres., T. Allan and H. Forrest; secretary and treasurer, G. Marlin; auditors, J. Braidwood and T. Morrison; committee, W. Shearer, junr., A. Cant, J. McIntyre, J. Braidwood, W. Hamilton, D. Johnstou, and T. Morrison. Settled, that we hold open show Nov. 11th, date to be inserted in "Show Date Fixtures" of CAGE BIRDS as soon as possible. Judges for annual show: Some of the best specialists we could think of were nominated for the different sections. A vote of thanks to the chairman and retiring officers terminated meeting.—G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street (Sec.).

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Annual supper and concert held Victoria Hotel, February 11th. We were again honoured with the presence of Councillor P. L. Craven, of the Bolton Ward. The supper provided by Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd was a great credit to them. The concert was A1, and no better singing has been heard in Bolton Woods for a long time, all the artistes being very good. The prizes were presented by Councillor P. L. Craven, who made some pleasing remarks, and promised to assist the Society and the cage bird Fancy in general at any time he could. He also promised to bring before the Parks Committee of the Bradford City Council a suggestion by Mr. H. J. Chittenden to provide public aviaries in the public parks. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried with musical honours to Mr. Craven; also the host and hostess and artistes. "God Save the King" was sung, and then we dispersed, everyone having spent a most enjoyable evening. Prize winners as follows:—Professional Section: Cup and marble clock, Mr. L. Dykes, first; marble clock, Mr. E. Goodwin, second; gold medal, Mr. F. Brook, third. Novice Section: Gold guard, Mr. W. B. Atkinson, first; alarm clock and brooch, Mr. J. Cooper, second; E.P. teapot, Mr. W. Bloomfield, third. This is the 5th time in succession Mr. Dykes has won the cup.—M. Skirrow, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Feb. 2nd, Mr. Currah in chair. The following gentlemen were admitted members: Mr. J. Tate (Gateshead), Mr. N. Walker (Newcastle), Mr. F. Laidlaw (Benwell), Mr. J. Scott (Gateshead), Mr. Newton (Willington Quay). Correspondence was read from Mr. Winter and Mr. Bennett. Secretary read annual report. The balance-sheet as printed was accepted, and votes of thanks given the auditors. Mr. Haggie was elected president; vice-presidents elected, with the addition of Messrs. W. Anderson, W. F. Henderson, and J. Currah. Mr. Hutchinson was elected chairman and show manager; Mr. Shephard vice-chairman. Decided, that the positions of secretary and treasurer be joined, and that the secretary be paid a salary of £5 per annum. Mr. J. E. Atkinson, 10, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was unanimously elected to fill the position, and Mr. R. Tindale as hon. assistant secretary. Auditors elected: Messrs. W. Scott and J. Milne. To the committee were added Messrs. Curry, Maddison, J. N. F. Scott, G. Taylor, Tomlinson, and Crawhall. Rules passed with the necessary verbal alterations for the position of secretary and treasurer being combined. A selection of judges was made to be written to, and final selection left to committee.—T. C. Crawhall, late Hon. Sec.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

Annual social held Feb. 11th, St. John's School, and was a big success, the room being packed from end to end, people being unable to find sitting room. Chair occupied by our President (Mr. W. Robinson), who opened the ball with a few well-chosen remarks. The following artistes entertained the company to some splendid singing: Mr. F. Wilson, Miss Dixon, and the St. John's Concert party, consisting of Messrs. Booth, Fisher Wood, Cope, and Marsden. Miss Rider was an able accompanist, and gave a solo on the piano in fine style. The President presented the medal to the successful exhibitors during the past year. Open Section: 1, L. C. Casey; 2, A. Gledhill; 3, H. H. Clark. Novice Section: 1, C. Padgett; 2, L. Booth; 3, H. Shaw. A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Booth, and supported by Mr. Firth, to the artistes and also the ladies for providing the supper, brought one of our most successful events to a close.—L. Booth, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Usual meeting held Feb. 18, Fawcett-st. Cafe, Mr. J. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Table show for pairs, A.V., novices, held. Owing, no doubt, to the wet night, only a small number of birds were entered. Mr. J. Riseborough very ably judged, and in a short address on the Border Fancy pointed out that what was wanted was a nice round head, straight hill, full neck and back, not too long in legs, fine tail, and well carried wings. A very pleasant discussion was held, and Mr. Riseborough replied to several questions, and pointed out the good points and bad qualities of the birds shown. The membership being now confined to the borough and rural district, I shall be glad if members will do their utmost to introduce new members, who will be heartily welcomed. 1, Newcombe, very nice pair Bord., green cock and cl. buff hen; 2, 3, Bainbridge, very good mkd. buff ck., cl. yell hen, and cl. yell. ck., and mkd. buff hen, Borders. Mr. Bainbridge was congratulated on winning the breeding cage presented by Mr. Newcombe.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 13, when a very successful table show took place, some very good exhibits being entered in both the champion and novice classes. Over 70 birds were staged. Messrs. Shorney, Campling, Sissons, and Wright ably officiated as judges, and gave entire satisfaction. The honours in the Norwich classes were about equally divided amongst Messrs. H. Shoney, Hunter, Richardson, Pickering, and Wright; in the Yorkshire section they were shared between Messrs. Moffit and O'Reilly; in the A.O.V. Can., Messrs. Richardson and Thompson; in the British classes, Messrs. H. Shorney, Chittenden, and Zimmermann were the chief winners; and in the foreign section, Mr. Zimmermann gained most points. After judging the meeting was held. Several new members were enrolled. Decided, to hold whist drive, Feb. 28. Eight good prizes were given, including three singing Canaries. A silver tea-pot was given, to be won by a novice for most points during year; a silver medal was also given for second most points. Another table show of pairs will be held Mar. 13, the next meeting night, when all fanciers and friends will be heartily welcome.—H. Thompson, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S

General meeting held Feb. 6th, Deansgate Hotel, there being a large attendance of members. Mr. W. A. Bladon in the chair. Report and balance sheet for year ending Dec. 31st submitted, approved and passed. They were considered very satisfactory. A table show of Yorkshires should have been held, but owing to some misunderstanding no birds were brought. Decided, to have a show of Yorkshires along with Norwich at next meeting, Feb. 20th, when there will he two classes for Yorks. (yell. and buff), and two classes for Nor. (yell. and buff). Mr. G. F. Gray will judge Yorks., and Mr. J. Raynes Nor. Mr. Raynes will also give a paper on Norwich. Will members bring as many birds as possible? Fee, 3d. per cage. Mr. A. G. Davis will give 2s. 6d. for most birds staged in Nor., and Mr. Yeats will give 2s. 6d. for most Yorks. Date for the annual open show again fixed for last Friday and Saturday in October (Oct. 27th and 28th); the show will again be held at Belle Vue. At end of the meeting the draw took place for the bird and cage offered in conjunction with the tickets for the Jan. show, the president (Mr. W. A. Bladon) drawing the slip bearing number 180, which was declared winner.—H. Boothman, hon. sec.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting held Station Hotel, Feb. 8, Mr. Macdonald in chair. For about an hour Mr. Macdonald showed us views of local interest with the aid of the lantern. The committee's suggestion for the agenda for the year was adopted as follows: Feb., ramble around district with lantern views; Mar., lecture on birds; Apr., table show of British; May, egg food exhibition; June, July, Aug., table shows of young birds; Sept., social evening, presentation of table show cup and medals; Oct., washing exhibition; Nov., open date; Dec., ann. meeting. Judges for the above table shows were suggested as follows: April, Mr. Slack; June, Mr. Shepherd; July, Mr. Robson; Aug., Mr. Crawhall. Decided, to leave classification of British bird show in hands of committee. Also decided, that the young birds shows have four sections—Nor., Yorks., Bord., and A.O.V., and two classes in each section. The cup to go for most points won over the three shows, medals to be given to the member who wins most points at the three shows by the three highest-placed birds in each section. Mr. Stubbs was proposed a member. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Macdonald. The meeting was then closed. —John R. Evans, Sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

To wind up a very successful year, members met round the festive board at the Commercial Hotel, Cleckheaton, on Feb. 6, and spent a pleasant time. A first-class meal was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Barron, which was partaken of by upwards of 20 persons. Mr. J. W. Wharton (president) occupied the chair. The following awards were presented by the chairman:—Cup and solid gold medal to Mr. F. Allen, for most points gained during season; rose bowl (given by Mr. J. M. Greig) and gold medal, Mr. H. E. Hadwen, for second most points; gold medal to Mr. B. Wood for third most points; and silver medals to Mr. A. Sheard and Mr. S. Binns, who tied for fourth place. This is the second year in succession that Mr. Allen has won the cup, and in acknowledging it he said he had always "shown" in the true fancier's spirit. Mr. Hadwen, who took up the fancy only three years ago, has this year won his novice medal with the Yorkshire Union. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. T. Murray (who also acted as accompanist), T. Bentley, F. Sykes, and H. Jessop. Votes of thanks to representatives of the Press and to the host and hostess terminated a pleasant little function.—J. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

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In the Courts.

Fined at Grantham.

At Spittlegate (Grantham) Petty Sessions, on Feb. 11th, Harry Hunt, plumber, and John Hunt, plumber, Grantham, were summoned for using a net for taking a certain scheduled wild bird, to wit, a Goldfinch, on January 29th, in contravention of the Wild Birds' Protection Act. —Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Police-Constable Dawson said he saw the defendants in a field near Barrowby Thorne, which was the property of the Duke of Devonshire. They were trying to catch birds. After watching them for forty-five minutes he went towards the men. John ran away behind the wood. He saw they had got a Goldfinch and a Linnet in separate cages on the ground. They had two other Goldfinches with the braces (produced) round their bodies, and tied down with little strings. There was a large net with a long cord attached, and defendants had been standing at the end of the cord watching for birds coming. Harry Hunt said none of the things belonged to him. In a hamper witness saw a little bag containing a Goldfinch. It was very wild, and had been freshly caught. He asked defendants if they had got any birds, and they said only four decoys. They denied having a Goldfinch in the hamper, and witness then told them what he had seen. John Hunt said he would get it out, and he took the bird out of the hamper and let it go.—John Hunt: It was a Linnet in the bag. —Witness: You wilfully let the bird out of the bag.—Harry Hunt: It was a Goldfinch Mule in the cage.

Inspector Small, of the R.S.P.C.A., spoke to interviewing both the defendants. John Hunt said they were out for Linnets and not Goldfinches. Witness said, "Do you usually use a Goldfinch for Linnets? He replied, "Yes." Afterwards he said he caught anything that came in the way.—The Chairman: Yes, I should think he did.—John Hunt: What I said was, "If any bird went in that was of any use I should catch it.' (Laughter.)

The Chairman said defendants would be fined 10s. and 1s. costs each, and nets to be destroyed. —Superintendent Peach: The constable did not seize the nets.—"Nottingham Daily Express."

EXETER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A large gathering of fanciers met on Feb. 7th to pay a tribute to their esteemed hon. secretary (Mr. R. H. Folley) for his services during the past four years. It took the form of an address and a purse of gold. Mr. J. Stone (in the absence of the chairman, Mr. W. Down) made the presentation with a few appreciative remarks.—Mr. R. H. Folley, in reply, said he could not find words to express his thanks for the pleasant and unexpected surprise they had given him. He trusted that in the future members would rally round him when assistance was required, in order that the interests of the Society might be thoroughly looked after. A letter was read from the chairman paying a high tribute to the hard work and valuable services of Mr. Folley. Officers and committee elected: President, Mr. W. Linford Brown; chairman, Mr. W. Brown; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Stone; treasurer, Mr. R. Chudley; committee, Messrs. W. Cummings, H. Denham, T. Evins, J. Johnson, R. Marshall, C. Middleton, W. Moles, J. Scribbins, P. Stilling, G. Snell, G. Tripe, and J. Turner. There were 17 nominations for 12 seats. It will be seen that the members have infused fresh blood into the committee, which should tend to further strengthen the Society. The challenge cup in the Crest section (won outright by Messrs. Evins Bros.) is being replaced by subscription, the collector of the necessary funds being Mr. J. Johnson, who will be pleased to receive any small donations. The annual report for the year 1910 states that the meetings and lectures had been fairly well attended, but the committee hope that during the present year the younger members will take a keener interest in the Society. Three shows were held during the year, all of which proved successful, the annual exhibition being one of the best held.

RUGBY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A 10-mile radius show held at Geisha Cafe, Feb. 18. Mr. J. A. Tyler (Leicester) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, vhc, Dickens, cl. yell., good Nor. type; 2, hc, Brooks, good bold type, loses in feather only; 3, Leng, nice, stylish bird, loses only in col. BUFF: 1, 3, Dickens, 1st good Nor. type, 3rd variegated, nice feather; 2, Leng, good bird, loses just a wee bit in size; vhc, Veasey. YELL. (1910): 1, Dickens, cl. yell., easy win; 2, Leng, falls only in size and feather; 3, Veasey; vhc, Brooks; hc, Westley. BUFF: 1, Leng, cl. buff, good type and quality; 2, vhc, Veasey, loses only in type; 3, Dickens, fair wing carriage. HEN: 1, c, Dickens, cl. yell., nice type; 2, vhc, Veasey, not quite so bold as winner; 3, Leng, good quality; hc, Brooks. NAT. COL. NOR. COCK: 1, 2, Grant, 1st good quality, wants washing, 2nd better staged; 3, Brooks; vhc, Westley. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Brooks, 1st cl. yell., good type 2nd buff variegs., 3rd cap mkd. yell. NOVICE YELL.: Nice level class, col. good: 1, c, Matthews, good type and feather; 2, vhc, Garrett, not. col., good type, wants tubbing; 3, Johnson, loses just a trifle in feather; hc, Watts. BUFF: 1, hc, c, Garrett, 1st cap mkd., good type, a little faulty in wing carriage; 2, Johnson, nice exhibit; 3, Skipworth, crested buff; vhc, Watts. A.O.V.: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Westley, 1st yell. cinn., wins on head and feather, 3rd buff cinn.; 2, Dickens, cinn. A.O.V. (1910): 1, 2, Westley, 1st cinn., wins on col. and size, 2nd not quite the size of winner, both nice feather; 3, Brooks, foul green, good body, nice quality; hc, Dickens. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Skipworth, Greenfinch-Bullfie, nicely staged; 2, Matthews, Linnet-Bullie, a trifle down in feather. NOR.: 1, 2, Westley, Java Sparrows, good feather; 3, Skipworth, Golden-crested Waxbills, unsteady. BRIT. SMALL: 1, Garrett, nice typical Goldfinch, good blaze, well staged; 2, Pain, Yellowhammer, good markings, staged A1; 3, Westley, Nuthatch, rough in feather; vhc, Wheeler; hc, Brooks; c, Scarsbrooke. LARGE: 1, Westley, Waxwing, nice bird. SELF.: 10 - 1, Veasey. 15 - 1, Veasey; 2, Dickens. 20 - 1, Dickens. Special for most points in Novices, Garrett; most points during the season in radius shows: 1, Dickens and Westley; equal 3, Brooks.—E. Westley, Hon. Sec.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

AN ASSOCIATION OF BIRD LOVERS.

A league of bird-keepers! Last week we intimated that in this issue we should have an announcement of great importance to make. It is this: We have decided to establish a league of bird-keepers, called "Cage Birds League."

The necessity of bird-keepers banding themselves together in the interests of the hobby they hold so dear has never been so apparent as at the present moment. The actions of those misguided individuals who from sentimental reasons would welcome the suppression of bird-keeping and bird-keepers have never been more aggressive than at the present day. And there is no organisation on the side of the bird-keeper which can stand up for his cause and effectually combat the mistaken views of the faddists who attack him.

To bring into being such an organisation is a question which has occupied our attention for some time, and now that the strenuous days of the exhibition season are done with, it seems fitting that some such organisation—a league of bird-keepers—should be launched. Well, we intend to do our utmost in the interests of the Fancy at large and of everyone who takes joy in the keeping of birds as pets, to organise such a League and establish it on such a basis as will permit of bird-keepers all over the country—in every quarter of the globe in fact, into which CAGE BIRDS penetrates—to effectually combine in case of need to protect their common interests.

But it must not be thought that the object of calling this League into being is solely one of defence against outside enemies. That is but one sphere in which it can be of use. The primary object is rather that it shall be a League of good-fellowship—a bond 'twixt fancier and fancier and 'twixt all who are interested in the hobby of bird-keeping, though not "fanciers" in the strict meaning of the term.

It is not our intention this week to indicate more than the main lines upon which we purpose establishing "Cage Birds League." We are anxious, in fact, to have the views of our readers on this matter before finally deciding upon its constitution. "In a multitude of counsellers there is wisdom." We ask bird-keepers to give their consideration to the ideas herein put forward and to write us at the earliest opportunity, either criticising them freely and fearlessly should they find weak spots, or suggesting the lines upon which they think the League ought to be worked. All letters which reach us will, as perhaps we need hardly say, be given the fullest and most careful consideration, and the suggestions they may contain be adopted, if practicable.

We want it to be very clearly understood that this League will in no sense aspire to be a governing or controlling body and that it will not interfere or conflict with any club or society at present in existence. Its sole idea will be to work in the best interests of bird-keeping and those who make bird-keeping their hobby.

To put the objects of the League clearly before our readers, we will define them tentatively as:—

(1) To form a bond of good-fellowship and union between bird-keepers all over the world.

(2) To inculcate the principles by which birds suited to captivity may be kept under humane and proper conditions.

(3) To act as a league of defence and protection.

Before the coming of the next show season we shall hope to place in the possession of every bird-keeper who sympathises with the objects of "Cage Birds League," a badge of membership. This badge will be neat and dainty in design, and made in three forms, one to be slipped through the button-hole on the lapel of the coat, one to be worn as a charm on the watch-chain, and one with a pin at back in the form of a brooch. These badges we shall ask members to wear on every possible opportunity (there will be nothing of the nature of an advertisement about them, except of the League itself) and at the shows, etc., they will serve as a valuable and, we think, much-needed means of introducing one bird-keeper to another.

The sympathy and co-operation of secretaries of societies are especially sought by us in bringing this League to the notice of all their members. We intend, in fact, to ask each secretary to act as a district representative, so that should it at any time be necessary for bird-keepers to take concerted action in their own interests, it will be possible to call one mass meeting in centres where it is convenient to do so; this, of course secretarial co-operation will make easy of attainment.

Now, kindly readers, the matter is in your hands. We need not reiterate the urgent necessity for the formation of an association of bird-keepers. We leave it in the full belief that you will take up the matter in the spirit of enthusiasm you have shown towards such appeals as we have made in the past. And "Cage Birds League" will be an assured success and launched upon a career, we hope and trust, of usefulness to bird-keepers and bird-keeping alike.

STONEHOUSE (N.B.) C.B. & H.S.

Special meeting held Feb. 18, Buck's Head, for election of office bearers for 1911. Resolved, to re-elect office bearers of last year, as we could not find a better chairman than we had in president George McAlpine; vice-president, J. Cuthbertson; treasurer, T. Sorbie; assistant secretary, W. Melvin; secretary, J. Hamilton; auditors, J. Buchannan and T. Mather. It was decided that we hold meetings in the Public Hall Anti-room, and to defray the expenses of hall rent we decided to make the subs. 3/6 this year for membership. Decided, that we hold open show on the same day as last year, and that we guarantee with CAGE BIRDS, so as to get our show advertised in the show dates fixed columns of CAGE BIRDS, in order to avoid other shows clashing with ours. Agreed, to hold a table show, Feb. 25th, for cage birds and homers. Classes for cage bird section in breeding pairs:—Can. pairs, Mule pairs, Hyb. pairs. Judge, Mr. J. Whitelaw. Specials for those classes:—2/- by Mr. J. Hamilton for best Can. pair; spl. by Mr. T. Sorbie for best in Hyb. pair and Mule pairs. Entry 4d. Show to be held in Lesser Hall at 6 p.m. It is hoped intending exhibitors will be at hall at time stated.—Jas. Hamilton,

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Annual tea and social held Co-op. Rooms, Sundridge-road, Feb. 11th, also members' competition prizes presented. A nice company of 84 fanciers and friends sat down to a splendid tea, and full justice was done to it. After tea the Chairman kindly stood down for our old and esteemed friend and fancier Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) to take chair, also to make the presentation. The prizes were tastefully arranged on a side table, and no doubt they made a grand show. Mr. Clarkson opened the programme by announcing a waltz, and I did not think we had so many dancers amongst us. Miss Ogalvie, Mr. W. Gledhill, and Mr. Murphy sang to the appreciation of all. In Mr. Clarkson we had the right man in the right place for the presentation. Commenting on the prizes, he said that in all his experience he had never seen a better set at any individual society's function. More songs and dancing were enjoyed till about 10.30, when Mr. J. Clark moved a vote of thanks to Mr. J. S. Clarkson. Mr. F. Lindbrook seconded, and Mr. W. Wharton supported—carried with enthusiasm. Mr. J. S. Clarkson ably replied. Mr. Morement moved a vote of thanks to the lady pianist and the artistes, also thanking the ladies for their services at the refreshment room at our late open show, when they handed over the sum of £1 13s. 3d., this being worked absolutely by themselves. I think this should be taken notice of by other societies. This was ably supported by Mr. W. Warton. Mr. Clarkson here mentioned that the Society was in a splendid financial position with over £21 in the bank; also that the last members' competition had proved the most successful, having averaged at the six shows 128 entries per show, also that the club's present condition was due no doubt in a great measure to the able and most energetic working of our present Secretary, Mr. F. Rhodes. Two new members were nominated—Messrs. S. Wilcock and H. Sims. Mr. J. Roe proposed a vote of thanks to the Fancy Press for the reports given; seconded by W. Morement.—W. Morement, Sec. pro tem; J. Roe, Assist. Sec.

BOLTON ROLLER C.S.

Meeting held Feb. 14, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate. It proved a very interesting meeting. One or two members brought their birds, and the tours were explained by the secretary, Mr. Massey; his remarks were very much appreciated by fellow members and friends. We enrolled five new members. —E. Hewsham, Assist. Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 18th, Three Tons Inn, Eastwood, when a large number of members turned out. Mr. R. Cooper in chair. Mr. J. Taylor was elected president, and kindly consented to give a valuable gold medal to be competed for at the first feather shows by members, for most points; he also stated his willingness to do his utmost to get a valuable cup to be competed for by the members. In our worthy president, Mr. J. Taylor, we have found one who has this society's interests at heart, and intends to assist us to bring it to the front. Now, brother fanciers and members, it is our lot to do what we can to assist our president by getting new members. Three new members were elected. Will the committee meet at the Three Tons Inn, Eastwood, March 4, 7.15 p.m.? General meeting, March 11, at Portland Arms, Jacksdale, at 6.30 p.m. Will members please try and attend, as there will be a special item for that night? Also new rule cards will be ready.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

The Management of Gouldian Finches.

By ARTHUR J. B. O'NEILL.

Seeing that there is another large importation of Gouldian Finches due the first week in March, I am writing you giving my own experience with about 50 I procured from the last importation. Having for many years wished to procure a pair or two of these beautiful birds, and being unable to do so, it was a great pleasure to see, about eighteen months ago, that an importation was due. I at once set about ordering a few pairs from separate importers, so as to make sure of getting them, and within a few weeks I found I had got about 50 birds.

Upon the arrival of the first lot I found them very weak and unable to crack the seed, just being able to run it round their beaks, then drop it, and then put their heads under their wings (or, at least, adopt the attitude which is referred to as "head under wing"). I began to think that this would never do, so I tried to find something to strengthen them and something which would be easily taken. I got out the pan in which I make my barley water for the Sugar Birds and Lories, and placed in it (after half-filling it with water) a cup filled with milk. When the water came to the boil, I took out the milk, and when half-cooled, added about a wine-glassful of liquid malt and a teaspoonful of glycerine, mixed well together. I gave them this.

In about an hour the Gouldians were greatly improved, and more so two hours after this, which was about two a.m. I then went to bed feeling that they were going to stay with me, but I left the gas lit and the fire on, as they require a lot of warmth for a week or so. As they leave Australia about the middle of their summer, and arrive here about the middle of our winter, they must have warmth for at least the above-stated period. But when once over the effects of the journey, they are very hardy birds, and live in perfect health and condition in the open aviary all winter.

Delightful Pets.

I parted with all but eight pairs, which I kept for the purpose of trying to breed. They nested about three months after arrival, and laid in all about 30 eggs, but only sat them a day or two, and then left them, which was, I may state, as much as I expected under the circumstances. However, I intend again trying my luck with the same birds, as they are now fully acclimatised, in perfect health, and busy already building nests, and making love. The male birds are singing and dancing all day. I intend to get a few more, to prepare for next season, and thereby have a good stock in hand, so I have arranged to have sent me a good selection of both Blacks and Reds.

Gouldian Finches must have a good and constant supply of spray millet, as they are particularly fond of it, and as a seed mixture, Canary 3 parts and white millet 1 part, as they eat more of the former than the latter. When the birds are strong and cracking the seed, they require a good clearing out, as they get a great deal of dirt along with their food during their long journey. My method was to give them a good dose of Dinneford's Fluid Magnesia on two alternate days, with just plain water on the day between, and then another day on the milk diet, with, of course, seed in the cage all through the treatment. Then they are ready for their place in bird-room or aviary.

In conclusion, allow me to state that if my attempt to assist any brother fancier who has not had experience with these birds, or who has been unsuccessful with them, proves of any value, I shall be amply repaid for the time taken in writing the above. I wish your splendid publication, CAGE BIRDS, the success it deserves.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Crown Hotel, Station-street, Wed., February 1st, Mr. Burke in chair. The Assist. Secretary read balance-sheet, and it was decided that same be printed and each member given a copy. Messrs. Harvey and Ingram were proposed and duly elected trustees. Following new members were then elected: Messrs. Southon, Buckley, Tye, T. Jones, and H. Day. Agreed, that next open show be held headquarters, Crown Hotel, Station-street, Birmingham, October 18th and 19th; judge to be announced later.—S. Mole, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND N.M.B. AND F.B.C.

Special general meeting held 123, Ingram Street, Feb. 2, Mr. J. Brown (president) in the chair. Secretary intimated we needed to engage rooms as present quarters were not available for Tuesday meetings. On the motion of Messrs. Bowman and Crawford, agreed to engage Mr. Duncan's rooms at 71, London Street. Revision: after a good deal of discussion it was agreed to delete Rule 16, barring any member of another club from membership. The chairman intimated we had five silver cups kindly granted for competition at annual members' show for 1911. Gentlemen elected members: Messrs. A. M. Nicol, Wallace, W. Barrie, J. Chalmers, M. Craig, J. Crawford, and A. Geddes. This terminated a very pleasant evening.—F. Taylor, Sec.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Egg Substitute and Bird-room.

D. P.—(1) Either of the foods you name are very tolerable substitutes for the usual egg and bread crumb or biscuit foods, and will rear the young quite well. As for which is the best, I would rather let the birds be the judges. Use the one they seem to eat with most relish and avidity. If you wish after trial to go back to egg and bread crumb, the question of time need not deter you, for if you boil your egg or eggs at night and put them aside unbroken until next morning, the time taken then to break open, extract the yolk, and mince up with the requisite quantity of bread crumb will be very little, if any, longer than it takes to moisten and stir up the other foods. You would find an extensive list of substitutes for egg in "Our Canaries." (2) If the birdroom you describe is free from damp, I see no reason at all why it should not prove most satisfactory as a birdroom, and if you took care to procure only birds reared under normal conditions there would be no need whatever to heat it by artificial means. The birds should thrive well in it all the year round. I am not clear whether you mean the ventilator is on top of house or top of the door, but in either case it would be best to have an ingress for fresh air near the floor, in addition to this one, which should act as an egress for the foul impure air.

Incubator Shed and Ailing Birds.

Star.—(1) Assuming the birds are located at one end of the shed, and the incubator at the other, and there is also a ventilator at the incubator end to carry off the fumes of the lamp, no harm whatever would result from the combination, seeing that the shed is of a good size and the incubator quite small. But in the absence of any ventilator, as suggested, you should arrange some means of capturing the fumes of the lamp, as by a kind of funnel just over the chimney, but, of course, in no way interfering with the regulating rods of the incubator, and conducting the fumes to the outer air. (2) Give the hen a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana; on the alternate days give a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and a pinch of maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second. (3) Feed this bird the same as No. 2; give the rhubarb and salts for two consecutive days, and then for a fortnight dissolve in the water every second day a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. (4) Feed and treat this bird the same as No. 2 for a fortnight. See that cages are quite clean, free from insects, and that the shed is quite free from draughts.

Elementary (Brondesbury Aviaries).—It is impossible to go fully into details concerning your queries; you would, therefore, be well advised to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager, which will solve most, if not all, of your difficulties. You could certainly mate a yellow marked Nor. hen with a yellow Yorks. cock, and if your object is merely to breed some birds, there is no great objection. The young would be mongrels, of no particular use for further breeding with pure breds, and the feather of the young may be too short and scanty. It is always best to mate a yellow with a buff until you have sufficient knowledge to understand what you are doing. To mate them place the cock in a small cage, such as a nursery cage, and hang on the front of single breeder for a day or so, or until you see him feeding the hen through the wires. A simple mixture of Canary and rape would be a better staple diet, as you may often see advised here. In addition, a teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled with maw every second day, and a similar quantity of the mixed seed on the alternate days, with a leaf or two of dandelion daily, should suffice for the pair. A modern single breeder is preferable to a London breeder. I do not approve of spraying birds at all except in quite exceptional circumstances, or sometimes after washing, when preparing birds for show.

Sore Leg (Bert).—Your treatment will answer very nicely if you keep on the bandage until the place is healed, and no longer irritable. You may move it about every second day to put on fresh supply of ointment. When apparently healed, if it begins to pick it again when bandage is left off, smear on a little lanocyllin, or castor oil, if the former is not available.

Seed Samples (Anxious, 2).—Sorry I omitted to mention seeds in other reply. It was an oversight. The Canary is very small, and decidedly musty—therefore unfit to feed Canaries with. The rape is a very fair sample, but needs proper storage for a few months longer to mellow it. The hemp appears to be a mixture of different qualities—some of it is very fair, but a proportion is quite bad and rancid; therefore not a safe seed to use. The maw is a fair all-round sample.

Moving Birds (F. Croft).—You should move the birds as far as possible away from the fire in the kitchen at once, consistent, of course, with keeping them out of draughts, and away from burning lights. Then seize the opportunity when we have a day or two of mild weather to move them to the cold room. Such a spell we are having whilst these notes are being written, and birds could quite safely be given such a change of room whilst it lasts. Should it suddenly turn cold when they are moved, throw a light cover over the cages at night for a few nights, and give a pinch of hemp and a morsel of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it each day for a few days, and they will take no harm.

Moulting (M. A.).—See that the bird is not hung in a position where it is exposed to cold draughts from opening doors or windows, and not where there is a vast difference between day and night temperature. Avoid both these things, and keep the bird in a just comfortable, but not overheated, place. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale spongecake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of hemp and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of steel every second day until feathers cease dropping out.

Canary Queriists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Rollers for Song (One in Doubt).—No, you cannot hope to breed good singing Rollers and also Norwich in the same room, and keep the song of the Rollers pure. The song of the adult Rollers would be practically certain to deteriorate rapidly, and the young Rollers would be more apt to pick up the plebian strains of the Norwich than the artificial performances which are expected of them. To a certain extent you could prevent the latter by removing the young Rollers to another room out of hearing of the other birds as soon as they could do for themselves, and let them hear only a good singing Roller to educate them. On the whole, I think you would do well not to attempt running the two breeds together. So long as you get Rollers of a real good singing stock, it matters little or nothing by what name they are called.

Roller Ailing (Anxious).—You are not feeding the bird correctly, in addition to which I suspect it has contracted a bronchial attack. If not considerably brighter by the time this appears, put it in a moderate-sized box cage, and keep it in a cosy and equable temperature, but not necessarily overheated. Feed on a staple of two parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days, give a morsel of banana, or a little green food, if available. Limit the diet solely to this until better. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whiskey, six each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken, in the water two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week if necessary.

Aviary (Novice).—I'm afraid you must very much curb your desires in respect to the proposed aviary. One cock and two hens will be ample to stock the aviary for breeding, and they must all be of the same breed, unless you do not object to cross-breds. To start with more, or attempt breeding with two distinct breeds, will mean certain disappointment, and even with the above number, if they do fairly well, it would be most advisable to remove the first broods before the second were due to hatch. Three or four nesting boxes should be put in.

Forward Hens and Ailing Cock (H. H.).—You should move the hens out of sight of the cocks, if possible; of course, without exposing them to draughts or a greatly different temperature. If you could also move them out of earshot, so much the better. Limit the diet to plain Canary and green food when the weather is mild; keep all kinds of nesting material out of their way, and add a crystal of sulphate of soda to the drinking water three times in one week. Under this treatment I do not think you need fear keeping them back another three or four weeks. I would not advise you to mate them up yet. (2) As regards the Norwich cock, you are feeding wrong, and are far too liberal with the cod liver oil. Feed and treat him the same as advised to "Anxious" in this issue, except that you give a staple of three parts Canary to one part rape.

Moulting and Panting (A.L.). — There must be something radically wrong with the hen, if as you say, she has never yet moulted any flights, although two years old. See that she is kept quite free from draughts, and in a fairly comfortable, but not overheated, and equable temperature. Also see that the cage is quite free from insect pests. Then try the following treatment for a month or so. Staple diet: plain Canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana; on the alternate days give the same quantity of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. A spray of watercress may also be given, if available, on these days. Limit the diet to these items. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day, and for another fortnight afterwards give 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day.

Double Buffs and Yellows (Feathers).—The result of double huffing is to increase the size and substance generally, with an increase in length, abundance, and, if carried too far, coarseness of feather. Double yellowing has the opposite effect, and tends to produce smaller and slimmer birds, with shorter and finer plumage. These general principles apply to Borders just as much as any other breed.

Drooping Wing (E.C.).—You probably caused some slight injury to the wing, either in the way of a strain or bruise, when the bird was struggling in your hand. The best treatment would have been to put the bird in a small cage for a time, where it would not be induced to make any effort to use its wings, and thus give the damaged member a rest. You should do this now, if the wing still droops, and do not attempt any manipulative treatment by any means.

Flights and Tail Curled (H.M., Cheadle).—See reply to "Reader," and treat your birds the same. If the birds are continually drawing the feathers through their beaks you might also tie a bit of string on the cage wires for them to pluck at, and thus help to divert their attention from their feathers. Also supply a mealworm each daily for a week or two as advised to "A.G. Rochdale."

Going Bald (Brumie).—Try the treatment advised to "A.G., Rochdale," for a month, and also follow same suggestion re making yonrself satisfied that red mites or grey lice are not the cause of the trouble. On the days when you give bread and milk dust it over slightly with flowers of sulphur, and give a third of a teaspoonful of maw separately. Anoint the bare places three times a week with Sanocyllin, but do not allow it to get in the eyes if you can avoid it. If there is not a great improvement in a month write again, referring to this reply, and I will advise you further.

Moving Birds and Unfertility (F.A.).—(1) See reply to "F. Croft," about moving birds, and follow the same advice. (2) It is not possible to state the cause of the clear eggs last season, without full particulars of treatment and feeding, and age of the birds. In all probability the cock was not in good breeding condition. If you continue to follow the directions as to feeding and general treatment you have now begun, there is no reason why the eggs should not be fertilised this season. Do not mate up until the cock is in good condition and song.

Lump on Head (Lucy Nicholls).—The lump is most probably a caseous nodule, which might be easily evacuated by opening the skin with a clear sterilised needle, pressing out the contents, washing clean with a boracic solution, and afterwards anointing daily with carbolised vaseline until healed. The painting is not likely to have the desired effect, and whether the above interference is to be advised to inexperienced hands depends very largely upon the position and possible ramifications beneath the skin of the swelling. If left alone its unsightliness will probably now be its worst feature.

Breeding Pure Yellows (Fixed).—I assume you mean clear yellows—that is birds with no markings of any kind on them. If so, you must not expect to breed all this class of bird from any kind of stock birds, especially if you want to get a good rich tone of colour; first, because you are certain to produce more buffs than yellows, and secondly, because a rich tone of yellow demands a fair amount of green blood, which means, of necessity, breeding a fairly large proportion of more or less marked birds. If you get a rich clear yellow cock bred from two clears, and a clear buff hen bred in the usual way—from clear and ticked, but from double yellows—you will be most likely to achieve your object. For muling, a pink-eyed clear yellow, bred from two clears, related, for two or three years would be a very good one.

Various (Confederate).—(1) Yes, a Yorkshire hen and Roller cock will breed very good singers, but not so good as pure Rollers, if good singers is your only object. (2) Always be sure egg-binding exists before you attempt any treatment for it. Two drops of warm castor oil placed in the vent with tip of small feather, steaming over hot water, warmth, 30 drops of brandy in tablespoonful of water, and plenty of crushed old mortar in cage, is the best treatment. Bacon fat is useless. You should ask our manager to send you the part of "Our Canaries," dealing very fully with egg-binding. (3) This is very vague. In a general way pure high-class Norwich are quite as good singers as Norwich of a common less valuable type, and the same would apply to the other breeds. If this is not what you mean, write again, and be more explicit. (4) Not much to choose. Personally I should prefer the Crest, because the voice is mellower, and though quite as powerful as either Yorkshires or Norwich, is not nearly so shrill and ear-piercing. But there is less variety in the song.

Becoming Bald (Sharsted).—The bird's cage is largely accountable for the baldness. Dietetic or medicinal treatment is of very little use except just about the time the bird is moulting. Give a piece of bread and milk about the size of a hazel nut, with the least dusting of cayenne on it, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, every third day for a month, and in the first week add a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice to the drinking water every second day, and afterwards 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a fortnight. Mix 20 drops of glacial acetic acid in a teaspoonful of glycerine, and just moisten the bare places with this twice a week for a month, but do not put it close to the eyes, nor apply it freely enough to bedaub the feathers. If this has not the desired effect, write again about next August.

Pulls out Feathers (A. G., Rochdale).—First of all examine the cage thoroughly, probing any open joint, holes, or crevices, with a pin, to see if any red mites are in hiding. If you find any overhaul the cage at once and thoroughly eradicate them. Allow bird to bathe freely, and twice a week add a few quassia chips to the bathing water. Feed on plain Canary only as staple. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of green food or banana, and on the alternate days an equivalent quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. A mealworm daily, if available, would be of great benefit—crush the head and fasten it on the end of perch with a pin. Continue this feeding two or three weeks. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week.

Gas and Canaries (Novice).—(1) If the griller is—as you say— only used for a few minutes in the morning, just to boil a kettle, I do not think it would materially affect the birds, but at the same time such close proximity to burning gas is most undesirable, and if you cannot move them further away, and also keep them a fair distance from the fire and out of draughts, it would be much better to move this cage, as well as the other birds you refer to, into the front room. (2) You speak of these birds as being paired for breeding. If you mean you have already put them together you have made a big mistake. See reply to "F.H.H." on this point in last issue, and act accordingly. But if they have started nesting you had better leave them where they are until they have brought off this brood, and then move them before they start nesting again. In case they are not together, see reply to "F. Croft" in this issue about moving them.

Curled Flights (Reader).—As the birds are so late hatched I rather suspect they are weak in constitution, and probably did not moult properly last autumn. Give them the staple diet advised to "M.A.," and in addition give separately a small teaspoonful each of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, millet, and broken groats, and one part each teazle, black rape, linseed, and maw twice a week, and on two other days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. On each of the remaining days give a scrap of green food. Continue this dietary for a month. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. Allow the birds to bathe freely. Examine cage carefully for insect pests, and if any are found, take steps to eradicate them at once.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Cockatoo Unfit.

Cycle.—I should be inclined to change its food; supply the following mixture: one part each of maize, hemp, dari, sunflower, oats, and paddy rice, and grit; well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also keep a tin of Canary and white millet seed (about equal parts) in the cage. Try this bird with a piece of dry boiled potato, also a little boiled maize, boil till soft, drain away all water, and then supply to the bird, but it only keeps fresh 24 hours. Give the bird nothing but chemical food and water to drink, let it have, say, four reasonable drinks daily. Stop the tea and coffee at once, give nothing of the kind. It can have a few nuts daily, various kinds. Its bowels should improve with above treatment.

Parrot Pulling Its Feathers.

Min. K.—I should stop the rice and tapioca pudding; not too sudden, but only give a little, say, every other day, and then every third day, and so on. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the daily supply of drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep two mixtures in its cage: one of Canary and millet in equal parts, and the other to consist of equal parts of hemp, oats, paddy rice, dari, and sunflower seed well mixed together. Fill the tins up each morning, and give no more during the day; it will then be forced to vary its diet a little. It can have a little soaked biscuit, but the biscuit must be moistened only with chemical food and water. Also supply such ripe fruits as it will take, a few nuts, cuttlebone, and grit, a pinch of the latter can be added to the daily supply of seed. Cease to give the rice and tapioca as early as possible. See Nutshell Booklet on the Grey Parrot, 2½d., post free, from our Manager.

Amazon Parrot Unwell.

J. F. Kershaw.—Stop the bread and milk at once, and diet as under:—Seed mixture: Canary, white millet, hemp, dari, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, equal parts of each, the whole to be well mixed together. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and a little boiled maize—boil the maize till soft, drain off all water, and supply to the bird; it only keeps fresh about 24 hours, so must be prepared fresh daily. As the bird has been used to sop, it can have a little plain biscuit sopped with chemical food and water. The drinking water should be well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food till the bird is stronger again. While the looseness lasts, once daily give two drops of tincture of opium in a teaspoonful of tepid water; if you give this before the daily supply of water, the bird will readily sip it up; if it will not, then you must give two drops direct to the beak from a quill. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, nor yet animal food of any kind whatever. Keep warm and free from draught.

Beginning to Pluck.

H. T. G.—I should certainly not feed entirely on boiled maize, neither should I withhold the water. Spray the bird twice weekly with a weak solution of fir tree oil, choosing a genial day and keeping out of draught till dry. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the daily supply of drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The bird will probably moult out all right, if you carry out the above treatment for two or three months, so as to bring into thorough condition. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk slops, or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep a small tin of canary and white millet, about equal parts in the cage. Seed mixture: Maize, paddy rice, hemp, oats, dari, grit, and sunflower seeds in about equal parts—keep a supply in the cage. A little boiled maize or rice may be given daily—the former only keeps fresh 24 hours—boil in water till soft (the grains should be whole, though), and drain away all water, and if need be, drip up moisture with a cloth before supplying to the bird. Ripe fruit, nuts, cuttlebone, and an occasional piece of cake, plain biscuit, or crust of bread, can be given; if the bird prefers it moistened, moisten with the Chemical Food and water.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

Miss P.—If the crop is really pierced to any extent, a stitch will be necessary, and you had better get your local vet. to operate. You might try a little surgical plaster just to cover the wound, and if well fastened on it should suffice, but I fear unless a bandage be put over it the bird will bite it off. But first of all try one or two applications of Friar's Balsam—use a small camel-hair brush and well cleave it after each occasion—this should heal it up, if the bird will only let it alone; if this fails, you must fall back on the former methods. The bird's beak needs trimming, and you must do this, or have it done, a pair of sharp nail pincers is the best tool; you must not cut back far, merely take off the point, and a supply of hard wood, lump of mortar, rubbish, and piece of cuttlebone to chew and bite about, will assist it to keep its beak trimmed. Your dietary is satisfactory, but do not give any slops or messes.

A Feather Puller.

W.P.—Stop at once all tea sops and table scraps, and confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in its cage, and put a pinch of grit with its daily supply of seed. As it has been used to sop, it can have a little plain biscuit sopped in chemical food and water. Every fourth day for, say one month, put one teaspoouful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep warm and free from draught. Spray twice weekly with quassia solution, choosing a genial day for the purpose. Report progress . few weeks hence.

Growth Under Bill.

Mrs. W.—Am afraid you have let matters go too far, and that the case is now more or less hopeless. Your birds were Zebra or Gold-breasted Waxbills, which, as a rule, are hardy and robust little creatures. In the first place, put the bird into another cage, and thoroughly paint over (particularly the crevices) your present cage with neat paraffin; after a few hours well swill with boiling water, and then a little later give a final swill with cold water, leaving it in the open air for a day or two to complete the operation. Of course, you will not put the bird back till recovery is complete, and then the temporary cage must either be treated the same way or destroyed. Continue to give shelled seed, also a little milk-sop made with boiling milk and crumbled sponge cake. Give two drops of Dinneford's Magnesia, direct to the beak, every third day from a quill. Put a little honey and horax, just inside its beak from the end of a quill, twice daily. Cleanse the growth daily with tepid water, dry, and then lightly anoint with iodide of potassium ointment, not using sufficient to run among the plumage. The respective quills must be well cleansed after use with boiling water, or fresh ones used each time. Only clean quills must be put into the respective mixtures. The little creature must be kept warm and quiet, and there is just a chance for it.

Another Feather Plucker (G. Watkin).—There are several answers dealing with this annoying habit, which, if you read carefully, and apply to your own case, will carry you over the period—that is, till our next issue, for you must send me particulars as to how you have been dieting and treating your bird before I can give you a definite reply.

Hand-feeding Budgerigars (Lucky).—Feed the chicks till they cease to call in the very early stages as often as every half-hour, then hourly, and then a little longer interval may be given. As a rule the chicks do not gape for food unless huugry, and settle down when their hunger is satisfied. If lusty, they will soon call when in want of food. You must keep it up till they are able to fend for themselves. When they begin to get about, keep a small tin of the shelled and scalded canary and millet in their cage, and later ordinary seed, and when they begin to pick up then begin to wean off.

Lavender Finches (F. Thomas).—You have treated them carefully and they should now recover, hut Lavender Finches are canny creatures till they have got established. Nursing, warmth, freedom from draught and a sweet atmosphere ought to pull them through. Try a little milk sop made with boiling milk and crumbled sponge cake; also a little green food. Fresh lettuce is best at this season. If a further aperient should be necessary, I advise Dinneford's Magnesia. Contiuue to give the Chemical Food. If they are alive a week hence I should advise putting them into a clean cage and well bake, scald and clean their present one before using it again. See our nutshell booklet "Disinfecting cages, etc.," 2½d., post free from our Manager. A couple of mealworms per bird daily will help if they will take them.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Re Atlas Weaver (N. Booker).—As stated in my previous reply, these dealers' names are very loosely used, but though I have enquired of several of my avicultural acquaintances, I can only trace it to the Combassou and Fufous-necked Weaver, and from your description the latter species is what your birds are. The price you gave is about right. They should breed in your pheasantries; a stack of dried reeds fixed in a retired corner would form good cover for them. Yes, they are fairly hardy, and will do in the pheasantries all the year round, providing there is a shelter shed attached to it.

Black-cheek Lovebirds and Budgerigars (F. W. B.).—In some cases the Black-cheeks agree well enough with the Budgies once they have settled down, but in others quite the reverse; balancing the evidence it would appear that they are very uncertain in this respect. It is worth trying. Give them proper nesting receptacles at once and see how they behave, when, if they still continue to interfere with the Budgies, you'll have to cage them up. In a roomy box-cage, say, 2 ft. long, 1½ ft. deep, and 2 ft. high, they should do well, and also breed. I consider there would be but little chance of them nestling in an ordinary size box breeding cage. We regret that owing to your query not reaching the office till Tuesday, a reply in our issue of 17th inst. was not possible.

Aviary Arrangements (Interested).—(1) It all depends on the size of the building for winter shelter. If there is room enough to give the birds wing exercise, it will answer well enough. In dividing off, arranging doors, etc., see that you do not create a draught. Avoid this and you should meet with good success. (2) Yes, a hot-water radiator would be the best, heated by gas. Get a good make, not the cheapest. Carry out makers' directions and have a flue pipe to atmosphere and there will be no danger. (3) Both will mate with the Canary, but the respective pairs would be better in separate cages. Both crosses have been previously successful. The value is chiefly a sentimental one. The song of the hybrids should be softer and sweeter than that of the Canary. Practically any species of Serinus would successfully mate with the Canary. (4) The hens will respond later. Do not hurry them. We shall have some hard weather yet. It will be better if nesting is not attempted for a month or six weeks yet.

Cutthroats, etc. (Brondesbury Aviaries).—You should give green food, little lettuce, or slice of ripe apple, and also at the present juncture give the birds a couple of mealworms each daily. Keep the drinking water lightly coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food for a couple of months. Remove the husk and do not replace it till the end of March, when the birds should be more fit and the trouble not occur then. When they are feeding young, supply soft food, also a tin of dried ants' "eggs." The indoor aviary is very narrow, and if you add a pair of Cockatiels to the birds you name, the accommodation will be fully occupied. Re sand, put down a good two to three inches of rough sand or gravel, scatter grit and river sand over this, rake over as required, and renew every two or three months. It will be better for you to arrange another flight for the Finch tribe and not attempt to keep them with Parrakeets, large or small.

Budgerigars (F. Child).—It is not a question of any particular species, but birds that have been kept indoors must not be put outside before the middle of April, or they will take harm; they can go out a little earlier or later according to the season. No matter how hardy a species is it must not be put outside before the beginning of April, it can afterwards be left out all the year round. See our Nutshell Booklet on this species, 2½d., post free, from our Manager.

Birds for Cages (J. W. G.).—(a) Remove the sliding partition and perches, put in some twigg branches at each end and a nest husk or box behind them, and get a pair of Zebra Finches, which will undoubtedly settle down and breed in the course of the year. Supply canary, white millet, spray millet, green food, grit, and water. (b) Yes, remove the sliding partition, put in some twiggy branches—not sufficient to block up the cage—hang up a cocoanut husk in one far corner and a pair of either Yellow or Green Budgerigars should soon settle down and breed. They require no nesting material. Supply canary, white and spray millet, few oats occasionally, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. See our Nutshell booklet on Budgerigars, 2½d. post free from our Manager. (c) I am not a dictionary, but I always call it so—Budg-re-gar.

Foreign Birds for Cages (P. J. Jamison).—A cage a little higher than a Canary breeder is better for Foreign Finches as a rule, but you should get fair results from these if you furnish with a twiggy branch at each end and a cocoanut shell nest at the back of same. Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Bengalese, White Java Sparrows, and Bronze Mannikins should all succeed. Of course, only one pair in a cage. You could also cage up Grey Singing Finch and hen Canary (small type); also Green Singing Finch and Canary, with good prospects of success. A Hartz travelling cage makes a good nest receptacle, with the fittings removed and a bar cut away to enable the birds to get in and out Hay and grass will be all they require for building material.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Bramblefinch (Percontator).—The Bramble should be caged and fed on the same lines as the Chaffinch; therefore follow the advice given "Brondesbury Aviaries" this week. The mixture you mention is a good one; but for newly caught Brambles a little cracked sunflower seed should be added to it every day. You will find a lot of good information in Mr. Prior's article now being published.

In An Aviary (Pom).—I think if you got together a collection of Finches you would find it the most satisfactory for your outdoor place. I hardly think the Blackbirds would do well therein; they can be quarrelsome and kill weaker birds. I don't quite see your object in keeping a pair, especially in a small cage. It is very unusual. I feel sure if you let the hen go that the cock bird will do much better, and "be happier," as you put it. Twenty-four to thirty birds should thrive.

Concerning a Chaffinch (Brondesbury Aviaries).—If you get our "Nutshell" booklet on the Chaffinch (2½d. post free) you will find the best kind of cage illustrated and described therein, and the proper feeding and management fully detailed. I expect the bird has damaged its plumage by reason of its wildness; this, of course, cannot be remedied until the next moult, unless the broken feathers are extracted. You give me no idea, however, as to the extent and nature of the "damage." Some Chaffinches are extremely difficult to get steady, especially birds which are a good age when caught. A house-moulted Chaffinch may be worth anything from half-a-crown up to three or four pounds if a first-class exhibition specimen.

Weeds and Redpolls (Wild Weeds).—Even if I were able to do so, I could not identify the weeds from the very minute fragments you submit, which, too, were all dried up when I got them. I may say, however, that the weeds useful to bird-keepers were given on the coloured plate issued with our last Birthday Number, and from this plate you ought surely to experience no trouble in identifying them. If you stand green food in water in a narrow jar, and add 2 or 3 drops of Condy's Fluid to the water (changing it daily), it will keep fresh for several days, especially if kept in a cool, dark place. It is an advantage to cover over the jar holding the green food (I have used a small bucket with excellent effect). Privet, etc., berries, will keep for a good time if buried in sand (ordinary bird-sand). The Common and Lesser Redpolls are one and the same bird (see the coloured plate given with the Crystal Palace number). The Mealy is a very much larger bird, greyish white (not brown) in ground colour.

Imperfect Feather (J. G. R.).—Judging by the appearance of the feather sent, the grey birdlice (not red-mite) are responsible for eating away the web in the manner you have noticed. When once they get established amongst the plumage of a bird, they are not easily dislodged, and can do a lot of damage. You should catch up the hend and hold her for a minute or so, when some of the lice will be certain to run on to your hand. You could not do better than try the remedy advised by Mr. Yates, viz., spraying with a luke-warm solution of sulphuretted potash—30 grains to 8 fluid ounces of water. You would need to repeat this a few times at intervals of a day or two.

Several Items (Borderer).—(1) To feed my Hawfinches I take one cupful of the ordinary Finch mixture and mix with it two cupfuls of sunflower seed (either the white or grey kind) and a half-cupful of hemp. They thrive splendidly on this as a stock food. (2) They are very hardy birds, fond of bathing, and easy to keep in "show condition" when steady. The perches should be varied in size and shape; then you will have no trouble with their feet. (3) Some Bullfinches are great offenders in the matter of getting their feet dirty; large cage or small cage makes no difference unless it is ever being cleaned out. The best type of cage for such a bird is that known as the Finch stock cage, for in this a bird has no inducement (or necessity) to roam about over the floor. (4) Yes; I have known a heavily marked hen throw a real good light Mule; but this is only one of the exceptions which prove the rule to the contrary. I certainly think that a clear yellow hen bred from stock which has been proved to produce light Mules, will be more likely to throw the latter than a clear yellow hen picked up haphazard. There can be no doubt about it. At the same time, I consider that the Finch used has a say in the matter.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. M.—Death was due to irritant materials causing acute inflammation of the bowels. It is not certain whether this was a poison of a mineral nature or ptomaine.

F. H. Wright.—Hen Bird.—Death arose from acute pneumonia. Considering the ideal conditions under which it was kept, it is difficult to imagine how this could have occurred. Possibly it was of recent import, and not yet acclimatised. All other organs were perfectly healthy, and the bird was in otherwise good condition.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

The F. B. C. Journal (Drewton).—The publisher of "Bird Notes" is Mr. J. H. Henstock, Market Place, Ashbourne; price 1s. 6d. to non-members of the club. To members it is included in the subscription (10s. per annum).

The Border Fancy (F. Barron).—This lecture is in type, and will appear at the first possible opportunity—probably next week.

Payment of Prize-money (Cardos).—See notice under "Twitterings" this week.

Cuttings (A. Dawes, G. D. White, A. Peters, and others).—We thank you for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

A Report (R. Campbell).—Thanks for promise of report; glad to receive same.

Sand Trays, etc. (H. Thorp).—Will publish your letter next week; we are having a sketch prepared.

Repeating a Club Notice (G. T. Wall).—Considerations of space make it impossible for us to give the same club notice for two weeks. One insertion free of charge has always been our rule.

The Testing of Exhibition Birds at Glasgow (G. Marlin).—As the case in question has been fought out in Court, and a verdict given upon the evidence, we cannot see our way to open our columns to further discussion of the subject, which could serve, we venture to think, no good purpose.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Mar. 2, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Committee meeting. Final selection of judges for annual show, 8 o'c. Nest feather show, annual picnic.—J. E. Atkinson.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Mar. 1, Mechanics' Institute, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 7.45. Lecture on Brit. Finches, by Mr. F. Taylor; also show of same, and Mr. W. Hardy will judge. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—J. Cope.

Partick C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Trades Hall, 8. Show of muling pairs, seven classes; judge, Mr. D. Graham; hoping to have a large turn-out; new members invited.—W. Priest.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Feb. 25, Swan Hotel, Fountain St., Manchester, 6. Gen. business.—A. Percival.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 27, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Bal. sheet, appointment of Sec. —H. Clayton.

Reading C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Muling and Hyb. pair show.—W. H. Pyke.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Feb. 25, College Inn, 7. Second table show for Yorks. and Nor. pairs.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 27, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting. Also gen. meeting to select judges for open show.—R. Buncoe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Gen. meeting, lecture by Mr. J. Rouse (Heywood); all fanciers welcome.—E. Hartley.

Stirling C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Douglas Hotel, 8. Ann. gen, meeting. Financial statement, election of office bearers.—W. Bishop.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 4, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. —J. Jeffrey.

South Shields C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Very important meeting.—J. Barrass.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Feb. 25, Public Hall, 6. Table show of breeding pairs, Can. pair, A.V., muling pair, A.V., Hyb. pair, A.V.; Mr. J. Whitelaw, judge.—W. Melvin.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Pair show, Can. Mule; Brit. Hyb.; also C.B.U.—A. Hobson.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Leeds Hotel, 7. Pair show and Brit. birds; entries close Feb. 25.—J. W. Lowes.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Headquarters, 7.30.—A. Jarvis.

Sale Open O.S.—Feb. 27, Technical School, 8. Reorganising society, bal. sheet, discussion on change of room, and election of sec., etc.—J. Irlam.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Hand and Skittle Hotel, 7.30 Ann. meeting, election of officers, etc.—J. Smith.

Uddingston O.S.—Mar. 2. Reading Rooms, 7. Monthly meeting, alteration of rules, auditor's report; intending members invited.—J. Kilpatrick.

Walsall C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Vine Hotel, Cross St., 8, Members' show business.—F. Price.

West London F.A.—Mar. 2, Bush Hotel, 8. Lecture and ord. business.—J. Dewhurst.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Horse and Crown Inn, 8. Ann. gen. meeting, election of officials, etc. Fanciers cordially invited.—H. C. Crossley.

Wood Green F. and F.A.—Feb. 28, Headquarters, 8.30. Committee meeting.—W. G. Bruce.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Headquarters, 5.30. Ann. meeting, election of officers, date of ann. show and open Linnet show, same night.—W. Elliott.

Wrexham C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30. Enrolling new members, arrangement for Roller singing contest, pair show, etc.—B. Bennett.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Mar. 2, headquarters, 8. Discussion on pairing, to be opened by Mr. T. Benson, Esq, prize money won at B.B. and pair show to be paid at this meeting, also season specials.—W. Mallinson.

Walthamstow F.A.—Mar. 2, Workmen's Hall, High St., 8. Adjourned gen. meeting.—H. Cooper and H. Lofthouse.

Wigan C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. —W. Ridge.

Windsor C.B.A.—Mar. 2, Headquarters, 7. Pairs matched for breeding; judge, Mr. H. Benfoot.—E. A. Stickland.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Proposed revision of rules. Entries for pair show.—W. G. Andrews

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.S.—Mar. 1, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherbithe New Road, S.E., 8.—A. Lupton.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Mar. 1, Headquarters, 8.15.—J. C. Bell.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Very important business; all fanciers heartily invited to join.—G. Havver.

Boldon C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Colliery Institute, 7. Election of officers and table show of Canaries and British; fanciers invited.—A. Widdowfield.

Barrington and Choppington S.C. C.B.S.—Feb. 25. Nor. pair show and to take subs. and enroll new members.—T. Griffiths.

Blackpool and Flyde C.B.F.S.—Mar. 2, Raikes Hall Hotel, 8.15. Pair show and judging competition; all fanciers invited.—J. R. Crossley.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bristol F.A.—Mar. 2, E. T. Parker's Auction Room, Stephen-st. Members' show; 8 cage bird classes.—G. T. H. Maggs.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Fixing date for open show; selection judges, etc., question night, by ballot.—F. C. Sims.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—Committee Meeting, Mar, 1, 1911, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Fixing dates of open and table shows, etc.—Horner.

Choppington C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Railway Hotel, 7.30. —G. H. Seely.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Feb. 25, New Headquarters, Welbeck Inn, Soresby-st., Clubroom, 7.30. General meeting.—H. Taylor.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Crown Hotel, Station-st., 8. Bal. sheet; lecture by Mr. F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton), "Mating and Breeding." All fanciers cordially invited.—S. Mole.

Coventry O.S.—Mar. 1, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Election of new hon. sec.—J. Shaddock.

Colne C.B.S.—Mar. 2, Angel Inn, 8. Auditor's report; gen. business.—W. Maxwell.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 27, Church Institute, 60, Paddington-st., Marylebone, W., 8. Egg-food competition; interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Clapham C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Avondale Hall. Members' pair show; birds must be at hall 2.15 p.m.; judging 3 o'c. Open 5 o'c. Judges: Canaries, Mr. J. Robson; British, Mr. J. Frostick.—W. L. Priest.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 25, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Bal. sheet, social, ballot papers; members' competition for next season.—W. Morement.

Crook C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Royal Oak, 2.30. Table show, Can., Brit., and Mules; judge, Mr. H. Todd.—W. Rutherford.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Sydney Arms Hotel, 7.45. Ann. dinner.—A. S. Treasure.

Dalkeith C.C.—Mar. 4, Ship Inn, 7. Booking of hens and classification; new members enrolled.—E. Steel.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Mar. 2, 142, High-st., 8. Show staging, first feather show; new members enrolled.—J. Finnie.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Feb. 25, St. John's School, 2.45. Meeting and show. Judge, Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton).—L. Booth.

East Ham F.S.—Mar. 13, "Earl of Wakefield," Katherine Road, East Ham, E., 8. Committee reports and address by Mr. C. W. Mead. Members are reminded that all subs. are due by March 31.—H. Rutter.

Falkirk O.S.—Feb. 25, King's Head, 8. Roberts, Wynnd, judges.—W. Niven.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Mar. 2, Riego Street Hall, 7.30. Alteration of rules. Lecture by Mr. J. F. Dewar.—R. Lile.

Forfar C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Airlie Arms, Kirriemuir, 6. Replies from judges, etc.—J. Fyfe.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.S.—Feb. 25, Anchor Restaurant, 119, Cleethorpes Road, near Riby Square, 7.30. Some birds will be present, and Mr. Walton (sec. Leeds R.C.S.) has been invited to explain the song. Fanciers invited.—W. Yardley.

Grimsby O.S.—Mar. 2, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Goldfinch and Can., Greenfinch and Can., A.O.V. Hyb. Pairs, Brit. Bullfinch and Linnet, Siskin, Twite, Redpoll, Goldfinch, A.O.V. Mr. W. H. Moore, sen., judge.—Towl Bros.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Feb. 27, St. John's Club, 7.30. Bird washing competition for novices.—W. T. Mattinson.

Grangemouth O.S.—Mar. 3, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Appointing judges for ann. show. Intending members invited.—J. D. Miller.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Feb. 25, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Table show for Muling and Hyb. Pairs.—T. Drysdale

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Mr. A. Dakins, Hauge Street, 8.—H. S. Waters.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 25, Butchers' Arms, 3. Members' show. Judge, Mr. F. Benn; birds to be staged at 3 p.m. prompt.—J. Holroyd.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—Mar. 3, Rose and Crown Inn, 8. —T. Smith.

Heywood O.S.—Feb. 28, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Bal. sheet, prize cards, etc., for inter club show, afterwards "Impromptu Speaking."—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, 2 till 9.30. Pair Show.—C. W. Law.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Great open washing competition. Everybody invited. Entry fee, 3d. per bird. Prize money paid on sliding scale.—W. Cottingham.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Feb. 28, Lello's, 7.30. Ann. meeting.—A. Cotton.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Y.M.C.A., Whitley Street, 8. "The Linnet and its Song," by Mr. Guthrie.—E. Woodhead.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Council Schoolroom, Sawley Road. Adjourned meeting. Important business. All interested in the culture of cage birds cordially invited.—G. T. Wall.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30 Important, and to finish up account of last show; it is intended to hold next show in Nov.—D. John.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Mar. 1, Railway Hotel, 8 Season's lectures, washing exhibitions, rambles, and whist drive. Probably the ballot will be ready.—J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 1, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Arrangements of field-moulted Linnet class for March 15, to be shown in hop cages.—R. Charleson.

Morley C.B.S.—Feb. 25, Sycamore Hotel, 7. Table show of Linnets; judge, Mr. C. Hunt (Leeds).—A. Gledhill.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Feb. 25, Ye Old Plough, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, 7. Adjourned ann. gen. meeting. Election of officers, dinner to follow, 8 p.m. Fanciers invited; tickets, 2s.—G. Harwood.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 28, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, 8.—J. Davey.

Correspondence.

Thigh or Flank?

Sir,—In Mr. House's explicit article on ticked birds, he speaks of Nos. 1 and 4 as thigh ticked. I have generally heard such birds spoken of as flank ticked, the thigh, amongst fanciers being generally spoken of as the upper visible portion of the leg. I know that scientifically this is incorrect, and it may be that I am wrong as to what is generally spoken of as the flank; if so, there are others also on the wrong track, and perhaps a little further enlightenment from your esteemed contributor would clear the mists away.

Apotheker.

A New Cage Bird Society for Shire Moor (Backworth) & Dis.

Sir,—A meeting was held on January 30th in the "Blue Bell" Inn, Shiremoor, to discuss the possibility of forming a Cage Bird Society. We decided to have a club confined to a radius of two miles, and have already enrolled 17 members. Our next meeting is to be held on March 13th, at 7.30, when one of our members has kindly consented to give a washing exhibition (also a paper on Border Fancy, time permitting). Those desirous of becoming members are earnestly requested to attend.

Geo. R. Henderson, Sec.,
7, Victoria Terrace, Whitley Bay.

The Growing of Dandelion.

Sir,—I had a most pleasant surprise on returning home from a journey last week-end, one of your readers in Bonnio Scotland having taken the trouble to gather a lot of wild grown dandelion and sending it on to me at Manchester; when it arrived in beautiful condition. Scotland may be a cold country, but it is evidently warm enough to grow dandelion in winter, and hearts willing enough to go out and gather it and send it along from the land of the heather to Manchester by the water, where very often we cannot even find the sun by the help of a telescope, at this time of the year, and I dare say that may have had something to do with the seed my friends and I planted early in the year, that refused to come up. So it was impossible for us to grow it from seed. But it may be quite possible for some people to so grow it, and environment, and the wild birds, ditto cats, will also have a lot to say about success or failure.

W. Downing.

To Steady British Goldies.

Sir,—Re the above subject; as no answer was given in your correspondence columns last week, may I be permitted to give my method of taming any wild bird? It is as follows: Remove all traces of food for two hours, or, say, the night before; and at the end of that time, when the bird is hungry, place the cage on a table and put your hand gently into the cage with a teaspoonful of seed in the palm. Its favourite seeds should be selected, of course, for this. The bird will at first flutter a good deal, but if the hand is kept quite still, it will calm down, and will presently be seen eyeing the seed. Driven by hunger, the bird will at last timorously peck at it, and eventually must be made to hop on to the hand, and feed there. Once this has been accomplished, the bird will lose all fear of his owner, and should always be given tit-bits from the hand, or lips. This method will probably take a whole morning to carry through. But it is only being cruel to be kind, as to my mind until a bird has lost all fear of you, it is cruel to keep it in a cage. Should this method fail after two or three trials, it would be pretty certain that the bird was an old one, and practically untameable; in which case it were much better set at liberty. There must be no one but yourself in the room, and you must sit patiently waiting until the bird's will gives way to yours. If the bird shows too much terror at the introduction of your hand into its cage, place the seed on your finger outside at first. A small cage is best, as the bird is forced to come in contact with your hand. It must be alone in the cage.

G. C.

How to Send Birds by Rail.

Sir,—I find that the public have a lot to learn in the matter of sending away birds. At least two out of every hundred have no sense whatever in despatching birds. One will send them in a very heavy box, and the railway companies, of course, charge by weight. One will send them under suffocating conditions, with no air whatever. Another will send the birds with a basin of water in their box; the water gets upset, and the birds arrive at their destination wet through, and in a dying condition, having had no chance to dry. Only once has this latter happened in my experience. Recently a man wrote three times for cash from me. In each letter he omitted to put his name and address. I have reported same to the police here (in Manchester), and I do not know the sender's address. I receive about 30 lots of birds a week, and some are sent off the day they come. All birds should have plenty of food and water in a quiet place till roosting time. They should then be packed in a box, with holes burnt or drilled through all round near the top of box. If the holes are on one side only, the box may be put tight against another parcel, when the occupants may not get sufficient air. If travelling from south to north, or any extra long distance, water with a sponge in a fixed tin or vessel would be admirable, or else bread soaked. The box should be labelled in large letters, "Live Birds; if delayed will die." On arrival, I give the birds warm milk and water, sometimes a little sherry or whisky (about two or three drops), and then put in a quiet place with plenty of light. I bring them into the shop the following day. With regard to the warm water mentioned, I should say that lukewarm water is sufficient—just take the chill off. Some senders of birds do send them excellently. One man has sent me 50 lots. He puts small perches nailed on the bottom of box, and has a calico covering all across an inch from top, then a wood cover over as usual. The hanging of the train door, and the noise of the engine cause them at times to flutter, and sent as mentioned above, they do not hurt themselves. I have never had a sick bird from that sender. All have arrived in grand condition. He has holes for air between the calico and the wood cover.

E. Ellett.

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Durham.

Sir,—A number of fanciers belonging to the Dubmires Workmen's Club, have decided to start a cage bird society in connection with the club. We have decided to hold a meeting in the Dubmires Workmen's Club on February 26th. Will those fanciers wishing to join kindly attend the meeting? They must, of course, be members of the above-named club. If unable to do so, and they will send their names to me, we will be pleased to enrol them.

D. Hann,
Sec., pro. tem.

8, Brickyard, Bankhead,
Fence Houses, Durham.

Does a Hen Canary Choose the Best Singer As Mate?

Sir,—In an article in last Saturday's "Westminster Gazette" it is stated in reference to the purpose of the singing of birds that all who have attended especially to the subject seem to agree that superiority in song gives to a bird an undoubted ascendency over others. It is added that Bechstein, who kept birds during his whole life, asserts that "the female Canary always chooses the best singer," and that "in a state of nature the female Finch selects the male out of a hundred whose notes please her most." I will not quarrel with the latter part of the statement attributed to Bechstein, but surely it is a somewhat sweeping assertion to say that the female Canary always chooses the best singer. I doubt not but that the element of song is as strong as any other in a hen Canary's selection of a mate, but my experience teaches me that it is not always the sweetest singer who succeeds in winning the birdie heart of a hen Canary. Perhaps those of your readers who have had more experience than I in the breeding of Canaries—Mr. Claudo St. John, Mr. J. C. Barnes, Mr. W. Mundell and other breeders in Yorkshire—will give me their opinions on the matter through your columns. I feel quite certain in my own mind that a lady Canary is not blind to the charms of dress and deportment, any more than are other ladies.

Percy Fraser.

The Black-throated Hangnest at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—Re "Folkestone's letter on the above species; unfortunately I did not take detailed notes of the plumage, but put it down as the Black-throated (*Icterus mesomelas*), though, of course, this trivial name is equally applicable to several other species. To show the difficulty of recognising the species I give below the description of three of them, which will indicate that only the closest comparison of the bird with the description or skin, could result in a correct name, and the light at the Palace was by no means perfect. *I. mesomelas*: "Bright yellow; interscapulium, wings, lores, sides of head, and throat down to the middle of the breast, deep black; less wing-coverts, and under wing-coverts yellow; tail black, three outer retrices on each side, with the greater part of the apical portion yellow; outer secondaries sometimes slightly bordered with white; bill and feet black; whole length 8.5 inches, wing 3.9, tail 4.2"; *I. giraudi*: "Bright yellow, more or less tinged with orange; front and sides of the head, throat down to the middle of the breast, and wings and tail black; bill and feet black; whole length 8 inches, wing 3.9, tail 3.8"; and *I. croconotus*: "Bright orange; front, sides of the head, throat and tail black; wings black, lesser coverts orange, middle and greater coverts black; a white patch formed by the white outer margins of the secondaries; bill black, plumbeous at the base; feet black; whole length 8 inches, wing 3.8, tail 3.9 in." The descriptions are from the Brit. Mus. Cat. Vol. XI., and fully illustrates the almost impossible task of correctly defining them at sight. Thus I did not quote the scientific name in my notes on the show, but used the broader title of Black-throated, which is practically applicable to all three species. All three may be said to be equally rare. From my recollections of the plumage, I still take it to be *I. mesomelas*.

Wesley T. Page.

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Another Talking Canary.

Sir,—I have been much interested in reading about the talking Canary, but, as stated in your valuable paper of Feb. 18th, it is not the first one, and I can give you another instance. Some 27 years ago, I bought a young cock Canary, and gave it to my mother, who lives at Churchill, in Somerset. When the bird was about one year old it said "Pretty Joeie," and during the next two years it learned to say "Missis, pretty little bird Joeie is," "Kiss me Quick," Missis, Little Beauty," etc. It talked for 12 years, being 13 years old, when it died. It was sent to me at Bristol to be stuffed, and is still on the table of his "Missis," who is now 85 years of age, well and hearty. For plain speaking this bird was a masterpiece. I wrote to the Press (there was no Cage Birds then, Mr. Editor), and I challenged him against any other bird for plain talking for £5, but no one took it up. We had several good offers for it, but the bird was one of the family, and no money would buy it. I am well within the mark when I say that hundreds came and heard it, and it is talked about to this day.

F. Buckland.

How to Solder with Resin.

Sir,—With reference to "Linnets" enquiry, I may say that at various times I have done a great deal of soldering work on cage fronts, baths, and other utensils; and the most satisfactory material I have found for this purpose is Fluxite, the cost of which is inconsiderable if purchased in large-sized tins or by weight. A special method which I adopt for cage fronts may be of interest to "Linnet" and others; I powder some solder with an old file and mix with the fine powder just enough Fluxite to make a fairly stiff paste, which will adhere to the bars. For heating I use a gas blowpipe, which I find most economical for extensive work. After applying a small quantity of the mixture to the joint, a fine flame is directed upon it, and the work done almost simultaneously.

Robbins.

Sir,—In answer to "Hardbill," I would like to state that this method for soldering would be very expensive and not at all practicable. He condemns the use of the only tool that is fit for the work, and recommends resin for cage fronts, which is the wrong flux for the metal resin. I would caution "Linnet"—it is only fit for lead or soft metals. It might be used on brass, but it undoubtedly fails on iron. As a proof, I would like to ask anyone who doubts to try his hand on a flat iron surface, and he will see the mistake. A tin of Batty's soldering fluid mixed ready for use would be more in his line, because spirits of salts from the chemists are no use until "killed" with zinc, and Batty's saves him the trouble of doing this. I may say that I earn my living by soldering, so I know what I am talking about, and do not like to lead others astray. If the poisonous nature of the acids is all that keeps "Linnet" from its use, I would advise him to rinse the work in water after it is done, as the action of water immediately cleanses it.

R. Rutherford.

A Remedy for Inflammation in Canaries

Sir,—I read a few weeks ago, in Cage Birds, one of your correspondents suggesting that, when Bullfinches, Goldfinches, etc., were going wrong, Fuller's earth, given in the drinking water, was an excellent remedy. I also remember hearing a prominent Canary breeder, being asked at a lecture about three years ago for a remedy for curing inflammation in Canaries, and his reply was: Fuller's earth. I have used Fuller's earth for this purpose practically from my first entering the Fancy, and have always had excellent results from its use. My manner of using it is a little different to that suggested by your correspondent, and also to that employed by the Canary breeder. My maxim in these things is that every method of application is right if it attains its object. I remember going into my birdroom one day at the time of the year when the first nests of youngsters were beginning to drop into moult; we had a double-breeding cage, close to the window, which had unfortunately been left open when the wind was blowing the wrong way. We had eight of our best youngsters just beginning to drop their nest feathers in that cage, and when I cast my eye on them it was easy to see they were in a bad way—all of a lump. They looked as though they had lost their all, and would be glad to lose themselves also. We emptied the "pot hat" drinker, and placed inside one teaspoonful of ordinary Fuller's earth (sold at the chemist's in one penny packets); then we filled the drinker with water, and they drank Fuller's earth water for upwards of a week. Then we removed all seed, as the birds' droppings were very loose. My wife removed the cream from a portion of milk, then boiled it, afterwards making it into a milk sop, nice and soft, but not too sloppy. Then she mixed into the sop a good sprinkling of maw seed, and on the top of all dropped some chalk. Placing the mixture in the cage, we left them at that, just renewing the sop and contents daily, and watching the birds' droppings, reducing the chalk as these improved; also we filled up the drinker with fresh water on the old Fuller's earth for two or three days; then washed out the drinkers and gave another teaspoonful as before, and I am pleased to say we only lost one bird out of the eight, and that one was almost gone when we first found they were ill. Fuller's earth has certainly been our friend in the bird-room, so we pass it along, as it may do some fancier a good turn this breeding season, if inflammation makes its appearance among his babies; that is, if he does not possess a better remedy of his own. If he does possess a better remedy, will he kindly let us know in Cage Birds what it consists of, because we are anxious to increase our knowledge, save lives, and make things pleasanter for our feathered pets?

W. Downing.

Are Birds Fruit Eaters?

Sir,—Alas! there is no doubt about birds eating fruit. Blackies, Thrushes, and Sparrows are simply dreadful. We can hardly get half our fruit when it is ripe. And the currants taken are still quite green. I go several times a day to drive birds off. No dressed-up figures or flags are of any use. Raspberries, currants, gooseberries, damsons, apples, and pears, are affected. I would be very thankful for any hints as to how to preserve the fruit. I put muslin curtains round, but the birds went in under them and ate pounds of fruit. We have never been troubled by the Starlings, though they abound here. Rooks get most of our walnuts. So all round we are bothered. I wish I knew someone who is clever and humane in the matter of catching some of the lovely birds all round our grounds. Goldie and Bullie—indeed, every kind of Finch almost—Whitethroats, Wrens, and other sweet little birds, in all our hedges. We have Owls, but we would gladly have more. We did put up boxes for the smaller birds, but they did not build in them.

M. L. S.

The Recent Show Season in Ireland.

Sir,—Now that the shows in Ireland are all over, might I be permitted to make a few remarks with a view to assisting the officials of the different shows. They have a hard task in trying to please everybody. But the time has come when show committees will have to depart from the classification given 10 or 15 years ago, and cater for the present day fanciers. The Yorkshire is by far the most popular breed of Canary in Ireland, yet few shows give them the premier place in the classification. Take Dublin, Dundalk, and Larne; they catered well for the Yorkies, and their shows were the most successful held during the season. The committee of Larne Show are to be congratulated on securing the patronage of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of I., and giving 6 open and 4 novice classes for Yorkshires, seeing they had only one Yorkie breeder in Larne. But they made no mistake, as the Yorkies outnumbered all other breeds of Canaries. Derry would do well next season to give the classification that Dundalk gave last season, and judging from the support they received at their first effort their show promises to be one of the finest in Ireland, but I would advise them next season to pay more attention to sending exhibits home, and to send award catalogues to those who have paid for them on the first day of show, and not have exhibitors writing for them a couple of times and then get them 8 days after show, as was my own experience. Bangor Show was a success (financially), but they stood to lose nothing whether they were well supported or otherwise. They would be well advised to give an explanation if any mistake has been made re payment of prize money, and if the challenge given to Mr. Pidduck, the hon. sec., is not taken up, then it only encourages fresh attacks being made. The Ulster O.A. (Belfast) Show was not the success that was prophesied by the committee, who wisely (as they thought) curtailed the Yorkshire classes. I am confident that it never will be a success until there is a revision of rules, and steps taken concerning the alleged practice of members showing borrowed birds. It is surprising the way they evade a discussion on this most important subject at their meetings. Can it be that some of the most prominent exhibitors would be found guilty? But I live in hopes of some member having the courage of his convictions, and demanding an inquiry. The Belfast Norwich, Crest, and Y.C.C. would be well advised to have a thorough investigation at their next meeting re the accusations made by members of the society at their last meeting, and also after the meeting was closed, and if these members cannot prove what they have asserted then it is the duty of the members of the society to have them expelled, and save other members being annoyed and subjected to insinuating language at every meeting. The sooner it is remedied the better for their membership. The Yorkshire fanciers were disgusted with the classification given them by the Ulster O.A. at their last show, and the committee, if they wish to make their next show a success, would do well to secure the patronage of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland, and accede to their rule that the entry fee for Yorkshires be 1s. 6d. per cage, then no doubt their show could be made one of the best in Ireland. They have an able secretary in Mr. Trimble, and he is not to blame if their show does not pay. An important point for a show secretary to remember is that every known exhibitor should receive a "schedule of prizes," as many shows held last season only sent schedules to those who applied for them; then they cry out they were not supported. All shows should be well advertised in Cage Birds, and the date of show inserted in the dates fixed column, and thus save shows clashing, as was the case last season, when one of our oldest societies, after changing their date so as not to clash with another show, this same show again took their date, evidently to boycott them; let us hope this does not happen next season.

An Irish Straight 'Un.

Climbing the Yorkshire Exhibition Ladder.

SIR,—I see in your last week's issue that Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell state that I claimed a bird of theirs in the season of 1904-5, which they know is not correct, as the said bird was claimed by Mr. Pickup, of Bradford, and shown by him the following week at Pudsey and Stanningley, at which show I bought the bird from Mr. Pickup. I may also state that the bird never won at the Crystal Palace Show, as it was never shown there, which they know also. It seems to me a cheap way of advertising, and I think it would be more creditable to Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell to make accurate statements.

W. TAYLOR.

A Norfolk Bird Fancier in Trouble.

SIR,—I started bird-catching with trap cages, then I got to nets. I have been "in the game" now for 17 years. I am a married man, and have two children. I am a bricklayer by trade, and am paid at the rate of 4d. per hour. I used to go in for netting birds at week-ends, and have caught hundreds in my time. I have never seen so many Mealy Redpolls in my life as I did last autumn. I have caught as many as 300 a day, but Sheringham (where I live) is a place where you cannot sell anything, so I used to let the bird go again. I have been out of work for three months, so I tried to earn an honest shilling catching Linnets and other birds. At that time no one interfered with me when catching. This year I got some work again, and the day I started a man borrowed my nets, and went out catching. He took a Linnet, a Linnet Mule, and a Goldfinch; but the Sergeant of police stopped him and took my nets away from him. I was at work and knew nothing about it until I went home to dinner. Now I have got a summons that I "did unlawfully aid and abet, counsel and procure one Arthur Knowles to do and commit a certain offence, that is to say, to unlawfully use certain nets for the purpose then and there of taking certain wild birds, to wit Goldfinches." Now I don't think this is fair. I knew absolutely nothing until I went home to dinner about this offence, and I should like other catchers opinions on this case.

E. SADLER.

[Our correspondent's best line of defence in the case to which he refers is, we think, to plead absolute ignorance of Arthur Knowles having his nets.—Editor.]

Rare British Birds at the Palace Show.

SIR,—I fully endorse all "Thistle Top" says in regard to the judging of Buntings at the Crystal Palace. Why include a Yellow-bellied Bunting in the list of competing birds, and put out Black-headed and Meadow Buntings? I also would like to hear what Mr. A. Silver has to say on the point. "Thistle Top," the Meadow Bunting passed was 1st at the Scottish National, not 2nd, as you say.

DISGUSTED.

SIR,—Mr. Ramsden's reply, saying that "every bird was judged on its merits" is all very well in its way, but I defy any judge, much more Mr. Silver, to say that the two rare Buntings I spoke of, the Black-headed and the Meadow, were not worth a card. It is silly to talk like that. A bird that gets first prize and special at the Scottish National, like the Meadow Bunting, is value for a ticket anywhere, and the class at the Palace was not so strong as the one at Edinburgh, for the Palace winner (the Corn-bunting) was not even noticed at the Edinburgh Show. What a change of place; and I know the Meadow arrived home in grand order. However, I'll say no more, but we in Scotland will know what to do when the next Palace Show comes round—we'll save money.

THISTLE TOP.

P.S.—You have me down last week as saying the Meadow took second prize at Edinburgh. It should have been first.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Thistle-top" is singularly unfortunate in regard to the two birds he refers to as being unnoticed at the Crystal Palace Show. In the recently published list of British birds by Mr. Ogilvie Grant, it is stated that the Black-headed Bunting has not occurred more than six times in all in the United Kingdom, and that the Meadow Bunting has only occurred in all three times. So that, apart from the question of the birds not being in the N.B.B. and M.C. list, I think the two birds in question are unsuited to the show bench. Considering the extremely few times these two birds have occurred, it does not require any great stretch of the imagination to suppose that the birds passed over were not genuine caught British specimens, and I think every judge will agree with me that at our shows the classes for British birds are open only to such, and where a judge has grave doubts on the point, he is justified in passing the bird (or birds) in question. I allow that the question of nationality is beset with difficulties, and that there are many knotty points more difficult to settle than the two cases brought up by your correspondent. In this connection I believe I am right in saying that a number of birds excluded from the N.B.B. and M.C. list have occurred more frequently in the United Kingdom than the two birds in question.

BRITISH BIRD.

New C.B.S. for Smallbridge.

SIR,—I was not going to reply, but I see "Real Fancier" is suspecting the wrong man for my letter. I can assure him that I am not connected with the Littleboro' C.B.S., and when I wrote my letter it was with the sole idea of trying to bring more fanciers together. Whether at Smallbridge or Littleboro' was immaterial. Re his allusion to Littleboro' not being the only society with a cup, I never said they were, as the Rochdale O.C. have two cups, and the Rochdale Good Intent have a cup; and it would not be a bad idea to present this war-worn and much scarred trophy to the Smallbridge society, and then start a members' subscription to secure a new one. To his bit of childish talk about stones and windows, I have a four-year-old lad that can break enough windows to suit me, but even this youngster's childish prattle is as nothing compared to the last bit of "Real Fancier's" letter. "Novice's" letter I treat with contempt, as I am in contact with better fanciers and better birds than they possess at Smallbridge, and it is not my nature to be jealous of either man's capabilities or anything he owns.

WELL WISHER.

The South Birmingham and District O.S.

SIR,—The first meeting of the above society was held on February 15th at headquarters, the Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath Station, and a grand success it proved, over 20 attending, and several unable to attend also promised their support. The above name was decided upon in preference to Small Heath and District, the proposer (Mr. J. H. de Maillet) explaining that it would have a much larger sphere to work upon. Mr. Wilmott was elected chairman, Mr. J. Hughes vice-chairman, and Mr. Leike treasurer; the Selection Committee was put back along with other officials until the adjourned meeting, to be held on February 22, at 8.30. The rate of subscription decided upon was 4s. per year, payable quarterly in advance. Meetings and time: Arranged for the second Wednesday in each month, 8.30, at above hotel. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Leike for his kindness in granting us the use of a room, and to Mr. Hughes for so skilfully taking the chair. The post of secretary was taken by

J. SHEPPARD.

9, St. Oswalds Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.

What Constitutes an Even-marked Mule?

SIR,—On looking over the Mule classes at the Crystal Palace, I confess I, too, was somewhat surprised to see a bird that was marked on both wings, wrong classed. In the light of Mr. House's article, and according to Yorkshire Union standard (possibly other standards, too) this is correct. But the question arises, ought not two eye marks, two wing marks, or two tail marks respectively, constitute an even marked bird? It seems strange that a four-pointed or six-pointed bird alone should be eligible to compete amongst evens when the two-pointed bird is debarred. This is harder amongst Mules, where 4 and 6 pointed birds are extremely rare indeed.

X-RAY.

SIR,—In a very clever article on "The problem of the Yorkshire Canary Exhibitor," my old friend, Mr. House, sets out the decision of the several Yorkshire Canary specialist clubs with reference to ticks, even and uneven-marks. No one need quarrel with Mr. House's conclusions. They are clear and definite. But the point at issue at the Crystal Palace show was much wider in its application. Mr. Weston applied the rule to Mules. While setting out very clearly the Yorkshire standard, Mr. House made the somewhat far-reaching statement—"Such, however, is the law." Now that seems to be the moot point with regard to Mules and other varieties besides Yorkshires. It is clear, and the Yorkshire clubs have every right to adopt it, if they choose, that in their estimation, "a two-pointed bird, that is, one marked on both eyes, wings, or both sides of the tail, is, according to Yorkshire Union law, an unevenly-marked bird." Rightly or wrongly, it has been in the minds of many (of course outside the Yorkshire Fancy) that the points for evenness of marking are two, four, six. It is scarcely an answer to critics to quote the Yorkshire law. Such, it is apparent, is not the general "law," and we are not far enough advanced, yet awhile, along the line of sectionalism, to regard it as universal in its application. What, I think, is needed is that we should try and arrive at a decision which shall be regarded as universal. The views of the specialist clubs of all varieties can easily be obtained, and if they decree that the two-pointed bird is not an evenly-marked specimen, then so be it. But it does seem to me that the Yorkshire specialist clubs never intended, neither do they wish, that their "law" should be general in its application to other varieties. Mind, personally I should not object if it were, providing it is universally adopted. When it is, in Mr. House's own words, "a strange paradox," it is difficult to apply a paradox to, at present, non-consenting varieties, and call it the "law." The law which is most willingly obeyed is that which is obtained as the result of the expression of the commonsense of most, after an appeal to all. I repeat, I am not objecting to the Yorkshire Fancy's version, but should like to see an universal "law," as the result of an appeal to the wide commonalty of Canarydom. Let it be made apparent, once and for all, to those who do not see it at present, what is an evenly-marked bird, and what is not. It is quite certain, no matter what some of us may conclude, that there is by no means a general concensus of opinion upon the point.

G. G.

SIR,—From the manner in which Mr. Gardner introduces my name, it would seem that he thinks there is some connection 'twixt the publication of Mr. House's article and the wrong-classing by me at the recent Crystal Palace show of a two-pointed Mule entered in the even-marked class. Such, however, is not the case. Mr. Norman's drawing and Mr. House's article were finished early in January (for CAGE BIRDS Birthday Number, in fact). Neither do I shelter my action behind the Yorkshire Club's rule; that is but one factor in the case. My friend, "G. G.," has had, of course, a vastly larger experience of the Fancy than myself, and has, of course, acquired a vastly more profound knowledge of Fancy matters. Therefore, seeing that Mr. Gardner differs from me, I feel that it is like running up against a brick wall to say that I decided the point in question upon what I considered the present-day custom, viz., that a two-pointed bird shall not compete in a class for even-marks. May I point out, however, that the only two specialist Canary clubs which cater (i.e., give special classes) for even-marks, both debar two-pointed birds from competing therein? I refer to the Yorkshire and Border Fancy Clubs. Further, the National British Bird and Mule Club (which no doubt lays claim to speak authoritatively concerning Mules) states in its rule book: "The club has decided not to recognise a two-pointed specimen as such, but to allow it to compete in the class for ticked or lightly marked birds." Now, at the Palace Show my unfortunate position was this: I found one two-pointed bird in the "even-marked" class, and three two-pointed birds in the "unevenly-marked or variegated" class, so I had no option but to hand out a "wrong-class" ticket to someone or other. And I came to my decision on what seemed to me the present-day custom in the matter. I have no bias one way or the other. If the Fancy wish two-pointed birds to compete in even-marked classes, that ends it, so far as I am concerned. But judges should be given a definite ruling to that effect for their guidance. Anyway, it is a pity birds should get "wrong-classed" owing to any misunderstanding on the point, for I believe in an exhibitor having a "run for his money" after he has paid his entry fee and expenses. Perhaps Mr. Gardner will tell us what he himself would have done under the circumstances?

G. E. WESTON.

Foreign Birds for Working Men.

An Inexpensive and Delightful Hobby.

SIR,—It has always been a matter of surprise to me that more fanciers of the mechanic class do not keep the smaller foreign Finches. The general impression with regard to them appears to be that they are costly, difficult to keep alive, and require a specially heated aviary for their accommodation. This idea is quite erroneous. With regard to price, they cost less as a general rule, than a Canary of even average merit; when acclimatised, they live quite as long, and provided they are kept from contact with draughts and damp, their successful preservation presents no great difficulty. Added to this, their keep is an infinitesimal item of cost, and they are, in addition, a greater novelty than the "little yellow bird." A couple of years ago I tried the experiment of keeping these small Finches in a well-made garden aviary, but a few weeks of cold weather killed so many that I gave it up. After deliberation I had a grand indoor aviary constructed of quarter-inch wire fronts, the aviary measuring 3ft. 6ins. by 2ft. wide, and 2ft. high. I hope in some future number of the good old CAGE BIRDS, to give a photo of the aviary, and some particulars of its construction. With regard to its inmates, the Cordon Bleu is my favourite, but it was a long time before I was able to acclimatise a pair; five died before I really had any chance to acclimatise them; this was all the more vexatious to me when I noticed that at the Zoo they are housed in the outdoor aviary! The Lavender Finch is another little gem; but a similar difficulty exists with regard to this bird also. I have had three. The survivor, however, is "as hard as nails." The dwarf "Bib Finches" are entertaining little creatures, and well worth keeping. The "star" singer of the aviary is a Grey Singing Finch. This bird is so robust that I am this year trying the experiment of pairing it with a ben Canary. I have similar intentions with regard to a green one. I have had to put these two birds in separate cages, as the song of either was the signal for a fearful fight. On several occasions I have kept the Cutthroat Finch, but the pair I possess at present are the only ones whose tempers are anything approaching reasonableness. Other inmates are: St. Helena Waxbills, Red-eared (only one specimen, a cock, the hens dying apparently of acute diarrhoea within a few days of purchase), Combassous, Orange-cheeked Waxbill (note: these birds seemed unobtainable the last 12 months), Bengalese (whose dances are most amusing), Black-headed and Bronze-winged Mannikins, and Half-masked Weavers. The entire collection are in the pink of condition, and have attracted a great amount of notice where they have been exhibited. They are certainly well worth the trouble of acclimatising.

BERNARD C. BRIARS.

The Judging of Hybrids.

Gaudy Colours or Sombre Plumage?

SIR,—On reading the reports of various shows, I have noticed that in Hybrid classes the prizes have invariably been given to richly-coloured birds (Goldfinch, etc., crosses). In my opinion, this is very unfair, as it is every bit as difficult to breed Linnet-Greenfinch and Linnet-Siskin, as Goldfinch-Greenfinch and Goldfinch-Siskin. I think it is about time that judges paid more attention to the soberly clad hybrids, or these classes will shortly be lacking in variety. What say your readers?

DRAB.

The Awards in Any Other Variety Canary Classes.

SIR,—I am taking the liberty of writing you in regard to the judging at the late Palace show, in the A.O.V. Novice Canary Class. I had not the pleasure of seeing the birds there, but with all due respect to the judge, I very much doubt if there were four Cinnamons better as Cinnamons, than the Silver Lizard shown by Mr. A. E. Bosworth. Does it sound fair to call the class Any Other Variety when four out of the seven cards go to Cinnamons, the other three going to a Belgian, and Border Fancies? The same exhibitor sent two good Silver Lizards last year, with practically the same result, at any rate, the Lizards were unnoticed. Yet this year the cry is send your Lizards out more. Some encouragement, is it not? However, I fancy the A.O.V. Class will certainly not find Mr. B. showing again. I can honestly say that the three Lizards sent by Mr. B. the last two shows, have been good birds, and the one sent this time has won well in novice and also done well in champion Lizard classes. Trusting some abler pen than mine will help to make things a little fairer all round in these A.O.V. classes, is the wish of

JOHN RUKIN.

A New Roller Canary Society for Grimsby and Cleethorpes.

SIR,—I am pleased to report that a good number of fanciers attended the inaugural meeting in connection with the newly-formed Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller Canary Society, and about 20 members were enrolled, in addition to several honorary members. The following influential fanciers were appointed to the respective offices: Chairman, Mr. W. Groves; vice-chairman, Mr. J. A. Ives; treasurer, Mr. A. Wilkinson; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Yardley—all of whom are members of the British Roller C.C. The following were elected committee: Messrs. Hawcliffe, Lockwood, Young, Staples, Osborne, Wilson, Holmes, and Drust. The annual subscription is fixed at 3s. 6d. Decided, to ask Mr. Walton (secretary Leeds Roller C.S.), specialist and judge, to attend meeting fixed for February 25th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Anchor Restaurant, 119, Cleethorpes Road, Riby Square, to explain the songs of the birds present, when all fancier friends are respectfully invited. W. YARDLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Cage Bird Union and Its Future.

SIR,—I enclose a copy of a circular letter which I am forwarding to all societies which were affiliated to the Union last year, and to all previously in the Union, and I would be glad to have same published in your next issue.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

(Copy of Circular.)

At the annual meeting of delegates of the Union held at the Crystal Palace on February 4th (a report of which appeared in CAGE BIRDS the Saturday following), the following resolution was passed:—"That the latter part of Rule 22 be deleted for the present, but that words be added to the effect that the Union will not undertake to look after the interests of any exhibitors at shows not held under C.B.U. rules." That is to say, the restrictive portion of Rule 22 is to be suspended until such time as the delegates agree to its being again put into operation. It was also decided that a feeling of societies be obtained as to what support will be given to the Union with the rule altered. Unless considerably more societies support the Union, it would hardly be possible to carry on. Last year had 73 societies affiliated, the subscriptions from these not being sufficient for working expenses, and the Council would be glad if you would kindly submit this for your members' consideration, and intimate whether your society will support them in continuing the work of the Union, with the Rule 22 held in abeyance, or with any other rules as may be suggested. I am no longer secretary to the Union, but the Council will appoint one pro. tem., in accordance with the Rules, whose name will be published in due course, and to whom communications should be sent. The other amendments to the rules passed at this meeting were: That the annual meeting of delegates be held in July, alternately in the South, Midlands, and North. That the Associates' fee be reduced from 2s. 6d. to 1s. per annum. Provision to be made for appointment of a treasurer to the Union. That District No. 7 be divided, the Counties of Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, and Northants being formed into a separate district. Add to Rule 4, That members of an affiliated society at September 1st, will be considered members until the end of the society's year. That where more than one person shows birds from the same place of residence, they all show in the same section, either champion, amateur or novice as eligible.

GEO. W. F. LYTHGOE.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

LOCKERBIE P.P. AND C.B.A.

Meeting held Feb. 16th, to make arrangements for our forthcoming show. We have fixed it for 23rd November. We are giving about 30 classes for cage birds, and intend getting popular judges, and have been promised good support from the surrounding district. President and chairman, N. Muir Stewart, Esq., Underwood.—H. Davidson, Sec.

BELFAST CREST, NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE C.C.

For some time past the membership was open to the whole of Ireland, but by a resolution passed at the general meeting, held 7th January last, it was decided to curtail the membership to Ulster only, the reason of the change being that it gave too much extra work to the secretary; but still to allow old members outside of Ulster to retain their membership. After due consideration, it was decided to lower the subscription from 10s. to 6s. per year, with entrance fee of 2s. for each new member, and a charge of 3d. for each bird entered at show, which would allow members to show 16 birds for 10s. Any fanciers wishing to join can get any information they require from the Secretary, Mr. S. Bamford, 13, Adelaide Avenue, or any of its members who will be only too pleased to welcome them. The club meetings are held in the Clarence Place Hall on the first Saturday in each month at 8 p.m., the next being on 4th March, when it is earnestly requested that all fanciers wishing to become members will attend and bring their friends—there's a welcome for all.—Walter Connell, Hon. Treasurer, 24, Bloomfield Avenue, Connswater, Belfast.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting held Duncan's Rooms, 71, London-st., Glasgow, Feb. 14, the president, Mr. R. B. Gibb, in chair. After the adoption of the balance sheet, the secretary, Mr. Bowman, submitted his annual report which showed the Yorkshire Canary was progressing by leaps and bounds in Scotland. Unfortunately, however, the balance of cash in hand was considerably smaller than last year, and as it was felt that the "pairs" and "first feather" shows had been too much of a drain on the club's funds, it was agreed to allow these to lapse for this year at least. The president then presented the prizes to last year's winners as follows: club's challenge rose-bowl and medal to Mr. G. MacRobbie, Mr. Penman's medal for runner-up to Mr. J. B. Paterson; President's prize for third most points to Mr. A. Girvan. In the novice section Dr. Syson's medal went to Mr. G. Crichton for most points. Mr. Penman's special for runner-up being won by Mr. W. Sanderson. The following were the winners of the small rose-bowls presented by the club for most points at each show:—Messrs. McRobbie, Paterson, Girvan, Heggie, Sanderson, and Webster. After the president had intimated that he did not seek re-election, and Mr. Bowman (much to the regret of all) had resigned the secretaryship on account of the pressure of business, the election of office bearers was gone on with. Result: President, Mr. T. Penman; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. P. Paterson and F. Bowman; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. R. B. Gibb, 96, Middleton-st., Ibrox, Glasgow; committee, Messrs. McDougall, McKenzie, Girvan, Anderson, Forrest, Mac Robbie, Sanderson, Hendry, Young, and Cochrane; auditors, Messrs. Barron and Webster. The rules were under consideration, but with the exception of a slight alteration of the wording of Rule 2, the provision of proxy voting in Rule 3, (and the adding of a new rule to read, "Club specials can only be competed for in standard cages," were left. It was also agreed to hold a club show in connection with an open show, particulars to be settled later. Owing to the lateness of the hour, no more business could be done, but I trust to see a large attendance at our next meeting which will be duly announced, as there falls to be considered such important matters as the "confined to Scotland" clause, club judges, etc. I appeal to all Yorkshire fanciers in Scotland to join us. It will readily be admitted, I think, that the present satisfactory position of the Yorkshire in Scotland is entirely due to the efforts made on its behalf by the club, and it seems only fair that those who are reaping the benefit of increased classification, etc., should do a little to assist the club. Annual subscription only 2s. 6d., and I will be pleased to give any particulars required to intending members.—R. D. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES' ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Prize Distribution Committee met on Feb. 16th at the Market Tavern, Bradford, to make final arrangements for this great annual event. Mr. D. Sunderland occupied the chair, and the following business was duly transacted:—The engagement of the following artistes for the social evening was endorsed: Mr. J. E. Stafford (baritone), Mr. M. Speight (tenor), Mr. A. Smith (humorist), and Mr. A. Gledhill (accompanist), and as these are all talented artistes, a splendid musical programme is likely to be sustained throughout the whole evening. Correspondence dealing with invitations issued to the guests was then read and accepted, and a resolution was carried unanimously that, as before, the president or chairman of each specialist club should present their own prizes. The secretary was instructed to get tickets printed for the winner, and these can be obtained from each specialist club secretary, or of any member of the committee, of Mr. Sunderland, or myself. The following sub-committee was appointed to arrange the musical programme, etc.: Messrs. Sunderland, J. Greaves, F. Hammond, and H. Hill. For the benefit of those desirous of attending the dinner and prize distribution, may I say that all who intend to be present at the dinner would do well to send on their names at once, as a large number are expected, and it is necessary to have an idea as to numbers, in order that all may be catered for, and to avoid disappointment. The dinner will be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on Saturday, March 11th, at 4 o'clock prompt, followed by the social evening and prize distribution at 6 o'clock. It would facilitate business somewhat if all those who have prizes to receive would make an effort to get well to the front of the room, in good time, so that others are not disturbed any more than is necessary, when each recipient is called upon to receive his prize. If all will try and follow the wishes of the committee in these respects, the affair will be a tremendous success, and a vast improvement on previous years. Secretaries of the various specialist clubs should be in attendance at 2.30 to arrange all the prizes. These would be best arranged in the same order as the specialist clubs were balloted for in the prize presentation, with CAGE BIRDS' prizes in the centre position. From left to right of the platform they would then be in the correct order of presentation. Don't forget to send in names as early as possible.—H. Hill, Secretary, 15, Settle-terr., Thornton-lane, Bradford.

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BRITISH BIRD-KEEPING FOR THE WORKING MAN.
By W. J. Pitcher.—The experiences of a Yorkshire working man. The author shows in a most interesting way that it is not always the one with the big aviaries that derives the most pleasure, but often the working-man, whose only hobby after a day's work is his birds. He advises the various kinds of birds that lend themselves to the requirements of the working-man hobbyist, and how they should be fed and cared for.

HOW I PRODUCED MY WINNING HYBRIDS.
By J. Ovenstone.—A very interesting and valuable article. Gives the author's own experiences extending over a period of about ten years, together with an account of his sytem of feeding, management, etc.

BUILDING AND FITTING AN OUTDOOR BIRD-ROOM.
By Henry Meeds.—Advising the cheapest and best methods to adopt in building and fitting up an outdoor bird-room or aviary. Giving full dimensions for same, and how the internal fittings should be put into place to the best advantage. The article is accompanied by a photograph of an ideal type of out-door bird-room, which enables the reader to more easily grasp the subject matter of the article.

THE TREATMENT OF, AND MEDICINES FOR, AILING CAGE BIRDS.
A feature which conveys information that is of vital importance to the would-be successful keeper of birds—information of a kind but seldom available through the usual channels—telling the properties, etc., of most bird medicines, and how the ailments common to birds may be cured by them.

A CHEAP METHOD OF CANARY BREEDING.
By T. F. Morgan.—Emphasises the point that even "cheap" canaries can be, and are, made to pay. The article explains in detail how a cheap breeding-cage can be made and fitted out, how the canaries should be fed and managed, and closes with a few "Don'ts" that are very timely hints.

FAMILIAR FOREIGN SEED EATERS AND THEIR MANAGEMENT.
By J. H. Booth.—Dealing with some of the foreign hardbills commonly imported into this country, and their management.

A YEAR WITH THE WILD BIRDS.
By H. Norman.—The author gives it as his opinion that wild bird life flourishes in our fields and woods as it does in no other European country.

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By G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S.—An article from the able pen of Mr. Yates which is of permanent value for reference purposes. It describes in concise, and so far as possible, unconventional terms, the causes, symptoms, and diagnosis of the commoner departures from health affecting the inmates of our cages and aviaries, together with appropriate medicinal treatment. It is a real book in itself and well worthy of the price paid for the whole "Annual."

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Under the White Rose.

SPECIALIST clubs are now holding their meetings to square matters up in regard to the winners of the various competitions, and to make arrangements for purchasing the prizes to be all in readiness for the Annual Amalgamated Social, March 11th. Will all those who intend being there for the dinner please send in their names in good time, as I hear there is likely to be a rush. Remember, over 170 sat down last year, and were well satisfied; 200 is the minimum I prophesy for this year's event, with twice that number for the social evening. All are welcome.

THE display of prizes will be a treat to see, and a revelation to many. The number and value, not to mention the usefulness of many of them, ought to stir the fanciers to a recognition of the great possibilities in the Fancy, and if they bring their better halves, should go a long way towards getting help during the bird breeding season. It will make the ladies look forward to the time when they will have something to fetch.

OPEN Norwich Plainhead Club have fixed the date of March 11th as the time for their annual general meeting, to be held at the Market Tavern, at 2.30 prompt, so as to get business over before the time for dinner. It is arranged for this date so as to give members from a distance the chance to attend, and to be there for the annual prize distribution also.

SKIPTON'S newly-formed society held their first members' show on Saturday last, and as a first venture it was a decided success. The British section, I hear, was excellent. The Yorkshires were very nice, and a few good greens were to be seen. Some years ago this district was well represented in the Fancy, and had a good society; but somehow the reins got loose, and the thing went smash. Let us hope to see the open shows as of old, and by what I know of the fanciers there, it should not be long before they are as strong as ever; and, what is more, each section has someone to uphold it, and take care of its requirements.

A NOTED Bradford fancier nearly got into the British trade last Saturday night; he nearly bought a Hawfineh, or, as one friend jokingly calls them, Hawf-inch, but this was no hawf-inch bird; it was all there.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*A Chaffinch's Return.

A Chaffinch used to come to our house every time snow fell. My mother used to feed it until it became quite used to coming. When summer came it went away from my mother; it went into the fields to feed. One day the first snow-fall came, and I saw the Chaffinch sitting in the garden waiting for his usual feed. —Sent by Norman Nicholson (age 10), 6, Weardale Place, Grange Estate, Stockton-on-Tees.

*A Strange Nesting Place.

An extraordinary place was chosen by a Thrush for its nest in the Holy Trinity Churchyard, near Huddersfield. The bird built its nest on one arm of a cross—a very high one based on three steps. There was no shelter from the wind, and it was in full view of the passers-by. Five eggs were laid, and the Thrush seemed perfectly happy sitting upon them, and in full view attracted much attention. The cross is made of stone to imitate blocks of wood cut from a tree trunk, with flowers trailing over it. These help to make a firm foundation for the nest.—Sent by Albert Edward Armes, 1, Eugene Place, Ladywood Road, Birmingham.

**A Lark's Tomb.

In the walls of a humble cottage in a Devonshire village there was to be seen, many years ago, a fine brass plate, on which were engraved the following lines:—

Within this wall there lies a Lark,
Whose age, I think, well worth remark;
Take fifty-five from seventy-three,
And there exact his age you see.
And in remembrance of his age,
These lines were writ beneath his cage.

The peasant whose pet this lark had been, delighted in showing this poem to all visitors. The bird had come into his possession when it was fully grown, and must therefore have been quite 19 years old at the time of its death. Sent by Wm. Allen, aged 13, 26, Mount Street, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting held Feb. 9th, Oldham Hall, Mr. J. H. Isaac in chair. There was a good attendance. Two new members were elected and four others proposed. Pair show: 27 good pairs were staged. Mr. S. Had- judged and gave every satisfaction, afterwards explaining questions relating to the birds shown.

BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Rumsby. GREEN YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Metcalf; 2, Brindle; 3, Eccleston; vhc, Jones. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Metcalf; 2, vhc, Rumsby; 3, Eccleston; hc, Brindle; c, Jones. NOR. GREEN BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Metcalf; 2, 3, vhc, Isaac. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Metcalf; 2, Isaac. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Rumsby; 2, 3, Isaac. BORD., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Brotherton. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Brotherton. HYB. OR MULING: 1, 2, Isaac.—F. Eccleston, Sec.

ROCHDALE O.S.

Annual British bird show proved a record, both in entries and quality.

GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Rabbich; 3, Blincoe; 4, Pratt. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Blincoe; 2, Siddle; 4, Rabbich. GREENFINCH: 1, Rabbich; 2, 3, 4, Pratt. LINNET: 1, Naden; 2, Pratt; 3, 4, Rabbich. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Blincoe; 2, Rabbich; 4, Entwisle. HEN FINCH: 1, 3, Blincoe; 2, 4, Pratt. MULE: 1, Barrass; 2, Naden; 3, Blincoe. FOR.: 1, 2, 4, Blincoe; 3, Rabbich. A.O.S., HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Blincoe; 4, Pratt. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Blincoe; 4, Entwisle.—R. Blincoe, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Pair show held headquarters, Auction Rooms, Bond Street, February 8th, there being a nice lot of birds present. Mr. Leach had a fine evenly balanced pair of Norwich, and Mr. Dandride a good pair of Yorkshires. The Mules were of good quality, also the British birds. There were, as usual, many members present, also lady members. Mr. A. Burtenshaw (Worthing) judged.

NOR. PAIRS (6): 1, 2, Leach; 3, vhc, Gibb; hc, c, Roast. YORKS. CHAMP. PAIRS (12): 1, 2, vhc, Dandridge; 3, Peirson; hc, c, Gibb. NOV. (1): 1, Pelling. A.O.V. PAIRS (1): Crest, 1, Gibb. BULLFINCH (5): 1, 2 Cadman; 3, vhc, Absalom; hc, Akehnrst. SISKIN (1): 1, Gibb. REDPOLL (9): 1, 3, Sharpe; 2, Gibb; vhc, Cadman; hc, Jacobs; c, Streeter. MULES (8): 1, Gibb; 2, Sparks; 3, Boxall; vhc, Akehurst; hc, Cadman; c, Sharpe.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 2nd, Wentworth Cafe, the President (Mr. T. Flemming) in chair. Mr. A. Hobson (secretary) gave a statement of the society's financial position; which was subject to audit. Several items of correspondence were dealt with. Mr. Memmott was elected on committee in plac of Mr. P. Walsh (resigned), whom we are sorry to lose, though we still have him as a member. Mr. Furniss gave notice of motion that we resign from the Cage Bird Union, to be decided at next meeting. The subject of the shows was left in the hands of committee. A very good matched pair show of Nor. was held, some very smart birds being on view. Mr. Furniss commented on the winning pairs, the various points being dealt with. He also gave us a very interesting paper on the Norwich, which was well received. He dealt with the various questions in a very able manner. Members kindly attend next meeting, as very important business must be transacted; also pair show for Mule and Hybrid breeding. Judge, Mr. J. Scott. A vote of thanks to Mr. Furniss brought a very instructive meeting to a close.

PAIRS: 1, vhc, Woolhouse; 2, 4, hc, c, Flemming; 3, A. Hobson. NOVICE: 1, 4, Dunford; 2, 3, Lawton; vhc, Sisson.—J. Woolhouse, assist. sec.

REIGATE AND REDHILL F.A.

Thirteenth annual members' show held Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, February 13th. Mr. Martin Crnst judged, and gave satisfaction. Over 100 birds were staged, and the quality excelled any previous year's; which facts go to show that members are on the right track. Yorkshires were very good, some excellent birds being cardless. A very fine show of Borders turned up, and of Lizards (an almost new attraction in this district). A number of ladies and gentlemen visited the show, and their remarks were very encouraging. Altogether it proved a success all round. Mr. Bacon won special for best British, with his Chaffinch, which makes it twice in succession.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp, 3, Harris; 2, vhc, c, Tillett; hc, Weller. BUFF: 1, sp, vhc, Roser; 2, hc, Tillett; 3, c, Harris. BORD. YELL.: 1, sp, 2, 3, Bacon; vhc, Fraser; hc, Geal; c, Tillett. BUFF: 1, sp, vhc, Bacon; 2, Tillett; 3, hc, Fraser; vhc, Geal. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 3, Silver and Gold Lizards; 2, vhc, hc, Tuppen, cinnamon; c, Gilmore. SELL.: 1, Tillett; 2, Bacon; vhc, Weller; hc, Baldock. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, Terry; 2, hc, Bignall; 3, c, Weller; vhc, Roser. BULLIE: 1, sp, vhc, Bacon; 2, Gilmore; 3, Bignall; hc, Burtenshaw; c, Terry. LINNET, ETC.: 1, sp, vhc, Mealy Redpoll; 2, Roser, Linnet; 3, Weller, Linnet; hc, Bignall; c, Burtenshaw. GREENIE: 1, sp, c, Bacon; 2, Geal; 3, vhc, Burtenshaw; hc, Weller. CHAFFIE: 1, sp, sp best B.B., vhc, Bacou; 2, Burtenshaw; hc, Weller. A.O.V.: 1, sp, hc, Bacon, Yellow Bunting; 2, Hannant, Siskin; vhc, Geal, Hedge Acentor; c, Fraser. HON. MEMBERS, CAN.: 1, c, Miss Shaw, Nor. and C.-B.; 2, vhc, Mrs. Goodwin, Borders; 3, A. Aldridge, Border; hc, Tickner. BRIT.: 1, vhc, Miss Thompson, Bullie; 2, hc, Tickner, Linnet; 3, Finch, Chaffie; vhc, Johnson; vhc, c, Saunders, Greenie and Linnet.—A. W. Bacon, Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Annual table show and judging competition held Liberal Club, Hope-street, February 11th, when about 50 birds were forward in seven classes, this being slightly under last year's total. But what was lacking in numbers was made up for in quality, some of the late season's winners being entered. Mr. J. F. Dewar again judged, and after finishing sealed his results in an envelope and handed it to a neutral party. The members then tried their hand at judging, and when the last had finished the seal was broken and the points totalled up, when the winner was found to be Mr. Geo. N. Barclay, with 63 points, he thus holding for a year the silver cup presented by Mr. Dewar. Mr. J. Milne was second with 58 points, and the President, Mr. Lumsden, third, 55 points. All over, the results were very close. At the close of the show Mr. J. Lumsden, our respected President, was presented with a gold appendage as a mark of esteem in which he is held by the members. A gold brooch was also presented to Mrs. Lumsden. Mr. Miller (Criterion Bar), one of our worthy patrons, in handing over the gifts said it gave him much pleasure to assist the Society, and he hoped when another year came round every member would make an endeavour to bring one or more birds to such a function, as it helped to make the members better known to each other. He also very generously presented the winner of the competition with a handsome briar pipe; also one to the lowest scorer. The afternoon proved very enjoyable to all, and much chaffing and good-humoured banter amongst the members brought a well-spent time to a close.

The Critique.

NOR. (3): 1, 2, Alcorn, 1st good shape, feather, and col, 2nd falls only in shape and feather to 1st; 3, Brown, good stock bird, shows too much head feather. BOR. FCY. (13): 1, 2, Stevenson, leader good type, nice feather, well carried wings and tail, 2nd very nice green of good quality, rare col, tail a wee bit open; 3, 5, Alcorn, 3rd nice yell. varieg., grand col.; 4, Brown; 6, Lumsden. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Alcorn, 1st green Crest, nice radiation; 3rd Cresthred of good quality; 2, 4, Ross, 2nd very neat, well spangled Liz. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (13): 1, Baxter, rattling good Goldie, rare blaze, fine size and col; 2, Allan, very fine Linnet, steady, good col. and plenty of work on breast, back, and head; 3, Stevenson, rare good Bullie, fine col. and cap; 4, Brown, gem of a Goldie; 5, Moffat; 6, Barclay. A.O.S. BRIT. (8): 1, Ross, nice Siskin, good col. and feather; 2, Stevenson, lovely Redpoll, good markings, bib on the small side; 3, Milne, nice Yellow Bunting; 4, Sayers, grand Nuthatch, very wild, however; 5, Howden; 6, Allan. MULE (2): 1, Brown; 2, Brunton.

RUTHIN.

Local show held "Spread Eales" Hotel, Feb. 18th.

YORKS. CK.: 1, Davies, fine yellow, good col. and position, wins easy; 2, Edwards, nice marked bird in good condition; 3, Edwards, wing marked, should moult better. HEN: 1, Davies, buff, nice size and feather, wins easy; 2, Williams, green buff, not in quite such good condition. MULE: 1, Davies, fine light Goldfinch; 2, Davies, dark yell., good bird, deserves a clean cage; 3, Roberts, Greenfinch, with a good moult should win in all classes. BRIT.: 1, Morgan, Bullfinch, large, lovely col.; 2, Williams, fine Redpoll; 3, Roberts, nice Siskin. GOLDFINCH (house-moulted): 1, 2, Rickman, good square blaze, 1st grand col., 2nd better in tanning, beaten in squareness of blaze only; 3, Roberts. GREYPATE: A good class: 1, Roberts; 2, 3, Jones; 4, Edwards.

SITTINGBOURNE AND MILTON.

The Sittingbourne and Milton Cage Bird fanciers held a highly successful show Feb. 15, in a room kindly lent by Mr. Noakes, of the "Globe and Engine." Messrs. C. Elliot and H. F. Ambrose officiated as judges, and gave great satisfaction to all. The secretarial duties were efficiently carried out by Mr. B. Tidy, who announces that there is a probability of a society being run in this district. Twenty-four entries were staged—some of the finest birds the judge had seen on a local show bench.

NOR.: 1, sp, Whatford, leader grand bird; 2, r, Attwood, good birds; 3, vhc, Tidy, nice bird, but loose in feather; hc, Whatford; c, Miss F. Brown. YORKS.: 1, 2, sp, Monday, all splendid birds, leader stood well; 3, Tidy, nice bird, in good condition; vhc, Apps, hc, Rumble; c, Clayton. BRIT.: 1, sp, Attwood, Goldfinch, very steady; 2, 3, Monday, Bramble and Bullie, both splendid birds; hc, Tidy, Goldfinch; vhc, Hyland, Redpoll; r, Churchill, Linnet. A meeting will be held Feb. 28, 8.30 p.m., at 13, High-st., when it is hoped all fanciers wishing to make the above a success will attend.—B. Tidy, Sec. pro tem.

QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' deciding show for the society's specials held Feb. 18, Baptist School. 43 birds faced Mr. L. Dykes, who gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, 3, Briggs and Jagger; 4, Kirkbright Bros.; vhc, Myers and Lumb. BUFF: 1, Briggs and Jagger; 2, H. Smith; 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Myers and Lumb; vhc, T. Brook. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, H. Smith; 2, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Myers and Lumb; vhc, hc, T. Brook. BUFF: 1, vhc, Myers and Lumb; 2, 3, Kirkbright Bros.; 4, Fowle. UNEVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Joe Thomas; 3, 4, Kirkbright Bros.; vhc, Fowle; hc, Pearson. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, Brook; 2, Myers and Lumb; 3, Fowle. BUFF: 1. Joe Thomas; 2, Fowle; 3, Smith; 4, Pearson. TKD. YELL. HEN: 1, Joe Thomas; 2, Myers and Lumb. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, 3, J. H. Fowle; 4, Kirkbright Bros. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Joe. Thomas; 2, Briggs and Jagger; 3, Myers and Lumb. Results of society's competition are:—H. Smith wins cup for most points with starred birds; Joe Thomas wins gold medal for most points with four highest for the cash prizes; Kirkbright Bros., come 1st, J. H. Fowle 2nd, Briggs and Jagger 3rd.—Wilton Jagger, Sec.

BANGOR.

Members' show, held Old Museum, the birds being well staged, and shown to the best advantage. The secretaries, Messrs. F. Milliard and W. Aitken, carried out the arrangements well from start to finish, ably assisted by a staff of good stewards: Messrs. R. Hughes, W. Evans, W. R. Roberts, and several others of the committee. The quality of the birds was of a high order in some of the classes. The entries totalled 95. Yorkshires were well to the fore in quality and numbers; Norwich had only one class, but the winners were well up to the standard of excellence and purity. Goldies made a good display. Mr. T. Owen (Llandudno Junction) made the awards. One special only was given for most points in Goldies, which was won by Mr. E. Jones (Carnarvon) with his well-known team.

The Critique.

NOR. (8): 1, 3, W. H. Williams, variegated. Crest, immense size, good radiated crest, in fine form, 3rd rich coloured varieg. yell. P.H., well known, shade light to-day; 2, J. Williams, P.H. buff, good type, neat round head, good class of feather, pressed winner hard; r, Walford, varicg. Crest; vhc, Aitken; hc, Evans; c, A. J. Hughes. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (14): 1, Owen Owens, cl., yell., good length and col., wee shade open, good position; 2, 3, Pike, neat yell., medium length, well up on legs, 3rd another cl., good length, cleaner cut; r, Walford, cl. yell., good length and positon, well-known winner; vhc, O. Jones; hc, Evans; c, T. Owens. BUFF (14): 1, 3, Pike, 1st cl. buff, grand length and quality, neat wings, well folded, A1 feather, 3rd another cl., rich col., neat wings; 2, T. Owen, grand buff, full of style and quality, tight as a Java, stands like a guardsman, beaten in length only; r, W. H. Williams, long, shapely buff; vhc, H. Jones, good quality; hc, Owen Owens; c, R. Roberts. YORKS., A.O.V. (8): 1, T. Owen, mkd. buff, very shapely, good wings and tail; 2, Pritchard, wing and cheek mkd. yell., long and shapely, good wing carriage, well up on legs; 3, Parry, marked buff, good feather; r, R. Roberts, lengthy varieg., slim and straight; vhc, Walford, green mkd. buff, lengthy and shapely; hc, A. J. Hughes; c, W. Evans. YORKS. HEN (7): 1, 3, Pike, cl. yell., very neat, 3rd cl. buff; 2, hc, W. Evans, good cl. yell., nice type and quality, very little between them; r, Walford; vhc, J. Jones. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, John Williams, typical Finch, grand deep blaze, well cut away, good bars and buttons, only two feathers in tail, still the best polished bird of the lot; 2, Owen Owens, another good Finch, well-known, close up; 3, vhc, and spl. most points, C. Jones, two good quality Finches, well known, former winning on col.; r, Speed; hc, Ore; c, Pritchard. GREYPATE, BLACK-LEGGED (11): 1, Pritchard, good blaze and col.; 2, 3, O. Jones, 2nd another good one, 3rd close up, beaten in col. only; r, E. Jones; vhc, c, H. Jones; hc, Donaldson. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, r, W. Aitken, very neat varieg. Linnet-Can. hen; 2, Ore, dark Goldfinch Can.; 3, Walford, same cross, good size and col., very little between them; vhc, Speed; hc, Donaldson; c, Jones. BRIT., A.O.V. (8): 1, Williams, grand sized Bullie, good col., dense black cap; 2, r, vhc, Aitken, good Redpoll, in nice form; 3, Donaldson, very nice Siskin; hc, C. Speed; c, Evans. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD (4): 1, A. J. Hughes, cl. buff Bord. hen, good type and feather; 2, O. Jones, Pied Linnet, should this not have been entered in the British A.O.V.; 3, W. Aitken, cl. yell. Bord. cock, very neat and jaunty carriage; r, Walford, varieg. Bord.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly table show, held Feb. 14th, when the variety was Yorkshires. Our old friend and late secretary, Mr. Steeple, judged. He also gave us lecture on same, and I think his awards met with the approval of all. We had a good number of birds, but I should be pleased to see more at our British show, Feb. 28.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, Winterbottom; 2, Platt; 4, vhc, Baxter; hc, c, Addison. BUFF: 1, Platt; 2, Baxter; 3, 4, Addison. Messrs. Platt and Baxter tied for points special with 13 points each.—J. Cope, Secretary.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Pair and British bird show held Feb. 15th, Boot Inn, by the kind permission of the vice-president, Mr. S. Whitlow. 26 pairs were staged, and the awards of the judges, Messrs. S. Whitlow and F. Wright, gave general satisfaction. The Yorkshires were a strong class, and the Norwich very good. British birds and muling pairs though few in number were of good quality. A very good attendance of members and fancier friends was present.

NOR. PAIRS (6): 1, Bracegirdle; 2, c, Gardner; 3, vhc, W. Davies; hc, Cooper. YORKS. (14): 1, 2, Swindley; 3, hc, Richards; vhc, Davies; c, Bunnell. MULING OR HYB. PAIRS: 1, J. Bracegirdle. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Swindley; 2, Williams.—J. Swindley, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND DISTRICT F.A.

At Foresters' Hall, Feb. 16, a splendid array of good quality cage birds was staged, and the judge had no easy task to place the awards. The entry in the Yorkshire and British classes was extremely good, and it was a matter of congratulation to find that the cage bird section generally is showing signs of resuscitation.

YORKS.: 1, Meiris; 2, 3, Russell. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Folwell. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, Moore; 2, 3, Russell. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, Russell; 3, Chivers. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Hancock. Special for best Canary in show awarded Mr. Folwell for a fine Nor. Special for best Brit., Mr. Moore, with a good Bullfinch. Mr. Meiris won novice special with 1st Yorkshire, and the judging competition was won by Mr. A. Fielding, who placed nine correct awards. Arranged that at next meeting a smoker should take place. Two new members elected.—W. H. Knowles, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Pair show, held Half Moon Inn, Feb. 18, and was one of the most successful we have ever held. The Yorkshires were a superb lot. Norwich, too, were far in advance of previous shows, both in number and merit. The muling and hybrid pairs and the British birds were a nice collection, in splendid condition. The society had a good balance to bring forward from 1910, and they give a cash special for every class. Mr. W. Rutherford judged, his awards appearing to give every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 4, vhc, Patterson; 3, c, R. Todd; hc, Mowbray. NOR.: 1, spl, Carrol; 2, Crossling; 3, 4, c, Livesay; vhc, Grainger; hc, R. Todd. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, spl, R. Todd. MULING: 1, spl, Grainger; 2, Carrol; 3, Crossling. HYB.: 1, spl, G. Grainger; 2, H. Todd; 3, Hildon. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, H. Todd; 2, Lawrence; 3, vhc, Hildon; 4, Gregory; hc, Livesay; c, Carrol. LINNET: 1, spl, Forster; 2, H. Todd. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, spl, 2, H. Todd; 3, Forster; 4, Lawrence; vhc, Gregory. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl., H. Todd. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, Lawrence; 2, Hildon.—H. Todd, Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Members' pair show, held Feb. 16th, headquarters, Leysian Mission Hall, City Road. This is the first show held at headquarters, and the hall lends itself in every way for a bird show, being very spacious, lofty and well lighted. If necessary, 600 birds could be staged. It was quite encouraging to the committee to see such a number of birds, some 123 birds in all being staged by the members (the secretary's hearty thanks to all). This is one of the largest shows of its kind the L. and P. O.S. have held of late years, and goes to prove that the members are ever ready to rally round if the necessity arises. The committee wish to express their grateful thanks to all who so kindly contributed to the success of the evening. Our old friend Mr. J. Dobson was once again amongst us, and received a very warm welcome from all. A very fair sprinkling of visitors were present, including some eighteen ladies, whose presence seemed to brighten things immensely. Mr. T. Heath judged the Canaries and Mr. Allen Silver the British birds and Mules.

NOR. CHAMP. (13): 1, 3 spls, Matthes; 2, hc, Kilby; c, Richardson. YORKS. (3) 1, 2, Bullen; vhc, Thurling. CRESTS (3): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Oldaker. A.O.V. (7): 1, spl, hc, Oldaker; 2, vhc, c, Thurling. MULING PAIRS (7): 1, Richardson; 2, vhc, hc, Mortlock; c, Thurling. NOVICE NOR. (15): 1, spl, 4, Law; 2, c, Lathleiff; 3, hc, Newley. YORKS. (9): 1, vhc, Rowland Bamber; 2, hc, Salter; 3, Gilbert; c, Fleet. MULING (2): 1, Madame Madewell. GOLDFINCH: 1, Mortlock; vhc, Flect. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Kilby; vhc, Madame Madewell. MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, vhc, hc, c, Ramsden; 2, Thurling; 3, Crab. Special mention is due to the winner in the Champion Norwich section, shown by Mr. F. S. Matthes, also the Goldfinch shown by Mr. G. Mortlock; the class of mules, too, were all exceptionally good, but the winner, shown by Mr. Ramsden, stood easily first, and the Siskin Canary shown by Mr. Crabb easily topped the remainder.—Chas. W. Law.

WETHERBY.

Wetherby F.S. 16th annual show held Old Post Office, Feb. 16th. The room set apart for the cage birds was a nice and cosy one, with plenty of light, being free from draughts. Mr. Taylor makes an ideal secretary. He kept everything in first-class order, and was ably assisted by a committee of real hard-working fanciers, who were most polite to every question asked. Dr. Wilson came down with a team of real good British, his noted Waxwing being the feature of the show. The bird was in the pink of condition, and as steady as a rock. Mr. Scales judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. (12): 1, Prentice, lovely quality, straight as a rush, good wings and tail; 2, hc, Hewson, leader buff, plenty of size, nice quality; 3, Gotton, very stylish, straight as a line, splendid col., best of legs, a trifle smaller than leaders; 4, March, very nice bird, A1 quality; vhc, c, Winterburn. YORKS. HEN (9): 1, 3, Hewson, two real good birds, plenty of size, nice positions, plenty of leg, splendid shape, good quality and col.; 2, Kirton, lovely damsel, true Yorks., trifle on the small size; 4, Winterburn, loveiy quality, splendid col.; vhc, Prentice; hc, March; c, Ridsdale. BULLFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, Lewcock, Bullie, in the pink of condition, splendid col., capital size, very steady; 2, hc, Winterburn, leader Bullfinch, good cap, in grand condition, very steady; 3, c, Hawkes, Greenfinch, A1 col., good size, nicely mkd. good 3rd; vhc Wilson. BRIT, HARDBILL. A.O.S. (11): 1, Wilson, Linnet, splendid col., good size, shines like silk, easy win; 2, Axe, Corn Bunting, well staged, very steady; 3, Gill, Yellowhammer, nice big bird, capital head, well mkd., very steady; 4, c, Davis, Redpoll, nice bib, capital size and col.; vhc, hc, Davison. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, Wilson, Waxwing, in fine form, real picture, full of bloom, easy win, 2nd Redstart, not quite so steady, 3rd Bearded Tit, capital exhibit, in fine trim; 4, Jackson; vhc, Davison. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 3, c, Wilson, leader Can.-Bullie, 3rd, c, both Goldfinch-Bullfinch, in the pink of condition, three very nice exhibits; 2, 4, Hawkes, Greenfinch-Goldfinch and Greenfinch-Linnet, two more real good Hybrids; vhc, c, Winterburn. A.O.V. CAN. (8): This class was filled with Nor.. Mr. Barnwell securing 1, 2, 4 with three very nice birds of good size, nice heads, grand type; 3, Ronald; vhc, Winterburn; hc, Hawkes; c, Gill. SELL., 10s. (9): 1, Barnwell; 2, Gill; 3, Gotton; 4, Ake; vhc, Miss Owen; hc, Miss Gunter; c, Winterburn.

SOUTHPORT AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting and pair show Thorp's, Nevill Street, Feb. 16th. The members turned up very badly; result, poor competition, which was very disheartening to the judge, Mr. A. Williams.

NOR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Sutton; vhc, Fawcett; hc, Cookson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Sutton; vhc, hc, Cookson. YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (2): 1, sp, Hosker; 2, Linaker. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Linaker. CAN., A.O.V. (1): 1, Millburn. BRIT. PAIRS (1): 1, Kay. MULING PAIRS (6): 1, Kay; 2, hc, Ainscough; 3, Millbrim; vhc, Hoskin; c, Ball. Hoskin, spl for best pair.—E. Sutton, Hon. Sec.

BLACKPOOL & FYLDE C.B.F.S.

A very successful show was held Feb. 11, Bay Horse Hotel, Poulton. Entries numbered 60. Judge, Mr. J. Crossby, whose awards were very satisfactory.

YORKS.: 1, Pattison; 2, Crossby; 3, Binns; 4, Young. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Young; 3, Pattison. UNFLIG.: 1, Young; 2, 4, Pattison; 3, Crossby. NOR.: 1, Lightbown; 2, 3, Bevan. HEN: 1, 2, Bevan; 3, Lightbown. UNFLIG.: 1, Lightbown; 2, 3, Bevan; 3, Crossby. NOVICE: Cancelled. LINNET: 1, 2 Kirkham. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Crossby; 3, Lightbown. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Kirkham. MULES OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Kirkham. SALE, 7/6: 1, Bevan; 2, Young; 3, Crossby. BRIT. OPEN: 1, Howson; 2, F. R. Jones; 3, 4, Shear. CAN. OPEN: 1, Lingard; 2, F. R. Jones; 3, Waterhouse; 4 Howson.—Jas. R. Crossby, Hon. Sec

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Although its existence extends over a period of only a little more than two years, the society is gradually growing. On Feb. 11th the last pair show of the season (for members only) took place in the Co-operative Hall, and there was a record of 69 entries. The exhibits were shown in very good quality, but the best class was that for Siskins and Linnets. Norwich pairs were a very creditable lot, and the winning birds ought to hold their own in good company. Mr. W. P. Barnes judged, and sent a collection of seven Lizard Canaries not for competition.

NOR. PAIRS: 1, vhc, Bond; 2, 3, hc, c, Lockton. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Allen. NOR. PAIRS (novices): 1, Mann; 2, vhc, hc, Aspland; 3, Scothern; c, Lowther. YORKS.: 1, c, Waite; 2, Cragg; 3, vhc, Ward. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, hc, Parsons; 2, 3, c, Cryer; vhc Lockton. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Parsons; 2, Cryer; 3, Lowther; vhc hc, c, Lockton. BRIT. (A.O.V.): 1, 2, Lockton; 3, Lowther; vhc, Parsons, hc, Benson; c, Ratcliffe. HYB. PAIRS: 1, hc, Parsons; 2, 3, Lockton; vhc, Ratcliffe. MULE PAIRS: 1, Vincent. BRIT. HEN: 1, Parsons; 2, Ratcliffe; 3, vhc, Cryer. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Cryer; 3, Parsons; vhc, hc, Lowther; c, Eldred.—W. E. Allen Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Very successful pair show held Feb. 13th, at the Broadway. The backbone of the show was the Yorkshires, and of these there was a grand display. The class for champions contained no less than 23. The novice class contained 19 pairs, Mr. Tebbs being the fortunate owner of the leaders. The Norwich were not so plentiful, but were of the right stamp, particularly the hens. Mr. Owen and Mrs. Thynne were the principal winners in the Borders, and the latter also staged some really tip-top Crests, the leading pair, a C.-B. cock and Cinnamon-marked hen attracting a lot of attention. The show was held in a nice comfortable room, and as usual was ably managed by Mr. H. Smith, assisted by Messrs. Stoakley, Thynne, Whittome, etc. There was a numerous company. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CHAMP. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dixon; hc, c, Mrs. Thynne. YORKS (23): 1, Smith; 2, Mrs. Owen; 3, vhc (2), c, Easterling and Carson; vhc, hc, c, Whittome; hc, Owen. NOVICE, NOR. (11): 1, 3, vhc, Shipton; 2, Barker; vhc, Gibbs; c, Harris. YORKS (19): 1, Tebbs; 2, 3, Stoakley; vhc, hc, Brown; c, Wright. BORD. (7): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Owen; 3, c, Thynne. HYB. (6): 1, Putty; 2, Whiting; 3, Taylor; vhc, Gibbs; hc, Warley; c, Easterling. CRESTED: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, c, Easterling. BRIT.: 1, Shipton; 2, Easterling; 3, hc, c, Putty. CHAMP. DIPLOMA won by Mr. H. Smith. NOVICE, Mr. Shipton. Special best bird shown by a lady, Mrs. L. Thynne.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Pair show held Feb. 16th at the Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, and was the best ever held, both in regard to number and quality. Mr. Robson judged and afterwards gave a lecture on breeding and pairing-up. There was a large attendance of fanciers. During the show the novices' cup was presented to Mr. Bruger, he having scored the greatest number of points in 1910.

NOR. PAIRS (11): 1, 2, Thomas, two grand pairs, evenly balanced; 3, Bruger, nice yell., deep chested ck. and wing mkd. hen of nice shape; vhc, Jeffrey; 4, c, Graham; c, J. Graham. YORKS. (9): 1, 2, 3, Slade, grand team, true Yorks. of fine quality, straight as a rule; vhc, Slade; hc, e, Lilley. CREST AND C.-B. (6): 1, 2, c, Lilley, 1st green crested hen, good droop and centre, cock heavily feathered green, 2nd equally good; 3, vhc, hc, Slade, 3rd good pair, close up to 2nd. NOVICE SECTION: NOR. PAIR (7): 1, 3, Vigurs, monster buff ck. of good quality, hen nice stout yell., grand pair, win well; 2, Hawkins, very evenly matched, grand quality feather; vhc, hc, Hawkins; c, Millard. YORKS. PAIR: 1, 3, vhc, hc, Hawkins, both pairs good racy birds; 2, Mayer, hc, Hawkins, both pairs good racy birds; 2, Mayer, nice col. very stylish. BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, Vigurs, both pairs gems of lightness, nice quality. MULING PAIRS (5): 1, Slade, Goldfinch and Can.; 2, 3, Freeman; Goldfinch-Can., 3rd Linnet-Can.; vhc, Jeffrey; hc, Lilley. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Freeman, Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch; 2, McLaughlan, Goldfinch-Siskin; 3, Freeman, Goldfinch-Linnet; vhc, hc, c, Millard.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

HOLMFIRTH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Very successful members' show held Feb. 18, Rose and Crown Inn. There were 4 classes of Yorkshires, and 54 birds in all. Some very good quality birds faced the judge, Mr. M. Peel (Skelmanthorpe), whose awards gave every satisfaction.

YELL. CK.: 1, 3, G. Bray; 2, Hellawell; 4, c, Charlesworth; vhc, Lee; hc, A. Bray. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, H. Charlesworth; vhc, Smith; hc, Shaw; c, Hellawell. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, H. Charlesworth; 2, c, Shaw; 3, hc, Hellawell; vhc, Sandford. BUFF: 1, G. Bray; 2, Hellawell; 3, hc, P. Charlesworth; 4, Shaw; vbc, H. Charlesworth; c, Smith.—Tom Shaw;

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Annual pair show was held at headquarters, Y.M.C.A. Buildings, Whithy Street, Feb. 15. No fewer than 82 birds were staged, and competition was keen in all sections. Mr. H. J. L. Williams made the awards.

NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Appleton; 2, Ashcroft; 3, Papple. BUFF CK. AND YELLOW HEN: 1, 3, Miss Bennett; 2, Appleton. YORKS. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Woodhead; 2, Miss Bennett. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Woodhead; 2, 3, Miss Bennett. A.O.V.: 1, Miss Bennett. HYB.: 1, Appleton; 2, Robinson; 3, F. S. Woodhead. Mule: 1, F. S. Woodhead; 2, Ashcroft; 3, Robinson. Special given by judge for best pair awarded to E. Woodhead.—E. Woodhead, Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S

Members' show held Church Schools, Southfield, Feb. 18. H. Sutcliff, Esq., made the following awards, which gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Kaberry; 2, vhc, Hooson; 3, 4, Holden; hc, Bartle; c, Riley. BUFF: 1, 2, H. Hill; 3, Chubb; 4, Wright; vhc, Holden; hc, Worsnop; c, Hooson. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Riley; 2, Chubb; 3, Hooson; 4, Worsnop. BUFF: 1, Hill. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Hill; 2, Holden; 3, vhc, Riley; hc, Brigg; c, Thompson. STOCK BIRD: 1, Bartle; 2, Sharp; 3, Kaberry; 4, Hooson; vhc, Wright. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Schofield. SELL., CK., 15/-: 1, Wright; 2, Gornall; 3, Chubb. HEN, 12/6: 1, Gornall. A. Holden won special prize for most pointe with three starred birds. A. Holden and H. Hill got most points with four highest birds, 22 and 20 respectively.—Hy. Gornall, Sec.

SKIPTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Show held 18th Feb.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Miller; 2, Hodgeon. BUFF: 1, 3, Miller; 2, Hodgeon. YELL. HEN: 1, Miller; 2, Hodgeou; 3, Hudson. BUFF: 1, 2, Miller; 3, Beck. SELF, ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Beck. BUFF: 1, 2, Williams; 3, Beck. YELL. HEN: 1, Williams; 2, Miller; 3, Beck. BUFF: 1, Williams; 2, Bock. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Nicholson. BUFF: 1, Grey; 2, Williamson. YELL. HEN: Void. BUFF: 1, Nicholson; 2, Williamson. A.O.V.: 1, Aldersou. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Nicholson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Nicholson; 2, Pickles; 3, E. Alderson. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Nicholson; 3, Holmes. SELL., 10/-: 1, Miller. GIFT: 1, Hodgeon; 2, Nicbolson; 3, Williams. FOR.: 1, Denky; 2, Beadly.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last members' show of the season held Feb. 18, Holme Lane Sunday School. Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Most points on year's show for specials:—Mr. L. C. Casey, 1st, gold medal; Messrs. Wright and Son, 2nd; Mr. Dawson, 3rd, silver medal; Mr. Gladhill, 4th, cruet, presented by the president (Mr. Hudson). Mr. J. Smith wins trophy for most points in Cinnamon marks, presented by our chairman (Mr. L. Hodgson.

CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Casey; 2, Smith; 3, 4, vhc, Wright and Son; hc, Dawson. BUFF: 1, Wright and Son; 2, Casey; 3, vhc, hc, Padgett; 4, Gledhill. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN CK.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Casey; 3, Dawson; 4, Smith. CINN.: 1, Hodgson; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Casey. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, hc, Casey; 2, vhc, Gledhill; 4, Hodgson. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Wright and Son; 4, Casey; vhc, hc, Padgett; hc, Gledbill. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN: 1, Casey; 2, hc, o, Dawson; 3, vhc, Gledhill; 4, Hodgson. CINN.: 1, Wright and Son.—J. Smith, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, Feb. 20, and eclipsed all previous efforts, not in number of entries certainly, but in the superb collection of birds, which probably beat any similar show held in and around London this season. It goes without saying that all this is due to the untiring energy of the honorary secretary, Mr. H. Smith, whose splendid services to the Society are appreciated by the members. Entries numbered 194, exactly the same as last year. Yorkshires were a splendid lot. Crests were particularly fine in quality. The Norwich were undonbtedly the best ever seen at a Wimbledon pair show, both in number and quality. Mr. J. Robson judged. CHAMP. SECTION: NOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Dixon; hc, c, Mrs. L. M. Thynne. YORKS: 1, Smith; 2, Mrs. M. M. Owen; 3, vhc (2), c, Easterling and Carson; vhc, hc, c, Mrs. K. M. Whittome. NOVICE SECTION, NOR.: 1, 3, hc, Shipton; 2, Barker; vhc, Gibbs; c, Harris. YORKS.: 1, Tebb; 2, 3, Stoakley; vhc, hc, Brown; c, Wright. OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS: BORD. FCY.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, F. W. Owen; 3, c, Mrs. Thynne. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Mrs. Thynne; hc, c, Easterling. PAIRS (for Mule and Hy. Breeding): 1, Tutty; 2, Whiting; 3, Taylor; vhc, Gibbs; bc, Warley; c, Easterling. SELL.: 1, hc, Dixon; 2, c, Mrs. Owen; 3, Smith; vhc, Warley; hc, Miss Walker. FINCH: 1, Shipton; 2, Easterling; 3, hc, c, Tutty; vhc, Brown. Diploma for best bird in champion section, won by Mr. H. Smith, and that for best bird in novices, Mr. A. J. Shipton. Special for best bird shown by a lady, Mrs. L. M. Thynne. During the evening the judge made a few remarks anent the show, saying the show really did the Society great credit. Mr. W. H. Stoakley (chairman) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Robson, which was passed by acclamation.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual members' show, held Feb. 18th, Duke of York, Princess Street, when 98 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Baker (Birmingham), who had great difficulty in placing the awards, these being the birds, which did so well in the Midland Inter-Club cup competition. Mr. F. J. Weaver won special for best Nor., Mr. Millincamp, best Yorkie, Messrs. Crundell and Rowley best British. NOR. YELL. CK. (5): 1, spl, 3, Weaver; 2, Garfield; 4, Gibbons; vhc, Willoughby. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Weaver; 2, Garfield; 3, Harrison; vhc, Willoughby. MARKED (5): 1, Crundell and Rowley; 2, Hyde; 3, Willoughby; 4, hc, Weaver. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Gibbons; 2, Garfield; 3, Willoughby; 4, Weaver; vhc, Crundell and Rowley; hc, Hampton; c, Robinson. BUFF (5): 1, Harrison; 2, Willoughby; 3, 4, hc, Weaver. YELL. UNFLTD. (3): 1, Willoughby; 2, 3, Weaver. BUFF (5): 1, Willoughby; 2, Garfield; 3, Weaver; 4, Robinson; vhc, Hampton. YORKIE YELL. CK. (3): 1, 3, Millencamp; 2, Gibbons. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Millencamp. VAR. (2): 1, Millencamp; 2, Gibbons. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 4, Hall; 2, 3, Millencamp. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Millencamp; 2, vhc, Gibbons; 3, hc Hall. NAT. COL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Hyde. HEN (6): 1, Garfield; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, Harrison; 4, hc, Hyde; vhc, Robluson. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Barrett; 2, Weaver. DARK (4): 1, Crundell and Rowley; 2, 3, Weaver; 4, Hall. GOLDIE, ETC. (8): 1, Weaver; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, Hall; 4, Price; hc, Millencamp; c, Barrett. GREENIE (3): 1, Crundell and Rowley; 2, Millencamp; 3, Weaver. CHAFFIE, ETC. (4): 1, Barrett; 2, 4, Martin; 3, Harrison. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, Martin; 2, Price; 3, Hall. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, Martin; 2, Crundell and Rowley; 3, hc, Gibbons; 4, vhc, Weaver. A.O.V. BRIT. (1): 1, spl, Crundell and Rowley. FOR. (1): 1, Price.—J. Gibbons, Sec.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual Linnet singing contest, held Prince Albert Hotel, Feb. 19th, when some very good singing was heard, before a crowded house:—1, Chip; 2, Sellars; 3, Chip. Judges: Messrs. A. Binns and J. Smith.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Open Linnet singing contest for time and quality, that should have been held at the Railway Tavern, will be held at T. Malkin's Royal Exchange, Feb. 25. Entry fee, 1s. per bird, first pair up at 2 p.m.—J. and W. Mather.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Open sing held at Rock Inn, Feb. 19th, when 19 birds sang. After a very close match, the result was:—1, W. Dobson; 2, A. Longfield; 3, J. Papworth. There will be a open sing Feb. 26th.—A. Longfield, Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. usual weekly contest held Feb. 18, premises of Mr. Muir, Saltmarket. Result: 1, 2, Pallan. Judge, Mr. Rough; timekeeper, Mr. Campbell. Contest next Saturday, 4 p.m. This club will hold a show of house and field-moulted Linnets and field-moulted Goldfinches Mar. 2, previous 1st prize birds debarred.—W. Ross.

BLACKBURN.

Usual week-end contest, Feb. 18th, when 12 birds were hung. Very poor singing, but that was owing to the bad weather:—1, T. Slater; 2, R. Hayhurst; 3, T. Hayhurst. Judge, Mr. J. Dobson. Our Shrone Side open contest takes place March 4th, when six valuable prizes will be given. We hope to see both old and new fanciers rally up, and give us a really good contest.—T. Slater, Sec.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. weekly contest, held headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook Street (opposite Paragon Station). Our worthy host and a few friends made up three very good prizes:—1st, Thundercliffe; 2, Broadbeut; 3, Horsefall. Judge, F. Allen. The room was literally packed. Club open to all comers. Great open to all England contest, Easter Monday. Everybody welcome.—Fred. Allen, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-st., Attercliffe Common, Feh. 19th, when 14 birds competed for 3 specials. Brown and Shimwell sang a dead heat with 57 secs. each—sung off, Shimwell won with 50 secs., Brown 26 secs. Brown took third, 52 secs.; Thompson, 49 secs.; Brown, 34 secs.; Baker, 31 secs. On Feb. 25th a contest will be held. First pair birds hung at 8 o'c.—A. Brown, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet Contest at headquarters, "George and Dragon," Bridge Street. 36 birds sang for three good prizes. The winner reached the highest score of the season so far. After a close race for 1 and 2, the winners were placed: 1, J. Kirk; 2, J. Papworth; 3, A. Towler. We are giving a gold medal for the bird that does the highest score of the season. So, fanciers, hurry up and join.—Walter Dohson, Hon. Sec.

ERITH.

Open race, held February 19th, when 5 pairs were hung (10 minutes singing). 1, G. Roper, 4.18; 2, J. Baker, 2.18; 3, D. Wilders, 2.18; 4, T. Barnett; close race between four birds; 5, F. Pope, 2.16. Open race will be held Feb. 26th. Mr. D. Jones is giving a special for highest score in members'. Mr. E. Turner elected a member on Feb. 19th. Special general meeting Feb. 26th to arrange for open show for cage birds.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Open Linnet match held Weavers' Arms Scholes, Feb. 18, when 36 birds sang before a good company. The birds came from Wigan, Leigh, Warrington, Blackburn, Westhoughton. Some very fair singing was heard. Winners for quality: 1, W. Barnes; 2, G. Randles; 3, W. H. Topping. For time: 1, J. Macfarlane, 111; 2, J. Macfarlane, 97; 3, R. Stratham, 54. Judges for quality: Messrs. Gibbons and McMelligan; timekeepers, Messrs. Mawdsley, McMellingan, Hurst. After the match we spent a most enjoyable evening with songs.—A. Parker, Sec.

LEEDS.

Skinner's Arms' Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, usual quality singing contest, held Feb. 19th, when 22 birds competed, this being the largest entry this winter. Also it was the best attended. Mr. J. Green's bird was undoubtedly the magnet which drew fanciers from other parts of the city. Result: 1, J. Green; 2, C. Ward; 3, H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. Grainger and Read. Also on above date, Canary contest, and 9 birds competed.—Result:— 1, W. Noble; 2, J. Rogers; 3, J. Green. Judges, Messrs. Kibler and Firth. Mr. J. Green is willing with his Linnet to sing any Linnet in Yorkshire, on length, turns, and form, for £2 to £5 a side. Mr. Fred Allen's Linnet preferred.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. (King's Head) grand quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon-st., Feh. 18, when 34 of the best birds of England competed for four good prizes. Every room was packed with visitors from all parts of England, the birds singing to the delight of everyone. Messrs. J. W. Jones's and McAllister's (Leigh) birds just beaten. After match, an interesting programme of music was contributed by Messrs. A. Lorriaman, T. Stead, J. W. Jones, and McAllister. 1, Green; 2, 3, A. Butler; 4, A. Richardson. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia, W. Naylor, and C. Cooper. Also Feb. 19, when 19 birds entered. 1, 3, J. Bland; 2, A. Butler. Next Saturday match first bird up 2.30, when every prize as advertised will be given.—Wm. Siesons, Hon. Sec.

LOCHORE AND GLENCRAIG.

The judges appointed for the show on November 25th are:—For Norwich and Yorks., Mr. Allan Chalmers; for Borders, Mr. J. Thomson; and for British and Foreign, Mr. G. Marlin. We are giving good classification, vz.: Scotch Fancy 9 classes, Border Fancy 9 classes, Crest and Crest-bred, 6 classes, Yorks. 6 classes, Nor. 13 classes, Common Can. and gift classes 1 each, Mules and Hybrids 4 classes, British birds 15 classes, and Foreign birds 4 classes. We have left the appointment of Scotch Fancy judge over for another fortnight.—Duncan Grant, Hon. Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S

Adjourned general meeting held Feb. 18th, Church School, Southfield Lane. Mr. D. Bartle presided over a very good muster of members. Election of officers and delegates to the Yorkshire Union: Pres., Mr. D. Bartle, Vice-Pres., Messrs. C. Sharp and J. W. Raberry; Treasurer, Mr. A. Holden; Auditors, Messrs. G. R. Rushworth and H. Worsnop; Delegates to the Y.U., D. Bartles and H. Schofield; Secretary, Hy. Gornall. Many of the members were glad to see Mr. J. T. Brook and enroll him as a member again. Other three new members were enrolled Any fancier wishing to join should communicate with the Secretary.—Hy. Gornall, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Committee meeting held Feb. 7, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London-st., Glasgow, the president, Mr. R. B. Jarvie, occupied chair before a large attendance. Secretary gave a detailed statement of accounts, which, unfortunately, showed a loss on show. The committee decided that a general meeting be called for March 7, in Duncan's Rooms, at 8 p.m., to consider what means shall be adopted to cover this loss, all members to receive notification of same, along with an official balance sheet. It is expected that every member will endeavour to attend. Secretary instructed to write a number of fanciers who had promised their financial support, so there is every prospect of the deficit being reduced by date of general meeting. Mr. Andrew Muir was elected an auditor in place of Mr. McFarlane. Will donors of specials who have not already done so, forward these on as soon as possible, as there are quite a number not yet to hand.—Fred Bowman, Sec.

GRANTHAM & DISTRICT C.B.S.

A short opening ceremony took place at the show for pairs held Feb. 18, and was performed by Ald. W. Lee, who said that he was very pleased with the display. He was sure if they continued to have such shows their association must grow. Mr. W. P. Barnes, the judge, moved a vote of thanks to Ald. Lee, and said the high standard of the exhibits was a great credit to the members. He hoped they would persevere in their hobby, and that the society would increase in membership, and at some future date be able to have an open show with a reputation similar to those held in years gone by. Mr. Ward seconded the vote of thanks, and Ald. Lee having replied, handed to Mr. Barnes, on behalf of the members, a pipe in case, subscribed for in recognition of his services as judge. Mr. Barnes suitably acknowledged the gift.—W. E. Allen, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting Feh. 13, at Church Institute, Paddington-st., Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. The Rev. H. A. Soames was elected a member. The following candidates were nominated:—Mrs. Giddens, Mrs. Soames, Mrs. Stevens, Mr.. T. L. Sayer, and Mr. A. H. Bradley. Out of 58 special prizes at the recent pair show, no less than eight resulted in ties; it was agreed to decide them by a process of draws. Prize money and specials, amounting to £10 9s. 10d., and other specials, won at the recent pair show, were awarded. Miss Rose Sheppard and Mr. A. W. Curtis returned their prize money to the Commemoration Benefit Fund. A vote of thanks was accorded Miss Nellie Wilson for a gift of a set of silver-plated teaspoons and sugar tongs for competition at young bird show. Result of ballot for judges: Annual show: Canary section, J. Robson, British, etc., C. Prior; Young bird, Canary section J. Robson, British C. Prior. For three meetings, from inevitable causes, the "Old Folks' Fund" (Mr. George Gardner's little work of practical sympathy) has had to be postponed, but in order that it should not suffer, the sum of 10s. was advanced to him, and took place at the last meeting, resulting in a collection of 11s. 6d. Mr. G. Crabb then continued his lecture on "Birds I have met." At the close questions were asked by Messrs. W. Page, C. Prior, W. Prance, A. W. Curtis, and V. Wynn, all of which were satisfactorily answered. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Crabb was enthusiastically carried, and was replied to in a very breezy spirit.—V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Feb. 14th, Mr. J. W. Ford in chair. Secretary read correspondence received from judges whom he wrote to. Decided, to accept Mr. Battye's services as judge of the Canary Section, and Mr. A. Silver's for the Mules, Hybrid, and British. Date of open show, Nov. 8th and 9th. Mr. D. A. S. Longden offered to start a subscription list to buy a solid silver cup or rose bowl, to be competed for at open show by members. He headed the list with £1 1s., and said he would not himself enter into competition for it. Mr. J. Steers gave 10/6, and our chairman 5/-. All members present gave various sums, and when the list was closed for the evening over £3 was received. This speaks well for the future of the society, everything pointing to a most successful year. Classification for next table show made as follows:—Dk. Goldfinch Mule, Linnet Mule, A.O.V. Dk. Mule, A.O.V. Light or Dk. Mule, Bullfinch, and A.O.V. hens; Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch cocks, house-moulted. Matched pair show was not quite a success in numbers as on previous years, but the birds shown were of the highest quality, and with a little luck ought to produce some excellent youngsters for the bench. The Yorkshire section of the table show produced a new comer in Mr. J. Steers, who staged a magnificent pair of Yorkshires, and it was the opinion of breeders in that section that he ought to be able to produce some good youngsters. I hope our next table show will boast a larger number of exhibits now we have been given two specials for the exhibitors who gain most points during season.—S. H. George, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Barton Road, Boys' School, Dover, Feb. 8th, which was well attended. A very good average of ballot papers was sent in by those unable to attend personally, others sending letters of apology for non-attendance. Arthur Burr, Esq., was unanimously elected president for 1911; Messrs. Broad, Birch, Campany, Gibbs, Woresfold, and Dr. T. A. Bowes, vice-presidents; committee (headquarters), Messrs. Lockett, Austen, Abbott, Eade, Hendry, Hunt, Osborne, and Chapman; (county) Messrs. Brett, H. Taylor, Heritage Mead-- Wick-ham, W. H. Thompson, E. J. Wood, Jordan, Wraith, Weaver, and the Revs. H. A. Soames and C. Sales. The retiring chairman and vice-chairman (Messrs. E. C. Rayner and J. Reeve) were re-elected unanimously. The hon. secretary presented his report and balance sheet for 1910, which had been duly audited and signed by the auditors, Messrs. Birch and Osborne, and after some discussion was unanimously passed. The accounts disclosed a balance in hand of £2 13s. 10d., and the hon. secretary reported the association entirely free from debt. The following are the winners of bowls, cups, etc.:—Norwich P.H., Mr. H. E. Taylor; Yorkshires, Mr. C. Lockett; Borders, Dr. T. A. Bowes; Lizards, Mr. E. J. Wood; British, Mr. L. A. Brett; the Ashby tankard, Mr. C. Lockett; and the challenge shield, Mr. F. J. Gibbs. Mr. F. J. Wickham's motion was carried by 18 votes for and 3 against. Messrs. Abbott and Hendry were scrutineers, the ballot papers being ordered to be destroyed at the close. The hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Sargeant, was re-elected for the third and the hon. sec. for the 5th year in succession.—George Sanderson, Hon. Sec., 17, Beaconsfield Avenue, Dover.

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Feh. 18, Earl Gray Hotel, when a good attendance turned up to elect judges for show to be held October 14th. Mr. J. C. Barnes was elected to judge our Norwich and Yorkshire sections, and Mr. A. Hay the Border Fancy and members' classes. Will all members take note that our next meeting will be to discuss first feather show, March 18?—J. Nichol, Hon. Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 18, Mr. M. Armstrong in chair. Moderate attendance of members. Decided to hold open show Oct. 28, and that the secretary write a few judges for terms. We hope to elect the latter at next meeting. Our social on the 3rd inst only turned out very moderate. Decided, to pay 4d. per entry in members' classes for our last open show. Members having prize money to draw please attend next meeting for same. Two new members enrolled.—J. Lindsey, Hon. Sec.

BATHGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 18. We had a very successful table show of matched pairs for breeding—Nor., Yorks., Mules, and Hybrids. Some capital pairs were staged, which should produce something that will do credit to their owners when the show season comes round again. Mr. R. Baird won special in Mule and Hybrid pairs, Mr. T. Steven being runner-up, and wins novice medal. Messrs. R. Cruickshanks and Ashworth were the principal winners in the Canary classes. Agreed, to hold another table show March 18, of field-moulted specimens. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.—A. Nicol, Sec.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, held at new headquarters, the Y.M.C.A., Rock Street, Feb. 14th. A very comfortable room was provided. It is right in the centre of the town, and should prove a big improvement to our shows financially. After the ordinary business, Mr. J. Perry (President of the Heywood Society), a successful exhibitor of British birds, gave us a very interesting lecture on British birds, speaking over an hour on the Bullfinch, Goldfinch, and Linnet, in their wild state. Their nests, nesting places, and eggs were dealt with, also their foods. He urged that as much of their wild foods as possible should be given them in captivity. He also spoke of the best time to buy birds, and likely specimens for show purposes. He mentioned the Redpoll and Siskin, but time would not permit him to go on any longer, so we had to bring one of the most interesting lectures to a close; it was, without a doubt, A1. A vote of thanks was accorded.—H. Jameson, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

At the pair show held Feb. 20, the annual meeting was also held, but only the most formal business was taken, the more important matters, such as the election of officers and the revision of the rules being held over for the adjourned meeting March 6th. One new member was made, and a lady and a gentleman were nominated. Secretary announced result of the last judging competition: Mr. C. Taylor 11 points, Mrs. C. Taylor 9, Mr. E. Gibbs 8, Messrs. S. Wright, E. J. Whittome and F. W. Owen 7 each, Messrs. P. Rorke and T. Brown 6 each, Messrs. L. G. Owen and A. J. Shipton and Mrs. Whittome 5 each, Mrs. M. M. Owen and Messrs. F. P. Found, R. N. S. Tebb, G. W. Baker and F. Whiting 4 each, Mr. A. A. Tutty 3. He also announced the competitions for the whole year had resulted in Mr. F. W. Owen and Mr. T. Brown tieing for first place with 47 points each, the other principal scores being Mr. L. G. Owen 46 points, Mrs. M. M. Owen 45, Mr. G. Baker and Mr. P. Rorke 42 each. The Chairman said the prizes would be presented at the March meeting. Mr. G. J. Warley presented the cup given by him to the exhibitor of the best unflighted Canary at the annual show, which was won by Mr. Chalfont.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

First annual smoking concert and prize distribution held Lockhart's Cafe, top of Bigg Market, Feb. 16th, when 36 members and friends sat down to supper. The event was a signal success, and it is to be hoped this is the beginning of many such socials amongst fanciers in the Northern district. There was abundance of talent, musical and recitative. Mr. Weaver kindly gave us a splendid pianoforte solo; Mr. Prest sang two songs, his "England" being very much appreciated. Our good friend Mr. Currah again convulsed us with his readings and recitations. Mr. Wilson sang and was appreciated, while Mr. Walton brought down the house with his comic songs and recitations, two of which were his own composing. Mr. G. Taylor was warmly applauded for his rendering of "Asleep in the deep," and Mr. Atkinson gave us songs which were warmly applauded. Mr. Tudah recited and sang. Mr. Adamson delighted us with some good old songs, whilst last, but not least, our good friend Mark Potts gave us a good comic song. After supper the Chairman, Mr. T. C. Crawhall presented the cups and medals to the successful winners who were present, and those who were not amongst the successful ones vowed that by all fair means they were all going to have a real good try next year. Mr. Tomlinson was especially congratulated upon his success of not only capturing the novice cup, but also the challenge cup for best young bird bred by a member. Eleven o'clock came all too soon, and after a very hearty vote of thanks to the artistes and friends, especially to Mr. Bryden, who had undertaken all arrangements, the company went home to dream of next year's winners (to be).

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WANTED to sell, rack, 12 cages, loose fronts, oak, like new, photo sent, £2 10s.: Wise, Bootmaker, Keswick.

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WANTED 3 Yorkshire hens, exchange 1 Roller hen, 1 Crestbred cock: Robert Luke, Byers Green, co. Durham.

WANTED, two Canaries, full song; exchange gent's 17/6 toilet set, in leather case, unused: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

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WANTED White Wyandotte pullets in exchange for or sell dark Goldfinch Mule 5/6, variegated do. 7/6, full song; Blue, Mank, and Ox-eye Tits, 9d. each; pair good Norwich, 12/6; clear yellow Norwich cock, 10/-; or offers: Herrington, Inverary, Beaufort-rd., Bournemouth.

WANTED the following hand-reared or house-moulted hens, must be finger tame, and sent on approval: Yellow Greenfinch, Redstart, and Hedge Warbler; have a few lightly variegated good buff Norwich hens for sale or exchange: Shaddocks, 30, Westminster-rd., Coventry.

WANTED Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Rollers, Lizards, Borders, etc., also Linnets, Goldfinches, Mules, Bullfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, etc., Parrots, Budgerigars, and any foreign birds; wholesale price lists wanted; open to buy anything alive cheap for resale; state lowest prices: Rose, 11a, Church-rd., Portsmouth.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRD and animal preserving, in all its branches, cheap, workmanship guaranteed, Canary size 1/6: Salt, Taxidermist, Waterloo-st., Lyun.

"BIRDSTUFFING," illustrated, 1/-; illustrated catalogue, artificial eyes, stuffed birds; taxidermist's requisites free: Messrs Davis, Museum, Dartford.

BRITISH and tropical butterflies, humming birds, mounted for ornamental purposes. Nature study cases; liste: Ford, Naturalist, Stourfield, Bournemouth.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

HOUSE-moulted Goldfinches, exchange Canaries, double breeding cages: Lear, 55, Waterloo-sq., Camberwell.

WILL exchange two cock Goldfinches for 2 good breeding cages, or sell 5/6: C. Pearce, Crinuis, Par Station.

HOUSE-moulted cock Hawfinch and cage, with good bib, 10/6, or part exchange: T. Nott, Hawkshead, Hatfield.

WINNING Thrush, grand bird, sell 15/-, exchange British Hardbill: Laywell, 1, St. Ann's-cotts., Nottingham.

WHAT offers good house-moulted cock Goldfinch, also flue cock Greenfinch: Apply: 5, Auston-st., Stamford.

FINE cock Hawfinch, £1, or exchange good Norwich, or cycle covers, 28 by 1¾: A. Denham, Middlecave, Malton.

TWO cock Goldfinch-Mules, £1; exchange pair good Canaries; Roller cock, 4/-: Critchlow, Queen's-rd., Fairfield, Buxton.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule and cock Goldfinch for pair of Canaries: Pitchford, Little Eaton Fold, Dawley, Salop.

WILL exchange cock Goldfinch, 4 cock Linnets, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Redpoll, for yellow Norwich hen: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

GRAND cock Linnet Mule, singe, pure Linnet notes, 7/6, or exchange singing Roller cock: Stevens, 31, Ash-rd., Luton, Beds.

EXCHANGE, prize-bred Baldheads and Warner's Magpies for Yorkshires or Britishers: Sykes, Quaker-lane, Ardsley, Barnsley.

WHAT offers for cinnamon Sparrow, yellow legs and beak, rare specimen: James Brown, Eastgate st., Chase-ter., nr. Walsall.

EXCHANGE cock Greenfinch Mule and 2 hen Canaries, for cock or hen Bullies: Murphy, Broomkuowe, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

SIX good young clear muling hens 15/-, 6 Mules 4/-, exchange Goldfinches; offers, approval, deposit: Thomas, Saddler, Redruth.

SEVEN good hen Bullfinches and aviary, 24 x 13, bargain, 12/6, or exchange hen Canaries, value 15/-: Cuddeford, Honiton, Devon.

EXCHANGE 4 pair Bullfinches, hen aviary three months, for 3 fowls, laying; yours first: Kiff, 15, Lower Dagnall-st., St. Albans.

TWO muling cock Goldfinches, bred last year, full song, 7/6 each, exchange foreign birds; offers: Thomas, Vronhaehe, Llangollen.

THREE cock Twites, cock Linnet, grand muling birds, also Redpoll; exchange good barometer; offers: Knight, Windmill-st., Peterhead.

WHAT offers house-moulted Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer cocks, wanted aviary bred Canaries: Rowdle, Market-place, Rowden, Yorkshire.

SIX cock Goldfinches, 3/- each, or useful exchange; 3 hens, 6d. each: A. Tokley, Hedingham, Essex.

EXCHANGE British birds for Canaries or cycle tyres: W. Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

GOLDFINCHES, two grand cocks, singing, exchange good trained Roller cock, full song; offers, mutual approval: Jordan, Whittington, Salop.

FOUR grand cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 5/6 each, exchange 2 for good Yorkshire cock: A. Blinman, 16, Lower Lane, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

HAND-reared cock Missel Thrush and show cage, 15/-; hand-reared Jay, 5/-; exchange Canaries, anything: Chas. Mackwell, Hairdresser, Keighley.

WILL exchange, large cock Mealy Redpoll, cock Greenie, hen Goldfinch Mule; little cash for good cock Goldfinch, in song: Savage, Square, Abingdon.

EXCHANGE large exhibition Goldfinch Mule, in full song, splendid bird, for clear yellow Border cock, or sell 10/-; approval: McCreery, 31, Causeyside-st., Paisley.

PAIR Bullfinches, 3 cock Greenfinches, 3 cock Grey Linnets, hen Canary, 7/6; exchange White Rosecomb Bantams; offers: Howard, Station-rd., Burnham Market.

BEAUTIFUL healthy cock Goldfinch, in handsome drawing-room cage, 6/6; exchange double silver watch chain; offers: Rayner, 180, Coggeshall-rd., Braintree.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch and cock house-moulted Greenfinch, for cock Norwich Canary; on approval; yours first: Whannell, 3, Cowie-lane, Stonehaven.

CAN offer good large hen Bullfinch, Mealy Redpoll, English cock Goldfinch, cock Siskin, c.m., 16/-; exchange for singing cock Canaries: Hawkins, Emporium, Hitchin.

TWO house-moulted hen Bullfinches, 2 cock Redpolls, 2/6 pair, exchange good yellow Norwich cock or cock Goldfinches: Stubbs, 23b, Webb-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

LINNET, breeder and winner, 5/-; another Linnet, house-moulted, 3/-; large buff Norwich hen, 5/-; exchange any for large Siskin: Johnson, 48, Greetby Hill, Ormskirk.

BULLFINCH, Goldfinch, Redpoll, Siskins (hens), Chaffinch, Goldfinch (cocks), exchange Norwich hens; offers; Canaries first: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

COCK Thrush, 2/6, or exchange razor, cock Blackbirds, 1/6, Chaffinches 6d., cock Linnets, 1/-; exchange Norwich hen Canaries; approval: F. Guest, Moor-st., Quinton.

ONE of the best white cock Blackbirds ever seen in Oxford, cash £1 5s., or exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, anything to value: W. Butten, 49, Bullace-lane, Dartford, Kent.

EXHIBITION cock Linnet and hen Canary, cock Goldfinch, and ditto, 6/- pair, cocks full song; approval; exchange accepted: Smart, 5, Tavistock-crescent, Luton, Beds.

EXCHANGE 3 h.m. Redpoll cocks and 2 h.m. Linnet cocks, make Mulers, for Siberian Goldie; little cash for good one: W. Samuelson, 66, Barcroft-st., New Clecthorpes, Grimsby.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule hen, Linnet ditto, Redpoll and Greenfinch cocks, Canary-reared hen Linnet, for Norwich buff hen, unflighted: King, 30, Hampden-st., Bishophill, York.

THREE inbred hens, noted Mule breeders, 4/- each; 2-compartment breeder, complete, 4/-; exchange fishing requisites, albert, boots (size 9's); yours first: Salmon, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 5/- each; one white-legged twice-housemoulted cock, 7/6; three Seifert Roller hens, 3/- each; exchange poultry; offers: Bamforth, Grocer, Deepcar.

VERY large hen Hawfinch, 7/6; large Magpie, show bird, 7/6; hen Bullfinch, 2/-; large cock Greenfinch, 1/6; sure muler, exchange Canaries, cocks, or hens: Wood, 54, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

WILL sell or exchange 5 hand-reared Larks, in full song, for Canaries of any description, or other British birds; inspection invited at any time: A. Mottershead, 8, Lostock-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester.

THREE colour-fed cock brown Linnets, 3/- each, exchange hen Canaries, cock Siskin, cock Bullfinch, aviary-moulted, full song, exchange cock Canary, sell 3/- each: Silcock, Charlestown, Ashton-under-Lyne.

EXCHANGE aviary-moulted Bramblefinch, 2 Greenfinches, brown Linnet, another brown Linnet, twice cage moulted, all cocks, 7/6, offers Canaries, children's toys: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton, Lincs.

EXHIBITORS: Cock Bullfinch and show cage, 2nd at Nantwich, 8/6; 2 house-moulted cock Linnets, full song, 7/6 each, or exchange good Goldfinches; approval: J. Davies, 381, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXHIBITORS.—Grand team field-moulted specimens, two beautifully spangled Bramblefinches, two giant Greenfinches (yellows), beautiful brown Linnet, lot 5/- to clear: Keymer, Blackwall Reach, Gorleston,-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE 2 Goldfinch Mules, Finch notes, 2 Muling Goldfinches, bred Mules last season, 2 red-breasted Linnets for muling, for gent's cycle, good condition, beaded edge tyres: Cooke, 1, Hampden-rd., Peterhorough.

HAND-REARED 1909 white-legged cock Goldfinch (muler), and two yellow hen Canaries, with large new double-breeder, 13/6; grand, rough-coated terrier bitch, 10/-, or offers for lot: Bourne, 57, Oxford-st., Ripley, Derby.

GOLDFINCHES, large Siberian cocks, 7/6 and 10/- each; large Russian hen Bullfinches, 3/- each; cocks, 3/6, 4/- each; two large Parrot cages, as new, 8/-; exchange Canaries, Goldfinch Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

LARGE house-moulted cock Linnet, in full song, 5/6; large rich coloured cock Bramble, field moulted, 2/6; exchange for 2 large unflighted clear yellow Norwich hens; no rubbish; approval; yours first: Cockerill, Roche House, Atherton-st., Stockport.

TO sell or exchange, cock Goldfinch, Greypate, cage-moulted, large bird, 6/-; Goldfinch-Mule, grand singer, prize winner, 6/-; yellow cock Siskin, 3/-; exchange lot for large stock buff Norwich cock, good head and substance, short flights, yours first: Roger Cragg, 132, Queens-rd, Hastings.

Mainly Canaries.

SELL or exchange, good Seifert Roller cock: J. Johnson, 69, Church-st., Bilston, Staffs.

WILL exchange 1 or 2 light Yorkshire hens for buff or ticked: W. Prince, 89, Saleham-rd., Catford.

EXCHANGE 3 good Border hen for 1 cock Goldfinch: T. Peden, 26, March-st., Peebles, N.B.

WANTED Coppy hen, exchange Norwich Crested cock, or sell, 12/-: 73, Albany-st., London, N.W.

EXCHANGE 6 good Border hens, for good Roller cock; yours first: J. Ballantyne, 75, High-st., Peebles.

EXCHANGE 2 Norwich hens, clear ticked, for a big Bullfinch or Siskin cock: J. Taylor, Old Hallow, Cannock.

TWO buff Yorkshire hens; exchange for a yellow hen or cock: J. Russell, 34, Dafford-st., Larkhall, Bath.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires or Norwich, 10/- pair, for anything useful: Hawkes, 390, Grove-Green, Leytonstone.

PRIZE winning Borders, in exchange for Edison phonograph or gramophone: King, Catherine Hill, Frome.

EXCHANGE high-class Canaries and flight cage for good lady's bicyclo: Oxley, 16, Gresham-rd., Brixton, Londou.

EXCHANGE three pairs Norwich Canaries for talking Parrot; yours first: Barker, 15, St. Olaves-rd., Norwich.

SEVERAL pairs of high-class Crests. What offers? Useful exchange: Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

THREE hen Canaries, 3 good baths, worth 1/6 each, exchange Roller cock: Bain, 16, Bowler-st., Heeley, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 3 cocks, 3 hens, Norwich, for pair large 1910 Crests; sell, 30/-: Dempster, 36, Thread-st., Paisley.

PAIR Yorkshires, Thomas strain; Norwich hen, lot 21/-; exchange Seifert Rollers: A. Hamilton, Sleaford, Lincs.

SALE or exchange, high-class Crests or Norwich; change of blood; or offers: Acrod, 124, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

FIVE Seifert Rollers, full song, what offers in cash, or exchange poultry: Holloway, 30, Hill-st., Lye, Stourbridge.

WHAT offers? Four Seifert Roller hens, in breeding condition; sell 2/6 each :Clarke, 257, Balls Pond-rd., Islington.

HOUSE-moulted Greenie-Bullie hen, 4 good hen Canaries; sell cheap, or useful exchange: Clegg, New Marshe-by-Sea.

SELL or exchange, Yorkshire Canaries, breeding cages, nest pots: Scott, 45, Fred's Place, Stickerlane, Bradford.

WILL give 3 cock Canaries, full song, strong, healthy, for good Yorkshire bitch: Baker, 5, George-st., Worcester.

SCOTCH Fancy cock and 3 crossbred hens, will sell cheap, or exchange: Green, 1, Hillside-ter., Steyning, Sussex.

FOUR Yorkshire hens, Parrot cage, for melodeon or anything, for bike: Gillman, 11, Mary-st., Falls, Ardsley, Wakefield.

EXCHANGE big buff Norwich cock for 4 Border Fancy hens, 1910: Angell, 24, Pearl-st., Haverton Hill, Middlesbrough.

WILL exchange Yorkshires for cycle tyres, 28 x 1½, beaded edge, or gent.'s boots; yours first: R. Pinnell, Warminster.

FEW Seifert Roller cocks, 10/6, 12/6; clear hens, 4/-, 5/-; real quality; useful exchange entertained: Dan Mead, St. Annes.

LONG, slim buff Yorkshire cock, 12/-; exchange for yellow Yorkshire hen: G. Curtis, 54, Halcyon-rd., Newton Abbot, Devon.

EXCHANGE, one cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen and one foul cinnamon for clear buff Yorkshire cock: Searle, Market Deeping.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire show cage and travelling case and cash for stout-headed Norwich hen: Stratton, Oakly-rd., Redditch.

EXCHANGE pair prize-bred Canaries, for good Whippet (pup), or Goldfinches: Watson Bros., Batchen-st., Forres, N.B.

GOOD Yorkshire hens, span aviary, Standard works on Canaries, Hybrids; exchange Goldfinch, offers: 54, Kiver-rd., Upper Holloway.

PAIR Norwich, odd cock, 4 Foreigners, and large aviary cage; sell £1; or part exchange: Greenwood, 387, North End-rd., Fulham.

EXCHANGE Borders for watch, good timekeeper, anything useful, or sell 12/6 pair: D. Ross, 80, Tarbrax, Cobbinshaw, Carstairs.

FOR sale or exchange, 3 pairs Yorkshires, from my winning strain, for Bantams, or anything useful: Ball, G.W.R. Office, Penryn.

EXCHANGE two good yellow Norwich hens, 1910, for Seifert cock or hens, clear birds; approval: Webley, Lawnswood, Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires for Seiferts, Roller Canaries, with good changes, or dics records: E. Platt, 12 Blackhorse-lane, Liverpool.

SEVEN Norwich hens, large, cold-room bred, 2/6 and 3/- each, useful exchange: White, 23, Albion-hill, Lewisham-rd., Lewisham.

EXCHANGE pair Border Fancies for two Seifert Roller hens, or sell 7/6; Rollers first: Thomson, Ava Lodge, Berwick-on-Tweed.

FOUR or 5 Yorkshire hen Canaries, 1910, for sale or exchange, Yorkshire show cages preferred: Golds, 43, Farwig-lane, Bromley, Kent.

EXCHANGE large wing-marked Crest-bred cock, winner, for a young large Crest-bred hen: Hamilton, Roxburgh-st., Hillhead, Glasgow.

1910 BUFF ticked Norwich cock, yellow hen, 17/6 the pair; exchange anything useful; approval: Marsden, 26, Shadsworth, Blackburn.

THREE yellow Yorkshire hens, 1910 bred, 6/- each; or exchange 1910 buff cock, 7in. long: Haworth, 339, Manchester-rd., Haslingden, Lancs.

EXCHANGE first-class yellow-green Border cock for yellow cinnamon or clear; mutual approval: Thompson, 146, Alfred-st., South Shields.

LOVELY pair Yorkshires, yellow cock buff hen, can win small shows, 25/-, or exchange for Pomeranian bitch: Newson, Fakenham, Norfolk.

LARGE typical yellow Plainhead hen, exchange pair typical Borders, no rubbish wanted or offered: Brown, 339, Dumbarton-rd., Partick.

EXCHANGE two pairs of Yorkshires for pair of Crests; mutual approval, or sell 10/- pair: Samuel Longmead Row, Llansaint, Gidwelly.

GRAND Canaries; cocks 5/- upwards; hens 2/- upwards; exchange cloth or dress material: Roe, Optician, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

GRAND yellow Yorkshire cock, 10/6; exchange common hens, Budgerigars, Foreigners: Rose and Crown, Haygreen, Lye, Stourbridge.

BARGAIN pair Yorkshire Cinnamone, 9/-; pair Norwich, 8/6; honestly worth double; cash or deposit: Wood, 9, Ada-crescent, Leeds.

WILL exchange 8 Norwich hens, value 25/-, for a good big Crest-bred cock; yours first; approval: Thomas Bussey, Middleton-in-Tecsdale.

OFFERS in Plainheads for buff green Scotch Fancy cock, or sell 30/-: Arthur Hamilton, Bonnylea-cott., Dennyloanhead, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

HIGH-class green Borders, all bred from my winners; sell, or exchange gramophone; approval; yours first: Dockerty, 20, William-st., Carlisle.

EXCHANGE two yellow Yorkshire hens for good Cinnamon hen, or offers; yours first: Russell, 4, Malvern Buildings, Fairfield Park, Bath.

PAIR prize-bred unflighted Yorkshires, sell £1; exchange pure-bred pullets; mutual approval: T. Keegan, 6, York-st., Barton Hill, Bristol.

TWO good Yorkshire hens, buff Coppy hen, yellow Plainhead cock Lancashire's best; offer cash, or exchange: Ogborn, 58, Colwyn-st., Oldham.

EXCHANGE two pairs of Yorkshires for two good Rollers; Buff Yorkshire cock for child's go-cart: Pendleton, 39, 39, Troughton-st., Liverpool.

BUFF Crest-bred cock, 15/-; variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/-; exchange good Crest hen; approval: Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE winning Yorkshires for pullets; see reports, Yorkshire Union shows: Allen Radley, 205, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

EXCHANGE clear buff Yorkshire cock, also yellow green cock, for offers in St. Andreasberg Rollers, or Airedale pup: J. Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock.

TWO splendid Yorkshire cocks and 2 large Norwich cocks, would exchange for a gent.'s cycle or sell for 40/- the lot: Spratt, Orchard-lane, Southampton.

SCOTCH Fancy, yellow pied cock, exchange for buff hen or sell 25/-; on approval: Ross, Levingston, Bloom Cottage, Ballydogan, Portadown, Ireland.

EXCHANGE Hartz Rollers, Norwich Canaries, for Fireside phonograph, poultry, lawn mower, disc records; sell cheap: Bennett, Quorn, Loughborough.

BIG, slashing buff Yorkshire cock and typical yellow hen; exchange good Norwich buffs; further letter: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

WILL exchange good clear buff Norwich cock, for good cock Goldfinch for muling, must be good bird; yours first: H. Bennett, Cashes Green, near Stroud, Glos.

VERY large buff Coppy Lancashire hen wanted in exchange for three Yorkshire show cages, paraffin oil stove and brass shop door bell: Angus, Chemist, Lancaster.

FOR sale or exchange, prize-bred Yorkshires, at all leading shows, for boys' and ladies' boots; no rubbish offered or wanted: Geo. Tweedie, 30, High-st., Maryport.

TWO unflighted cinnamon marked buff Yorkshire cocks, 15/- each; exchange yellow hens or yellow cinnamon cock; approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

TWO pairs first-class Border Canaries, also winning white-legged Goldfinch, sell cheap or exchange high-class Rollers, or offers: Hirst, "Gaythorne," Walker-rd., Harrogate.

EXCHANGE dark green Norwich cock and Border hen Canary, for large variegated Crest-bred Norwich cock: Paterson, 18, Abercorn-place, Winchburgh, Linlithgowshire.

TWO pairs of good Yorkshires, 2 good yellow hens, 2 cocks and 1 hen Goldfinches, hen Bullfinch, for gent's bike; fowls, anything useful: Loosemore, Torrington, Devon.

EXCHANGE large clear buff Norwich cock (winner) for 2 yellow Yorkshire hens; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval: Markwell, 7, Undercliffe-rd., Eccleshill, Bradford.

EXCHANGE two large Norwich hens, prize bred, one yellow, one buff, for good Norwich cock to value 15/-: E. Wallman, 5, Coronation Buildings, Coronation-st., Cambridge.

SELL or exchange prize Norwich Plainheads, same as last Palace winners, from 7/6 each, exchange anything useful trade: Handley, Coach Builder, etc., Walsoken, Wisbech.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshire Canaries, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; good exchange; no cards; seen by appointment only: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

NOTICE: Will exchange 5 Yorkshire cocks, 3 1910, 2 1909, for green Crested cock, 1910, must be a good bird; approval, or sell 25/-: C. Smith, Whitwell, nr. Mansfield, Derbyshire.

LENGTHY yellow green Yorkshire, 12/6; buff Norwich, 10/-; unflighted cocks; exchange either for typical yellow Yorkshire or Norwich hen: Teare, Drury-terrace, Douglas.

1909 CLEAR buff Norwich cock, full song, 10/-; 1910 St. Andreasberg Roller, splendid songster day or gaslight, 10/-; exchange ren Canaries: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

EXCHANGE good Norwich colour-fed cock for pair of Yorkshires, or sell 8/6; very good Dragon cock, cock, rung 1910; sell 7/6, or exchange cock Canary: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staff.

CREST and Crest-bred for sale, yellow cock, 12/6; ditto, 10/-; variegated buff Crest-bred, 15/-; yellow ditto, £1; exchange good buff Crest-bred hen; approval: Thomas Morley, Baldock, Herts.

FOR sale, number of Canaries, with single and breeding cages, cheap, or exchange for poultry; giving up through ill health: Mr. J. Downes, Senr., 101, Skidmore-st., Harford-st., Mile End, E.

GIVING up hobby; Canaries, Rollers, cold room bred, from pedigree birds; cocks, 10/-; hens, 3/-; two 5/6; or will exchange for portable garden hut: Sheward, 219, Oxhill-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham.

FOR sale, heavily variegated Crest cock, 15/-; green Crested hen, 10/-; buff Norwich Plainhead cock, 10/-; or will exchange the lot for yellow Plainhead cock to value: A. Chalmers, 27, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch, N.B.

PAIR (prize-bred) Borders, 15/-; exchange for pair of Seifert Rollers, clear yellow Yorkshire cock, winner of 3 prizes only times shown, £1, or exchange Seifert Rollers; approval: Lee, 13, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

WILL exchange 2 pair high-class Borders for British birds, cock Goldfinch, cock Siskin, cock Linnet, also Borders, for yellow Norwich hen; on approval both ways, yours first: Peters, 140, Randolph-st., Buckhaven.

YORKSHIRE cock, buff, cock Goldfinch-Canary Mules, exchange for yellow Norwich hen and buff Yorkshire hen, value 15/- each, must be good; approval both ways: Monday, Glenville, London-rd., Bapchild, Sittingbourne, Kent.

YORKSHIRE hens, in good healthy condition, 12 buff and variegated, from 3/- each; what offers in exchange for live stock; also quantity of large and small box cages, nest-pans, etc.: Hughes, 7, Bosworth-rd., Westbourne Park, London.

COLD-BRED Norwich, 2 yellow cocks, 2 buff hens, 10/6 pair; variegated buff -cock, Irons, 8/6; exchange clear buff cock, Roller cock, 6/-; exchange typical buff Yorks. hen; genuine bargains: Allen, 75, Palmerstone-rd., Northampton.

TYPICAL buff Norwich cock and yellow hen, stock bird, 35/-; buff hen, perfect type, 10/-, and large yellow cock Greenfinch, show bird, 7/6; selected cock Siberian Goldfinch, 15/-; monster Siberian hen Bullfinch, model, 15/-; approval, deposit: Sadler, 33, Preston-ave., Highams Park, Essex.

WILL exchange Cinnamon green Yorkshire cock and Cinnamon hen, for two clear buff Yorkshire hens, must be long typical birds; also Cinnamon cock and hen, for cock Goldfinch and a cock Siskin, must be good birds; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval: Smart, Dovecote Cottages, Hill Top, Eastwood, Notts.

HOUSE-moulted Goldfinch and large Norwich buff hen, 12/6; silver Lizard, cocks 7/6 each; yellow buff Yorkshire hen, 4/-; all unflighted; 6 Norwich show cages and case, 15/-; exchange any above for good yellow Norwhich hen, unflighted, or anything useful; your first: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

Mainly Foreign.

YOUNG cock Rock Parrot and cage, acclimatised, a talker, sell 20/-: W. Seaward, Buckfastleigh.

PEKIN Nightingale cock, full song, perfect feather, 4/6; exchange big hen Canary, or songster: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

EXCHANGE good talking Indian Parrot and cage for good Norwich Canaries: Tetley, 133, Washington-st., Girlington, Bradford.

HANDSOME Amazon Parrot and cage, thoroughly acclimatised, plain speaker, good reason for selling, 35/-; exchange: Burrows, 131, Albert-rd., Luton.

BUDGERIGARS, from my garden aviary, yellows, hens 4/-, cocks 3/-, pairs 6/6; greens, hens 3/3, cocks 2/3, pairs 5/-; inspection invited: Fred Dymock, Redbank, Gordon-rd., Wealdstone.

GREEN Parrot for sale; talks, laughs, barks, etc.; will accept 35/-, with cage; or exchange for gramophone records, disc; no rubbish: Robertshaw, 20, Doncaster-st., Salterhebble, Halifax.

AMAZON Parrot and cage, fit for show, exchange for good gramophone and records; also a Ring-neck Parrot, say anything, finger tame, ladies' pet, 5 guineas, or exchange gold albert; approval: Sayers, Bedworth.

BUDGERIGARS, yellow 7/6 pair, cocks 3/3 each; greens 5/6 pair, cocks 2/9 each; pair Javas, 3/-; all outdoor; exchange White Wyandotte pullets and cockerel, or offers: Herrington, Inverary, Beaufort-rd., Bournemouth.

Miscellaneous.

SMART brown whippet dog, partly broken, 11/-, or exchange: Morrison, 7, High-st., Aberlour.

SET full-sized billiard balls, £1; exchange ducks, chickens, anything: 57, Elm-rd., Kingston, Surrey.

THIRTY-hour grandfather clock, good going order, condition, 15/-, cash; exchange; Criddeford, Honiton.

EXCHANGE gent's cycle, worth £2, for Canaries: F. Wilkinson, 3, Jarvis-yd., Tullerie-st., Hackney, N.E.

JOINER'S tools, brace and bits, 2 saws, planes, etc., suit amateur; exchange anything: Knell, 51, Bean-st., Hull.

EXCELSIOR phonograph, 30 records, for dics records or offers: 6, Penzance Gardens, Cornwall-st., Hull.

EXCHANGE a pair of D.M. show tipples for Canaries: F. E. Bould, Stallington-lane, Blyth Bridge, Staffs.

EXCHANGE mailcart for Canaries, or anything useful, or sell £1: Sowerby, Institute-st., Byers Green.

"JOEY," hand-reared brown Owl, tame and healthy, exchange Canaries or Bantams, sell 20/-: Vine, Ilminster.

FOR sale or exchange, bird rack, with 2 and 3-compartment breeding cages: Turner, 8, Devon-st., Glasgow.

ONE hundred "Cage Birds," and 12 coloured plates, what offer? Culling, Woollens Cottages, Middle-st., Taunton.

MITRE cramp, nearly new, cost 11/6, exchange for 2 good cock Goldfinches, sell 6/6: Savage, Square, Abingdon.

EXCHANGE ball-bearing skates (cost 21/-), for good British birds, value 15/-: Charles, 55, New-rd., Peterboro'.

GUITAR zither, cost 45/-, new condition, lovely tone, 20/-; exchange bees; offers: Davison, Clinton-st., Beeston.

EXCHANGE, 129 "Cage Birds," 26 coloured plates, clean, up-to-date, for hen Canaries: White, 26, Percy-rd., Watford.

I OFFER sewing machine, phonograph, violin, or piccolo, in exchange for Canaries: J. Islip, Market Rasen, Lincs.

GOOD pair box-calf boots, size 7; exchange flight, or breeding cage, or sell 6/-: A. Wilsher, Thornton-st., Hertford.

ITALIAN maudoline and case, value 30/-; what offers in Canaries? Hoseltine, 44, Tavistock-st., Newland-ave., Hull.

THREE Black Carrier cocks, 2 hen Pigeons, 30/-, or exchange for Canaries: Seabridge, 178, Bridge-st., Northampton.

EXCHANGE 72 parts "With the Flag to Pretoria," unbound, for Canaries; what offers? 23, Wainwright-grove, Garston.

EXCHANGE red wired-haired Irish terrier bitch, for pair Yorkshire Canaries, or sell, 10/-, kill anything, faithful to children: P. Dagwell, 23, Redclyffe-rd., Upton Park.

CENTAUR roller skates, exchange for Canaries or disc records, value 15/-, fit 7 boots: Warren, Tavistock-cres., Luton.

BARGAIN, 2 26 x 1¾ Dunlop covers and tubes, 6/- each; exchange Canaries: Palmer, 23, Leffern-rd., Shepherd's Bush.

TWENTY double linen collars, 17's, nearly new, for pair Yorkshires, or offers, sell 7/6; bargain: Little, Warcop, Penrith.

EXCHANGE 2 Game, 2 Spangle, 1 Game cock Banties, for 3 Yorkshire hens: Thomas, Hornsby, Byers Green, co. Durham.

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NEW dress coat and vest, accept 25/-, worth double; exchange British or Canaries: Hubbard, 30, Church-st., Paignton.

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EXCHANGE lady's wool jacket, amethyst colour, and short check coat, nearly new, for Canaries: Miss Hardy, Market Deeping.

EIGHTEEN single breeding cages, 17ins. x 15ins. x 9ins, loose fronts, £2, or exchange; offers: Wrigley, 91, Crompton-st., Oldham.

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EXCHANGE gent.'s silver watch, 10/6, and English lever, 21/-, for Norwich or Yorkshire cocks: "Cherry," Leinster-place, Bayswater.

HEALTHY, wire terrier bitch, 3 months, will make good guard, 5/-, or exchange anything useful: Davies, Square, Llandulas.

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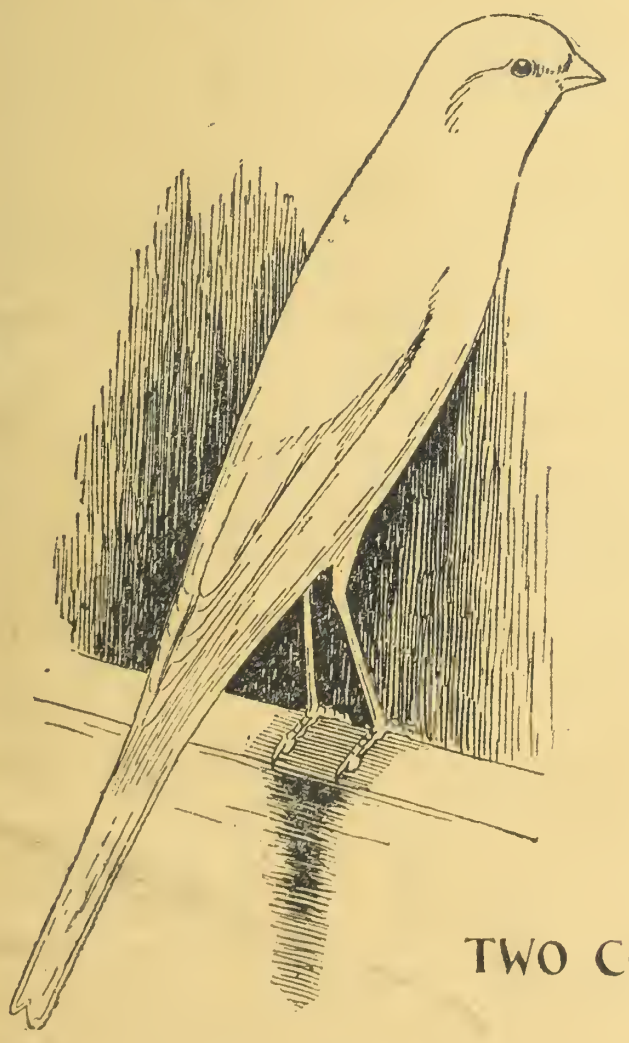
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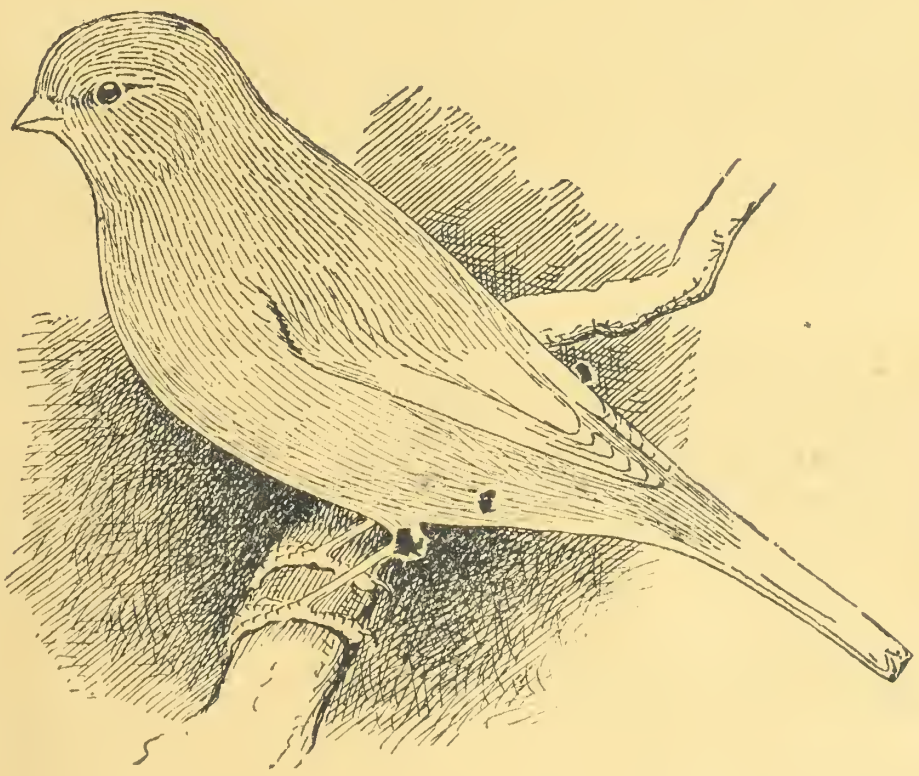
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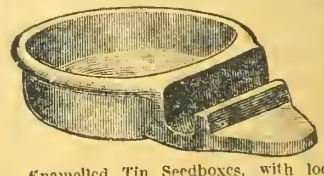
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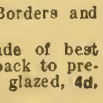
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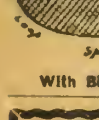
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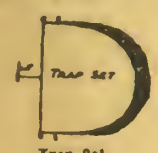
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Softbills.

GIANT Scotch cock Larks, 5/- dozen: Ross, Bird Stores, Forres, N.B.

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SPLENDID yellow-beaked Blackbirds and Song Thrushes, 7/- per dozen, six 4/-, three 2/6, single 1/6 each; extra selected ones at 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 5/- each; picked from dozens: hundreds of unsolicited testimonials: all birds well on food: dealers supplied: Alfred Cubley, Gedney, near Holbeach, Lincs.

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I have a most extraordinary loud singing cock Skylark, singing from morning until night, as if in its wild state; splendid shop attraction, fairly charms the whole neighbourhood, 1/6; including free my valuable feeding secret, known only to myself, which keeps them in full song 10 months in the year, and live to a tremendous age in captivity; money returned if not approved of: Woods, Cross-st., Dunstable.

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CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS, prize-bred pairs 60/- upwards; buff cocks from 20/-; approval: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

BELGIANS, 1910 pair, yellow cock, buff hen, also buff cock, cheap; approval: Herrill, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

BELGIANS, 1910 birds, good buff hen, 50/-; buff cock, 25/-, pairs 70/-; bargains; approval: A. Baker, 3, Kingsley-aven., Barnstaple.

YELLOW cock Belgian, cost 50/- last season, bargain, 40/-; Buff Belgian cock, 30/-; Buff half Belgian hen, 10/-; approval: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

Border Fancy.

CLEAR and marked buff cocks; yellow marked cocks 5/-, hens 8/-: J. Logie, 35, Park-rd., Brechin.

TYPICAL Borders, prize bred, 15 cocks, clear and marked, from 7/6 each: Edgar, 41, English-st., Dumfries.

PRIZE Borders, grand condition, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, all 1910 bred: Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

A FEW grand Border Fancy cocks left for disposal, from 6/6, approval: Hopper Bros., Millbeck, Keswick, Cumb.

BORDERS, same as my winners, cocks 5/0, hen 3/- upwards, pairs 7/6 upwards; approval, stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

GREEN and Cinnamon marked cocks and hens, even marked, bred; cheap to clear: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

TWO pair green Borders; can win good company; see reports; accept 12/6 pair; approval, deposit: F. Beard, Llandrindod.

GOOD young Border hens for sale, 2/6 upwards, splendid type, from my winners: Wm. Poole, Frosston-rd., Workington.

CLEARS and marks, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6, grass greens, hens 5/-, cocks 7/6; approval, deposit: Craik, Hawick, N.B.

YELLOW hens, clear and ticked, even marked bred, 3/6 each, cold room, approval; Cockburn, 18, Miller-st., Innerleithen.

BORDERS, prize-bred cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-, good type and quality; approval, deposit: Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

STILL some select Borders for sale, yellows and buffs, some winners, reasonable; stamp reply: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

FOR sale, cheap, five Crest-bred cocks and three Crest cocks; also four Goldfinch-Canary mules: Clarke, 31, Queen-st., Scarborough.

SEND for my illustrated price list of high class Borders at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair, carriage paid, on approval: T. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

BORDER Cocks 5/-, Buff, 2 wings and eyes even-marked, 7/6; 2 wings, 2 eyes, spot on head, 7/6; hens 2/6: Douglas, Bridge-street, Brechin.

CRESTED COCK, winner, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, winner, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Canary; approval, deposit: Rowlands, Albert-st., Pentre, S. Wales.

W. BAYLEY has a few of his well-known winning Borders for disposal; clears, marks, and greens; prices reasonable, and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

BORDERS, four cocks, singing hard, nine hens, breeding condition; eight compartment breeding cage, £2; bargain, or 6/6 pair: Robson, 47, Perth-st., West Hartlepool.

BUFF cock, winner two firsts, and uneven yellow hen, 12/6; yellow cock, buff hen, 10/-; buff cocks from 5/-; approval; all related to winners: Nicholson, Westgate, Haltwhistle.

HAVE the following winners at less than half price: Yellow cock, two 1sts, 12/-; Buff cock, one 1st, two 2nds, 12/-; buff hen, Big winner, 10/-: McCredie, Terregles-st., Dumfries.

WANTED, one pair of Border Fancies, in exchange for Black Rosecomb bantams, cockerel, and pullet, prize-bred, or sell 12/6: Andrew Sorley, Glenduisk Cottage, Pinwherry, Ayrshire.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, grand birds, 10/- to 60/- each, cocks or hens; best fit to win: half value; bred from best of stock; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

SOME good ones left, hens from 3/-, cocks from 5/-; 2 yellow even hens 5/- each; grand 3 point yellow cock, 8/6; breeding condition; cold room bred; approval: Crabb and Finlayson, Bridge-st., Brechin.

YELLOW hen, 1st, spl, medal, Dumfries, 1st, spl, Newmilns, 20/-; buff hen, 1st, spl, Wishaw and Lanark, 15/-; ditto, 1st Muirkirk, 10/-; also 10 hens, 4 cocks, 4/- to 10/- each: Walker, Ellenslea, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.

AFTER selecting breeding pairs I have a number of good typical birds for disposal, including both sexes of clears, marks, and greens, cheap to clear; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: G. Scott, 3, Glebe-terrace, Dumfries.

PRIZE-BRED yellows, buffs, variegated 1910 cocks, 7/6 each; buff hens, 4/- each; Patterson, Bennett's strains, all in pink of condition, grand wing carriage, style, and feathers, bargains, exception value to clear; approval: Rea, Orchard House, Embleton, Cockermouth.

NEVER mind my low prices, the quality is right; all you have to do is have on approval—that is all. Guaranteed bred from Palace and other big winners. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; Hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6. Pairs, 7/0, 8/6, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-. Cages, 3d. extra: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Cinnamons.

LARGE, massive buff cinnamon cock, 10/6; hen, 5/6; ten days' approval: Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

HAVE a large quantity of hens for disposal, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each, yellows or buffs: Riding, 21, Walmsley-st., Rishton, near Blackburn.

CINNAMONS from 15/- to 50/- pair; also some large buff cocks, from 6/- each; state your wants; approval: R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

PAIR Cinnamons, both winners, £3; yellow Cinn. cock, 15/-; 2 buff cocks, 15/- each; approval first: Lambie's Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

YELLOW self cinnamons; cocks, unflighted, size, colour, quality, also extra large buff green, 12/6 to 18/6; approval; stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

FOR sale a yellow Cinnamon cock, price 30/-; also a yellow Cinnamon hen, price 15/-, will send on approval on receipt of cash or deposit: Howells, Belmont, Carmarthen.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has sold all except 12 pairs of the best, which he will sell at £3, £4, £5 pair; cocks worth money; approval; such specimens don't often come into market.

GRAND Norwich cinnamons, cocks or hens, 7/6 each, pairs 14/-; also two buff variegated Crest-bred cocks, exhibition stock, 17/6 and 30/- each, all young, perfect condition, and worth double; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

TWO yellow Cinnamon cocks, three buff Cinnamon hens, even marked buff cock, buff Green cock, yellow green hen, clears and variegated, all colours; being overstocked, exceptional value can be had here; see show reports, Palace, National, and all over: Walter S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park Road, Hamilton.

Crests and Crestbreds.

TWO heavy 1910 Crested cocks, 8/6 each, approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

HIGH-CLASS Crested Canaries 1910, from 10/- each: Miss R., 38, Hollingbury-park-avenue, Brighton.

CRESTS and Crest-breds, 6/- each, 10/6 a pair; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks, also pairs, bred from champion stock, from 20/-: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

LARGE variegated Crested cock, 1910, 25/-, perfect crest, own breeding, best blood: J. W. Crookes, 51, Stalkerlees-rd., Shelfield.

F. W. BARNETT has a few cheap pairs, including coppy and Crest crosses; address: Greenway House, Fakenham, Norfolk.

GOOD Crestbred cocks, green and variegated, from 7/6, also in pair; approval: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex.

1909 GREEN Crest-bred cock, good colour and quality of feather, 10/6; approval: Wm. Reeder, Swan-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

GRAND dark Crest hen (Barnet strain), Green Crest-bred cock (Radley strain), to match, 22/6 the pair: Palmer, Newly-st., Ripon.

GRAND pair Crests, perfect condition, guaranteed breeders, 12/6; do. Norwich, 10/-; Crest hens, 3/6: Townend, Nelson Lodge, Bognor.

MASSIVE high-class Crests, sound, healthy, from 25/- pair; splendid hens 15/-; exchange: Pennington, 87, Harrington-st., Grimsby.

THREE variegated Crested hens, 10/- each; massive do. cock, 25/-; all 1910; given away; approval: Hodkin, 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

LARGE 1910, one wing marked dark, crested cock, 8/6; marked dark crested cocks, 7/6, hens 6/6, 7/6 each: Roberts, Cley-next-Sea.

DARK Crested cock, wing-marked, plenty of feather, £1; green Crest-bred hen, 12/-; approval: Gowersall, 8, Hayter-rd., Brixton Hill.

CREST and Crest-breds, splendid stock birds, from 10/- to 40/-; no reasonable offer refused for the lot: F. Archer, 114, Kirkwood-rd., Peckham.

CRESTED hens, good birds, cheap; stamp reply; Yorkshires, Bailey and Swanger strain; cocks, in song: J. Harvey, 435, Old Kent-rd., S.E.

TWO Crested hens, buff and yellow, 1 Crestbred, splashed, second year, lot 10/6; perfect healthy condition: Strawbridge, Alexandra-ter., Wallington.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, breeder and exhibitor (not a dealer); prizes 1910, Norwich, Cambridge, and Lowestoft; from 10/- each; approval.

HIGH-class Crests and Crest-breds, no rubbish, pairs from 50/- to £10; or will exchange anything useful to value: Fletcher, 216, Wilford-rd., Nottingham.

BARNETT'S direct; Crests and Crest-breds; good healthy stock pairs, also single birds, cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

EXTRA large heavily marked Crest-bred cock, 1909, grand stock bird, well lashed, 13/-, worth double; giving up; approval: Wm. Campbell, 23, Johnstone-st., Alva.

40 CRESTS and Crest-breds, bred from my Crystal Palace winners, sell either one lot or separately; call or write: Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

LARGE, well-bred heavy-feathered Crests and Crest-breds, both sexes, from 10/- each; on approval; inspection invited: Gutteridge, Grocer, St. Margaret's-on-Thames.

1909 wing marked buff Crest cock, vhc £3 class Palace, 32/6; another, well bred, 20/6; both worth double; approval: Jones and Crest, Hurley, Langham-rd., Teddington.

1909 clear body, wing marked, dark Crested cock, ditto hen, variegated green Crestbred cock, 8/6 each; approval: Eagling, Chesham House, Bridge-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

LARGE dark Crested cocks, 15/6 each; crested-bred cocks, 14/6; large Coppy cock, 15/-; yellow Plainhead hen, 15/-; p.o. or deposit; stamp reply: W. Sanger, Ellerhoyes, Hole, Cullompton.

BARGAINS to clear for breeding big 1909 light Crest cock, 12/6; strong vigorous Green Crest-bred cocks, 1910, better blood not obtainable, only 20/6 each: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

G. F. ADAMSON, 23, West Netherton-st., Kilmarnock, can spare two Crest cocks, 15/-, 25/-; one Crest-bred cock, 25/-; all 1910 birds, bred from my well-known winning strain; approval.

GRAND dark Crest cock, clear body, dark tail, winner of cup and many prizes, one year bred, 40/-; another, clear body, dark crest, and lightly marked wings, cock, 20/-: M'Naughton, Dumpace, Larbert.

THIRTY years a breeder of Crest, having bred and shown some of the best ever seen on the bench, has a few nice young birds for disposal; price to suit everybody; on approval: Geo. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, will not be able to keep more than 40 pairs this year instead of 110 as heretofore, and has therefore some clinking show and stock birds for disposal; Crests from 25/- each; Crest breds from 20/-; approval.

THREE Green Crest-bred hens, one Green Crested cock, one rough Crested hen, exchange for clear Plainhead hens; one grey Crested cock, 12/6; dark Crested cock, 15/-; variegated Crest bred cock, 12/6: Ireland, Golden Cross Inn, Cirencester.

GOOD Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- each; Crest-bred cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- each; Crested hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; Crest-bred hens, 3/6, 4/6, 6/-; money returned if not approved; stamp reply, Stewart's Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

CREST-bred cocks, 10/6 and 12/6 each; yellow even wing marked dark Crest cock, 15/6, all large 1910 birds, breeding condition, plenty of feather, hand-reared Bullfinch cock, a beauty, 5/6; approval on receipt of cash: W. Compton, Waddesdon, nr. Aylesbury.

MASSIVE variegated Dark Crest cock, 10/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, 10/-; massive variegated Dark Crest hen, 8/6; massive variegated Crest-bred hen, 7/6; matched pairs 15/-, 17/6; all massive healthy birds; bargains; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Crests, very heavily feathered, rare type and quality of feather, certain to breed winners, Barnett's Palace winning strain, only 15/-, honestly worth £2; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

THE numerous testimonials, repeat orders, and recommendations which delighted purchasers of my Crest and Crest breds, is the best evidence that I give that satisfaction which is always my object. I have heavily feathered cocks and hens, either variety, at prices to suit all, so please state requirements; Crest hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- upwards; Crest cocks, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards; Crest-bred cocks, 7/- upwards; Crest-bred hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 upwards; selected breeding pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; all cold-room bred, and on approval anywhere: Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

THROUGH want of accommodation I am compelled to part with another pair of birds, which I intended breeding myself; clear Crest-bred cock and Green Crested hen, same blood as my winners at all leading Scottish shows for last 12 years back; price 40/-; approval: John Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen.

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THESE prices are not likely to be copied, although, of course, they may be by a certain class of born imitators; but, one thing is certain, i.e., the value at any of the prices cannot be copied. Crested hens 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; Crest-bred hens 3/6, 5/6, 6/6, 10/6 to 40/-; Crest-bred cocks, big, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, to 20/-; Crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- to £10. All on approval; travelling cages 3d. extra: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

PLEASE note following exceptional value in highest class Crests, Crestbreds, Barnett's strain, half value to clear; bargains; monster variegated Dark Crest cock, grand crest, £1; monster green Crest cock, 14/-; monster wing marked Dark Crest cock, shapely crest, 15/-; massive feathery variegated Dark Crest hen, 15/-; massive feathery clear Crest hen, 12/6; massive feathery variegated ditto, 12/6; monster variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, £1; monster green Crestbred cock, 15/-; massive feathery variegated ditto, 12/6; massive feathery variegated Crestbred hen, 13/6; massive feathery green ditto, 10/6; variegated ditto, 10/6; all grand stock birds, in perfect condition; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

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From 1/- per week, why delay; no such terms offered elsewhere; birds forwarded on receipt first payment; Crest, Plainhead, Norwich, Yorkshire, etc.; large collections Plainhead Norwich, several bred from same strain as my hen which won at the Crystal Palace; send for terms before sending elsewhere; you will save pounds; stamp reply: Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

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Crests and Crestbreds, also Norwich Plainheads, also Yorkshires, grand cock Bullfinch, and Norwich hen, paired ready for breeding; grand cock Greenfinch and hen Canary, ready for breeding; Crests, best strain in England, R. S. Bewick's and Barnett's, and Joyce's strain, 10 Crest and Crestbreds, 15/6 cocks, 10/- hens, or £5 the lot; also 6 Norwich Plainheads, best strain in the Fancy, Hill and Steward's and Sandiford's noted winners, cocks 12/6, hens 5/-, the lot £2; also 12 Yorkshires, yellow and buff, strain, E. Taylor and J. A. Taylor and Joe Thomas's, all birds standard length, some winners among them, cocks 10/- hens 5/-, this lot £4 10/-; grand Bullfinch and hen Canary, Bullfinch got 2nd at Pelton Fell Show last year, 10/- for the pair, also Greenfinch, fit to win, and hen Canary, this lot 8/-; 2 stands and breeding cages, 6 two-compartments, all joiner-made, with loose fronts and slides, new last season, cages 7/6 each, stands 4/- each; grand flight and stand, 7/6 the pair; also show cages, Norwich and Yorkshire, and carrying cases: Geo. Parnaby, 2, Stack-ter., Newfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Massive feathery Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6, honestly worth 30/-; also choice exhibition dark Crested cock, large neat drooping crest, sure winner, only 17/6, cheap at £2; also massive feathery Crestbred cock, plenty of feather and substance of body, winner, only 15/-, bargain at 35/-; also choice dark Crested hen, large neat drooping crest, sure winner in good company, only 17/6, honestly worth £2; also several other large heavily feathered Crested and Crest-bred cocks and hens for stock or exhibition, from 10/6 to £10 each, including many winners, Barnett's Palace winning strain; all are strong, healthy, and vigorous, cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed, genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

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DUTCH FRILLS, imported by me direct; cocks or hens, yellow and buff; list free: Rudd.

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SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class greens; type and legginess a speciality.—Address, see Yorkshires.

NORWICH greens, yellows, and buffs; approval, stamp: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

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LARGE Yorkshire and Norwich, type and colour combined, reasonable: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH, also Yorkshire Greens, 6/- each, 10/6 a pair; ten days approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

YORKSHIRE green buff cock, splendid bird, for 30/-, worth double; approval, deposit: Breakey, 5, Burnley-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, stock or show, also cages, giving up hobby, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- pair: Matthews, 17, Barndale-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Border Greens, right type and colour, good birds, cheap to clear, approval: Young, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

GREEN Yorkshires, type, size, colour, show or stock, best blood obtainable: John Brindle, 3, Hobart-st., Everton, Liverpool.

LARGE Green Crest-bred cock, wonderful head feather, 12/6; equally good Green C.B. hen, 17/6; cheap to clear: Tottle, Portway, Frome.

SELLING out; all birds going ridiculously cheap; Yorkshire Greens, clears, variegated; pairs, singles, approval anywhere: Davies, 22, Valley rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, from 10/6 pair; cocks from 7/6; few variegated, bred from Greens, from 7/6; no spare hens; Pilling, Lintelfield-place, Lee Mount, Halifax.

H. HUGHES, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead, breeder of high-class Yorkshire Greens, has few pair for sale, single cocks, foul or self; deposit; approval, stamp.

SELFS: pair Norwich, 35/-; trio Borders, 35/6; yellow Frill bred, splendid black legs, 45/6; pair Yorkshires, 22/6; exchange: Williams, Taxidermist, Mountvernon-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES and Norwich, matched pairs or single birds, also few buff Border cocks, of grand quality, prices very reasonable; own breeding: F. Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

Lancashires.

WANTED, few Lancashire Coppy hens, cheap for cash: H. Martin, 11, Marlborough-rd., Shipley.

CAN spare large clear yellow Plainhead cock, 1909 15/-; approval, deposit; good fertiliser: Dearden, 18, Mount-st., Rochdale.

SALE, first cross Lancashire-Norwich buff crest hen, cold room, 10/6, approval willingly: Nadue, 18, Royd's-st., Rochdale.

LARGE massive Lancashire Plainheads, cocks and hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

YELLOW and buff Plainhead cocks, 10/- each; buff coppy cocks, from 20/- upwards; can spare hen or two; for particulars to: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

TWO young yellow Coppy hens, 12/6 each; 2 yellow Plainhead hens, 10/-, 15/- each; 2 yellow Plainhead cocks, 15/- each, 2 buff Coppy cocks 12/6 each, 1 buff Plainhead hen, 10/-: John Swalwell, 146, Middleton-road, Oldham.

CLEAR yellow Plainhead cock, 15/-; yellow Coppy hen, 15/-; 1909 birds; ticked yellow Coppy cock, 10/6; buff ticked Plainhead cock, 10/-; ticked buff Coppy hen, 10/6; 1910 birds; worth double; approval; stamp; deposit: Laycock, 31, Bankfield st., Colne, Lancashire.

Lizards.

HECTOR Oliver, Glossop, can spare few good Lizards, related to his winners, pairs carefully matched; write for particulars.

IF you are looking for the best Lizards for sale, and at the same time the cheapest, send for my list: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

HIGH-class Lizards, bred from my Manchester, Rochdale, and Palace winners, cocks from 8/6; hens from 6/-; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

THE Lizard Prince, winner both 1sts, champion diploma, etc., Crystal Palace, has matched show or stock birds, from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtonstall.

CHAMPION Lizards, all bred from my champion cup and diploma winners, best strain in the world, pairs or single cocks, cheap; inspection invited; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES,

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards, cocks from 8/6; hens, from 6/6; properly matched pairs, from 17/6; every bird bred from my champion diploma strain; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

J. C. BARNES, 140, Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield. Breeder of champion Norwich, winner of numerous challenge cups, can spare few choice specimens. Cocks, 10/- upwards; hens, ditto; few grand pairs, 40/-, 60/-; approval with every pleasure; inspection cordially invited; 20 years' standing strain.

FRANK F. LAWSON.—Breeder and exhibitor of champion Norwich. See show reports. Good birds for sale; approval: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

TEN large Norwich hens, buff, 8/6 each: Ernest Butler, Banbury.

GOOD stock Norwich, cocks 7/6, hens 3/- to clear: 148, Palewell Park, East Sheen, S.W.

NORWICH cocks for sale, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; cold-room bred: Turner, 8, Devon-st., Glasgow.

I HAVE still a few good Norwich hens at 2/6 each: Smith, 11, Orchard-st., Kettlebrook, Tamworth.

NORWICH, four hens, clears, 10/-, or separate; two created hens 0/-: G. Goode, Wooburn, Bucks.

SEVERAL good Norwich cocks, cheap: A. G. Smith, 42, Carlton-st., Ayres-rd., Old Trafford, Manchester.

NORWICH or Yorkshires, cocks 6/-, hens 2/6, pairs 8/-: Game, 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

KELLY, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie.—Few good yellow and buff cocks, from 12/6; buff or yellow hens, from 10/-.

A FEW good hens for sale, clean and healthy, 2/- each, cash or deposit: Cooper, 9, Holland-rd., Leicester.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Silk-bred hens from 3/6; good yellow Norwich from 5/- each.

NORWICH cocks, in full song, 6/6; clears, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval: G. Lock, Phone Stores, Sutton, Surrey.

LARGE Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/-, 3/6; pair, 9/-, 10/6; warranted healthy: Hunniek, Breeder, March.

GRAND lot clear buff cocks, 6/6, 7/6; splendid type and quality; approval: Cole, Lime Tree place, Stowmarket.

NORWICH prize bred, from 10/- pair: J. E. Kirk 21, Dareshury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

BIG clear buff Norwich cocks, 8/6; cock Goldfinch, Mules, 7/6; all full song: Hooker, 2, Gaylurst-rd., Dalston.

LARGE 1910 Norwich cocks, full song, breeding condition, from 5/6 each: Salter, 34, Offord-rd., Barnsbury, N.

ARTHUR WAKE has still a few unflighted buff cocks left, 10/- to 20/-, approval: 41, Aske-rd., Middlesbrough.

NORWICH.—2 large young healthy cocks, full song yellow and buff, 4/- each: Allen, 36, Poplar st., Wellingborough.

FOUR Norwich cocks, good birds; 5 hens, mated for breeding; 20/-: Lakin, Charnwood-rd., Shepshed Leicestershire.

STILL left, large buff ticked cock, 12/6; yellow ticked, 10/6, rare value; apply: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens form, 3/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

NORWICH Canaries, lovely songsters, 5/- each, hens, 2/6; clears 3/6 each; Miss E. Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, buffs and yellows, 7/6 each; approval: Reay, 48, Flower-st., Carlisle.

EXCHANGE two good Buff hens for yellows, sell 4/- each; very forward: West, 133, Floyer-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

NORWICH, cold-room, prize-bred, given up Fancy; 3 days' approval; stamp, reply: Hunt, 55, Richmond st., Gateshead.

FIVE handsome deep yellow and two buffs Norwich hens, good size, well bred, 3/6 each: Ellis 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

SPLENDID Norwich hens, 1910 yellows, 3/6; buffs and variegated, 2/3, 2/9; cocks, 6/3: Westrope, Agent, Bumpstead, Haverhill.

CHAMPION Norwich, cocks from 5/-, hens from 4/-, all type and quality; approval: Twine, 3, Earlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

W. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn; from my prize strain; pairs £1 upwards, single hens 7/6 upwards; on approval.

BARGAIN, 7 healthy young hens, worth 3/- each, no reasonable offer refused: Barker, 123, Kings-avenue, Clapham, S.W.

YELLOWS, buffs, and variegated; pair, 6/-; cocks, 4/-; hens, 2/-; terms, deposit with Editor: A. Hewitt, Church Gate, Shepshed.

MUST reduce stock.—Grand Norwich songsters, cocks 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 2/6: Pearson, 183, Lawson-terr., South Shields.

GOOD pair of Norwich from 10/6 per pair; also Crest and Crest-bred cock from 12/6: Bloomfield and Rose, Hitchin-rd., Luton.

FEW clear buffs and variegated hens, 2/6 each; two marked cocks, 7/- each: Baldock, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent.

CAN spare large clear yellow Plainhead cock, 1909, 15/-: approval, deposit, good fertiliser: Dearden, 18, Mount-st., Rochdale.

TWO 1909 buff cocks, 15/- each; 6 1910 buff cocks, 3 ticked, 3 clear, 10/6 each; approval, stamp: Irons, 42, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

FOUR good strong healthy 1910 Norwich hens, grand type, quality, and colour, 3/- each, cheap: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris.

EIGHTEEN clear Norwich cocks, full song, breeding condition, 6/- each; cold-room: Gates, 6, Jones-square, Troedyrhiw, Glam.

SPLENDID deep yellow, lightly variegated cock, breeding condition, box, cage, and fittings, 7/6: Rink, 66, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

1910 clear yellow cock, 12/6; ticked buff, 1910, 8/-, prize bred and colour fed; approval: Jones, Hurley, Langham-rd., Teddington.

GOOD stock birds, from our winning strain; hens from 10/-: cocks from 10/6: Needham, 62, King's-rd., Brooks's Bar, Manchester.

PLAINHEAD Norwich; a few good pairs of Norwich, 12/6 and 15/6: stamp reply: James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

SALE, must clear, 30 Norwich and Yorkshires, good buff cocks 5/-, pairs 7/6, 8/6, selected 10/6: Spann, Stivichale, Coventry.

THIRTY young Norwich hens, healthy, ready to nest, buff 2/6, yellows 3/- each: Roper, 134, Chester-rd., Seven Kings, Essex.

FIVE Norwich hens, yellow and buff, 3/- each or 13/6 the lot, all healthy, approval: Wm. Reeder, Swan-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

BUY direct from breeder; large, strong, healthy Norwich cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6: Stanton, 197, Maple-rd., Penge.

GOOD clear yellow Norwich hen, 5/-; two, same type, buffs, 3/6; grand value; approval, deposit: Porter, South-terr., Darlington.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; inspection invited; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

WELL-bred flighted buff cock, variegated buff hen, unflighted buff cock, 10/- each; Worthington's strain: Marsh, 1, Nicholson-st., Rochdale.

NORWICH CANARIES.—Cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/6 each; hens 2/-, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

NORWICH Canaries (1910), cocks 8/6, hens 3/-, splendid, healthy songsters, outdoor aviary: Miss Ibberson, 21, Wilbury Villas, Hove.

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UNFLIGHTED Norwich for sale, yellow variegated cocks, clear buff ditto, Mitchel's strain, cheap; approval: Tayler, 113, High-st., Brechin.

NOTICE, several grand Norwich, sure winners, prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

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SEND for my illustrated price list of high-class Norwich, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair, carriage paid; on approval: L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

FEW Norwich for sale, prize strain, moderate prices; approval, deposit: can be seen after 6 p.m.: Crawford, 251, St. Vincent-st., Glasgow.

I HAVE seven cocks, fourteen hens, to part with, yellows and buffs, winning strains, four guineas the lot: F. Swift, 53, Highfield-st., Coventry.

BRED by Vice-President S.N.P.C., Norwich cocks, few left, 10/-, 12/6; this strain, winners, 10 years: Richards, 27, Camden-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

LARGE unflighted yellow cock, 10/6; yellow variegated cock, 7/6; buff and variegated hens from 5/6; healthy birds: Jolly, Post Office, Johnshaven.

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NORWICH.—A few surplus unflighted birds, from winners, cheap: inspection invited; approval; state wants: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, S.W.

MUST clear cheap this next week 50 my noted Norwich pairs, 15/6, 20/6, 30/6; approval; cold-room: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

NORWICH large ticked buff cock, large buff hen 1910, with two-compartment cage, 10/-; birds worth double, approval: Martin, Sebright House, Chatteris.

COCKS, three buff, 7/6 each; yellow, 10/6; hens, buff and yellow, 5/- each; seen evening after six, or Saturday afternoon: Clarke, 27, Standard-rd., Hounslow.

STILL a few good stock Norwich for sale, buffs and variegated, cheap to clear; approval, deposit: particulars from A. Crawford, 685, New City-rd., Glasgow.

HIGH CLASS Norwich, from Green blood, valuable stock, exhibition birds, must clear, ready for nesting, from 7/6 to 25/-: Dalling, Hairdresser, Barnstaple.

BARGAINS, prize-bred unflighted, variegated, and clear buff cocks, magnificent quality, colour-fed, cold-room, 7/6; approval, deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

NORWICH and Yorkshire hens to clear, 50 3/-, each, healthy condition, cold-room; cocks 7/-; approval: Kennedy, Breeder, 31, Munster-sq., Burton-rd., London.

CHEAP to clear; a yellow variegated cock and buff hen, 20/-; hen worth the money alone; also a clear buff cock, 15/-; related to my winners: McNaughton, Duniface, Larbert.

HAVING retained more pairs than I can conveniently breed, am offering buff variegated cock and clear yellow hen; splendidly matched pair, cheap, 30/-, approval: John Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen.

STOCK birds, direct from winners, healthy, typical young cocks from 7/-; few good birds, medium size, 5/6; hens from 3/-; own breeding; cold-room; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North-avenue, Ramsgate.

LARGE buff cock 8/6, unflighted yellow variegated hen 7/6, unflighted buff variegated cock 6/6, unflighted yellow hen, typical, 5/6: Garden, 42, Esslemont-ave., Aberdeen.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gt., Leicester.

TICKED yellow cock, unflighted ditto clear buff, both 2nd members' show last week, 15/- each; others from 10/-; also few nice buff hens: F. Peberdy, 39, Twycross-st., Leicester.

BENNETT, breeder of high-class Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cold room bred, cocks 7/6 and 6/6; approval; hens, 3/- and 4/-; special price to dealers: 52, Queen-st., Aldershot.

GRAND buff and yellow cocks, fed, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; hens to match, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-; from high-class stock; approval; ten pairs for dealer, cheap: Taylor, 53, Walsgrave-rd., Coventry.

MUST clear; 2 Crested, 1 Crest-bred, cocks, 16 Norwich Plainhead hens from 2/6 each; 6 double breeding cages, complete, from 3/6 each: Parsons, 66, Sprules-rd., Brockley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, hens, from 4/-; hand-reared hen Bullfinches, proved breeders, 5/-, magnificent tame muling Goldfinch, winner, 15/-: Berghoit, Shalford, Essex.

TO Plainhead fanciers, 32 Norwich Plainheads, Boydon's strain; double and single breeding cages; giving up through ill health, £10: A. H. Sutton, 6, Studley-rd., Clapham, S.W.

BIG bargains, cobby Norwich buff hen, clear, short wings and tail, 4/6; another same type, ticked, 3/6; wanted, Hawfinch cock: Keymer Bros., Blackwall-reach, Gorleston-on-Sea.

WANTED, pair big Norwich Canaries, cock good song bird, in exchange for splendid pair field glasses, compass on top, case and sling; or sell 17/6: Mr. Pettit, Clyde Villa, Horley.

HEALTHY, vigorous young buff hens, cold bred, good size, 3/6 each; six small feeding hens, 7/6; good young large cocks, 6/- each; approval, deposit: C. Leventon, Melton Mowbray.

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NORWICH buff cock, yellow hen, 1st, 40/-; yellow cock, buff hen, 3rd, 30/-; buff cock, 1st, 25/6; see report Cardiff Show this week; approval, deposit: E. Thomas, 48, Craddock-st., Cardiff.

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VIGOROUS young clear buff and yellow cocks, full song, clean, healthy, guaranteed, 4/6, 5/6 each; buff hens, in breeding condition, 2/6, 3/-; approval: Scott, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

SOME prize-bred Norwich for sale, Sandiford's, Irons', Dobinson's, and Grey's strains; no better blood in the Fancy; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delavel, Northumberland.

FEW Norwich left.—Yellow cock, buff variegated cock, yellow hen, yellow variegated hen, buff hen, two buff variegated hens: price reasonable; approval, stamp reply: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

TYPICAL Norwich, Irons' and Baker's strains, best blood in Fancy; yellow cocks, buff hens, beautiful quality, good size, matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-; worth double; approval: Russell, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries: Cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; matched pairs, ready to nest, 7/-, 8/6, 10/- pair; cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

HAVING selected my stock for breeding, can spare a few really good Norwich, bred from my well-known winners; yellow or buff cocks, 10/-, 15/- each; ditto hens, 5/- to 10/- each; approval: Fellows, Hill-lane, Southampton.

MAGNIFICENT pair correctly matched high-class Norwich Plainheads, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners, only 10/6, honestly worth 25/-; genuine bargain; approval: Cooper, 7, Sayer-st., Heigham-st., Norwich.

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TO clear, buff cock, 1st prize winner, yellow hen, he last Crystal Palace show, price £3; large buff cock, brother to my yellow winner, £1; all these are unflighted, beautiful birds, and very cheap; on approval: Mrs. M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery St. Mary.

BARGAINS.—To make room for breeding will sell remainder surplus stock, 10/- and 12/6 pair, buff cocks 8/6, hens 3/6, 5/-; pair Norwich greens, yellow cock, buff hen, 10/6; all good quality, cold room; approval: Geo. B. Daniels, 69, Derby-lane, Liverpool.

HAVE few matched pairs more than I want for own use, will sell clear yellow cock and buff green hen, buff tick cock, clear yellow hen, clear buff cock and clear yellow hen, 25/- to 35/- pair; bred from the best blood in the Fancy; approval: Williams, 186, High-st., Cheltenham.

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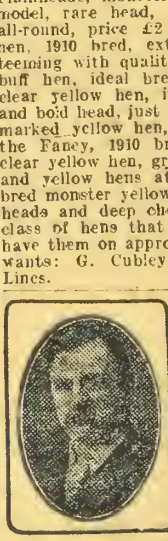
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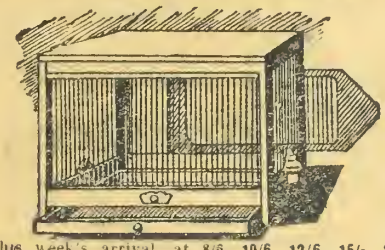
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Having won the Amalgamation 25 guinea challenge trophy, the Yorkshire Union 50 guinea challenge trophy, the Yorkshire 20 guinea challenge cup four times out of five, the Naylor challenge cup twice in succession, the Cinnamon Marked trophy, I have also won in two successive years at the Palace 13 1sts and 16 specials; also 3 championships for best Yorkshire, and 2 championships for best Cin. marked bird, and have concluded the season by winning at London C.B.A. and Palace Shows, 5 1sts, 3 2nds, 3 3rds, 2 4ths, and championship for best yellow-marked bird; also 1st in "Cage Birds'" competition. Can spare a few pairs at 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; also a few clinking pairs at reasonable prices; stamped address for reply: Shackleton, Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

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Who is the champion breeder? We never miss a summer breeding several of the best living. We have won more prizes at Crystal Palace, 1911, with birds bred by exhibitor than any other exhibitor, 2 1sts, 2 2nds, 1 3rd; all these we have bred ourselves. Our trio of buff cocks have won 26 1sts this season, all 3 standing 1st on the same day, at classical shows, where the keenest competition were Leicester, Harrogate, Brighouse; these 3 we have also bred. Thirteen times this season we have won special for best Yorkshire; 3 championship diplomas at the biggest shows in England, Gateshead, L.C.B.A., and Crystal Palace, also winner of the £10 Yorkshire Union trophy, the Y.C.C. Sandiford cup, valued 5 guineas, Carl's competition for most points, 589, gained at Yorkshire Union's shows, winner of Cinnamon-marked trophy with unflighted birds, must be bred by exhibitor. We have won more firsts than any other exhibitor in this variety this season, and the last ten years we have won competitions, cups, trophies, medals, etc., that will stand a record for some years. We don't buy 3 or 4 of the best living and trade on their reputation, and them 3 or 4 not for sale; we have 30 all 1st prize winners, practically any of them for sale; one of our winning buffs, matched to a clinking hen, £7 pair; properly matched pairs from 15/6 to 60/; certain to breed winners; buy the blood from the fountain-head; all those wanting honest dealings come and select for yourself or send cash to editor, and we will send you on approval the best value it is possible to get in England; stamp reply: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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Who is the Champion IN YORKSHIRES, 1910-11?

Read below, and judge for yourself. With 153 entries I have won 61 1sts, 23 2nds, 20 3rds, 15 4ths, 24 spls., making a grand total of 143 prizes. I have also won in the very keenest competition shows; have won Yorkshire Union 30-guinea challenge trophy, which makes it twice in succession, also Naylor Challenge Trophy, also twice in succession, and Ramsden 6-guinea cup, which makes this twice in succession, and now becomes my own property; also Y.C.C. 7-guinea challenge trophy, and the cinnamon marked competition prize for the man who has bred his own winners. Have also won three gold medals, few cage birds prizes, and colour food prizes too numerous to mention, and last, but not least, with 8 entries at 1911 Palace Show, capturing 5 1sts, 1 2nd, 1 3rd, 1 vhc, and championship diploma best cinnamon marked birds. I think this will convince you that I hold the plums in the Yorkshire Fancy. Have still a few 20/- pairs and some pairs extra good at very reasonable prices; stamp particulars: Bailey, South View-ter., Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford.

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TWO Goldfinch-Canary cock Mules, 5/- each: Ernest Butler, Banbury.

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BARGAIN, handsome Muling Linnet, full songster, and cage, 2/-, packed free: Parr, Earl-st., Nottingham.

GOLDFINCH Mules 6/6; H.M. Goldfinch 5/-; Norwich hen 4/-, yellow: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, one dark, one pied, drops wing, fed, three hens, 10/-: Neill, 84, New Row, Francet.

THREE hand-reared cock Goldfinches, 1910, large healthy birds, 6/6 each: Green, 96, Alma-rd., Winton, Bournemouth.

LIGHT muling hen Canaries (inbred), clear yellows 4/-, 5/-, clear buff 3/-, 4/- each: F. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

LARGE variegated Goldfinch-Canary mule, perfect condition, full song, approval, deposit, 10/6: Rev. Woollerton, King's Lynn.

LIGHT even-marked cock mule, prize winner, 25/-, worth treble, approval, part exchange: Jas. Robinson, Broad-street, Windermere.

EXHIBITORS.—Greenfinch Canary Mule, Palace prize winner; exchange for prize Siskins, or sell, 20/-; approval: Munslls, Formby.

GOLDFINCHES, 2 cocks, 1 hense, 1 aviary moulted, both have bred Mules, 12/- each, £1 for two, full song: Lake, Hairdresser, Reigate.

LARGE redbreasted Redpoll, hen Bullfinch, 2/-, paired; two cock Bullfinches, 2/-; cock Linnet, hen Bullfinch, 2/-: Smalley, Kibworth.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

FEW high-class Sibs., hens 7/6, 10/-; cocks, 12/6 15/- each; 7 days' approval: James Heal, Naps Farm Wagon and Horses, Shepton Mallet.

NOTICE; wanted, Goldfinch mules, Linnet mules Goldfinch-Bullfinch, hybrid hens and Yorkshire hens. Blackett, Phillip-st., Kingsland, London.

TWO good 1910 Linnet mules, pure Linnet song bred outside, 10/- each, approval; three hens, offers: A. Manning, 49, Clipstone-st., Leicester.

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COCK Goldfinch-Canary Mules, full song, 8/6 and 7/6; Sib-bred Canaries, light muling strain, two big buff hens 5/-; two buff cocks 7/6 each; approval: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

MUST clear; 2 hen Goldfinches, 3 hen Goldfinch Mules, cock Greenfinch Mule, variegated; cock Greenfinch, Canary reared; offers Norwich; anything useful: Whell, Mousehole, Penzance.

HYBRIDS: Exceptional offer, Linnet-Bullfinch cock, also Goldie-Greenie cock, both big winners, latest wins see Wetherley reports last week, accept 50/- each: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

HANDSOME house-moulted white-legged cock Gold finch, proved muler, forward condition, 8/6; exchange really good Mule, with pure Goldfinch song; yours first.—J. Webb-Woollard, The Links, Shrewsbury.

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Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 25, when 18 o. the best birds in England sang for three prizes Visitors from Sheffield, Morley, Halton, etc. 1, J Green; 2, W. Sissons; 3, C. Ward. Judges: Messrs J. Naylor, W. Naylor, J. Mehan. Also on Feb. 26, when 21 birds entered for four good prizes. The room was packed with visitors from all parts of England, the birds singing to the delight of all; the winner was so good that the oldest of fanciers said it was years since they heard a bird like it. Many tempting bids were made for it. 1, W. Sissons; 2, J. Bland; 3, A. Richardson; 4, T. Stead. Judges: Messrs. T. Summers, W. Naylor, C. Cooper. Next Saturday, first bird up 2.30.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Skinner's Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, usual quality singing contest, held Feb. 26th, when 17 birds competed. We had, as usual, a good attendance. A few fanciers from other clubs brought their birds, and some good singing was heard. Competition was keen. Result: 1, J. Green; 2, A. Butler; 3, Wm. Lunn. Judges, Messrs. C. Biss and J. Simmons. Also on the above date Canary contest held—a poor entry, only 5 birds competed. Result: 1, C. Ward; 2, H. Beeston; judge, Mr. J. Green.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, Feb. 25th, when 14 birds entered. 1st, Thompson, 83sec.; 2nd, Shimwell, 76sec.; 3rd, Brown, 62sec.; Thompson, 47; Watson, Thompson, Williamson, 43; Brown, 42. Feb. 26th, when 21 birds entered (2 minutes' time singing). 1st, Brown, 80sec.; 2nd, Shimwell, 68sec., 3rd, Thompson, 66sec.; Baker, 64; Thompson, 53; Brown, 53; Williamson, 35. Contest every week end. New members wanted to join. Whitsuntide club going strong.—A. Brown, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Open Linnet sing, held at Rock Inn, Feb. 26th, when 24 birds sang. Result: 1, Kirk; 2, Papworth; 3, Dobson. On March 5th we shall hold our first members' sing. All fanciers invited to join.—A Longfield, Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. weekly contest held Mr. A. Muir's Saltmarket, Feb. 25. Result: Mc Millan, 1; Nelson, 2; Pullan, 3. Contest next Saturday, 4 p.m.—W. Ross.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual quality Linnet singing contest, held Prince Albert Hotel, Feb. 26th, when 19 birds competed for three good prizes. Result: 1, Farrar; 2, Soloman; 3, shared by Farrar and Chip. Judges: Messrs. C. Lorriman, A. Binns, and J. Smith.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn quality Linnet S.A. (headquarters Old Red Lion, Snig Brook), usual Linnet contest for quality, held Feb. 25th, when 17 birds competed:—1st prize, W. H. Topping; 2nd, J. Dobson; 3, G. Hayhurst. There was also a meeting to elect a new president. Mr. J. Dobson was unanimously elected.—Rd. Hayhurst.

WARRINGTON.

Grand Linnet singing contest for time and quality, held Royal Exchange, when some nice singing was witnessed. Quality winners were: 1, J. Statham (Leigh); 2, R. Holcroft (Leigh); 3, W. Parry (Wigan). Time winners: 1, R. Leyland (Wigan), 105; 2, G. Randalls (Warrington), 94; 3, Yates (Leeds), 64. J. and W. Mather.

Warrington Linnet S.A. open contest for time only will take place at Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, March 11th. Entrance fee 1s. each. First pair birds to be hung at 2 p.m. o'clock. Entries taken until 3 p.m. Prizes given according to entries.—C. W. Corbett, Sec. Advt.

HULL.

Hull Linnet F.A. weekly contest held headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook Street (opposite Paragon Station), where 17 of the best birds were entered: 1, Hainley; 2, 3, 4, McConnell. Judge, Mr. Fred Allen; timekeeper, Thundercliffe. This club is open to all comers; everybody welcome.—Fred Allen, Hon. Sec.

I note in last week's issue that Mr. Green, of Leeds, is willing to sing any bird in Yorkshire, my bird preferred. Will Mr. Green deposit £10 with Editor of "C.B." and I will promptly cover it? I will sing him in Leeds for £5, and him to sing me a return match in Hull for same amount.—Fred Allen (Hull).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Paper on "Preparation for Breeding," by Mr. W. Richardson (Sheffield).—W. Richardson.

Ayr C.B.C.—Mar. 6, Good Templar Hall, New Bridge-st., 7.30. Annual General; annual report and bal. sheet; election of officers, etc.; fanciers welcome.—C. C. Irvine.

Arbroath Scotch Fancy C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine-st., 8. Show date; classes and judges.—J. S. Napier.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Lecture by Mr. T. Barrison, "Green Breeding and Colour Breeding."—E. C. Blackshaw.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Mar. 7, P.S.A. Rooms, 1.45 p.m. Table show of Brit., 4 classes. Judge, Mr. H. Foden.—J. R. Colville.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Mr. Bowley's, Station-rd., 6.30. Classification for ann. show and to enroll new members, etc.—F. Barron.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Onward Hall, 8. Table show of Brit. birds and Muling pairs; judge, Mr. Fairhurst (S. Manchester); fanciers and friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Headquarters, 7.30. Table show of breeding pairs, 6 classes; judge, Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth); members' subs now due.—R. Forster.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Bankfoot School, 8. Pair class; judge, Mr. T. Fortnam; entry fee, 6d. per pair. Prizes given. Distribution of members' show schedules. Friends and fanciers invited.—F. Gelder.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Staffordshire Knot,, 8 Pair show and ann. gen. meeting.—Elliott and Wood.

Brighton C.B.A.—Mar. 8, Mission Rooms, 2, Cheapside. Monthly show, 8 o'c.; 1, Goldfinches; 2, Chaffinches; 3, Greenfinches; 4, Linnets; 5, A.O.V. Brit.; 6, Yorks., A.V.; 7, A.V. Can.; judges: Brit., Mr. C. Pearson; Can., Mr. P. A. Small; committee meeting, 7.30.—W. H. Gibb.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 7, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Debate on Yorks., by Mr. P. Mason (Windhill). Will all members please bring Union ballot papers to meeting, business re Cinderella Club show?—H. Hill.

Blackburn C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Meloria Restaurant, 8. Election of auditor, fixing date of show, etc.—J. Cook.

Bolton O.S.—Mar. 6, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8. F.F. shows: dates and judges.—P. Brierley.

Bootle C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Linacre Hotel, Linacre-rd., 8. Election of judges for young and old shows, also other business.—F. E. Hawkes.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Liberal Club, 7.30. —J. Wilson.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Mar. 6, City Cafe, 8. Arrangements for club and open shows.—J. Kerr.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. —J. Southworth.

Chester C.B.F.A. — Mar. 7, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Pay prize money from pair show; elect new members, etc.—J. Swindley.

Crewe O.S.—Mar. 7, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Important business, moneys and tickets from members' show; Cage Bird Union discussion. —J. C. Heaton.

Clydebank C.B.C.—Mar. 9, 118, Glasgow Rd., 7.30. —J. Hart.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Lecture by Mr. H. E. Tringham; fanciers welcomed.—W. Hodson.

Doncaster and C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Victoria Rooms, 8.30. Table show of breeding pairs, Yorks., Nor., A.O.V., Muling, Hyb., also Brit., H.M. and A.V. F.M.; fanciers invited. Will members kindly clear up subs. for 1910?—G. Bescoby.

Denton C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Denton Brotherhood, 7.30. Table show Brit., 3 classes: Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Brown Linnet, A.O.S. Hardbill; judge, Mr. R. Baron. —W. Hopwood.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Savill Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers and arrangements for winter shows, etc.—W. Hinchliffe.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Mar. 8, George Hotel, 7.30. Table show: 2 Yorks, 2 Nor., A.O.V. Can., Hyb., Linnet, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, A.O.V. British. Judge, A. Wake. Recommendation from committee re conduct of a member.—R. S. Black.

Eastfield Side C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Mason's Arms, 6.30. Members' novice washing competition; members' novice judging competition; also special meeting.—R. Nuttall.

Ealing F.S.—Mar. 8, Free Library, 8. "Inbreeding": Some knotty problems considered and answered, by Mr. C. A. House.—W. Bird.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Mar. 4, White Hart Inn, 8. Discussion on ballot paper, etc.—W. Nettleton.

Exeter C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Odd Fellows' Hall, 8. Select judge for ann. show; address by Mr. T. Evins, "My Experiences of the Palace Show, 1911."—R. H. Folley.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Mar. 6, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Intending new members welcome.—D. D. Horne.

Glasgow West End C.B.C. — Mar. 10, Clarendon Hall, 8. Table show of Brit. Hardbills, 10 classes.—W. Proudfoot.

Hanley C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Albion Hotel, 8. Business of great importance.—G. Lawton.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 6, White Hart Hotel, 8. Members do not forget next table show, held 20th Mar., Mr. J. Moorhouse judge.—F. J. Sykes.

Halifax O.S.—Mar. 4, Griffin Hotel, 8. Gen. meeting; bal. sheet; election of officers, etc.—J. F. Thackray.

Hull C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Show: Brit. birds; extra classes; Nor. pairs. Yorks. pairs (all classes open to champ. and novice members). Judge, Mr. T. Perkins.—R. Ridley.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S. — Mar. 4, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Nest feather show business; fanciers invited to attend; our radius is now 7 miles, and fee 2/6.—R. H. Dixon.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8.—W. Cottingham.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Royal Oak Hotel, 6.30. To finish up accounts of last show; fanciers heartily invited to join.—T. Smith.

Kent County C.B.A.—Mar. 8, Barton-rd., Boys' School, Dover, 8.15. Bowls, cups, etc; general.—G. Sanderson.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. — Mar. 4, Headquarters, 5.30. Lecture and washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith).—A. Dickson.

Leith O.S.—Mar. 11, Liberal Club, High-st., 7. Classification, etc.—G. Brown.

L.C.B.A.—Mar. 8, Feathers, Gt. Chapel-st., Westminster, 8. Ordinary business and lecture by Mr. H. Goodchild, on "British Sea Birds," illustrated with lantern slides. Members kindly attend and bring friends.—W. H. Mugford.

—A. McAllister.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Jasons' Arms, 7. Booking of hens; election of judges; paper by Mr. J. I. Mackie (Georgie), "How I treat stock during Breeding Season." All interested will get a hearty welcome.—W. B. Smart.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Mar. 9, Oldham Hall. Syllabus for ensuing year.—F. Eccleston.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Fox and Hounds, 7.30. Table show, 2 classes, yell. ck. and buff ck., 2 medals as specials. Mr. Hart to judge; etc.—F. Rackham.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Bal. sheet, election of officers, etc.—J. A. Turnbull.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Coffee House, 8. Fanciers invited.—J. R. Mayers.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Mar. 7, White Swan, 8.15. Table show: Goldfinch and Bullfinch-Greenfinch, A.V. (Mule or Hyb.).—J. E. Wood.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—Mar. 4, Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Oldham, 6.30. Ann. gen. meeting, election of officers, etc.; good attendance advisable. —J. Rukin.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Mar. 4 Coffee Tavern, Corn Market-street, 7.30. To arrange for nest feather show, etc.—C. J. Cafferty.

Longton C.B.S.—Mar. 7, Castle Inn, 8. Distribution of specials and prize money from table show. Lecture on Nor. and Yorks., etc.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Mar. 11, Miners' Hall, 7. Nominate judges for ann. show.—J. Pollock.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. Important to all.—D. John.

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market-place, 8.15. Table show; Brit. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Mar. 4, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leyton C.B.A.—Mar. 4, Constitutional Club, High-road, 5. Brit. Bird Show; judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke. —Forse and Son.

Leeds C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Pair show; fanciers invited.—W. A. Wilson.

Mid Rhondda C.B.S. (Glam.).—Mar. 9, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. Evening will be entirely for answers from a Canary fancier and a British bird fancier. Turn up strong and bring your questions.—A. H. C. Legg.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Mar. 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Washing competition; 5s. for best washed bird washed by a novice, given by Mr. J. Yeats.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Mar. 4, headquarters, 8. Mr. J. Ackroyd's lecture on pairing birds for breeding; paired birds staged at 7.30. Fanciers invited.—H. Grange.

Motherwell N. and B.F.C.—Mar. 11, Y.M.I., 8. Ann. gen. meeting. J. Mair.

Middleton C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Old Boar's Head, 8. Members' cards, etc.—J. Oldham.

Northern Liz. Club.—Mar. 4, Station street Cafe, 7.—G. Davidson.

Nelson C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Thornton's Restaurant, 7.30. Arrangement for F.F. Show; election of new members, etc.—J. Gregson.

Open Norwich P.C.—Mar. 11, Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, 2.30. (Same date as prize distribution and social.) Annual meeting; all members requested to attend; bal. sheet, election of officers, etc.—O. Mitchell.

Ormskirk C.B.S. Mar. 6, Church House, 8 Ann. gen. meeting and purchase coupons.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pentre C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Queen's Hotel, 7. To receive report of audit, and discuss the non-arrival of the diplomas question.—G. Linyard.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Fleece Hotel, 8. To arrange classes for members' shows, etc.—H. Raistrick.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Mar. 9, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson: "Breeding and Pairing." Visitors invited.—J. C. Birch.

South-West London C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Election of new members, bal. sheet, debating of breeding questions.—J. Jeffrey.

Shipley O.S.—Mar. 7, "Prince of Wales" Hotel, 7.30. Yorks. Union ballot. Election of society's officers. Selection of judges, members' shows.—H. Martin.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—Mar. 8, Alexander Hotel, 8. Paper on Breeding, by Mr. A. E. Pattrick. Revision of rules.—Wm. C. Lockwood.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Mar. 6, Red Lion Hotel, 8.30. Cup and nest feather show; elect new members.—J. Pitchford.

South London Col. and F.A.—Mar. 9, headquarters, 8.—N. Caunton.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Jolly Carter, 8.30. Will all members please attend?—F. Washbourne.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Mar. 11, 142, High-street, Edinburgh, 5. Adjourned general; election of judges, etc.—A. W. Watson.

Sheffield O.S.—Mar. 7, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Pair show of matched pairs of Can. for breeding (novices only), and lecture on the Yorks. Canary by Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford). All invited.—Bishop and Colton.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 6, Commercial Hotel, 8. Mr. T. Smith will give a few hints on cage front making.—J. H. Lewis.

Stockport B.F.A.—Mar. 7, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Open show business.—W. Stafford.

South Birmingham O.S.—Mar. 8, headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath Station, 8.30. "The Coming Breeding Season"; interesting debate and lecture by Mr. Russell. All invited to bring a friend and the pairs of birds they wish criticised.—J. Sheppard.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Mar. 6, Nutgrove School, 8. Paper by Mr. Gibbie on In-breeding, etc.—R. G. Tyson.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Mar. 7, Village Schoolroom, Susannah-street, Alexandria, 8. Lecture by J. Hannah, Esq., "British Birds (Hardbills) and their Management." Visitors invited.—A. H. McLean.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Mar. 6, 6, The Broadway, 8. Adjourned ann. meeting, bal. sheet, election of officers, etc.—H. Smith.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Mar. 11, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7.—J. Hudson.

Walkden C.B.S.—Mar. 7, The Institute, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Gaskell.—H. Howard.

West of Scotland O.S.—Mar. 4, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Discourse on "Birds I Have Kept," by Mr. J. Laurie (Govan). Nomination of judges ann. show. Large attendance requested. New members now being enrolled. W. Hutchinson.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—Mar. 8, Station Hotel, 7.30. Mr. T. Robson will give a paper on birds. Members need to attend.—J. R. Evans.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Mar. 4, Horse and Groom Inn, Tea at 4.30 p.m. Ann. tea and presentation of prizes, 1s. each. All cordially invited.—H. C. Crossley.

Wandsworth F.S.—Mar. 9, "Red Lion," 8. W. Lightfoot.

Windhill, Shipley O.S. Mar. 4, "Blue Bell," 8. Discussion of ballot paper and bal. sheet for tea and social.—Spencer and Cook.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Mar. 9, "Duke of York," 8.15. Paying out prize money, bal. sheet, and settling for tickets for members' show.—J. Gibbons.

Wishaw C.C.—Mar. 4, Watson's Hall, 8. Election of office-bearers; fanciers in district invited to join.

Club Reports.

HIRST UNIVERSAL C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 25th, Universal Social Club. Five new members joined, bringing our total membership to 22. We decided to open our radius to the whole County of Northumberland, and to hold our first feather show on July 1st, 1911.—R. Middleton,

EAST HAM C.B.A.

General meeting held headquarters, February 23rd, when the chairman, Mr. J. H. Paxman performed the pleasant task of distributing special prizes won at the pair show. In the unavoidable absence of the secretary (Mr. Fred. Fox), Mr. H. B. Rout read a full report of the show, which financially was well on the right side. A series of "Questions and Answers" have been arranged for the next general meeting, March 23rd, with Mr. W. Hainmans in the chair.—B. C. Smith (Club Reporter).

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters, Feb. 21st, Mr. J. Stenhouse (President) in chair. Secretary reported donation of £1. The following judges were then elected: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. C. Berwick (St. Andrews); for Crests and Crestbreds, Mr. W. Paul (Uphall); for Norwich Plainheads, Mr. W. Hampton (Biechin); and for Mules, British, and Foreign: Mr. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh). Agreed, to leave over the Border, also the Yorkshire judges till next meeting. Agreed, to hold club show last Saturday of January next year. Meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to Chairman.—A. Dickson, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held club-house Feb. 25th, Mr. A. Foulds in chair. Eight new members were enrolled. Some very interesting lectures are promised during the summer months—Mr. Tom Routledge on "Bird Organs"; Mr. Massey, on "Getting Birds up for Show"; Mr. A. Foulds, "Training and Managing Young Birds." A good muster of members attended, and it was passed that we have a dinner and social evening at our next meeting night. All members wishing to attend are requested to send in their names to Mr. A. Percival, hon. sec. There was a good discussion on the "Koller" by the members; this tour seems to be an interesting subject. Mr. T. Routledge was appointed to report the meetings to the Press, as an assistant to Mr. Andrew Percival, Hon. Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, held College Inn, Feb. 25th, when Mr. W. Ducker presided over a very good attendance. We made five new members in Messrs. T. Twigg, R. Thompson, J. Webster, W. Hinchcliffe, and J. Vernon. Decided, that we only have a members' show this year, to be held Dec. 2nd. After all business, it was decided to let the members not having any birds at table show, judge, and Mr. W. Bagnall won with a nice pair of Nor; then we got Mr. Webster to give us a discussion on the birds there. He spent a nice half hour showing us different points, especially with the winning pair. We are holding a table show for British birds next meeting, March 25th. Will anyone desirous of joining the society please attend? All will be welcome.—B. Bailey, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Fourth annual general meeting, held headquarters, Feb. 18th, Mr. Perkins occupying chair. A good muster of members was present. Balance sheet submitted, and after hearing report on same was accepted with great satisfaction. Twenty-three new members were nominated during past year, bringing total up to 62. Mr. Dibley, one of our hon. secretaries, had reluctantly to resign his position, owing to pressure of business. Members' prize money and specials were paid out. Following officers elected:—Pres., Rev. Bailey; vice-pres., Mr. Mallett; chairman, Mr. Hartland; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Perkins; treasurer, Mr. Lyons; auditors, Messrs. Pawley and Miller; committee, Messrs. Hazel, Wood, Hall, junr., Shrivelle, J. Smith, Juley, Brett, Newnham.—Meades and Woolgar, Hon. Secs.

WEST STANLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held February 25th, headquarters. After the balance was read the election of officers took place: Pres., J. Langsdale, Esq.; Vice-Pres., Drs. Charles, Dewar, and Presteil, and Messrs. A. Dunn, W. Shield, W. Wilson, and M. H. Lindon; Chairman, W. Butler; Vice-Chairman, E. Atkinson; Committee: Messrs. J. Emmerson, W. Boyd, M. Crosby, S. Foster, T. Burdon, W. Fox, J. Calvert, and J. Forsyth; Auditors, Messrs. T. Burdon and W. Fox; Treasurer, J. Hunter; Assist. Sec., Mr. R. Peart; Secretary, Wm. Elliott. Nest Feather show will be held June 24th, and the annual show on January 26th, 1912. Ten new members were enrolled: Messrs. W. Knowles, R. Coates, J. Boyle, J. Hetherington, J. Robson, J. Hunter, jun., J. Weirs, G. Sanderson, W. Yettes, and W. Thompson. During the evening an open field-moulted Linnet show (six miles' radius) was held. There was a splendid turn-out of young birds; 32 faced the judge, Mr. J. Shepherd (Newcastle), who gave his four awards as follows: 1st, J. H. Elliott; 2, R. Peart; 3, G. Lane; 4, J. Hunter. The hall was crowded with fanciers, and we saw many familiar faces from a distance. Decided, to give three silver cups for competition at annual show.—W. Elliott Sec.

GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES ROLLER C.S.

Monthly meeting held Anchor Restaurant, Feb. 25th. There was a good attendance of members, several of whom brought birds. Three new members were elected. It was announced that his Worship the Mayor of Grimsby (Councillor J. Whiteley Wilkin, J.P.), had accepted the presidency. Several vice-presidents also expressed their acceptance of the office, and other names were suggested for the position. Letters were read from the secretary of the British Roller C.C., and the closed rings of that club were ordered to be obtained for the use of the members. The routine business having been transacted, a sub-committee was appointed to draw up rules for submission to next meeting. The principal feature of the evening was the acceptance of our invitation by Mr. Walton, of Leeds, to address the members on the song tours of the Roller Canary, and giving an illustrative description of each as the birds sang, which was much enjoyed and highly appreciated. As the birds sang very freely this gave Mr. Walton the opportunity of an extended description as each tour was given. A good deal of interesting criticism passed, the utmost satisfaction being expressed, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded Mr. Walton on the proposition of Mr. D. Robinson, one of the vice-presidents. Next meeting fixed for March 25th, 7.30 p.m.; interested fanciers heartily welcomed.—W. Yardley, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.A

Adjourned meeting held 22nd Feb., headquarters, and it proved another stride towards the success so well assured. Six more members proposed and accepted, making total 24. Mr. Milmott (chairman) soon had the members busy passing rules, and it was decided to allow any dealer the privilege of becoming a member. Committee elected: Messrs. Wright, Perks, Murray, Constable, Herding. Decided, to have an interesting debate at next meeting, March 8, with some well-known expert to open same; all were cordially invited to bring birds. We have secured the services of that well-known judge and breeder, Mr. Russell, who has consented to make the debate interesting and profitable to all. We invite members to bring a friend.—J. Sheppard.

BOURNEMOUTH & DIST. C.B.

Adjourned annual general meeting held Albert Restaurant, Feb. 16th, sixteen members present. Mr. G. W. Jones occupied chair. Unanimously resolved, to hold an open show at Central Hall, Nov. 7th and 8th, Mr. J. Robson being elected judge. An animated discussion arose on the question of classes. It being very generally felt that the number offered in previous years were too many, it was decided that with a few exceptions the open and members' classes be combined, and that the total be about 40. Decided, to apply for the patronage of the specialist clubs. The Cage Bird Union question was introduced, reference being made to the deletion of Rule 22; unanimously resolved, not to re-join the Union. Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Colin R. Maggs, H. Matthews, and Mrs. Julia Lydford. A discussion on the feeding and rearing of young birds was on the agenda, but the hour being late it was decided to postpone this for another meeting, a busy evening closing with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—W. O. Brooke, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Committee meeting, fully represented, held headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, Feb. 21st. The chief item of discussion was an attraction for the novices, viz., at our meeting on March 7th a table show will be held for novices only, of matched pairs of Canaries for breeding, all varieties. "What coustitutes a novice?" is: "Not to have won a first prize in open competition at any show, or two 1sts in members' classes, with Canaries," as per Rule 10. Prize money, 5/-, 2/6, and 1/6; no entry fees. Now, you novices, make up your minds to have a good show and bring as many pairs as you can. Also decided, that any members joining that night, providing they come under the heading of "novice," can participate in the table show. The table show will be followed by a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. W. Mundell (of Bradford). Allotting of cups to be won by members. Decided, to give one cup to each section, viz., Yorks, Nor., Crests, Brit. and Hybrids, and For. birds, 5 cups in all. Each cup will be accompanied with a medal, which will be the property of winner. Decided, that we cater for the patronage of all the specialist clubs for our all-England shows, to be held Cutler's Hall, Nov. 3rd and 4th, as we intend to make this one of the largest shows in the provinces, when every consideration will be shown to the exhibitors. A vote of thanks to the Chairman (Mr. T. Dawn) brought the meeting to a close.—John A. T. Woodall, Correspondent.

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DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, 25th Feb., when the president, Mr. J. Rankine presided over a large turn-out of members. Secretary read letter from the members of the "Guthenburg"; enclosed with this was £5, which was granted to the society with which to purchase a trophy for annual competition. Secretary instructed to convey the members' thanks to this body for the very handsome gift. Agreed, that the condition of entry be, each member should nominate six birds for same, and to be won three times before it becomes his own property. Election of office-bearers: — President, Mr. Rankine, vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Cullen and A. Howie; secretary, Mr. R. T. Campbell, 7, James Place; treasurer, Mr. B. McLaren; committee, Messrs. G. Rae, H. Hogg, J. Sneddon, H. Henry, W. Campbell, F. Baxter, A. Bowman, W. Rolland, and W. Malcolm. At next meeting (last Saturday in March) Mr. W. Cullen agreed to give a washing exhibition. Preceding this meeting a breeding pairs show was held. CREST: 1, Bowman. NOR.: 1, 2, Prentice. YORKS.: 1, Campbell. BORDER FCY.: 1, 3, Meddon; 2, 4, Campbell. MULE PAIRS: 1, Howie; 2, 4 Campbell; 3, Bowman. HYB.: 1, 4, McLaren; 2, Hogg; 3, Rantine. Mr. Cullen took Canaries, and Mr. W. Malcolm the Mule and Hybrid class; the former had rather an easy time, but the British bird judge had all his work cut out for him. Both bird judge had all his work cut out for him. Both acquitted themselves well, and gave every satisfaction.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.—(Please write on one side of paper only.—EDITOR.)

CREWE O.S.

Members' show held Co-operative Hall, Feb. 25th, when over 100 birds were staged, which was considered good, while the quality in some of the classes was of the highest order, especially Norwich. some splendid specimens were on view in these classes, full of quality and grand type, some of which have done a considerable amount of winning in open competition. British birds were very fine, indeed, about the best lot we have ever seen at their members' show. Not only were the birds excellent specimens, but the condition in which they were staged was delightful. The point specials in the champion sections resulted as follows:—Messrs. E. Cooper, 14. In the novices, Messrs. H. Greenwood, 15; E. Jaycott, 9; G. Trigger, 7. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood judged.

NOR CL., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Crimes; 3, Cooper; vhc, Latham. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Crimes; 3, Heaton; vhc, Harding; hc, Latham. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Crimes; 2, Bowker; 3, hc, Cooper; vhc, c, Heaton. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Potts; 2, 3, c, Lawton; vhc, hc, Morris. UNFLIG. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Potts. HENS (4): 1, 2, Potts; 3, Ellis; vhc, Morris. BORD. FCY. CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Lawton; c, Greenwood. GREEN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hancocks. LIGHT MULE AND HYB (3): 1, Crimes; 2, Jaycock; 3, Latham. GOLDIE (12): 1, A. R. Jones; 2, Crimes; 3, Potts; vhc, c, Greenwood; hc, Cooper. LINNET (5): 1, Cooper; 2, vhc, Greenwood; 3, Harding; hc, Trigger. BULLIE (9): 1, vhc, Lawton; 2, Latham; 3, Cooper; hc, Trigger; c, Jaycock. SISKIN, ETC. (12): 1, Jones; 2, 3, c, Greenwood; vhc, Lawton; hc,, Jaycock. A.O.S. BRITISH SMALL (6): 1, Jones; 2, Bowker; 3, Trigger; vhc, Potts; hc, Lawton. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, vhc, Jaycock; 2, Bowker; 3, Elks. SELL., 10/6 (5): 1, Latham; 2, Heaton; 3, Bowker; vhc, Potts; hc, Greenwood. MATCHED PAIR (3): 1, Heaton; 2, Cooper; 3, Hancocks.

Under the White Rose.

COMMITTEE of the Yorkshire C.C. met at headquarters on Saturday evening last to hear the secretary's report of the year's competitions and a general outline of the financial side of the club. The competitions have been very keen; indeed, in several cases ties will be noted, and this is a thing that does not often happen. Then, financially, the club is "all there." A good number of prizes are to be given away on March 11th; then all accounts will be squared up, and work started for another year. This club never aims at having a balance in hand, all that comes in is given out in prizes, so that those that pay the piper shall have a chance of calling the tune. It was decided at this meeting that a whist drive should be held at a near date, with the hope to raise a little towards working expenses, so that still more prizes can be given.

EAST Bowling and Dist. Society appear to be making great headway. Some time ago they removed their headquarters to the St. John's Schools, Paley Road, a right good move. They have a splendid room for the members' shows, lectures, socials, and meetings, etc., and the members attend better, show better, and pay better. At the last two shows they have had big entries, about 130, and a large attendance of people.

THE ballot papers of the Yorkshire Union are now in the hands of the members; those not having received one had better apply at once to the secretary, when one will be forwarded. Those who have changed their addresses, and not notified the change, will probably not get one.

FOR the post of vice-president, we have half a dozen nominations, all good men and true, so you can't vote wrong: then, for secretary, Mr. H. Hill stands unopposed. We have six trustees to choose from, including the two retiring officers, also for the auditorship plate we have the two old ones and four "new runners." Amongst the alterations of rules we have, first, "that no delegate's travelling expenses be paid." The present year is the first time this has been working, and I have seen no report as to the efficiency or otherwise of the system. Next follow three items in regard to judges. No. 2 is to be looked at in two ways. It reads, "That those societies not holding an open show, and not paying their proportion of judges' fees, shall neither nominate nor vote for the Union judges." This is all right from the standpoint those that hold the shows should appoint the judges; they have them to pay. But, on the other hand, what about the exhibitor who is a member of a society that does not hold a show?—he wants to have a word on the subject.

WITH regard to catalogues, this is simply a matter for those societies that are to hold open shows, and should be looked into. Is it worth the expense? Next we have a rule that has never been carried out; therefore, surely, out it ought to go Following we have that vexed question the limit of price in the novice classes. This now stands at £5 5s., and it is proposed that it be advanced to seven guineas, or, in the alternative, that there be no limit. Now, ye great and mighty novices, you have it in your own hands to make it any way you like. Don't forget to send in your voting paper. The rule re sending the entry forms and slips to the Union Secretary after the show is very useful. Many times the entry forms are wanted by the various specialist club secretaries, and when all are at one place it is most convenient. The winners of several competitions have had to be decided on the marking of the entry forms. Last year it was passed that no reporter be allowed to judge a Union show; this year it is proposed to modify it a little, that no "regular" reporter be allowed to judge. Where does a regular reporter end, and an irregular reporter begin? A regular reporter has only to miss reporting one show, and nobody can class him as otherwise than an irregular reporter. Let us have something definite and clear to work upon.

THE rule in regard to the First Feather Shows (52) reads that there shall be six First Feather Shows. Where were they held? Here we have two proposals—first, that this rule be put into force, and that the last six societies holding open shows shall come forward and take the first feather shows: and, secondly, that this rule be deleted. Many would like the First Feather shows, and many would like the rule deleted. Which will win?

WE have eight proposed new rules, and the first one contains an idea to keep up the interest in the competitions right to the finish of the season. No. 2 is in regard to the judging of the novice classes; they are not satisfied that their classes should be always the last to be judged, and propose that at alternate shows they should be taken first. No. 3 is the "hardy annual" in regard to the holding of members' shows during the hours that an open show is in progress, and No. 4 also deals with this, with the addition of £1 1s. fine for violation. I have heard it held, however, that the members' shows are the life of some societies, and that the rule does not leave much time for them during the best part of the show season. In No. 6 we have the proposal that all societies shall pay their share of the judges' fees! Then the 7th proposes that all affiliated societies shall have one uniform rate of membership fee. No. 8 is also on the same subject, but only to apply to those societies within five miles of the Bradford Town Hall. Why the private working of the societies should be tampered with some fanciers seem very sore about, and say that if a society can work on a small subscription, and pay its way, it should be left alone, as there are many working-men fanciers who can pay a certain sum, but this, if it were doubled, would be too much, and the society would probably lose a member and a good worker.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. McLAREN (Stirling).

I am sorry to inform you, writes Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling), of the death of an old and respected fancier of this district, Mr. John McLaren, for many years secretary of the Stirling and District O.S. It came as a blow to the fanciers here, owing to his short illness. He was buried before many knew about it. Much sympathy is felt for his sorrowing wife and family.

Mr. W. Bishop, secretary of the Stirling and Dist. C.B.S., also writes:—"Johnny," as he was familiarly called, had been a member of our society for over 20 years, a good few years of which he was secretary. Of a very quiet and unassuming nature, he was very much respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn his loss, for whom much sympathy will be extended in their sad bereavement.

Mr. J. DICKSON (Kirkintilloch).

The West of Scotland was sorely stricken by Death's fell hand on the 15th February, when Kirkintilloch and District C.B.S. sustained a great loss by the death of their secretary, Mr. John Dickson, at the age of 33 years, writes Mr. J. M'Lay (Kirkintilloch). Unassuming, yet energetic, he passed away in his prime, and in the first blush of his successes as a Plainhead and British bird exhibitor. His remains were followed to their last resting place, Campsie Kirk Yard, near his native home, by a few well-known fanciers. Many tokens of regret were extended to his young widow and three children.

Mr. J. FERGUSON (Glasgow).

I regret to inform you of the death of that well-known Norwich fancier, Mr. John Ferguson, of Glasgow, which took place at the Western Infirmary on February 22nd, writes Mr. P. Houston (Glasgow). I am sure the sympathy of a large circle of his friends in the Fancy will be extended to his widow and family in this their sad bereavement.

Mr. J. M'Lay (Kirkintilloch), also writes:—As a Plainhead exhibitor and judge, there was not a better known or more respected fancier than Mr. Ferguson. He was better known amongst his intimate acquaintances as "Honest John," a very fitting name, as I know he has dropped the acquaintance of some of the foremost exhibitors in the West of Scotland for what he considered shady acts, or unfancier-like actions. Leaving the sea some 18 years ago, and being a carpenter by trade, he was encouraged by the writer to try his hand at cage making, and was presented with a couple of Plainheads. As a cage maker he rapidly came to the front, winning medals, etc., at most of our principal exhibitions, where cage classes were given. Also as a breeder he rapidly came to the front, and was reckoned one of the hardest nuts to crack in the exhibition arena, his strain being in great demand throughout Scotland. As a judge, too, he stood in the front rank. Fearless to a fault, he treated friend and foe alike, and was greatly respected, as was shown by the handsome floral tributes that covered his remains, which were followed by a large number of fanciers to Queen Street Station, and thence to Clackmannan Cemetery, the following fanciers going the long journey: Messrs. Smeaton (Musselburgh), Smith (Edinburgh), Flower (Possil Park), M'Lay (Kirkintilloch). He was interred facing due East, in sight of the cottage where he first saw the light, 53 years ago, in the old-world village of Kincardine-on-Forth.

Mr. F. Taylor, secretary of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C., also writes, expressing the sympathy of his fellow-members with Mr. Ferguson's wife and family.

Mr. H. W. NAYLOR (Bradford).

All members (especially the older ones) of the Yorkshire Union, writes "Straight 'Un," will be deeply sorry to hear of the death of Mr. H. W. Naylor, who, for many years, acted as secretary. He had attained the ripe age of 76. His end, unfortunately, was greatly hastened by an accident. It appears that Mr. Naylor had a nasty fall in the early part of January, and fractured his thigh, and the effects of this did much to cause the general breakdown that ended in death. The novices of to-day little know what hard work Mr. H. W. Naylor had to get his schemes going for their advancement. To him, indeed, must be credited much of the success that the Yorkshire bird has attained. As a worker, conscientious and strictly to rule, he would be hard to beat. No matter on what subject he was tackled, he always worked to the rules of the club he had at heart.

It is with great regret, writes Mr. J. W. Dunnett, secretary of the Cardiff C.B.S., that I have to record the death of our old friend and true fancier, Mr. A. Fryer, who passed away on February 22nd, after a very long illness. All members will deeply deplore this sad news, I am sure; also other Yorkshire fanciers will join me in sympathy with the widow and family. I have also to record the death of Mr. Dallimore's daughter, and of Mr. Sampson's (late secretary) brother-in-law, who has suffered greatly.

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Early Starlings.

On Monday, February 20, in passing along Hampstead Lane (writes Mr. W. J. Roffey to the "Daily Chronicle"), I was attracted by an unusual chattering from the large tree at the corner of Bishopswood Road. After a few seconds there came from out the fork of the tree four young starlings, sufficiently advanced in age to fly to the adjacent bough, and, after a rest, to a neighbouring tree. Is not this exceptionally early, even for starlings?

Norwich Plainhead Club.

I have sent a list of members of the Norwich Plainhead Club, and a voting paper for the election of officers for 1911, to every member, so that any member not receiving one should inform me at once. I should be glad if each and every member would vote. As stated on the form, I am now booking advertisements for the year book, and should be pleased to hear from anyone desiring such an advertisement.—Jno. Hopkins, Hon. Sec.

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Mr. Alex. Donnelly, the Lizard fancier, has joined the Walkden and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Howard, the secretary.

I am compelled to sell most of my stock, including several good winning specimens, writes Mr. G. Edwards (Leominster).

We are holding our Pair Show on March 11th, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, Hon. Sec. of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.

Skipton C.B.S. report in the Goldfinch class should read Mr. Pickles 1 and 2, and not Nicholson, as reported.—R. Roberts, Sec.

I have received my CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and I must say that it improves with each publication.—T. H. Tiffen (Ormskirk).

All special prizes won by members of the Border Fancy Canary Club have now been sent out, writes Mr. M. Jamieson, the hon. secretary.

The date of our annual show has been fixed for 22nd November, write Messrs. Urquhart and Sutherland, joint secretaries of the Inverness O.A.

Our annual contest will be held on December 8th and 9th; will secretaries please note? writes Mr. J. Netherwood, secretary of the Wakefield Roller C.C.

Mr. J. Jones, (17, Cranburne Street, Brighton) would be glad to hear where he can buy palm nuts for parrots, if some reader can give him an address.

Allow me to thank you for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, I received last week. It is a very good book, with plenty of valuable information.—E. Folkard (York).

Kindly note that I have removed from Castle street, to 4, Ash Grove, Gargrave Road, Skipton, writes Mr. R. Roberts, hon. secretary of the Skipton and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly note that I have removed from Dargai, Hatherley Road, to 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester, writes Mr. J. R. Houghton. Will show secretaries and others kindly note?

Kindly note my change of address from Westwood Road to 81, Ena Avenue, Snenton Dale, Nottingham, writes Mr. J. Bunn, secretary of the Nottingham and District Permanent O.S.

Kindly note that I have been appointed secretary (pro tem.) to the Littleborough C.B.S., and that all communications should be sent to me, writes Mr. J. R. Mayers, 7, New Road, Littleborough.

I must thank you very much for the drawing of my yellow Norwich Plainhead hen in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, this week, writes Mr. Arthur Wake (Middlesbrough). She has won a great many first prizes, etc.

I consider the coloured plate, "Gems of the Finch Family," the best that has ever appeared in CAGE BIRDS, and I intend to have mine framed. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it deserves.—William P. Bell (Edwinstowe).

I was so pleased to see the picture of my Nightingale in CAGE BIRDS, and think it is a great honour for the bird, which was shown for the first time at the Crystal Palace, writes the Hon. Mrs. Bourke (Portman Square, W.)

Mr. P. Drinkwater having resigned the secretaryship of the Altrincham C.B.S., all communications for the society should, in future, be addressed to me as secretary, writes Mr. C. C. Blackshaw, 39, Elm Road, Hale, Altrincham.

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I have taken your paper, CAGE BIRDS, from the first issue, and have found it very useful and instructive; and I have always had the best of results through the medium of your advertisement columns. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—Harry Lohr (Carmarthen).

Mr. J. Walsh has resigned the secretaryship of Blackburn Society, through pressure of business, and I have been elected in his stead, with Mr. Proctor assistant secretary. All communications in future to be addressed to me, writes Mr. J. Cook, 6, Charlotte Street, Blackburn.

Just as we are going to press, we are informed by Messrs. De Von and Co. (the noted importers, of 114, Bethnal Green Road, London, E.), that their huge consignment of Gouldian Finches, Parrots, and other Australian birds (including some very rare species), has reached England, per ss. "Miltiades," and will be in London this week-end. There should be a fine sight awaiting visitors at the Bethnal Green Road establishment.

Mr. Jeffreys, one of our members, has a nest of five young Norwich, and they are three weeks old and all doing well, both parents being 1910 birds, writes Mr. B. Tidy, hon. secretary of the newly-formed Sittingbourne and District C.B.S.

Mr. R. B. Gibb, secretary of the Yorkshire C.C., of Scotland, writes:—In the report of our annual general meeting, which appeared in your last issue, I inadvertently included the name of Mr. Webster as having won one of the club's small rosebowls. This is incorrect, as the winner was Dr. Syson.

The Scottish National C.B.S. begs to thank Mr. Brunskill for the great care and trouble he has taken in arranging the various excursions from over the Border for our show, also the guidance for visitors when in Edinburgh. We trust he will accept this, our sincere thanks.—A. W. Watson, secretary.

Exhibitors to the recent Haverfordwest show who have not been paid their prize money, writes Mr. J. Lloyd Edwards, the hon. secretary, will have same shortly, as the committee are holding a drawing on a large scale at the end of March, after which they hope to be in a position to settle all accounts.

The members of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. will be photographed on Sunday morning, March 5th, at Buckley Hall, writes Mr. J. R. Colville, the secretary. All members are very earnestly requested to meet at "Lee's Clock," Stamford Street, at 10.30 a.m. Remember, Harry is leaving us; all please turn up.

I should be glad, writes Mr. John Tyson (169, Sloan Street, London, S.W.), hon. secretary of the Crested Canary Club, to learn the present addresses of the following gentlemen, viz.:—Messrs. Norwood Bros., Sutton-in-Ashfield; and Mr. W. Glasscock, late of Norwich. Communications to their previous addresses have been returned.

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For the benefit of fanciers who live in the immediate district, permit me to state that the Onward Hall, Ardwick (our meeting room), is in Ashton Old Road, opposite the Chancery Lane, writes Mr. J. Spencer, secretary of the Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S. Meetings are held every first and third Tuesday in each month. If anyone desirous of joining will write me at 193, Palmerston Street, Manchester, I shall be only too pleased to forward them all particulars.

Your printer has let me in for a fine thing, writes Mr. H. H. Towers (Crosshills). Last week I advertised my winning clear yellow (a drawing of it appears in your excellent ANNUAL), and I placed the price at £7 (which I think is reasonable enough for a bird like this), but the price was printed as £1. The letters are rolling in, and I rather fancy I am in for a lively time! I shall only be able to explain to those who enclose a stamp, so I must ask you to make a note of it. (We have to express our regret at the mistake.—Ed.)

The February issue of "Bird Notes" is specially interesting as containing a description and a report by the Editor, Mr. Wesley T. Page, of the foreign bird section of the recent Crystal Palace show. It contains also no fewer than eight full-page illustrations on art paper, three of them being from originals by Mr. H. Goodchild. The contributors include Mr. H. Willford ("My Waders' Aviaries"), Mr. W. Shore Baily ("My First Season"), Mr. H. D. Astley, M.A. ("Bourkes Parrakeets"), Mrs. A. Mahon ("Breeding White-eared and Red-whiskered Bulbuls, Shama, and Pekin Robin").

I have been appointed secretary of the Stamford and Dist. F.A., and all communications should, in future, be addressed to me at 7, New Street, Stamford, writes Mr. A. Harrison. Owing to pressure of business our late secretary (Mr. A. W. Ludlow) was compelled to resign his office, but is remaining with us as chairman and treasurer. We are badly in need of increased membership, and I shall be glad to receive names of any fancier in the district willing to join our society. The subscription is 2s. 6d. per annum, and we have decided to accept any person under the age of 18 at half rate, viz., 1s. 3d. per annum.

We have altered our name to the Dinnington and District Cage Bird Society, as we thought the poultry section would not be a success, and we now have our headquarters in the Middleton Institute, Dinnington. All our members are readers of CAGE BIRDS, and will not have any other. We are much interested in the Cage Birds League, especially as all birds in this district are protected the year round. At our annual meeting we had a very good washing exhibition by Mr. C. W. Marshall, of Sheffield, very instructive to all. Election of officers:—Mr. C. Marshall, chairman; Mr. W. Flint, treasurer; committee, all members.—Geo. Lunter, secretary, Laughton Road, Dinnington, Yorks.

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Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Norfolk Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without).
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(J. Shaddock, 30, Westminster Road).
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.).
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
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Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)

London Federation of C.B.S.

A Council meeting of the London Federation will be held on March 3rd, at 7.45 o'clock, at the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster—important business.—P. Adamthwaite, Sec.

Convicted by a Parrot.

A man who was charged at Berlin on February 24th, with stealing a Parrot, stated (says the "Daily Express," that the bird had been his for ten years. The Parrot convicted him by announcing the name of the man from whom it had been stolen.

In Asia Minor.

Mr. John Frostick, the well-known British and Foreign bird expert, of Balham, recently showed us a letter he had received from Smyrna, in far-away Asia Minor, which evidences, he says, the world-wide circulation of CAGE BIRDS. It contains an order for Mr. Frostick's insectile food, etc. Here is an extract: "Your excellent little book, 'Meating-off and Feeding Softbills,' has found its way even to this part of the world, and I can assure you that I have found the hints therein of much practical use. The difficulties of keeping Softbills over here are great, ants' eggs, etc., being unheard-of, quite unobtainable. For years I have been obliged to get my small requirements from England. . . . G. Mitsiargs."

Pairing to Produce Exhibition Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

By
J. C. BARNES
(Sheffield).

One of our leading present-day judges and breeders gives readers of CAGE BIRDS the benefit of his long experience in the production of winning Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries.

In the course of this article, I shall endeavour to place before my readers as clearly as possible the methods I follow in pairing my birds to produce exhibition Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire Canaries. Allow me to put before you at the commencement a motto which my old schoolmaster used to keep repeating to his lads: viz., "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

The Norwich Plainhead.

Taking the Norwich Plainheads first, the four great essentials are: Type, quality, colour, and as much substance as possible. What I like to observe in a Norwich is a good, bold, round head, possessing a wide entrance that rises nicely from a short beak, a clear round eye (not at all browed), a short thick neck, a broad expanding chest, as deep as possible, a nice straight back (not "roached" at all), short wings and tail, legs well set back, and not at all stilty, and the bird clear cut away about thighs and vent, jaunty in carriage (not sluggish), and possessing soft silky texture of feather, close and compact, with colour of good depth and brightness (not bricky), also with rich undercolour. The unfortunate part about things is that the majority of birds fall short of the above merits; still, the description is such as one should endeavour to breed up to, or as near to as possible.

The Right Stuff.

To produce up-to-date specimens, you must make sure that you are commencing with right stuff as stock birds. If the blood is right, results will be right; if the blood is bad, results will be far from satisfactory. It is better to start with one good pair, than with a dozen inferior pairs.

I like the cocks to have substance in them, with as much colour as possible. Size and colour are, as a general rule, obtained from the male side. In the hens I must have type and quality of feather. Good hens point to good breeding. Without such you stand but a remote chance of producing "classy" progeny. I much prefer a medium sized damsel to a large hen for show bird production, for as a rule the former are better feeders, and not so lazy as their larger sisters, and, therefore, see to the wants of their progeny better during the breeding time. I always contend (and no doubt if the question were put to any old practical breeder the answer would be the same) that a young bird well fed during the first few days of its existence has been greatly helped towards making up into a good specimen. I can conscientiously say that my best results have been obtained when the union has been that of a large cock bird and a medium-sized hen.

Many times have I been asked what I thought about pairing two medium-sized birds together. The answer has been "not much." My reason is that no matter what variety, the majority of the young will be poorer in substance than the parent birds. All old breeders know this to be a proved fact; and they endeavour to off-set this by having extra substance on the cock side.

Of course, I don't wish it to be understood that there are no odd cases where the progeny excel in substance over their parents, because such cases crop up at times. There is an old saying that "Like produces like." That may be so to a certain extent, but should you pair together a couple of show birds and expect to rear from them almost all show birds, your expectations will be rudely shaken. The offspring in nearly every instance will be smallor, and not up to present-day requirements. The best show birds are produced from the best stock birds, without doubt.

The Good Breeder.

A good breeder is one who loves a bird, and is constantly using what brains he has to improve whatever breed he cultivates. A fancier, to be successful, must study his stock, get to know by careful observation the good points and the bad points, the likes and the dislikes of his pets, and act accordingly. For hours have I sat quietly in my bird rooms, and watched keenly the habits of my stock, and by so doing I have been able in most instances to satisfy their whims and so forth; and I have been a gainer by this method.

Again, a good breeder breeds two ways. One is that he is always endeavouring to produce good stock stuff, and the other that he is always keeping his eye upon producing specimens for the show bench.

To produce suitable stock birds, he has in view substance. The method I have followed out, with excellent results, is as follows:—Supposing your birds are somewhat inclined to be on the small side; choose from your stock a few of the best feathered buffs (both cocks and hens). The sort of buffs necessary for the purpose are those that are "waxy" in feather, of rich colour, and carrying as little frosting or mealing as possible. Pair up buff cock to buff hen. But be sure and counteract their failings. For instance, should the male bird be good in head and neck, and lacking in body properties, see that the hen possesses a good, deep chest etc.

By pairing up birds in this way, you will obtain progeny of good frame and bone. You may also have some of the young ones somewhat free in feather; but don't mind that, so long as they are silky in feather, as you will be able to rectify it afterwards, in later breeding.

Double-buffing also tends to shorten the wings and tail, and provides good broad heads and short, thick necks. Many a tip-top specimen has been bred by this procedure. At the same time, I don't wish it to be understood that I advise anyone to overdo the "buff-to-buff method"—only on occasions when more size is required in your birds.

Utilising Double Buffs.

Now, these double-buff birds, to answer your purpose satisfactorily, must be paired up to the very smoothest and best coloured yellows that have been bred in the orthodox manner, viz., by the mating of yellow to buff. At times, maybe, you will have to double-yellow, but I should only advise you to do this when you are hampered with too much superfluous feather in your stock. Double-yellowing reduces quantity of feather, but has a tendency to produce open or waxy feather, which is not good. So only double-yellow for the purpose I have just mentioned, viz., for toning down birds too free in feather. Double-yellows can often be paired up to the double-buffs with good results.

Don't on any account use the crest-bred for lifting your stock up in size. Many a fancier has utterly spoiled and ruined his stock by experimenting with such a bird. Crest-breds throw a tremendous lot of feather, spoil the outline of a Norwich Plainhead, and ruin the colour. Some fanciers think that to use a crest-bred is by far the quickest way to obtain frame. Yes, it is a quick way to obtain size, but look at the drawbacks you get—abundance of feather, coarse, browed heads, loose feather carriage behind, and colour killed altogether. These great blemishes will take a lot of eradicating. It is better by far to move slowly in the matter of size production, and gradually attain success, than try to be a rapid worker with the Crest-bred, and reap disaster. Double-buffing has answered well for me whenever I have required help as regards substance, and I can with every confidence recommend such breeding to obtain satisfactory results as regards size.

Concerning Green Blood.

Green blood, I have not the least hesitation in saying, as I have proved it over and over again, is the "fountain head" of colour production. You must have colour, by all means, in the Norwich, although on many occasions I have been convinced that colour has been given far too many points, and has wrongly overruled type and quality. Colour is a very great essential, that is admitted; still, it must be accompanied by type and quality for a bird to be a typical show specimen. A bird that is known in the Fancy as one "full of fire," or "a blaze of colour," but which lacks type and quality, is really an eye-sore to me. I would much prefer to see a cobby, thick-set, bird, well feathered, even though behind somewhat in colour, than a bird "red hot" in colour and of bad shape. The former I should always lean to on all occasions, either on the show bench or in the breeding cage.

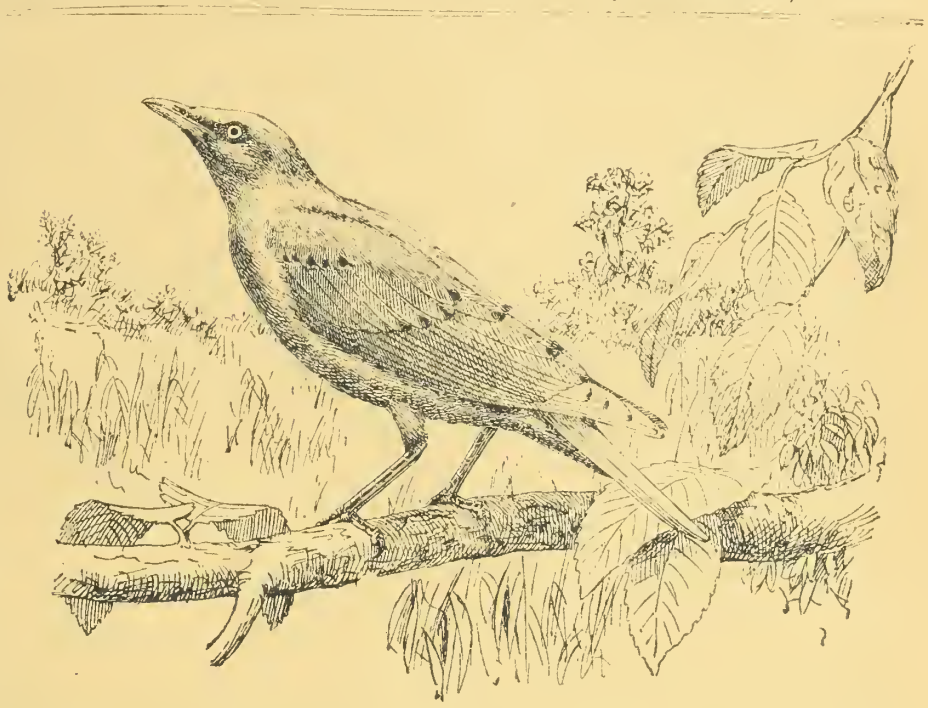
Nevertheless, keep your eye on colour, and endeavour to produce good shape and quality at the same time; for should there be two birds of equal merit, with the exception of colour, the one possessing the best colour would assuredly be given the preference. And so it should, as it naturally possesses an extra point of merit.

A breeder who produces his own winners could not possibly (not for any length of time, anyhow) do without variegated birds, or green blood, which are practically the same thing. You only need to observe for yourself at any show, or in any good breeder's room, which birds possess the greatest depth of colour, and you will invariably find that those birds are more or less marked. At times you may run up against a clear bird that possesses an abundance of colour, but should it be possible for you to get to know how that bird was bred, in the majority of cases it will turn out to have been bred either "off" or "closely to" variegation. Therefore, green blood is "inside," though absent (so far as markings go) on the surface. In recent years (on five occasions) I have been able to add to my collection of trophies three silver cups and two medals for hottest fed birds in the show, and on every occasion my representatives have been marked or variegated specimens. Take my "tip," and use green blood judiciously.

What I mean by judiciously is this: Don't overdo the thing. Don't pair up variegation to variegation, and expect clear and ticked progeny. If you do, the youngsters will be mostly heavy greens. Use marked or variegated cocks to clear hens. By so doing you will get deeper colour. If you should at any time find out that you are producing more dark stuff than you require, use the variegation on the hen side, as the hens breed out the markings far quicker than do the cocks.

To acquire high quality of feather is of very great importance, and should always be a study with breeders. Selecting your best feathered birds year by year, and judiciously pairing these together, is the surest way to fix up this great feature. By quality of feather I don't mean that all birds must be very short feathored ones. Still, I much prefer a good quality short-feathered specimen to a good quality long-feathered bird, for the simple reason that the short-feathered ones are not so apt to appear untidy, especially around the thighs, if flustered at all by being moved from one place to another, which is often necessary when specimens are at a show. Many of the winning birds of to-day, especially the buffs, are birds that possess a fair amount of feather, but carry it rightly, tight and compact.

(To be continued.)



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THE PAIRING AND BREEDING OF BORDER FANCIES.

Lecture before the Ashington and District C.B.S. by Mr. J. Graham.

At a meeting held Jan. 28th, at Mr. Rowley's, Station Road, Mr. Jas. Miles presided over a good attendance. Decided, not to alter present club radius. Two new members were proposed and accepted. After the usual business Mr. Jos. Graham (Newbiggen) was called upon to read his paper on the Border Fancy, of which the following is a synopsis:—

You have asked me to give you a few hints on Border Fancy Canary breeding. Well, I get a good pair of birds from a reliable breeder. The first thing is to see they have good round heads, nice free necks, good breasts, and wings, and nice pipe tails, with good quality as well.

When I first started, about six years ago, I got a pair from a reliable breeder. From this pair I bred several. One clear buff from this pair was second at Morpeth, and was fairly successful at other shows, and in the same nest I had a yellow wing-marked hen, which was first at Morpeth and did well as a stock hen. Also I had an even marked, which proved another good stock bird, and another clear buff hen, from which I bred my Cinnamons. I got a variegated yellow cock from the same breeder to pair to the clear buff hen. They bred me a three-pointed Cinnamon hen, which won for me six firsts, also a Cinnamon variegated hen, which did very well for me. Then I parted with her to Mr. Whittaker, of North Shields. I bred an even yellow hen, also, from this pair, which bred me last season a clear buff cock that took firsts at Morpeth, Ashington, Gateshead, Carlisle, Haltwhistle, and fourth at Alnwick.

The next pair I will mention is the clear buff cock, for which I bought a hen from the same breeder. From this pair I bred the hen that I have been showing in the pair classes so successfully. I have shown her four times, and I split the pair and showed them in separate classes at Haltwhistle, where they stood first in their respective classes. I have shown them under Messrs. Robson, J. Patterson, T. Dixon, and A. Brown.

Next I draw your attention to flat heads and bad wing carriage. If you breed from birds having bad heads, you will always find them failures; and the same applies with regard to birds with bad wings.

Concerning marked breeding, I generally pair a clear buff cock and a yellow marked hen together. Both should be from a marked breed. Or you can pair a yellow cock to a buff hen. Also I generally put two lightly marked birds together, that is, when I get birds lightly marked, such as one feather in each wing, and ticked eyes. I have bred seven even this last season, breeding several very lightly marked, such as a tick on each eye, and one marked feather in one wing and two in the other.

You must stage your birds in the pink of condition, as they must be very clean. It is useless putting them on the show bench in a dirty condition.

My general feed is plain, best Spanish Canary seed, and a little German rape once a week, also a little hemp once a week. A bit of apple between the wires, or a bit of carrot answers the purpose of green food. In the breeding season I feed on bread dried in the oven and crushed down; and eggs and a little sugar damped down with new milk. I generally put a little maw seed in it, and see that the birds don't waste any. I give them, in a separate vessel for green food, whole hemp to feed young with. I give young dandelion leaves the first round, and chickweed after, when it is nice and seedy.

The lecturer then offered to answer any questions to the best of his ability, which he did with every satisfaction.

Some Questions and Answers.

Do you get Green and Cinnamon marked young from the same parents?—Yes; as a rule I get from a Green marked cock and a Cinnamon hen, green-marked cocks and Cinnamon hens.

Do you think it an advantage to use Cinnamon blood?—Yes; I get better colour, and certainly better quality through using Cinnamon blood (here the lecturer stated that he was this year putting up three pairs of pure self Cinnamon Borders).

How do you make egg-food?—A very good egg food I have been in the habit of using is made as follows: take 3 eggs, a bit of salt, a bit of lard, and some flour; put into a slow oven, and when dry crush up as much as required at a time and moisten with new milk.

Do you not think that double yellowing breeds thin necks?—Not if you know how they are bred. I sometimes pair back to double-buff. If you get a buff from double yellows, this is the mainstay of your stock in any breed.

Do you not think there is a lot of chance or luck attached to even marked breeding?—Not if you know your strain. From one pair I had a buff cock and Cinnamon marked hen. I had three even marks in each nest they had.

What is your experience as regards green food?—I use young dandelion shoots the first round and nice seedy chickweed after that. As regards the former, I find that it is too nourishing, as it brings on the hens for their next nest too soon; but I think it a good thing for hens that are backward.

What is the nearest you go in inbreeding?—Cousins to cousins.

What, in your opinion, is the best time to pair?—About the 20th of March if the birds are in trim. I find that a bad feeder the first year generally turns up to be a good feeder the next year.

Last season Mr. Graham put up 14 pairs, lost 3 hens and about 60 young first round through the bad weather; but he bred 96 young from the remainder. Mr. Jos. Miles moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer and hoped it would not be the last time he would entertain us.—Fred Barron, Sec.

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The Dartford Warbler; The Rarest Exhibit of the Past Show Season. . . .

. By . JOHN FROSTICK (Balham.)

A fine portrait in colours of this "sensation of the show season" is given in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL for 1911 [*post free 8d.; or 6d. through any newsagent*].

'Tis a strange world we live in, my friends: the unexpected frequently happens. A couple of years ago I had never seen a living example of the subject of this article—the Dartford Warbler (*Melizophilus dartfordiensis*)—though I had been a keen field naturalist and a student of bird life for thirty years and more. I was not alone in this respect, for how few of us have ever had the privilege of seeing this very rare species in its native haunts; of finding its nests of eggs or young, and studying its amazing antics on the tips of its favourite furze bushes, where, on quivering wing it shoots up into the air after some passing insect and with lightning rapidity returns to its perch, cocks its tail bolt upright with a sidelong jerk, erects the feathers of its pretty little head in the form of a crest, utters a few bars of sweet song, and darts off after another member of its gang as quickly as if shot from a gun, giving vent to its characteristic scolding note "cha-cha-cha'—chasing one another the live-long day—the emblem of action in their every movement?

In fancy I am again out on the moorlands that are covered with the purple heather, and dotted here and there with the golden blooms of the furze. It is a lovely spring morning and Nature is at her best; every living thing seems bent on obeying the Biblical injunction to increase and multiply; and the busiest of that busy throng is the Dartford Warbler.

As we lay on the mossy bank the better to observe their doings, these gems fly within a yard of us, hovering over the bushes more like butterflies than birds—their every action full of grace and nimbleness.

Singularly Appropriate.

A friend on seeing my caged specimens exclaimed "They are well named *Dart*-ford, because they do dart, and no mistake."

Their extraordinary vivacity has, of course, nothing to do with their name which was given to them by Latham in 1775 when they were first discovered by him at Bexley Heath, near Dartford, in Kent

To get back to the beginning of my story. I told the members of the London Cage Bird Association, in a lecture on the feeding of insectivorous birds, that I had kept every species of British cage birds proper, and many other kinds not recognised as such, with the single exception of the Dartford Warbler, of which I had never seen a living specimen (two-and-a-half years ago), and which was practically extinct in these islands Needless to say, it had never been exhibited at any bird show, while the skin of a dead bird would bring a long price from a collector, but a living bird would be worth its weight in gold many times over—its fortunate possessor would reap a golden harvest of first and special prizes. When I told them these things, little did I think then that I was so near to reaching the height of my ambition, and that good fortune had in store for me such a pleasant surprise, or that my words were so soon to be put to the test and be proved true in every particular.

Bird fanciers, aviculturists, or bird lovers—call them what you like—have one thing in common with collectors or connoisseurs of old china, antique furniture, stamps, coins, or curiosities. We all belong to the same genus: we all strive after that which is most difficult to get, and in our efforts to excel we prize most highly that which is the most rare.

Most Rare of All.

The most rare of all British cage birds is undoubtedly the Dartford Warbler, which, unlike many rare birds, is beautiful as well, and its manners are as attractive, whilst its song is an additional charm that leaves little to be desired.

After years of fruitless search it has at last fallen to my lot to have the proud distinction of being the first person to exhibit and introduce to the British avicultural world this delightful little atom of bird life. The first sensation of being possessed of such a unique acquisition is one of intense excitement that can only be compared to the feeling of the explorer when he has accomplished the object of his life-long search, for since the days of Montague there is no authentic instance of any other Englishman having kept and moulted the Dartford Warbler.

"The sensation of the season," as it has been named by CAGE BIRDS, finished the round of the shows (ending with the Great National at the Crystal Palace) by winning the first and three special prizes, including the Championship Diploma and silver medal for the best British bird in the show, at the Palace, where it was claimed at the catalogue price of £12 10s. (which is probably a record price for a small insectivorous bird) by Mr. Theodore Martin, of Huddersfield. The "Daily Mail" commenting on the event, says: "The 3,500 birds in the show comprise 510 British examples, among which are many which even to lovers of birds are known only by name. The king of this section is undoubtedly the rare Dartford Warbler, belonging to Mr. J. Frostick—the first specimen ever exhibited in this country. A charming little fellow in plumage of soft shades of swede and brown, with a long slender tail delicately poised, and fluttering about his cage with a lively grace. He had many admirers."

At five other London shows the bird has won as many firsts, and every special prize open to it.

Its Wild Life.

According to Howard Saunders, the Dartford Warbler is known to breed in nearly all the Southern counties from Cornwall to Kent inclusive, especially in Hampshire, Surrey, and Sussex; sparingly in the valley of the Thames, and perhaps in some of the Midland counties; while it has been observed in Cambridgeshire, and undoubtedly nests in Suffolk and Norfolk." With this long list before us, it seems strange that we should have heard so little about it, but the fact is that the bird is now only found in a few out-of-the-way favourite resorts, though in years gone by it nested so near London as Blackheath, Tooting, and on the Wimbledon Commons: but the jerry builder has driven it further afield, and, to-day, its numbers are greatly diminished, not by the hands of the bird-catcher and the egg-collector, but by a far more deadly enemy—the extensive common fires which devastate yearly great tracks of country and destroy numbers of these birds. Another reason may be the scarcity of hens, as the great majority of specimens I have seen have been cocks—even the South Kensington Museum's fine collection of "skins" consists mostly of those of cocks.

A friend of mine, a life-long observer of bird life, and the greatest authority on Dartford Warblers living—to whom I am greatly indebted for what little I know of them—tells me they are one of the earliest birds to pair up, and that they nest early in April, and again about the end of June or the early part of July—two nests a year: he has found nests of young as late as the 21st August. The nests I have seen were placed in the heather about a foot from the ground, and I was the first one to place this fact on record. All other writers state that the nest in England is built in the middle of a furze bush. Howard Saunders says: "The nest in this country is placed among the branches of the thickest furze; but on the Continent, especially in the South, broom and heather are selected."

The nest is composed of the long stalks of goose grass, and these are entwined with the young and tender branches of the furze; the outside is ornamented with what at first sight look like little balls of wool, but on examination I discovered they were the silvery-coloured silken bags that spiders make for the reception of their eggs. The eggs are greenish-white, with olive or reddish-brown markings, and are very similar to those of the Whitethroat.

Yarrell says: "On the European Continent this bird does not go up so high as Germany or Holland; it is found in France, but is most plentiful in Provence, Spain, and Italy."

He describes the bird faithfully as follows: "The beak is slender and nearly black, particularly towards the point; the edges of the upper mandible, and the base of the lower mandible, reddish yellow; irides, reddish; head, cheeks, neck, back and upper tail coverts, greyish black; the wing coverts, wing and tail feathers, blackish brown, with rather lighter coloured edges; the chin, chestnut brown, with specks of dull white; throat, breast and sides, chestnut brown; belly, white; under-surface of the wings, under-tail coverts, and under-surface of the tail feathers, slate grey; the tail in shape cuneiform, the outer feather on each side being three-eighths of an inch shorter than those in the middle. Whole length rather more than five inches, the tail feathers alone being nearly half the whole length of the bird."

In a state of freedom the Dartford Warbler's food consists, for the most part, of insects—flies, spiders, grass-hoppers, moths, small beetles and caterpillars; but in autumn wild fruits are added. This knowledge, and a cognizance of the fact that the Dartford Warbler is a resident species, give us little difficulty in catering for its requirements in captivity. My birds have wintered in a cold bird-room with no extra attention than what I extend even to the hardiest species; but, in common with other birds, they love the sunshine, and on sunny mornings they splash into their tepid bath, and pour out their little song for all they are worth. The usual note, "pit-it-chou" has given them their French name Pitchou.

The Menu.

My birds are kept singly in comparatively large waggon-cages, plentifully supplied with conveniently placed thin perches, and are fed on my own specially prepared insectivorous birds' food, which is composed of a judicious blend of preserved insect and animal matter. This is mixed daily with sufficient grated raw carrot to make crumbly moist; then I generally add a tiny portion of hard-boiled egg (first pressed through a fine sieve). In addition, I give some sort of soft ripe fruit daily, and, in my opinion, this is the great secret of my success in keeping these birds always in the "pink" of condition. With me half their food consists of fruit, such as William pears, elderberries, split grapes, bananas, etc.

As dainty tit-bits, I supply, as I am able to procure without undue inconvenience, house flies, spiders, caterpillars, and the larvæ of the clothes' moth, the latter being readily propagated and much relished by the birds.

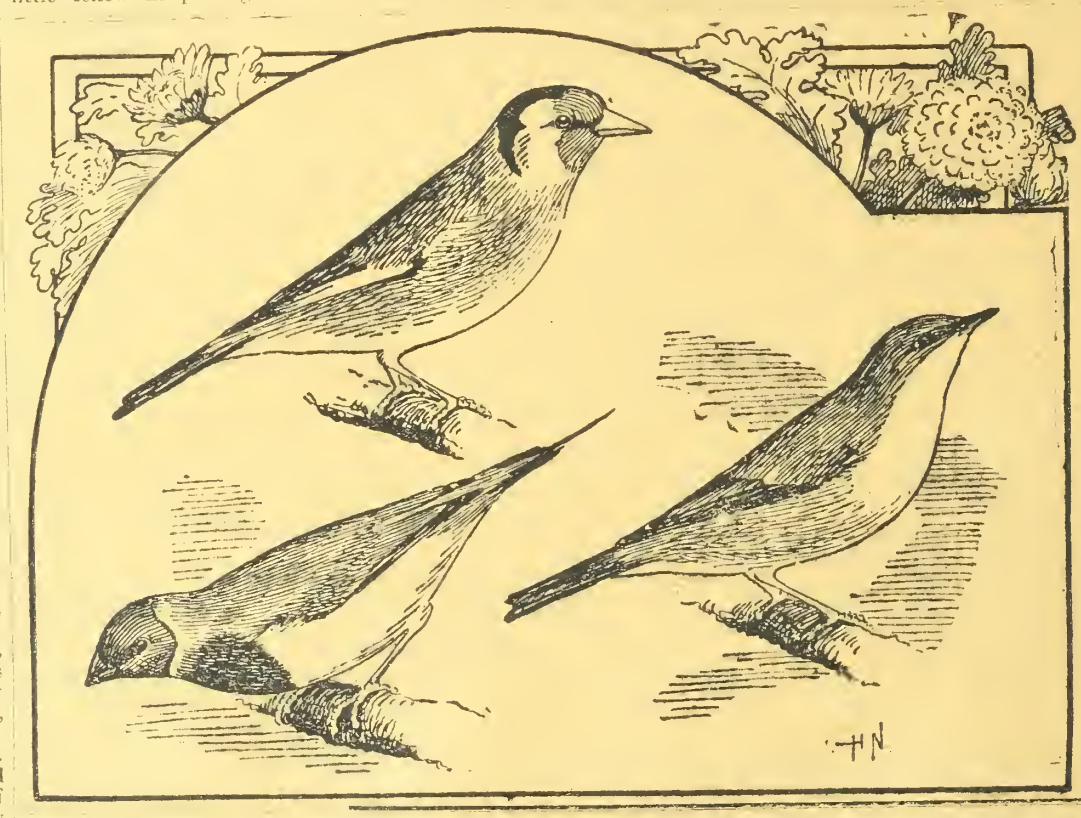
Mealworms (except when they have just cast their skins and are soft and white, when they can be given with advantage) are not suitable for any of the tiny Warblers; well-scoured gentles might be good, though I never use them myself. What I consider as the best possible live food is fresh ants' cocoons, which I supply during the summer months *ad lib.*

In Appearance Only.

The above looks, in print, like a formidable list, but in reality it is nothing out of the way for any keeper of insectivorous birds to provide. The more varied we can make the food of any bird, the more likely are we to succeed in keeping it, if we take Nature as our guide, and regulate the diet according to the different circumstances of freedom and captivity.

All these things are not necessarily given at one time; far from it: they are mentioned as they occur to me, and are to be given just when we are best able to get them. The Dartford Warbler is not by any means a delicate bird, but, on the contrary, quite a hardy species if treated intelligently.

Having accomplished my long-felt desire to keep and exhibit this delightful bird with the assurance that my name will be for ever associated with the most beautiful of our British Warblers, I am anxious to place at the disposal of my fellow fanciers what little information I possess, and if the foregoing article achieves its object, it will not have been written in vain.



AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

British Goldfinch, 2nd Prize in the Novice Section for Mr. J. Kelly (Leith.)

Lesser Whitethroat, 3rd Prize for Mr. S. Beaty (Alderley Edge.)

Red-headed Gouldian Finch, 3rd Prize for Mr. C. T. Maxwell (Brixton.)

Spring Bird Song.

The spring song of birds is one of love and defiance. All birds are either courting, or have wives and homes to defend, which they are quite ready to do even against much stronger adversaries.

Food for the Jay.

The Jay is one of the most general feeders we have, and there is very little that he will actually refuse. He is undoubtedly especially fond of birds' eggs, and young birds; also of insects of all kinds, nuts, seeds and even some portions of vegetable.

Tree and House Sparrows.

The Tree Sparrow, although uncommon when compared with the House Sparrow, so nearly resembles it in plumage and form, that it is oftentimes overlooked by those who have not had the opportunity of comparing the two together. The most striking differences are the smaller size, chestnut coloured head and patches of black on the cheeks. Although these birds breed with us in many localities, great numbers of them are migratory, and visit our shores from the Continent.

Wild Birds in London.

Mr. F. J. Stubbs, speaking just recently at the Working Men's College, St. Pancras, said that London offered great opportunities to the student of bird life. Lately he and a friend noticed a grey Wagtail calmly sleeping amidst the road of traffic in the Mile End-road, on a Saturday night. Many students had never seen a heronry, but in Richmond and Wanstead Parks there were two of the finest in the country. Bluetits were common in his own garden, and the Nightingale, whose song he considered inferior to that of the Thrush, he had frequently heard on Wimbledon Common. In Richmond Park and Epping Forest the Kingfisher was to be found.

Nest-Boxes and Pans: How to Make and Fix them.

By H. NORMAN ("Cage Birds" Artist-in-Chief).

Previous illustrated articles in this series have dealt with the making of breeding cages (single and double) and travelling cases.

In the hobby of Canary breeding it is the little matters that make the difference between success and failure. The haphazard breeder—who allows his birds to do anything and go on anyhow—will frequently do well for a time; but he who pays proper attention to all the small details of this delightful pastime will, in the end, be the man to have a good record of successful seasons. When we consider what an important part the incubating hen plays in the season's work we need not fear our friends

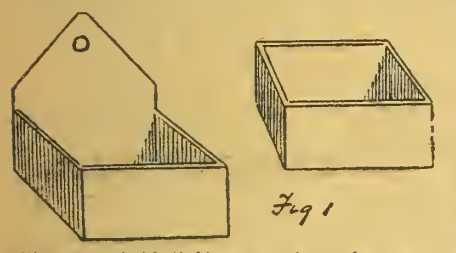


Fig 1

calling us "faddy" if we go into the matter rather fully and carefully weigh up the different methods adopted both in the past and at the present time to assist her in her efforts to propagate her kind.

When I first commenced the breeding of Canaries and Mules, the only receptacle generally used by fanciers for the hen to build in was the wooden box, the measurements of which were somewhat about four inches square, with a depth of two inches. This box was constructed of wood, but after a time a perforated zinc bottom was used by some as an improvement. One advantage of these boxes is that no Canary refuses to build in them. Hens will frequently take to them when, for some reason or other, they object to the ordinary nest pans.

The fancier who has succeeded in making his own cages will have no difficulty in constructing one of these boxes. Fig. 1 gives an illustration of two kinds—the plain box and the box with one end larger than the other, having a hole near the top to enable you to hang the box on a nail anywhere in the cage.

The best way to make these boxes is to nail the sides together first; then cut out a perfectly square piece of wood for the bottom,

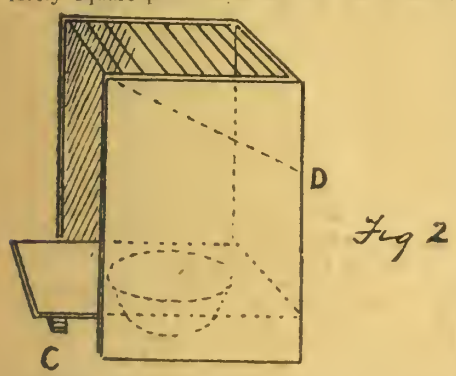


Fig 2

and nail it on. If made in this way it will be exceedingly strong, will stand scrubbing in hot water, and will last for years.

The one great drawback to these boxes is that they are rather inclined to be infested with red mite, but if the joints are pasted up with a little fat, and plenty of insect powder put in the bottom, this pest will be kept within check.

There is another kind of nest box that is used by many for hanging on outside the cage at the opening for the end door. This was at one time largely used in the north when open wirework cages were in fashion for breeding purposes. This consists practically of a square box with a felt nest let into a wooden floor. The illustration (Fig. 2) shows it with a flat roof, but it can be made with a sloping roof, as shown by the dotted line at D. This style of nesting box has its uses, and is not simply an idea. For nervous hens that like seclusion it is invaluable, and where small cages are in use it does not curtail the space.

The interior should not be less than five inches square, with a height of six inches. The floor should be 6½in. in length, so that a small portion of it projects into the doorway of the cage, forming a kind of platform for the birds to alight on. A little fillet of wood (c) enables one to dispense with hooks, etc., for the purpose of keeping it in position. The platform is attached 2in. from the bottom so that the nest does not touch the floor when the box is taken off for inspection. The roof is wired over, so that the fancier can easily peep over the top to see how matters are progressing, without unduly upsetting the birds.

The platform nest (Fig. 3) is another method that has been in use for a number of years. It consists of a platform made of wood, about 7in. in width, running from the back to the front of the cage, and resting upon a fillet of wood (b) at the back, and wire crossbar at the front. A circular hole receives the felt nest or pan.

One advantage of this style of nesting arrangement is that young birds when dragged out of the nest do not, as a rule, come to much harm, and do not get chilled quite so quickly.

All these methods have, of late years, given way to the earthenware nest pans, as these are considered to be more sanitary than the old wooden nest boxes, and not so liable to be troubled with red mite as the platform arrangement. The nest pan is usually suspended at the back or side of the cage by means of a wire holder (Fig. 5G) and a screw or nail.

Now, in the placing of this nest pan there is a right and a wrong method. It is not sufficient simply to hang it up anywhere in the cage and trust to everything going on merrily. In the first place, the sitting hen likes shade; she very much objects to sitting

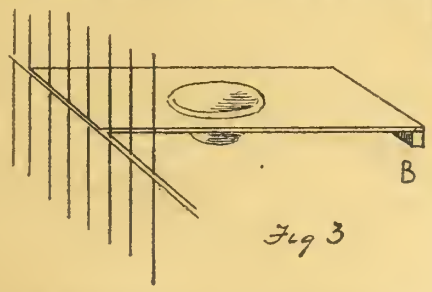


Fig 3

in the strong light, as she plainly shows us by turning her back to it when we are not in the birdroom. We have only to consider the actions of wild birds to give us a correct idea of what is required. The sitting bird constructs her nest in some quiet shady nook surrounded by the natural foliage of the tree in which she is building. This gives her ample protection from the fierce sunlight and the cold wind, and completely shields her from the eyes of her enemies. Canaries have been bred for generations in captivity, but they have not quite lost all the wild instincts; therefore, we should first humour them in this matter and place the nest pan upon the shady side of the cage.

In the early stages it should be hung as shown in Fig. 4 (E); that is, just above the perch (AA). The reason for this is that the sitting hen will first hop on to the edge of the nest and then down to the perch. If when she rises, one of the chicks is nestled into the body feathers, it will drop back into the nest as she alights on the edge. If she went straight from the nest to the perch, she would take the young one with her and drop it on to the floor of the cage, when, unless it was found, it would soon die of cold and hunger.

When the young have their eyes open, the pair should be moved below the level of the perch (F); the hen will then frequently feed from the perch. The young of some breeds, such as Yorkshires, stretch a long way out of the nest when clamouring for food, and the hen cannot feed them properly from the edge.

Many fanciers fix the nest pan between the perches (Fig. 5). The only advantage of this is that it is opposite to the door, and is therefore easily taken down for inspection.

Fig 6 shows a method I have used for a great many years with success. It consists of a wire stand into which the nest pan is dropped. This is placed upon the floor of the cage (generally in one corner), and I have never had any difficulty in getting the birds to take to it. This method has many advantages. It is firm, clear of the floor and sides, red mites (if you have any) cannot reach it, and there is no need to remove it from the cage to inspect the contents, as being placed on the bottom of the cage it is easy for one to glance in while attending to the birds. I do not claim that this is superior to others, but as I have found it serviceable myself, I have continued to use it; and, after all, whatever system succeeds with us we should continue to use.

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," re exchange light Mule for Yorkshire; I had so many offers I could not reply to all.—H. Wills (Wadebridge).

Through one advt. in "CAGE BIRDS" I have sold practically all my stock (between 20 and 30 birds); I received so many letters that am afraid I have not replied to all....I hope to be excused if I have overlooked anyone, because nearly all sent a stamp for reply.—F. Faulkner (Redruth).

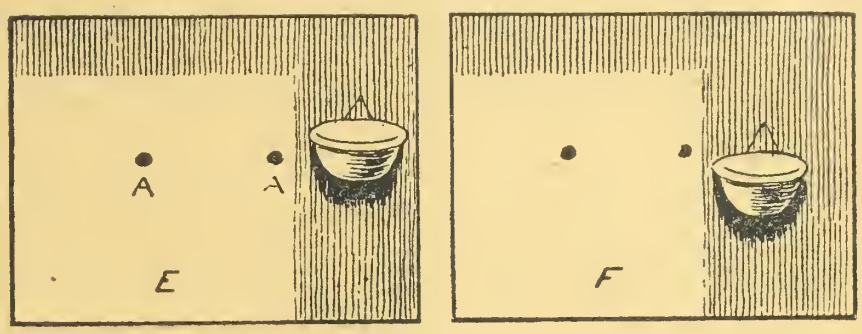


Fig 4

THE BIRD CHARMER OF PARIS.

An interesting personality of the "Gay City" talks of his bird friends and his method of acquiring their confidence.

M. Henri Pol, the famous bird-charmer of Paris, has been decorated with a medal by the French Government. M. Pol is really quite one of the sights of the city. The guide points him out to visitors just as they do the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame. The way he has made friends with the vagabond Sparrows and Pigeons of Paris is extraordinary.

Every morning he goes to the Tuilleries Gardens with his pockets full of bread and cake. The minute he arrives he is surrounded by an eager, chirping flock of Sparrows, and other small birds, all clamouring for crumbs. They perch on his hat, on his shoulders, on his arms. He has only to hold out his finger, and two or three of them will try to hop on it at once. They will even steal crumbs out of his pockets! He has given them all names, and each one flutters forward when it is called, and perches on M. Pol's hand.

"There is Philippe now," the bird-charmer will say; "I have not seen him for several days. Come here, Philippe, you little rascal! Where have you been all this time?"

And Philippe, a very plump, dark-brown Sparrow, with a sly look, will fly out of the little crowd of birds on the path, and perch on the man's finger. M. Pol will stroke him gently, talk to him, ask him all sorts of questions, and feed him with crumbs. He says that you can make friends with birds much more easily if you talk to them while you offer them food. Some of the birds have English names, and M. Pol speaks to them in English.

Several of the birds have become so tame that M. Pol has taught them little tricks. There is one called "Mlle. Clara, the danseuse," which

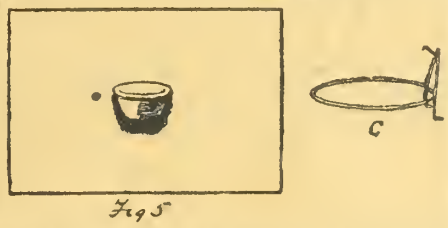


Fig 5

will hop round on the gravel in a delightful quaint imitation of a ballet dancer. And quite a number of them perform what M. Pol calls his "ballet." He dances to and fro, and the birds hop along, trying to follow his movements in the most amusing way.

M. Pol started his friendship with the birds about thirty-five years ago, in the simplest way. He was then employed (says "Mother and Home") in the Central Post Office, in Paris, and used to walk through the Tuilleries Gardens on his way to work every morning. Occasionally he would take a few crumbs in his pocket, and throw them to the Sparrows hopping about on the paths. Presently he found that the birds got to know him, and waited for him every morning. Some of them used to actually follow him as far as his office. When he retired on a pension, about fifteen years ago, M. Pol made it his great hobby to feed these birds. Every morning, at about the same time, he would go to the gardens with his pockets full of crumbs, and sit there patiently, coaxing the birds to "come and be friends." At last the keepers got annoyed, and refused to let him come into the gardens and feed the birds. But M. Pol appealed to higher authorities, and the keepers were ordered not to molest him any more.

"During nesting-time," he says, "it is delightful. Instead of remaining in one place, I move about the gardens; for then, of course, my 'pensioners' are at their nests, scattered all over the place. I call out, and the bird that has heard its name flutters down from the tree and perches on my hand to take crumbs. The mother-birds, when they see me, come down from their nests to get crumbs for their little ones. A few days later, when the young ones are learning to fly, they bring them and 'introduce' them to me."

It is not an easy thing to make friends with birds to such an extent as this; and some people say that M. Pol must have some sort of hypnotic power over the Sparrows. But he says it is simply a question of kindness and patience—and crumbs.

Wild Bird-Life.

Early Nesting Birds.

The month of February has been quite exceptional as regards the weather. We look upon it as one of the most severe and wintry months of the year, but it has been particularly open and mild. A cold February keeps both vegetation and birds in check, and prevents the premature growth of the one, and the nesting of the other until the spring is actually with us. Some species are, of course, naturally early, and no matter what the climatic conditions are like, they are sure to start nesting operations about the same time, unless we have real wintry weather, and then they simply wait until it is over and then hurry up to make up for lost time. The Rooks commence their courting early in the year, and are now busy about the old nest repairing, patching and relining, and otherwise making good the damage caused by the winter's storms. This work goes on chiefly upon quiet, fine days, when the

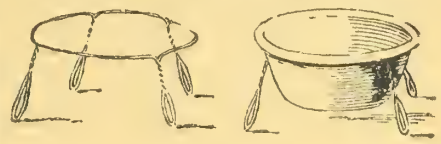


Fig 6

material is easily carried and manipulated. On fierce, gusty days when the nest sways roughly in the wind the birds almost forsake the trees or only visit them during the morning and evening.

Another early nester is the quiet little Hedge-Sparrow, who, just now, is looking his very best. The grey head and neck are more pronounced than ever, and the brown backs seems exceptionally bright, possibly because the black stripes are blacker than at any other time of the year. All the winter a pair of these dainty little birds have visited the writer's garden. He has handled them more than once, as they will persist in entering the outside bird-house in search of Canary seed whenever the door is left open for any length of time. This last week only one of the pair has been seen, and knowing how early they commence housekeeping, it is not at all improbable that the lady is busy incubating a clutch of bright blue eggs in some sheltered nook. The squeaky song of the cock bird has been heard all the winter. It is not a very tuneful or melodious trill, but very welcome during the dark days, when bird notes of any kind are scarce. Writing of bird music reminds one that the Song Thrushes are now performing in no half-hearted fashion; each morning they can be heard before daylight, and until well after sunset. The Skylark, too, is carolling gloriously; he also can be heard before the light is hardly visible in the east.

Feathers in a Tit's Nest.

Over two thousand feathers have been taken from a nest of the Long-tailed Tit. The interior was lined entirely with them.

Wild Swans at Norwich.

It is said that the Whooper Swan still visits the River Yare, within three or four miles of the City of Norwich.

The Goldfinch in Devon.

A visitor to the Crystal Palace Show says he was quite startled to see a whole flock of Goldfinches settle in his garden a few days ago. He has lived in his district (Devon) for many years, but has seen only an odd Goldfinch occasionally. He was enraptured with them, and described them as "feathered jewels."

Correspondence.

The Marking of Canaries.

SIR,—I want to mark my Canaries, I don't like rings, I have often had to remove them owing to inflammation in the bird's foot. Sometime ago some of the suffragettes poured some liquid into a ballot-box—a fixed dye. I think that would meet my needs, but I can't remember the name of the fluid—it was black. This could be used in marking tails and wings with dots. Can any reader help me to get at the name of the liquid? It was given in the papers at the time.

GEO. STOCKS.

A Roller Club for South Wales.

SIR,—At a meeting of Roller fanciers, held at the Cricketers' Hotel, Llanelly, on Saturday, February 18th, it was resolved to form a Roller Club in the town. Having seven members of the British Roller C.C. here, we thought it high time to thus further the interests of the Roller Fancy in South Wales. Being the first club to be formed in the principality, we hope all Roller fanciers will line up and give it their hearty support. It was decided to call it the South Wales Roller Canary Club. A meeting will be held at the above-named place on Saturday, March 4th, when all intending new members are heartily invited to attend.

JOHN WELSH, Hon. Sec.
49, Stepney Place, Llanelly.

The Feeding of Insectivorous Birds.

SIR,—I have read with great interest Mr. W. E. Teschemaker's articles on the Nightingale. I should have been pleased if he had given his method of feeding small Softbills in detail. For instance, he hints that the usual method adopted by the average keepers of delicate Softbills is far too expensive for the larger Softbills. How would he feed the latter? Or are we to take it that sponge cake and gentles are all that are necessary for the successful keeping of all Softbills? I should like to see the Softbills taken up more by novices. I have no doubt they would be if they had good advice in the first place from such a practical Softbill keeper as Mr. Teschemaker. The majority seem to keep something back in their method of feeding. I hope this may induce someone of these fanciers to supply the information.

A NOVICE.

The Recent Show Season in Ireland.

SIR,—He is surely "An Irish Straight 'Un" who gave us a review of the show season in Ireland in last week's CAGE BIRDS. Evidently he is a Yorkshire breeder, and a member of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland, and deserves some credit for his many suggestions, which, I am sure, would benefit the Fancy. The above-mentioned society, I see by their financial report, have a balance on hand of £11 15s. 4d., which reflects great credit on the management. The Ulster O.A. (Belfast), I am sure, would pride themselves if their balance-sheet had shown as many shillings on the right side as this unapproachable society have pounds. Their shows are always a failure; one of the reasons for this is the local members are always at loggerheads with one another, and many of them will not exhibit their birds, through jealousy. They have no rule to prohibit members showing borrowed birds. Is it true that several members knew of borrowed birds being exhibited at their last show? It is alleged, too, by members of the Norwich, Crest, and Y.C.C. of Belfast that there were birds exhibited at their show which were not bred by the exhibitor, but were the property of another member of this society who was not exhibiting. It is also alleged that another member of this society exhibited borrowed birds at Sligo Show, and it is all the more regrettable to have to state that it is one of the officials of this society from whom it is alleged they were borrowed. Fanciers can only hope that these alleged happenings will be inquired into at their next meeting. It would be interesting to know why the membership is now confined to Ulster; surely it cannot be on account of the only member outside of Ulster winning the cup? Our correspondent refers to Bangor Show, but the officials have surely admitted they were in error by not taking up the challenge given them.

AN IRISH EXHIBITOR.

SIR,—In reading the letter in the last issue of CAGE BIRDS, signed "An Irish Straight 'Un," I was much surprised at some of the accusations he brought against two of the Belfast societies, viz., the O.A. and Norwich Crest and Yorkshire Canary. I cannot understand anyone asking advice, and giving advice, or any other information for the good of the Fancy under a nom de plume, but to make accusations that have no foundation I cannot see anything "straight" about. First, he says O.A. was not the success that the committee prophesied. I know of no such prophesy. "Straight 'Un" is confident it never will be a success; well, all I can say on that matter is that the O.A., during its existence, which runs over some years, has always kept out of debt, and with a balance at the bank. I think that speaks for itself, as far as the success goes. Then "Straight 'Un" goes on to mention the alleged practice of members showing borrowed birds, and says it is surprising the way the committee evade discussion on this most important subject. All I can say is that I have been connected with both societies, and only missed one meeting in seven years, and I know of no such evasion. I defy "Irish Straight 'Un" to give one instance where any discussion in either society on any subject was evaded. He hopes that some member "will have the courage of his convictions and demand an inquiry." It is a pity that "Irish Straight 'Un'" lacks the courage that he hopes to find in another. What some of the members think are not always "facts," and we know there is always "one fool in a fair." I say, to bring these accusations without a shadow of truth is not for the good of the Fancy, but to throw discredit on the two societies named. If "Straight 'Un" can give me one instance of anything being cloaked I can assure him I for one have the courage that he is looking for—but I could not hide my identity under a nom de plume for fear of one being asked a few questions. Oh, no; truth and daylight are what I like, and I hope in his next letter he will be able to give details so that the whole of the Fancy can judge the two societies on their merits, for I say the accusations have no truth in them, and I hope to see what proof "Irish Straight 'Un" can give to CAGE BIRDS readers at his earliest.

WALTER CONNELL.

(We cannot, of course, allow "Irish Straight Un" to make in our columns accusations, which may or may not be well-founded, but which, in any case, would lay both himself and ourselves open to an action for libel. Charges of this serious nature should be first investigated and decided by the officials of the society concerned. —EDITOR.)

Proposed New Cage Bird Society for Northowram.

SIR,—A few fanciers of Northowram have decided to start a cage bird society. We have decided to hold a meeting at the Queen Victoria Inn, Northowram, on Friday, March 3rd, at 7.30. Will those fanciers wishing to join kindly attend? If unable to do so, if they will send their names to me we will be pleased to enrol them.

S. SYKES, Sec.,
Victoria Place, Northowram.

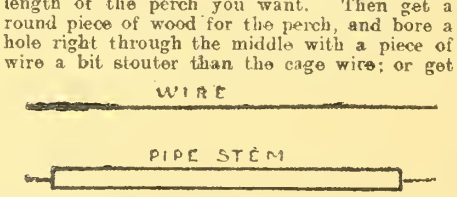
The Chaffinch-Greenfinch Hybrid.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. G. E. Weston's reply to "Perseverer," anent the Chaffinch-Greenfinch Hybrid, I would remind him of a correspondence I had with him some years ago regarding a Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid which I hatched out, but which, unfortunately, was a weakling, and did not survive. The Chaffinch laid all her eggs in a nest in a box attached to an ordinary cage. But she had a failing for new laid eggs, and I found she ate them before I had a chance of removing them. I then cut a round hole in the bottom of the nest, and placed a bag underneath; in this way I got a few eggs, but only the one proved fertile. The two birds mated just as Canaries do, and her cry was very similar. Having proved the possibility of the Chaffinch-Greenfinch Hybrid I would like to hear of someone's success.

W. JEFFREY.

To Cure a Bird that "Twirls."

SIR,—I think a good cure for a bird which I call "turns its head" (a common thing amongst some birds) is to get a piece of cage-wire the length of the perch you want. Then get a round piece of wood for the perch, and bore a hole right through the middle with a piece of wire a bit stouter than the cage wire; or get



a long, straight clay pipe and break the stem off. Put the wire through the wood or pipe stem, put it in the cage as a perch. The stem or the wood should work round on the wire freely. When the bird gets on and turns his head back (twirls) he falls over into the bottom of the cage. It will cure a bird in about three days.

B. BLACKBURN.

Canary Rearing on a Railway Journey.

SIR,—Your readers may be interested to hear of some strange happenings with a pair of Canaries and young ones. The particulars are as under: A young man called on me the other day and told me he had four young Canaries which he had brought with him—when they were only two days old—all the way from Glasgow—a journey of over three hundred miles by rail. He thought that surely they could not live to see the journey's end, but the hen sat close the whole way. When he got to Keith he opened the wrapping, and fed the hen, when she immediately went and fed the young. He had then to set out on foot for three miles through a drifting snow. When he reached his journey's end the young were all in the cage bottom. Not to be done, he warmed them and put them back in the nest, when the hen again took to them. He now tells me they are doing fine, and are, at the time of writing, two weeks old. Has any of your readers, I wonder, heard of such a case?

G. GRANT.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects, harmless to everything else.

The Early Birds.

SIR,—I have a Norwich Canary that hatched two young Canaries last Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, and both are doing well. I would like to hear if I am the first for the year?

W. MEAGER.

The Earlestown and District C.B.S. Re-formed.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that the Earlestown and District Cage Bird Society has been reformed. Last Wednesday Mr. F. Longworth gave an interesting and instructive washing exhibition. Our next meeting will be held at the Coffee Rooms, Oxford Street, Earlestown, on March 16th, at which Mr. R. Knowles has kindly consented to give us a lecture on "Selection and Breeding," and any fancier will be welcome. Commence at 8 p.m.

H. A. WADDINGTON, Hon. Sec.

The Black-throated Hangnest at the Palace Show.

SIR,—Mr. Wesley Page's reply in your last issue suggests one blamed him; on the contrary, I endeavoured to assert he was about the only person who got beyond "black throat." I have been studying my bird, with his descriptions in my hand, and for the life of me I can't say which it is—though probably No. 1. Anyway, it has no semblance of white on it, and the black on throat rather resembles a large black ace, than extending to "middle of breast." Could you not produce a drawing? If Mr. Townsend will supply you with a photograph I will do the same—Pro bono publico.

FOLKESTONE.

(We shall be pleased to do as our correspondent suggests.—EDITOR.)

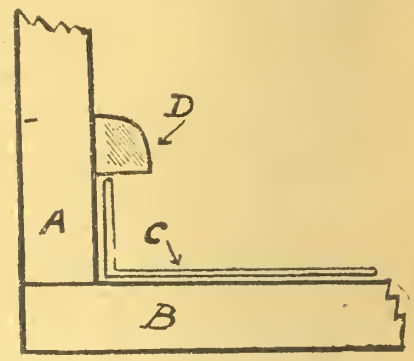
Keeping Birds in Small Cages.

SIR,—Can anything be done to prevent dealers from torturing birds by keeping them in cages so small that they can hardly turn round? I was in a shop in London the other day, and saw two or three dozen Goldfinches; each was in a little wooden cage about 6in. x 4in.; the cages were piled in a stack on top of each other, and were the ones in which the birds had evidently been imported. They were Siberians, and had, of course, been imprisoned in these cells ever since they were started from that country. Even if it is necessary to pack them so close for the journey, it is downright wicked to keep them in these miserable things after they arrive where they can hardly move. I don't suppose anyone has any idea of what birds (and especially birds that have been bred and reared in absolute freedom) must suffer from such treatment. And it is abuses of this sort that prejudice the public against bird-keeping in general, and may eventually lead to its being made illegal to keep birds in cages at all. I hope you will be able, through the medium of your interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, to do something to put a stop to this particular form of cruelty.

A BIRD LOVER.

The Construction of Breeding Cages.

SIR,—A few weeks ago I had the misfortune to be presented with a copy of CAGE BIRDS. Many years ago (too many) I kept a few birds in a small aviary—kept them until a too much interested relative left the door and the window open, and they all flew away. My interest in birds did not die by any means, and I never could pass a bird show without investigating the contents of the window. After reading the presentation copy of "C.B.," I found myself a pretty regular and always interested subscriber and began to wonder if I could find time to attend to a few birds. Then followed weekly visits to our local bird market just to see what was there. One Saturday, Bramblings were strongly in evidence. "Here y'are, fine cock Bramblings, 1s. each, two for 1s. 6d.," I heard. Then (seeing I was captivated), "Here, take 'em, two for a bob." I had no cage of any kind, so I went to a bird shop, bought a wooden cage for 3d., a wire-fronted one, 18in. by 12in., three pennyworth of Capern's Finch mixture, and returned to the market. I parted with the 1s., departed with the Bramblings, and became a fancier on the spot. Arrived at home, I spent a busy afternoon adapting my 18in. by 12in. cage front to a box I had in my mind when buying it. The Bramblings have done well so far, and, having experimented a few weeks and ascertained by experience what bird-keeping means (as regards time and attention required), I intend to go a little further into the pursuit. An afternoon at the recent Palace Show gave me some idea of the possibilities of the Fancy. From the first I determined to make my own cages, as that is a branch of the cult which rather appeals to me, and it is on that point that I take the liberty of asking the kind advice of readers. (I have been interrupted at this point by the addition of a Greenfinch to my small stock. An errand boy said there was a tame "Bullfinch" in the back-yard, so I went round and found a Greenfinch, that allowed me to approach very closely. It appeared healthy, and could fly. It flew over a wall into the next garden, and we induced it to fly back again. Then we opened the back door and indicated our wish that it should enter, as it most obligingly did, and was soon in the cage with the Bramblings—the only cage I had at hand. The bird has every appearance of being an escaped one, as it immediately began to pick up seed from the bottom of the cage.) To return to the subject of making cages, I have Mr. Norman's book on Aviaries, etc., and have been reading his article on "How to make a practical breeding cage," which is concluded in your issue of February 18th. Although well aware that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," I purpose, with your permission to criticise the design on one (I think) very essential point, and before doing so would like to acknowledge my indebtedness to Mr. Norman for many useful hints in his book and article. The failing in the design (and many others) is, in my opinion, in the sand drawer. Several writers in CAGE BIRDS have advocated a depth up to 2in., and one writer somewhere advised zinc drawers. Cleanliness to avoid "red mites" (I have not procured a sample yet) is insisted upon by every writer, and I think metal sand trays should invariably be used, and be at least one inch deep, to prevent grit, sand, dirt, etc., getting into the corners of the actual bottom of the cage. For my own home-made cages, I have two enamelled wooden bottoms, which I use alternately. In my ideal cage, which I hope to construct, I have thought of putting a bead round



A: Cage Back. B: Bottom of Cage. C: the Sand-tray (or drawer). D: The Beading.

the inside of the cage to overlap the turned up edges of the sand-tray, to prevent sand or sawdust from getting over the edges and back of the tray. Another defect in the design is that there is only one door into the cage, and I think Mr. Norman has elsewhere insisted on the necessity of a second door through which to reach the nest for removal of eggs, etc. I should be glad if some experienced reader would kindly give advice on the construction of metal sand trays for large cages, single-breeders, and larger—information as to make, material, strength (gauge), depth, cost, etc. Is it better to enamel or not?

SCRUTINEER.

The Oswestry (Salop) and District C.B.S.

SIR,—The first meeting of the above-named Society was held on February 20th at Mr. Hughes, Salop Road, with success. Several fanciers were unable to attend, but have promised their support. The above name was decided for this new Society. Meetings to be held on the first Thursday in each month at the Oswestry Castle Refreshment Rooms, Bailey Street, at 8 p.m. Mr. George was elected chairman also treasurer; and Mr. E. J. Evans was elected secretary, Dr. Peploe Cartwright to be asked to stand as president. The election of other committees to be held over until March 2nd, the society's next meeting. The rate of subscription decided and rules will be 4s. per year; entrance fee 1s.; subscriptions may be paid monthly, but all subscriptions must be paid up by July 1st in each year, at the rate of 4d. per month, to July 1st of this year. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hughes for his kindness in granting the society (at our initial meeting) the use of a room. Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. The radius is eight miles from Oswestry. I hope to hear from fanciers who would like to become members.

E. J. JONES, Sec.
9, Whittington Road.

Breeding Birds Aboard Ship.

SIR,—I daresay it would amuse some people to think of the idea of breeding Canaries on board a steamer, but the captain bred 27 Canaries on board the "Serula" (one of my firm's) last year. My own cabin is in a warm place, free from draughts, and plenty of fresh air, and there is nice room for three double breeding cages, and one or two small cages. I made all my own cages, mahogany stained and French polished, to match the furniture, so that they are ornamental as well as useful. I got my Canaries at Ghent, bred at Mechlin. The cock is a Saxon Roller, and a most sweet singer—not loud. I have also a splendid Goldfinch, which I got at Ghent; it cost just twice as much as the ordinary Goldies. I have a big hen Canary for him, both in the one cage. I have also a fine Linnet, so expect to have my hands full by and by. One hen has been sitting on three eggs for eight days at the time of writing, and another is making a nest. I use Spratt's egg food; I have no time to prepare hard-boiled egg, etc. I hope to get some Linnet and Goldfinch Mules. The birds are in good and lively condition, and have never ailed anything since I got them four months ago. I wish I had seen CAGE BIRDS years ago; it is a splendid paper. No matter how long you keep the copies, you can always pick any one of them up and read it over and over again, and find it most interesting.

T. F. SMITH.
s.s. "Ousel," Port of Manchester.

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CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Hailed with Delight in Every Quarter.

A Shoal of Letters of Appreciation from Our Readers.

It is a matter of great gratification to us to see our idea of an association of bird-keepers received with a really wonderful outburst of enthusiasm. Even at this early stage we feel we can safely predict that "Cage Birds League" is going to be a huge success. A number of letters in excess of our most sanguine expectations has been sent us, and we print a selection of these below. No doubt the views expounded therein will bring us still further expressions of opinion as to the lines upon which the League should be run. We specially ask that our readers will send us their views on these vitally important matters. All will receive the fullest consideration, and in our next issue we purpose dealing with the points raised by our correspondents and giving our own views concerning them. We want our friends to bear in mind, however, that (as we stated last week) "Cage Birds League" will not aspire to be a governing or controlling body, and that it will not interfere or conflict with any club or society at present in existence. Some of our correspondents appear to have overlooked this. We tentatively defined the objects of the League as:—

(1) To form a bond of good-fellowship and union between bird-keepers all over the world.

(2) To inculcate the principles by which birds suited to captivity may be kept under humane and proper conditions.

(3) To act as a league of defence and protection.

Sir,—I heartily agree with the proposals set forth in last week's CAGE BIRDS, and personally I think that a League of this description would do a great deal of good to our Fancy, both as regards the business and the friendship of exhibitors. I wish Cage Birds League every success.—W. PILGRIM (Mountsorrel).

Sir,—I was pleased to see your notice of forming a "Cage Birds League," as I think it quite time something was done to protect fanciers and bird-keepers of all classes from some of the faddists who know nothing of what they talk or write about, and I am sure that once the League is started, their fads will be put a stop to. I feel sure, too, that there will be plenty quite ready to join. I am sorry to say we have no society here now, but I shall be pleased to do all I can to get others to join the League. I wish good old CAGE BIRDS every success; I have not missed it once since it was started.—CHAS. HY. DOWNING (Raunds).

Sir,—What a pleasant surprise for readers of CAGE BIRDS I saw when I opened my copy and noticed therein a suggestion to form a "Cage Birds League." To my mind it is the very thing that is wanted among fanciers. I am sure some of us travelling in company as strangers could be made acquaintances with a glance at the tie, coat or chain, and be friends; and many a tiresome hour could be made pleasant through the League. I do hope that this Cage Birds League will become an established fact. One that will offer himself as a member is—WILLIAM NISBET (Musselburgh).

Sir,—I am delighted to see that you intend to organise a "Cage Birds League." This I consider a most desirable step in the right direction under present-day circumstances. If a strong society, such as you intend to form, can be organised and worked at about one shilling per annum per member, a great deal might be done in helping to stop the tyranny and persecution of cage bird lovers by such fanatical and ignorant killjoys as are banded together under the magnificent titles of Royal Society for the Prevention of this, that, and the other and Wild Bird Protection Associations. These societies are all right in their places, if their affairs are properly administered, but their officials have not scope enough for their zeal, and are tyrranising cage bird lovers for want of other cases. They might, if they would, find plenty of scope for "zeal" if they were to prosecute some of their own supporters such as some of their lady members, who adorn themselves in their great coats of squirrel skins and in hats trimmed with the bodies and feathers of some of our most rare birds and animals; and they might attack some of our greatest game dealers, who exhibit hundreds of dead bodies of Larks, Buntings, Woodcock, Snipe, etc., in their windows to please the palates of gourmands. If cage bird lovers, dealers, etc., would organise together for one common good, they would be astounded at their financial strength, and they would be able thus to fight against any tyrannical force brought to bear upon them. Fancy! from 40,000 to 50,000 cage bird lovers alone banded together in one brotherhood, determined to defend one common cause, each contributing one simple shilling per annum. This small amount from each bird lover would realise over £2,000 sterling. What could you not do with this amount? Study it one moment. You could defend every case against a bird lover brought to the courts, and beat them at the game. How many bird men lose their cases through want of counsel?—nine out of every ten, because they are poor and can't afford experts to defend them. Then there is the trouble with railway companies—birds delayed on their ways to shows; birds returned home which have not reached the shows; lost prize money, entry fees, carriage; birds arriving home dead through delays; birds stolen in transit; and a hundred other things which are never brought to light. Bird catchers who are prosecuted for catching birds ply this trade as their only means of existence (perhaps through no fault of their own), and catchers who catch merely for the sake of getting a pet bird or two, or who do it perhaps for a day's sport now and again—all these, as a rule, are men who can't afford to buy a bird, and they need never again pay £2 and costs for catching birds. Then there are dealers who have honestly bought their birds, ay, and tamed them, too, and kept them in the best of condition for perhaps three or six months, who are prosecuted for offering them for sale. Of course, you should class the members of the league; for instance, a dealer who is making a trade of catching or selling wild birds should pay a larger premium than an ordinary possessor of one or two wild birds—say, 2s. 6d. or 5s. per annum. Then there are fanciers who have mishaps, such as fires, by which they lose all their birds; such a man's case should be studied, and he be set up again if a member. And other unfortunate cases might be considered. I, for one, shall be glad, to the best of my ability, to help you forward with your proposals, as I recognise that this is a society we have long been wanting to help all bird fanciers in a time of need. I hope you will have all the success you deserve.—J. THOMAS, hon. sec., Otley Ornithological Society, Yorks.

Sir,—I was much taken up by your announcement to try and establish a Cage Birds League. CAGE BIRDS is a paper I always look forward to with joy, as there is always something interesting in it. The first portion of the suggestion is, I think, grand—to form a league of good fellowship amongst birdie men. The second part is also a very important subject, and the third object—to act as a league of defence and protection—is much to be admired. I have no doubt a great many will become members of the Cage Birds League. The badge will enable us to know one another at our shows; if we do not know each other's name, we shall recognise by the badge who are League men.—G. F. HENSON (Manchester).

Sir,—It is with great interest I read in CAGE BIRDS the announcement of an Association of Bird Lovers—a Cage Birds League. I hope it will make speedy headway. I myself will only be too pleased to help and assist in getting fanciers to join, hand-in-hand, to bring into existence a society, or league, that will bring about good fellowship between one fancier and others, for a society of this kind is urgently needed for the welfare of our pets. I consider the objects of the society to be splendid, and trust that the Cage Birds League will become a success. I think the society should consist of a general secretary and an assistant, and, if possible, a secretary for each town or district, the whole to be under the management of the general secretary. A suitable place to be arranged as headquarters would, of course, have to be decided on. Then each town or district secretary would need a good working committee. I also think there should be an annual subscription of say 2s. 6d. Then there would be rules to draw up. Of course, this is only my idea. But if worked on a good sound basis, I don't see why a society like this should not prosper. I wish the League every success. —J. M. WING, secretary of the Ambleside and District F.A.

Sir,—I hasten to congratulate you on the excellent idea or forming a League of all lovers of cage birds, and I agree with you that the time has come when such an organisation is absolutely necessary for the welfare of Canary breeders, and more especially mule breeders and British bird exhibitors. We have had many valuable ideas given us through the columns of your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, during the past ten years, but I venture to say that the new "Cage Birds League" will be considered by old and new fanciers as your crowning bit of work. In my humble opinion, it is certain to appeal to bird lovers the world over. And now, Mr. Editor, how is this to be done? The object of the League should be to enrol as a member every individual who keeps a caged bird, whether he (or she) belongs to a cage bird society or not. I take it, all members of societies and readers of CAGE BIRDS will welcome your suggestions with open arms and become members of the League. But what about the thousands of others who keep a single bird in a brass cage in the front room, or something more modest in the kitchen? These are the people the League should get hold of, and on reading your announcement in last week's CAGE BIRDS my idea was spontaneous, and I leave it to you to put before your readers if you care to do so. I suggest that one or more shows be held each year at different large centres in the British Isles under the auspices of the League and in connection with the fixture of the local society. That society to have control of the show, with the help of the League Committee. Such a fixture would be very valuable, and also a great honour to the fortunate society under whose auspices the show was held. Imagine, for one moment, a huge show, well supported by members of the League (on the same lines as what we see at the Horticultural Hall and the Crystal Palace) being held at Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford, Edinburgh, Dublin, Cardiff, and other large towns in their turn. What would be the effect upon those individual lovers of cage birds who do not belong to any society and probably have never even heard of a cage bird society? It is the greatness of things that impresses the public mind to-day, and as you cannot get the British public to go and see the large shows in London, you must bring the shows to them. Take the Royal Agricultural Show, our great Welsh Eistedfodds, and many other different organisations, why do they move about the country year after year? The answer is obvious. Is it not to promote the welfare and interest of the different objects which these large societies have in mind—for the lifting-up and improvement of their ideas? In this way you will be carrying the war into the enemy's camp, where the strength and greatness of the combined forces of "Cage Birds League" should very effectually blot out in the particular district where the show is held those few sentimental faddists who are doing so much harm to our humane, interesting, and harmless hobby of keeping caged birds. Let it be clearly understood, please, that my idea is not to do away with any shows whatever, nor to increase them, but to honour one or more shows each year with the patronage of "Cage Birds League," and so enable the League to distribute their badges of membership to every lover of cage birds throughout that part of the country. There are, of course, many points to consider, but this, I think, will do for the present, and I leave it with you and your readers to think over. Whatever you may decide to do, my one wish is: "Success to Cage Birds League."—E. J. BANKS (Cardiff).



MR. ARTHUR EMERY (Burton-on-Trent) and Challenge Bowl won by his birds.

The challenge bowl was won by me in 1910, writes Mr. Emery, and belongs to the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., and is for the most points gained with four birds of the year in one class at the Nest Feather Show and two classes at the open show. Last year was the first stage in the competition for it, and I was lucky enough to win. I am now emigrating to Sydney, N.S. Wales, so I have returned the bowl to the secretaries. I embark at Liverpool on the ss. "Dorset," on the 18th of March, and am taking four of my Norwich with me, and hope to get them safely over to make another start in Australia. I am sorry at leaving, for I have many friends amongst the fanciers, especially those who are the workers in our society.

Sir,—I am delighted with your idea of a Cage Birds League. It is, I think, just what is wanted. I shall be pleased to join, and will do all I can to help. Have been a birdy man for forty years. I wish good old CAGE BIRDS still greater success.—S. J. COLES (Halstead).

Sir,—I think your scheme for a League a very good one. It is time all bird-lovers had something to fall back upon in case of need and to protect our hobby from those faddists who think it is cruel to keep birds in cages and are trying to stop it. It would show them that there are not only one or two, but many thousands who find happy hours in which to study their little friends' wants. It would also be a great help to the novice at the shows; it would give them a sort of introduction to one another if they were wearing the badges, and they could talk with and learn a great deal from the "old hands." It would be a means of the shows being patronised more, as half the novices will not show their birds for the lack of knowing how to stage them. I should also recommend each member to pay a small sum, either weekly or yearly, for the benefit of those who undeservedly get into "trouble." I hope the scheme will catch on among old fancier friends.—G. KNIGHT (Lowestoft).

Sir,—In reference to your proposed scheme for the establishment of an Association of Bird Keepers for the mutual interest and bringing together in the bond of good-fellowship of those having interests in common and a mutual pastime, and thereby aiding in some degree in elevating and purifying the Fancy and binding fanciers together in a union of friendship with sufficient strength to combat and withstand the insidious dangers which are slowly but surely being directed against their hobby, allow me to say that I sincerely hope all readers of CAGE BIRDS will show their approval of the scheme by forthwith signifying their intention to join the scheme, and to "catch a pal" until every bird-keeper in the country is bonded together in a union which must and will mean strength to protect and guard their interests. At the present time, I take it, you simply want suggestions and ideas on which to found some definite "plan of action." In that case, I would offer the following suggestions for what they are worth in addition to, or to combine with, the propositions in your announcement last week:—

1. You, sir, would doubtless accept office as President of the League—or Principal and Founder in which case some well-known and influential person in the birdie world should be prevailed upon to act as president.

2. A certain number of similar well-known names should be appointed as vice-presidents, and ditto for a council, which would have the principal control of the affairs of the League.

3. The council to have power to appoint local representatives or committees as, and when, and where, required to meet and deal with any particular local question that may arise, investigate matters, report to council, etc.

4. Vacancies on, or additions to, council to be filled by votes of members. To simplify matters, and keep working expenses low, the names of those nominated to be given in CAGE BIRDS, and members asked to send their votes in a given time on post-card.

5. Hon. solicitors should be appointed, who would undertake to advise poor fanciers after investigation by a local committee on legal points when they fell in the clutches of the law.

6. Admonitory measures should be taken, and members (or, maybe, non-members too) warned and given caution if discovered breaking any just laws, or Society rules or regulations. It should be made clear that the League has no intention of running counter to any just laws or morals, and would not countenance the wilful breach of them.

7. A small annual subscription and entrance fee, too small to deter even the poorest bird-keeper joining, should be instituted—say, entrance fee of 6d. (and free until a given date), and an annual subscription of 6d. This to entitle a member to a small badge or card of membership. Larger voluntary subscriptions, and donations, to be accepted. Donations of certain amount to confer "life membership."

8. Working expenses to be kept as low as possible. But free leaflets might be issued for distribution, explaining doubtful bird laws or regulations, giving advice on certain matters as may be deemed necessary or advisable by the council from time to time. All surplus funds to be utilised as occasion offers to guard or protect the interests of fanciers, or defray the expenses of, and procure legal assistance for, poor bird-keepers who are unjustly prosecuted by misguided if well-meaning persecutors. Such a case as the Bennett case, now pending, is just such a one as the League might have taken in hand and fought to the end had it been in existence and had sufficient funds at its disposal.

9. The name should be "Cage Birds League," as you have it. It is terse, pointed, pithy, and not cumbersome (a great point), and will catch on. Therefore stick to it, and do not be tempted to name this child "An Association for the Propagation of Good Fellowship and Mutual Aid amongst Cultivators of Captive Specimens of Ornithology." No, not that! Name it "Cage Birds League."—CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side only of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed* **the Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Cannot Grow Tail.

W.E.F.—As the bird appears in good health and is otherwise in good plumage I should suspect some mechanical cause as the most likely explanation of its inability to grow a full tail before losing it again. You should first find out whether the bird plucks out the quills itself, or knocks them out by fluttering wildly about the cage or, if caged with others, whether the other birds pluck them out, or whether mice are probably the culprits when the bird is roosting at night. If none of these causes appear correct, cage the bird alone in a moderate-sized cage. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Three times a week for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flour of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash. On two other days each week give a similar quantity of a mixture of millet, inga, teazle, and maw seeds. Give a leaf of dandelion three or four times a week, and add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel to the water every third day for a month. If the half-grown feathers begin to drop out again, remove them all and carefully anoint the skin whence they spring with carbolised vaseline daily for a few days, and continue the above treatment. Shall be glad to hear result in a month.

A Clouded Success.

A Novice.—Your letter does not give sufficient details as to your feeding and management of the old and young birds about the time you separated them, but I think the solution of the mystery lies in some error of feeding. Did you continue to supply the old birds with egg food after you separated the young from them by a wire division, and also see that the young were provided with a perch or stand of some kind by the wire partition so that they could stand comfortably for the old birds to feed them through the wires. The cock would almost certainly have fed them if there was nothing to hinder him doing so. Then at a month old the young should have had access to canary and rape seed, and not been limited to egg food and crushed hemp. The hemp also might not have been good, in which case that alone would account for the deaths. As you are taking "Our Canaries," you cannot do better than adhere rigidly to the advice given therein in the coming season. I should certainly consider last season's old hen worth trying again this season, as she appears to have done her duty as well as could be reasonably expected. You could, of course, run the two hens with the cock, and thus increase your chances. Foster parents do not appear to have been necessary in your case last season. I never tried Mules as fosters myself, so cannot say from experience. Better address a query to our Mr. Weston on this point. There is no charge for these replies. Always glad to be of assistance.

Samples of Canary (E. H.).—Both samples are good, and quite suitable for feeding Canaries. No. 1 is the best of the two, being plumper and rather better ripened.

Roller in Aviary (Drewton).—It is doubtful whether the Roller would sing quite as much in a large aviary among a mixed collection of foreign Finches, and in such surroundings its song would be practically certain to deteriorate in quality very quickly. If you value the Roller's song, I would not advise you to make this change.

Tasteless Pepper (Colour).—Chemists and druggists do not stock the tasteless pepper used for colour-feeding Canaries, unless they happen to run a side branch of business to supply bird foods and fanciers' requisites, as many do in country places and very small towns. You should enquire at corn chandlers, or of general seedsmen who also deal in poultry and bird foods; or, better still, see our advertisement columns during the season, beginning about July, where you will find advertisers offering it for sale under the above name, or as "Red Feed" or "Colour Food," and can obtain it through the post.

Sleeping on Floor, Etc. (Spivinix).—(1) As the bird is quite well and lively, there is nothing to worry about at all, because he prefers to sleep on the floor sometimes. He perhaps finds that the cosiest place. If you have a light in the room after roost time, do not remove it or put it out too suddenly until you know the birds are all on the perches. Beyond this nothing else is required. (2) It would be quite safe to use sawdust during the breeding season. But you must keep up a supply of clean, fresh sand, as you suggest, and not use the same over and over again as long as it lasts, because the hens will probably pick it over and soon exhaust it of all calcareous matter for shelling eggs during the period of laying and just prior to it. (3) Give this hen a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with sugar every second day for a week, and on the alternate days add to the water four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of columba, and aromatic sulphuric acid.

Fertilisation (Spike).—Your query does not make it very clear what you really wish to know. If you mean what is the shortest time that can elapse between fertilisation and the laying of the egg, I do not know of any actual record. But in normal conditions the safe average period is between 30 and 40 hours—or, say, a hen mated on Monday afternoon, may be expected to lay a fertile egg on Wednesday morning. This is, of course, assuming the birds are both virile and in full vigour, and the hen in a sufficiently forward condition for egg-laying. Naturally, anything that tends to hinder the progress or final stages of development of the egg will increase the period that elapses between its fertilisation and deposition.

A Vicious Yorkshire ("Peck," Burnley).—The way your bird behaves is merely an indication of his tameness, and shows that he has lost practically all fear of you. He is simply challenging you to fight or play with him, and if you gently poked your finger towards him between the wires at the end of his perch you would probably find him apparently go in a rage and fight it with beak and claws quite vigorously, but without doing it any damage at all, and if you went on to offering it a hemp seed, or any tit-bit, between the thumb and finger he would quickly take it, and in a short time you could, by encouraging its confidences, have quite a charming pet that would come and perch on your hand. Probably few would wish to "break him of the habit," but if you still wish to do so, pay as little attention to him as possible beyond proper feeding and cleaning, and mate him up during the coming season.

Norwich Cock Moulting (Dartford).—The bird probably got a slight chill last moulting season which checked the moult and caused it to remain in abeyance until the spring was approaching. This is no very unusual circumstance when the check comes just as the moult is beginning. Keep the bird in a fairly warm place, quite free from draughts, and extreme fluctuations, and in addition to the staple of plain canary seed give half a teaspoonful of rape every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and linseed. Two leaves of dandelion may be given about every second day, and in the drinking water give 20 drops of chemical food three times a week until the bird is quite over the moult. Sorry the previous letter you mention did not reach me.

Bad Colds (A.C.).—I suspect these birds have been treated injudiciously and exposed to draughts or damp, or both. You should now keep them in a comfortably warm, not necessarily overheated, but equable place, quite free from these causes, and feed and treat them as advised to "R.O.N." As regards breeding, you will probably get nothing but disappointment out of these hens, and I would strongly advise you to discard them, and replace with sound, healthy 1910 birds, which will bring you far more pleasure and encouragement. If your hens are really unflighted ones, as you call them, they, of course, are 1910 bred, which, in view of their present condition, only makes them so much the more unsuitable for breeding.

Terror of the Night (Devon Lad).—Satisfy yourself that the birds in the flight are not exposed to draught, or the one that suffers does not roost in a place apart from the others where it is draughty. Remove this one to a smaller cage and keep her in a comfortably warm but not overheated place, quite free from draughts, extremes of heat and cold, and impure or foul air, and feed and treat her as advised to "R.O.N.," except that you should give the eucalyptus mixture two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. If you value good sound healthy young that will "wear well," you will not breed with this hen.

Swelling under Eye (L.N.).—Your second letter puts rather a different complexion on the case. Continue painting the swelling sparingly with iodine about every second day, but cease doing so for a time if the skin becomes sore, until it is healed again. Prick the contents and evacuate swelling only when it gets full of fluid and appears uncomfortable. Each time this is done bathe it quite clean with a warm solution of boracic acid—a teaspoonful of acid dissolved in half a teacup of hot water—and anoint daily for a few days afterwards with carbolised vaseline. In addition to the staple seed diet give a small piece of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed twice a week, and for the next month give six drops of dandelion juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence in the water twice a week, and on two other days four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of columba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. Give a spray of chickweed or leaf of dandelion daily if obtainable.

Mating ("Nearly 16 now.").—(1) You have put the birds together too soon. Still, as they seem to be fairly forward, if the hen shows any signs of beginning to build in earnest by the time this appears, leave them alone, and let matters follow their own course, though you would certainly have done better to have left them apart until the end of this month. On this matter you should read the article in "Cage Birds Annual," on "How to Become a Successful Breeder." The lining of your nest pans should have been fixed in securely with paste, or a dab of glue or similar adhesive at the bottom and around the sides before you put them in the cage. You may do this now if the hen has not already built a nest. If she has made a good nest you can dispense with the felt lining. (2) It depends upon the forwardness and also the temperament of the birds how long it takes them to get settled and start to build. Some birds will settle down amicably almost in a few minutes, and, if sufficiently forward, commence building in a day or two. Others may continue more or less quarrelsome until incubation commences, and may be together three or four weeks, or even longer, before building. If kept apart until really ready for mating they will usually start building in a week, and have commenced sitting at end of a fortnight.

Gas and Young (Young Canary).—Provided a room is of fair size and well ventilated and the birds not hung near enough the gas burners to be affected by the heat from them when lit, nor above them, so as to be exposed to the fumes from the lights, I do not consider the presence of gas in the least degree detrimental to the health of Canaries kept in the same room. A nest of wild young—any of the Finches—taken and placed in a Canary's nest which has just lost its own young, or in a nest with only one or two youngsters of about the same size, would stand just as good a chance of being reared as a brood of young Canaries.

Wagging Tail (C. Alcock).—First see that all your seeds are quite sweet and sound, and as the birds often fly about the room all day you should see they have not access to pot plants, in the soil of which chemical fertilisers are mixed, as when birds have their liberty in this way they are very fond of digging about the soil of any pot plants they can get at. Feed on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give a half-teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. Three or four times a week give a little dandelion or watercress every second day. Add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and for the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of columba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Bare of Feather (Whitcinch).—Examine cage well for red mite, and if any are found thoroughly clear them out. Keep in a comfortably warm place, but not overheated, and out of reach of all draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flour of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal

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parts inga, linseed, millet, and teazle. Three or four times a week give a spray of green food. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a month.

Sneezing and Coughing (R. O. N.).—The birds are very likely exposed to draught or extremes of heat and cold. If so, you must see that these causes are quite removed. In addition to the staple diet of plain Canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape to each bird every second day, and on the alternate days for the next fortnight give a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Stop the egg food meanwhile. Three times a week give a young dandelion leaf or a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for one day only, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week.

Two Cocks (Torromont).—Glad to hear the bird previously enquired about is better. There is no reason why you should not breed with him this year. Give him a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a young leaf of dandelion, and 15 drops of chemical food in the water. This should suffice to tone him up and put in good condition. Feed the other on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana. Give a young leaf of dandelion three times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and after this dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big in the drinking water, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a fortnight.

To Avert Failure (W. J. T.).—The London breeding cage is a most unsuitable and unhygienic contrivance, and you would do well to discard it altogether in favour of the modern type of box cage with nest pans to hang in when required. If you are particularly anxious to get young from these birds, you might, as you suggest, try again with the same three birds, running them together alternately as before, but also putting up two common German hens, which you could run with one cock and entrust the eggs of the other hens to these common ones to hatch and rear. If the other hens elect to sit at all this year, give them the eggs of the common hens to sit on in order to be on the safe side. This would be your best course, although it is just possible these hens might settle down better if the cock was left with them permanently. And if you wish to try that method, you could get a fresh cock for one of them. But even then I should advise you to put up the common feeders to be provided for any emergency.

Out of Condition (H. Hinkley, jun.).—You should have said how you feed and treat the bird, and in what way it is out of condition. You had better write again and give some particulars on these points, and meantime, keep the bird in a comfortable and equable place, quite free from draughts, and see that it is free from red mites. Meantime, feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Give a piece of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a week, and twice a week on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Three times a week give a little dandelion, and in the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Young Norwich Unwell (G.W.R.).—The bird may have been temporarily exposed to draught these variable days. Take due care on this score. In addition to the staple of plain canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for a week a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Limit the diet to this for a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six of each of glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. I take it the bird moulted properly last autumn.

Ailing Roller (Troubled).—As the ailment dates from the discovery of red mites, I have no hesitation in attributing the cause to one of two things—either the new cage in which you placed the bird is in a more variable or a draughty position, or you have been overdoing the bathing since then. I fancy the latter is the correct theory. Keep bird quite free from draughts and extremes of heat and cold, and allow it to bathe only on fine mild days, and in the morning. About twice a week will quite suffice until weather gets warmer and more settled. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of sponge cake as advised to "G.W.R.," and twice a week on the alternate days give a spray of green food or morsel of banana, and on two other days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and linseed. In the water give the same medicines as advised to "G.W.R.," but give the salts mixture for one day only, and continue the other mixture for a fortnight if necessary.

Cure for Pip (R.C.).—What is "the pip?" Unfortunately I do not know myself. It is probably one of those fictitious ailments which have no real existence. Some apply the term to a swollen or inflamed oil gland, others imagine it to be some mouth or tongue trouble. So you see you ought to have described what symptoms the bird shows and how you feed and treat it. Better write again and do this, and meantime give the bird a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a week give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a half teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and linseed. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week. If the oil gland appears inflamed, carefully anoint it for a day or two with carbolised vaseline. Do nothing else with it.

Canary Not Singing (John Morgan).—I rather doubt whether treatment will be needed for this bird by the time this appears. If he is still on this mortal plane, give plain canary seed only as staple. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a small piece of banana, and half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts summer rape, maw, and gold of pleasure. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky and ten of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards. Mixture: Two drams each oxymel of squills and glycerine, and one dram each chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, add six grains of iodide of potassium. Stop all other foods you have been giving; keep bird fairly warm and strictly avoid draughts.

Wheezy Norwich (Cobby).—If the bird has hitherto been accustomed to a warm room, you would do well to move him to a rather warmer room until the beginning of April. But see that it is in a fairly equable position—not too near a fire or burning lights, and quite free from draughts. If it has not been used to a warm room, you may let it remain where it is. In either case, treat it for a week or fortnight, as may appear necessary, the same as advised to "G.W.R." (2) Yes, groundsel, young and crisp, is good for Canaries. I prefer it, however, a little later on than this, and dandelion, chickweed, or watercress just now.

Failing to Hatch (Stonewall).—The very best way to equip yourself to avert all these little disappointments would be to get the part of "Our Canaries," already issued, which deals with all these details far more fully than it is possible to do here. I certainly would not advise you to give less grit. Follow the same course in these matters as last year, but when the eggs have been sitting twelve full days, immerse them (that is, on the thirteenth and fourteenth days) morning and evening, in a cup of quite warm water for a few moments. If they "chip" normally, leave them alone. If no signs of "chipping" on the morning of the fifteenth day, and the eggs bob about in the water, you may risk very carefully opening the large end to discover the position of the chick's beak, and then very carefully crack the shell round the smaller circumference crossing over the tip of the beak. Only attempt this when it is quite a matter of the chicks dying if left undone.

Yorkshire Plucking Itself (H. J. Smith.—First of all examine cage and bird carefully for insect pests—the cage for red mites and the bird for grey lice. If either are discovered eradicate as frequently described in this column. If neither are found, continue your present staple diet. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flour of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled with maw seed; on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed. Give a leaf of dandelion daily, and allow it to bathe freely in mild weather. In the drinking water add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week.

Room and Mating (G. F. C.).—If the room is free from damp and efficiently ventilated there is no reason why it should not do very well for breeding Rollers. If the window is made to open, this and a ventilator in the door, or at that end, might suffice, with the cages ranged on the north wall if it abuts on other buildings. The window would need to be fairly large to light all the cages, and it would have been a considerable improvement if it, or another one, had been in the south wall opposite the cages. Still these details do not make the room wholly unsuitable by any means. I should not regard a 1907 cock a good mate for a 1910 hen in Rollers. What one wants in breeding Rollers is a fair majority of cocks in the young, and you are not likely to get them by this mating. When there is so much disparity in the ages of a pair, as in this case, the youth should be on the male side when you want plenty of male progeny.

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Doubtful Sex (Stella).—I also "ha' ma' doots" of the German bird being a cock. If he has paid any such attention to his prospective mate as standing in a crouched attitude, with open beak and quivering wings, and squeaking at her, and occasionally calling to her and feeding her through the wires, it is just possible he may be a cock, but I am far more inclined to think he is not, and that if you put "him" up with a cock in good song "he" would soon present you with a bevy of baby Canaries.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

About a Bramblefinch (T.S.B.).—Follow the advice given "Fides" in this issue. The Bramble is a hardy bird, easy to feed and manage, and is no more difficult to moult (in my opinion) than a Linnet. One has trouble with some specimens, it is true; but, then, one has trouble with some Linnets.

Blackbird with a Cold (Jim).—Get a chemist to mix you one ounce each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and stir fresh daily a teaspoonful of this into about three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Keep the bird out of draughts and in an equable temperature. This remedy has been successful in a great number of cases.

A Barn Owl (H. G. Howard).—If you cannot undertake to supply the Owl with a reasonable amount of freshly-killed flesh food (mice, rats, Sparrows, etc.), I do not advise you to try to keep it. Other flesh (butcher's meat) can be utilised (the cheap portions, lights, etc.), while rabbit flesh and "innards," and the "innards" of fowls are excellent.

Pairing up a Chaffinch (W. P. Martin).—A cock Chaffinch has been said to have bred with a Canary, a Linnet, a Yellowhammer, a Bullfinch, and maybe other species, but the only generally-accepted Chaffinch hybrid is that between Chaffinch and Bramblefinch, of which a fair number have been seen upon the show bench. You can take your choice. The Chaffinch-Bullfinch, when it comes, will be pretty and very valuable.

Two Matters (Confederate).—(1) I cannot undertake to value birds without seeing them. Again, some people would pay more for a pied Robin than others. Even all-white Robins are not of very great rarity. I had two myself last spring. (2) A "jonque" Mule means a yellow Mule; a "mealy" is a buff. The same terms are applicable to Canaries, and have the same meanings.

Fly to the "Nutshells" (Sphinx).—The feeding, management, sexing, etc., of both Linnets and Goldfinches are fully dealt with in Cage Birds' "Nutshell" booklets, which I advise you to invest in (post free, 2½d.). Upon any special points I shall be glad to advise. Inga (or niga) seed is not "bad" for any bird providing it is used with discretion. A little given regularly to Linnets just after the moult serves to break them into song, and at this time of the year to bring them into breeding condition. It is a useful, stimulating, "rich," (oily) seed. With Goldfinches it can be used more freely (especially when they are newly-caught), but should not be given in the stock mixture.

Linnets (S.C.R.).—(1) Get a small quantity of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist, and in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water dissolve as much as will just cover a sixpenny-piece. Give fresh daily for a few days, and the watery, offensive nature of the Linnet's excrement will soon change for the better. (2) The best stock mixture for your Linnet is canary and teazle two parts each, best summer rape one part; by way of variety add occasionally a light sprinkling of charlock or linseed (not both at the same time). For full list of "tit-bits," follow the "Nutshell" booklet.

In a Recess (Constant Reader).—I have often explained that for various reasons much success in the breeding line is rarely achieved when a number of breeding pairs are thrown together in a limited area. (1) So far as I can tell the recess ought to answer. If you want a chance of young birds, then three or four pairs should be the limit. (2) Half-inch wire-netting will do; you could use five-eighths mesh. (3) Try one hen Bullfinch and three hen Canaries, with cocks of the following: Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and Redpoll. If you decide on three pairs (which would be best), leave out the Redpoll and one hen Canary. (4) It is not unusual for a non-house-moulted cock Greenfinch to breed Mules. Most cock Greenies soon get steady and "domesticated."

A Pied Blackbird (Gab).—A Blackbird marked in the manner described is not worth more than a few shillings. Pied Blackbirds are quite the commonest thing in the way of "freak" birds—even all-white ones are fairly common. Your specimen would not stand the slightest chance of getting a prize at the shows in any class for rare-feathered birds. If the bird is given a chance to bathe regularly, it will soon "straighten out" its plumage; sorry to hear you found it in such bad condition. We are not allowed by the rules to recommend particular advertisers. But any of the large fanciers' specialists using our advertisement columns would supply you with a suitable big bath.

Feeding a Jay, etc. (Avis).—The differences in the plumage of male and female Jay are very slight—not sufficient to guide the inexperienced in determining the sex, being mainly comparative (the male being a trifle brighter and richer). A Jay would live in a large Parrot cage, but I could not describe such a cage as suitable. A Jay wants a long, box cage, with the perches placed to afford him a good, long jump. As regards the food, use a good quality dog meal (such as "Melox" or Spratt's), thoroughly softened with hot water, and mixed with such table scraps (meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc.) as are from time to time available. This is the staple, and should be varied with dead mice, Sparrows, acorns, cracked nuts, berries, fruit, eggs, etc., according to season and circumstance. A Jay has a very accommodating appetite; some flesh food is essential.

Feeding Birds (Fides).—You will find the feeding of a Chaffinch fully dealt with in the "Nutshell" booklet upon the species (post free 2½d. from Cage Birds). If it is with "mixed British birds in indoor aviary," however, I don't quite see how you are going to get it to stick to any particular food (not that this matters much). The Bramblefinches should be fed on the same lines as the Chaffinch. The Yellowhammers will eat only canary seed. But all three species should have a little live food frequently (such as a mealworm or two), and a teaspoonful or two of a good quality insectile food, containing a fair percentage of ants' eggs.

About Hybrids (Novice).—You should read some good books, etc., on hybrid breeding, such as "Cage Bird Hybrids," Mr. Collins's article just published in Cage Birds, and Mr. Ovenstone's article in the 1911 Annual. (1) You will probably find the hen Bullies disagree and fight when the breeding season comes round. You would stand far more chance of success with one hen Bullie only, in each place, say. For the same reason, one cock Greenie only would be preferable. (2) I know of no instance in which the mating of cock Bramblefinch with hen Bullfinch has resulted in the production of hybrids. If no one tries, however, no one, of course, will ever succeed in showing us Bramble-Bullie hybrids. (3) Hen British birds are unreliable in captivity in the matter of incubating eggs and rearing young. Odd hens will do so; the great majority will not.

An Outdoor Aviary (L. M.).—You can pick and choose where you like from amongst the members of the Finch family (which, by-the-bye, includes the Buntings), except that the larger species (Hawfinch, Crossbill, Pine Grosbeak,), should be passed over. Only have one cock Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, and Yellowhammer. Twenty to twenty-four birds should thrive well in the place.

Together (No nom-de-plume).—I don't think you would find a cock Canary agree at one and the same time with a hen Canary and a hen Siskin. He would probably ignore the latter; he might, however, "pitch into her"—or the two hens indulge in a few rounds on their own. The best way is to run a cock Canary solely with the hen Siskin if you want Mules from the pair. No hen Britishers can be described as "good sitters and feeders," when in a cage; note reply to "Novice" this week.

A Stock Seed Mixture (Wullie).—Keep the following as a "stock mixture": Canary and teazle 2 parts each, summer rape 1 part, linseed a half-part. The Linnet and Canary will find this to their taste. The Goldie and Canary should be given a little hemp in addition, and now and again a little cracked sunflower. The Siskin and Greenfinch should be given a little sunflower (not cracked) in addition. Of course, you will hand the couples the usual "tit-bits" in the seed-line and greenfood-line (dandelion, etc.), as occasion demands.

A Trio (Glentone).—1.—It is quite true that a few instances of Mules (Goldfinch and Linnet) having bred have been recorded in "Cage Birds." There was quite a stir about the matter last year; did you not notice the correspondence upon the subject? 2. There is a slight chance that the hen Bullies may rear young in your aviary. Note other replies this week. 3. I am not the Canary specialist, remember. October to March is the chief Roller season. Two parts canary to one part summer rape is the seed mixture most generally advised.

Linnet with Red Head (G. Pincott).—As you will already have found out from our "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet, it is quite a common thing for the cock to have a red crown, also a red breast, when in breeding plumage in a state of nature. But are you sure that you have not got hold of a Redpoll, and are mistaking it for a Linnet? I have known beginners fall into this error. The Redpoll is smaller than the Linnet, has a call-note which sounds like "Jo-ey," and generally has more or less of a black mark on the throat (just under the beak), called a bib, a mark never found on a Linnet.

British Bird Querists should purchase our "British Bird Manual," published in two parts, "Hardbills" and "Softbills," price 1/- each, or in cloth cover together, 2/3 post free.

Another Outdoor Aviary (A. J. B.)—I don't think it necessary to take out any of the birds. You could add a hen Greenfinch and a hen Canary (or try a hen Chaffinch if you do not care to have the latter). The hen Greenfinch and hen Redpoll might succeed in rearing young. Your plan of removing the eggs to the nests of Greenfinches, etc., outside, and hand-rearing any young after they have attained a suitable age, is quite feasible and good, though, of course, decidedly troublesome and time-consuming. I know of cases where Hybrids have been reared by the adoption of this method.

Pairing Up (E. Beaumont).—The "proper" time to pair up is, of course, when both the cock and the hen are ready to breed. But birds can be paired (i.e., run together), whenever the owner chooses—all through the winter if he likes. I always think it policy, for instance, to give untried cock Goldfinches a run for a time amongst hen Canaries, so that they may become familiarised with them. But a proved breeder need not be put in with his mate until she is showing signs of readiness to nest. Again, you can't get fertile eggs from any Goldfinch unless he is stout in song, has a clear, or practically clear beak, and is properly "sprung" (which examination of the vent will show). There is no hard and fast "proper time"; one needs to deal with each couple on their merits, so to speak. It does not matter whether the hen is Yorkshire or Norwich in type; Mules can be bred from either, but those from Norwich hens are generally the best in substance and colour. Your yellow hen will answer very well, I should think. Whoever told you that it is "proper to have a buff hen," I can only describe as being "up the pole" (if you will pardon a phrase more expressive than elegant).

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

Parrot in Poor Feather.

Nemo.—A Parrot that does not care to bathe must be sprayed (use a fine sprayer) and even in winter this should be done once a week, and twice a week in the summer; of course, at any season, keeping the bird carefully out of draught till dry, more especially so during the winter. Choose a genial day for the spraying, and about noon is the best time, and with ordinary care the bird should not take a chill. Confine the dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, with grit, cuttlebone and water. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food, continuing this treatment till the plumage is fine and tight.

In Poor Condition.

E.W.D.—This bird will need careful nursing, it possibly strained its legs at the time it got entangled in its cage. As its lower mandible is cracked, I should advise giving it a little boiled maize daily, say about one tablespoonful; it only keeps fresh for twenty-four hours and must be prepared fresh daily; boil till soft, then drain away all water and drop over it a little Parrish's Chemical Food. Diet as under: Seed mixture—two parts each Canary and white millet seed, and one part each crushed oats, hemp, dari, paddy rice and sunflower seed—well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, shelled walnuts and plain biscuits, the latter can be moistened with chemical food and water. A pinch of grit to be added to the daily supply of seed mixture and a piece of clean cuttlebone kept in the cage. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, nor yet any kind of animal food. See our "Nutshell Booklet on the Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free, from our Manager.

For Outdoor Aviary.

Avadavat.—You ought not to put anything out either in shed or flight—unless you can warm the shed—till middle of April or early May, according to the season. If you purchase birds now it would be better to keep them in your living-room (out of draught) till May, when they can be put out and left out. Of course, if you can purchase from some other outdoor aviary and know you are getting them from such, you can put them out at once, shutting them into the inner compartment at dusk during bad weather. Get our Nutshell booklet on Waxbills, 2½d. post free from our Manager. The following pairs should do well with you: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Grey and Green Singing Finches, White Java Sparrows, Green Avadavats, Zebra (Golden-breasted) and St. Helena Waxbills, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Long-tailed and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, and a pair of small Painted Quails.

African Grey Parrots.

African Grey.—I should want almost the scope of a three vol. novel to adequately cover your query; however, I'll do what I can. In the first place, I expect these birds would attempt to nest in quite early spring, but they mature so slowly that there would be no placing of the time of the first nest; one could only provide the accommodation and wait with what patience one could command. December is the nesting season, following close after the rains. The natives mostly take young birds; adults are occasionally imported. Greys are nearly always on the market, but early spring is about the best time to buy and keep them warm till acclimatised. The other matters you refer to, not being an importer of birds I have failed to note—some birds come to hand practically by each steamer. They have been bred in captivity; in one instance, August was the month chosen, and incubation lasted about one month, and the young were fully three months before they left the nest. Hope I have met your need, and that you'll have luck if you contemplate breeding this interesting species.

Aviery for Budgerigars. M. P. R.—In your aviary you could keep a pair of either Ring-neck, or Moustache, or Rosella Parrakeets; also pairs of Blue-wing Lovebirds, Madagascar Lovebirds and Red Crested Cardinals. Only the Rosellas would be more costly than the value you stipulate. All the above would thrive on a seed mixture of Canary, white millet, paddy rice, hemp, oats and sunflower seed; green food, ripe fruit, nuts plain biscuit, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. Put out in May, all the above could be left out of doors all the year round.

Green Amazon not Talking (J. Hewett): Some few individuals of Amazons do not talk much. I would put this bird in a room by itself as soon as convenience and weather permit; by itself means away from the other Parrots, but in the company of humans; pet it, talk to it, train it by constant repetition, and with conversation going on round it, it ought to increase its vocabulary. I should give this bird a few doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in the drinking water—with three days between each dose. On the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. It ought to come on all right, but Parrots are jealous creatures, and this bird will doubtless do better by itself.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Procuring Grey Parrots (Novices).—It is a case of watching our advert. columns; you will see these advertised on arrival and should get a good, newly-imported young bird for about 25s. Do not purchase the cheapest, and stipulate when making the purchase (if you do not see it first) that it is in good feather. Newly imported Greys need careful nursing at first, warmth and quiet, till they become steady and have settled down and become accustomed to you. You would find full details as to treatment, etc., in our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot and how to keep it," 2½d. post free, from our manager.

Budgerigars and Cardinals (Drivton).—No Budgerigars and Cardinals agree well together, occasionally a Cardinal may get a leg broken or a wing damaged from the too playful beak of a Budgerigar, but as a rule there are no mishaps. The young getting out of nest before being able to fly is of frequent occurrence, they get active and crowd to the front for food and follow their parent to the mouth of the nest importuning for food and fall out; as a rule they do themselves no hurt, and the parents usually soon find them and duly feed them, and they soon learn to climb about and fend for themselves. See our Nutshell Booklet on Budgerigars, 2½d., post free, from our Manager.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Photographic Group (J. R. Colville).—We shall be pleased to receive the photograph when ready, and will find a place for it in one of our supplements.

Distributing Calendars (W. Clough).—Our manager will be pleased to forward a parcel of calendars; thanks for your kind promise to distribute them.

A Message (Jeremiah Jones).—We hope your message is something nice, but being written in Welsh, we are unable to understand it, a knowledge of that beautiful (looking) language being the one thing lacking in the long list of our accomplishments. Try again in English, please.

A Photograph (R. Dallman).—Sorry, but the photograph you send is much too blurred and indistinct to permit of its being reproduced. For the latter purpose photographs must be very clear and sharp.

Allegations of Fraud (N. E. How).—It is impossible for us to publish general allegations of this nature, which only serve to cast suspicion in unwarranted places. If you will bring to our notice any specific instance where you have been defrauded by any dealer we will at once take steps to have justice done you.

Official Duties (A. Wadsworth).—You would, we think, find some useful hints upon the conduct of meetings and the duties of secretary and chairman in a booklet entitled "How to Read, Write, and Debate," published by Messrs. Long and Co., 186, Fleet Street, London. It is only 2d., post free.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual pair show held February 22nd, at Mr. Nash's Sale Rooms (kindly lent for the occasion). Although not so many entries as usual, some splendid birds were staged, which should, with luck, breed something worth looking at. One particular member I must give great credit to for staging, namely, Mr. H. C. Smith; this member takes as much trouble over a members' show as for an open competition. Entries numbered 121. Special for best pair open, Mr. H. C. Smith; for best single novice, Mr. W. Chedgey. Points for Canary cup: Mr. H. C. Smith, 34; runners-up, Messrs. E. Thomas 32, J. W. Dummett 32, S. F. Whetton, 31. British and Foreign bird cup: Mr. E. Thorne had it all his own way, scoring 42; Mr. A. Shellam, 9, for Mule or Hybrid, gold medal. Judges: Mr. F. D. Jones (Norwich, British, Mules, and Foreign), and Mr. T. H. Melhuish (Yorks.).

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 3, Thomas; 2, Dummett. BUFF: 1, 4, Thomas; 2, Dummett; 3, Chedgey; vhc, Simons. HEN: 1, Dummett; 2, 4, Thomas; 3, Chedgey. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, Dummett; 2, Chedgey; 3, vhc, Thomas; 4, Hopson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Thomas; 2, Dummett. NOVICE YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Chedgey. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Chedgey; 3, Hopson. PAIRS: 1, 4, Hopson; 2, Chedgey; 3, vhc, Simons; hc, Roberts. YORKS., YELL. CK.: 1, 4, Smith; 2, Wilson; 3, Whetton; vhc, James; hc, c, Merritt. BUFF: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Wilson; 4, Whetton; vhc, Merritt; hc, Negus; c, James. HEN: 1, Negus; 2, 3, Smith; 4, hc, Wilson; vhc, Whetton; c, James. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, spl, 2, Smith; 3, hc, Wilson; 4, vhc, Negus; c, Merritt. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Smith; 2, Wilson; 3, Negus; 4, Merritt; vhc, James; hc, Whetton; c, Wells. NOVICE YELL.: 1, James; 2, vhc, Merritt; 3, Wells; 4, Whetton. BUFF: 1, James; 2, Whetton; 3, 4, Merritt; vhc, Wells. PAIRS: 1, Whetton; 2, James; 3, 4, Merritt; vhc, Wells. CAN., MULING PAIRS: 1, Simons; 2, 3, Roberts. A.O.V.: 1, Roberts. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Shellam. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Thorne; 3, Dummett; 4, W. Harrington. BULLFINCH: 1, Thorne. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Thorne. A.O.S. HARD-BILLED: 1, Thorne. A.V. SOFT-BILLED: 1, Thorne. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Thorne.—J. W. Dummett, Sec.

I have taken Cage Birds ever since I started keeping Canaries, and find it very interesting and useful.—H. Davidson (Lockerbie).

Permit me to thank you for your illustration of my winner in the Champion Young Bird Class at the British Roller Canary Club show. It is an excellent sketch of this fine singer.—F. E. Fisher (South Woodford).

I am a novice in the bird fancy, only starting last season, but thanks to the valuable hints I read in Cage Birds and in that valuable book for beginners by Claude St. John, I have had a successful season with a few birds.—H. Robinson (London, S.E.).

The balance-sheet of the 1910 show of the Launceston F.A. shows a balance at the bank after paying all expenses of £6 6s. 6d., which is a creditable result, and one upon which the sec. (Mr. N. H. Reed) and the Society as a whole may congratulate themselves.

The 1911 syllabus of the Cheltenham C.B.S. is a very comprehensive and representative one. It includes lectures on Canaries, British birds, Mules, foreign birds, wild seeds, etc., judging competitions, an annual outing, a food-mixing demonstration, etc. The Secs. of the Society are Messrs. A. S. Treasure and W. Pounsett, Idahoe, Oakland Av., Cheltenham.

I was agreeably surprised and gratified to find that my yellow Norwich hen was depicted in Cage Birds Annual, writes Mr. W. Spillman (Devonport). I bred her from one of my smallest hens, although she herself is the largest and most typical yellow hen I ever had. I must admit there was plenty of size on the cock's side. Strange as it may seem, the runner-up for the Plymouth Cup was also a hen, bred from my best yellow hen, which had the previous year won the same distinction.

I need hardly say how delighted I was on getting good old Cage Birds of Feb. 18, to find such a grand drawing of my unflighted yellow Yorksbires therein. Allow me to give you and your artist, Mr. Norman, my best thanks. I bred them from birds I bought from Messrs. Forse and Son, of Leyton, and Mr. F. Easterling, of Battersea—gentlemen I am proud to call friends, who have at all times been ever ready to help and advise. With the aid of Cage Birds I am looking forward to breeding a few more this season.—Alfred Skinner (Stratford, E.).

Lovers of the photographic art and of nature photography will welcome No. 1 of "The Nature Photographer," the official organ of the Nature Photographic Society. The Society hope to publish the journal quarterly, and the pages will, it is promised, be illustrated with some of the finest photographs of unique and rare natural history subjects, with explanations of the methods adopted for obtaining them. The first number, which lies before us as we write, augurs well for the future. The Editor of the journal is Mr. Carl Edwards, F.N.P.S. (Secretary and Treasurer of the above-named Society), from whom (Woodlesford, Leeds) copies of the magazine may be had on application.

A veritable cyclists' encyclopædia is the new catalogue of Rudge-Whitworth bicycles. It illustrates and gives full details of nearly 100 models for 1911, together with the prices, and includes the Rudge Motor Bicycle. There are several pages devoted to exclusive features of the Rudge-Whitworth, an extensive compendium of cycle accessories, and several pages giving the names and prices of every part of a bicycle, as illustrated on the large folding chart which is enclosed in a specially arranged pocket in the cover of the catalogue. This book is invaluable to all cyclists, whether riders of Rudge-Whitworths or not, and the value of the large folding chart cannot be over-estimated. As this encyclopædia is sent post free to all applicants we strongly recommend cyclists or intending cyclists to write for one at once. Immediate attention will be given to any letter that mentions Cage Birds. Write to Messrs. Rudge-Whitworth, Ltd., Coventry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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The Management of Gouldian Finches.

SIR,—In my article on the management of Gouldian Finches, which appeared in last week's issue of your paper, I omitted one very important item, as follows: When the birds have been in possession of a person about two weeks (not less), they then require a constant supply of shell grit, I myself preferring crushed oyster shell (fine), of which they consume a large amount. When nesting give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia at least once a week, as they do not take the exercise required when nesting, and hence trouble then ensues. Also allow me to state that upon going round my birds yesterday (Sunday) I found one pair sitting upon eggs, both cock and hen on nest together, which they have built in a large rush nest. Some of the others are in roller wicker cages, and some in cocoanut husks with tops removed.

ARTHUR J. B. O'NEILL.

Proposed Linnet Club for Manchester and District.

SIR,—I have been requested to ask the Linnet fanciers around Manchester, through CAGE BIRDS, if they are in favour of forming a Linnet Singing Club. I am sure by the number of fanciers who have asked about it there is every chance of making it a success. I might mention that Mr. Kremmer (bird specialist, of Tib Street) has promised a special prize for a contest in this district, and would, I am certain, give every support to a club of its kind. I would be pleased to see any fancier who would assist me in this effort; or they can write me, when I will reply to them. Will Linnet Club secretaries kindly advise me if they would pay a visit with their birds to assist in making it a success? Any information which will tend to the formation of a club I will be pleased to receive.

BENJ. WHARTON.

13, Mitton Street, Stanley Grove, Longsight.

Scottish Metropolitan Open Derby O.A.

SIR,—We circulated our membership tickets for 1911 amongst a very large number of Scotch Fancy and Belgian exhibitors a few days ago. Possibly some fanciers may have been overlooked, and, if so, should they apply to any of the undernoted a copy will be despatched per return. Those who have received extra copies, we desire them to assist us in disposing of them, and likewise wish all present member to do their very best in helping us to secure others. We request the fanciers to examine Rule 2, that our association, for the very small sum of 3s., gives the privilege of showing ten birds and free admission to show. (No entry fees are charged.) Also in Rule 4 it says that all cash left over, after meeting working expenses, is paid as prize money, distributed equally over each class. The date for joining the association terminates on May 31. But with a view to saving the heavy expenditure incurred by printing recall notices and the postages thereon, we will esteem it a favour if fanciers will send in their replies by the first week in May. During our three years as a "Derby" we were splendidly supported, as our membership proves—namely, 178, 133, 132—which was very highly appreciated by us. Yet we are of the opinion that our list could with ease be substantially increased. We have set ourselves the task of doing so, and it is to you, gentlemen, that we look for the springing of this about.

C. R. DRYSDALE, Hon. Pres.; W. THORNTON, Hon. Vice.-Pres.; J. R. MEIKLE, Secretary, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

Climbing the Yorkshire Exhibition Ladder.

SIR,—We are sorry that we have offended Mr. Taylor with the letter you published on the 18th. We see that he charges us with making statements which we know to be untrue. We think that if Mr. Taylor had read carefully, and not jumped to conclusions so hot-headed, he would find we said that the hen alluded to was claimed (but we did not say who by), and then successfully shown by Mr. Taylor. We find that he acknowledges for the first time that he had had the bird, which is something to our credit. Then he says that we knew the bird was never shown at Crystal Palace. Whether this is so or not we will leave your readers to judge for themselves after they read the following. After breeding a good bird, and winning with it, and only being novices, we naturally followed it from show to show, noticing the reports, which was quite easy, because we knew Mr. Taylor had it, and were quite familiar with its markings. Then it changed hands again, and we were told by three different persons where it had gone to, and the gentleman indicated showed a bird at the Crystal Palace, winning 2nd prize, which was (according to reports) identically the same in markings and everything. Moreover, we were told by a fellow fancier who was going backwards and forwards to Mr. Taylor's at the time, that it was the bird we used to have. Mr. Taylor says it is a cheap way of advertising; now in this Mr. Taylor is sadly wrong, as we have no need to advertise our birds, as they advertise themselves.

BLACKBURN AND MITCHELL.

What Constitutes an Evenly-marked Mule.

SIR,—To "err is human," and Mr. Weston's letter in your issue of last week is another proof of the truth of this old adage. No one who knows Mr. Weston will deny his ability and bona-fides, but his judgment in wrong-classing an admittedly even-marked Mule in a class open to even-marks is somewhat incomprehensible to me. He apparently based his decision on a standard other than that provided by the schedule under which he was judging. Mr. W. cannot, and, I believe, does not, try to maintain that the bird disqualified was not evenly marked, but argues that a two-pointed bird should be shown in an unevenly-marked class, a manifest absurdity unless specifically provided for in the schedule. My object is not to blame Mr. Weston, however, but to call attention to the fantastic manner in which our language is distorted by some fanciers whose knowledge of birds exceeds their familiarity with the significance of words. Why should they place a meaning on words totally opposed to the one generally recognised? For instance, no one but a fancier would designate a splash or blot as a "tick"; and what a meaningless word "point" is when applied to the markings on a bird. I feel sure the interest of aviculture would be better forwarded by the universal adoption of a more exact terminology and by discarding technical terms inconsistent with their usual meaning and which naturally lead to misunderstanding. G. H. COUZENS.

SIR,—The process of reasoning by which Mr. Couzens arrives at the conclusion that I, personally, was in error, is quite as incomprehensible to me as my action appears to be to him. The present-day custom that a two-pointed bird shall not compete as an even-mark is not one for which I am personally responsible. Then why blame poor me? Mr. Couzens is entitled, of course, to look upon it as absurd that the Border Fancy Club, the Yorkshire Canary Club, and the National British Bird and Mule Club should decide that a two-pointed bird must compete not as an even-marked, but as an unevenly-marked bird. It seems to me, however, not altogether inconceivable that the fanciers who arrived at this decision considered they were acting in the best interests of the varieties over whose welfare they preside. Still, "It's never too late to mend," and possibly Mr. Couzens' letter will serve to show them the error of their ways. It is news to me that I based my decision "on a standard other than that provided by the schedule." The schedule nowhere states that two-pointed birds are to compete as even-marks (nor do the L. and P.O.S. rules), or that judges are not to be guided by present-day customs obtaining in the Fancy. The fact that two competitors actually entered the only remaining two-pointed birds in the unevenly-marked class surely clearly shows—(1) that there was a difference of opinion as to the proper class in the schedule for two-pointed birds; and (2) that a majority of owners of two-pointed birds considered the unevenly-marked class as the correct one. Had I been exhibiting, instead of judging, I should certainly have looked upon the uneven class as the place for my own two-pointed Mules. And I am afraid that even the prospect of earning the approbation of Mr. Couzens will never seduce me into wrongclassing birds which I think I am justified in considering as being in their right class, and giving prizes to birds I consider in their wrong class. Whether two-pointed Mules ought to compete with four and six pointed is another matter, and one which I must leave in the hands of those most interested, viz., our breeders and exhibitors of Mules, and the committees of shows. The latter can put in their schedules, "Evenly-marked, two, four, or six pointed," or "Evenly-marked, four or six pointed," when exhibitors will know where they are, so to speak, and judges cease from making "errors" (except, poor fellows, in other matters).

G. E. WESTON.

SIR,—I thank Mr. Weston for his letter. It is full of evidence that the present state of affairs under this head is anything but satisfactory. Let me assure my friend that the thought of a pre-conceived connection between Mr. House's article and the wrong classing of a mule at the Crystal Palace never entered my head. Mr. House's article dealt somewhat fully with a point which had been accentuated by Mr. Weston's action at the Palace, and the clear evidence in other correspondence of the lack of unanimity in the Fancy on this point helped to persuade me that some clearer, general and widespread understanding was necessary. Hence my letter. I raised no dispute over the wisdom or right of the Yorkshire Clubs, the Border Club, or the N.B.B. and M.C. to adopt their own specific views on the matter. Let that be clear. They have a right to put their specials in competition under conditions such as they please. I go further and say, that I attach great weight to the views of these specialist clubs. I even go further still and concede that their views when adopted may be for the benefit of the Fancy at large. But even these concessions do not remove the patent fact that there is a lack of general agreement on the score of what constitutes even-marking. I did not intend to *criticise* Mr. Weston's action; I did not do so. It was merely a reference in illustration of my point, and as such I adhere to it. The knowledge and experience I have so generously had attributed to me by my friend, Mr. Weston, may be deserved or may not, but it has taught me that it would be *infra dig* in the acutest sense were I to criticise personally in a letter to the Fancy Press the conduct of one of my fellow judges at a show. Hence I am not called upon, and ought not to be called upon, neither will I accede to the call, to place in juxtaposition to Mr. Weston's award what I would have done under similar circumstances. Here is the gist in a nutshell of the aim and object I had in view when I wrote my letter. I give it in my own words: "I am not objecting to the Yorkshire Fancy's version, but should like to see an universal 'law' as the result of an appeal to the wide commonalty of Canarydom. Let it be made apparent, once and for all, to those who do not see it at present, what is an evenly marked bird, and what is not. It is quite certain, no matter what some of us may conclude, that there is by no means a general concensus of opinion upon the point." This view is supported by Mr. House's bold assertion of the existence of a strange "paradox" in Yorkshire Club "law." And may I take the liberty of calling Mr. Weston's attention also to a deadly proof of the force of my contention that there is no general understanding to be found in his own reply to me? Mr. Weston says: "Now at the Palace my unfortunate position was this: I found one two-pointed bird in the 'even marked' class, and three two-pointed birds in the 'unevenly-marked or variegated' class, so I had no option but to hand out a 'wrong class' ticket to someone or other. I came to my decision on what seemed to me the present-day custom on the matter." That is a plain statement, and a logical conclusion for Mr. Weston to arrive at, shall we say, from the point of view from which he looked at it. The person who attributes bias to such a decision is unworthy of notice. But the difficulty remains—the exhibitors clearly were not of one mind as to the eligibility of a two-pointed bird, hence one of them had to suffer. I am aware there will always be sufferers by reason of stupidity or wilfulness, but in this case I argue that it was on account of the lack of a clearly defined rule. Mr. House lays down—not of himself, for he declares it to be a "paradox"—but from the point of view of the Yorkshire Fancy, the "law." Mr. Weston decides his point, and with great show of reason, on "custom." But the "paradox" remains. The Fancy at large is not sure of its ground, that is certain. Can we not—for Mr. House, Mr. Weston, and myself may be nearer to agreement than either of us may perhaps, at the moment see—set some plan going which will settle this point once and for all, and give Mr. Weston his ardent desire of affording every exhibitor "a run for his money?"

G. G.

SIR,—Mr. Gardner's first letter seemed to me to express surprise and a measure of dissent at my "wrong-classing" a two-pointed Mule because of the Yorkshire Club's rule that a two-point shall not compete as an even-mark. He stated: "Mr. Weston applied the rule to Mules. . . . It is scarcely an answer to critics to quote the Yorkshire law. Such, it is apparent, is not the general law. . . . It seems to me that the Yorkshire specialist clubs never intended, neither do they wish, that their 'law' should be general in its appreciation to other varieties." The whole trend of Mr. Gardner's letter seemed to me to be that I unjustifiably applied the Yorkshire "law" to another variety—Mules, to wit. It is true that I did not do anything of the kind, but if Mr. Gardner writes thusly concerning a fellow-judge's action, it is surely a small matter to ask in return how he himself would have dealt with the situation. However, as Mr. Gardner now says definitely that he did not criticise my action, my view of his first letter was clearly a mistaken one. With his desire for a complete understanding as to what shall constitute an "even-marked" bird, I am in entire sympathy. There should be a universally accepted definition. And the same remark applies to "What is a tick?" "What constitutes a Novice?" etc., etc.

G. E. WESTON.

Hints on Norwich Plainhead Breeding and Rearing.

SIR,—The first thing I would like to tell the beginner is about the buying of birds. He should buy a marked yellow cock and buff hen. The reason for a marked yellow cock is to get colour. Have the cock as large as possible. You need not expect fineness of feather when buying a large one; it does not matter if it is a little rough as it will be easy to get a fine feathered small buff hen. From this pair you will get a very good show yellow hen. Now about the pairing. The first thing is to trim the birds' beaks, claws, and tails, especially hens' tails, as dirt often gets on them. Beginners should be very careful where they put their cage—not put it in a draught. Give plenty of light, and be careful not to alter the cage after pairing. When the young come, I give no egg food on the first day, but give eggs and biscuit on the second day, and green-meat till they leave their nest. After they leave, put them in a nursery cage alongside the breeding cage for about a week, so that the cock can feed them through the wires. After that put the young into a long cage, and give very little egg food, and no green food, and crush their seed for four or five weeks, also put water both inside cage and outside cage. Watch their claws; if these get "slipped," put in a broad spar perch), and the claws will come right. When colour-feeding, the main thing is to keep out the light, which can be done by a curtain.

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How to Solder with Resin.

SIR,—Your correspondent, "Linnet," like many others for cage work, cannot get liquid spirits to stay on the job, so he is advised to try another liquid. "Linnet" is doubtless capable of soldering, so let him stick to his iron or blow lamp, whichever tool he prefers, and for a flux that will stick to the work he must use a paste. I have always used the advertised Fluxite Paste, which I see another correspondent recommends, and I have never had any trouble whatever.

JOHN BUSH.

The Hemsworth and Dis. C.B.S.

SIR,—A meeting was held on February 8th, at the King's Head Hotel, Hemsworth, when it was decided to form a society, to be called the Hemsworth and District Cage Bird Society, with headquarters at the King's Head Hotel, Hemsworth. There was a good number of fanciers present. The election of officers: Thomas Tait, Esq., president; Messrs. A. Taylor, vice-president; Mr. A. Davies, treasurer; and James W. Gillings, Victoria Street, Hemsworth, secretary. The whole of members form committee. A further meeting was held on February 15th, when the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed, and more members joined the society. Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 8th, at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Business: Consideration of rules, etc. All Fanciers are invited to join; distance no object.

JAMES W. GILLINGS.

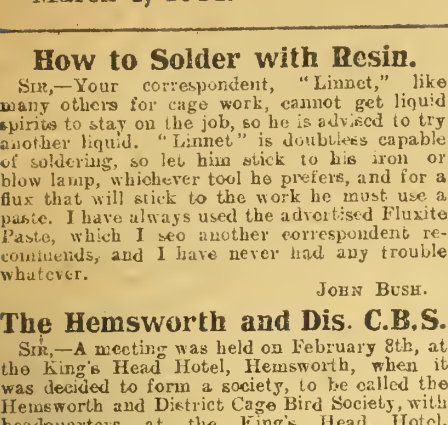
Hints Wanted on the Making of Birdlime.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent re hints on bird lime making, here are some good recipes which, I think, will meet the requirements of perhaps a good many readers for making birdlime. Proper birdlime is made from the inner bark of the holly, which is taken in the summer; this is boiled with water for several hours, until quite soft. The water is then drained off, and the pulp placed in a covered pit, being left for several weeks to ferment. It is then pounded in a mortar, kneaded with the hands, and kept under water till required. Spurious bird lime may be made by boiling linseed oil until it becomes sticky. This will take many hours. Another preparation is composed of boiled linseed oil, 3 ozs. gum, or else Venice turpentine 1 ozs. and castor oil.

G. ARMITAGE.

A Bamboo Front for Softbill Cages.

SIR,—The enclosed is a sketch of a cage front, which is very strong and most useful for Thrushes, etc. A is the top bar with nails in all along; B is the bottom board on to which the nails are fixed to same; C are pieces of



thin bamboo which form the "wires." When the bamboo is cut in the required lengths, fix one end of the hollow bamboo over the nails on B, then fix the top end under A, and drive the nails into the bamboo, to hold same in position, as shown in sketch. This front looks well when painted.

A. BAILEY.

The New C.B.S. for Smallbridge

SIR,—In reply to "Well-Wisher" (or, rather, "jealous"), I was not aware that I said anything about the fanciers I was connected with, or any birds they own, or any that I own myself, and when I say "jealous" I mean of the society being formed, and not of myself, as he takes it. So I am not going into my capabilities, or anyone else's. But I hope in future "Well-Wisher" will mind his own business, and not other people's.

NOVICE.

SIR,—"Well-Wisher" says I am suspecting the wrong man. I don't think so. I know he is not a member of Littleborough, but that does not say he never has been. Your first letter, "Well-Wisher," made one think nobody had a cup but Littleborough; and don't get ideas about giving anything that does not belong to you—even old cups are made of better stuff than some fanciers. You started about a society; now you are talking about better fanciers and birds. But don't be too sure about that; even novices beat champions sometimes. Our meeting is open on March 6, at Carside Street, and we are willing to face you if you care to come. I think it would have been better of you to write to the secretary of this society instead of to the Press.

REAL FANCIER.

(This correspondence is now closed.—EDITOR.)

An Appeal for a Port Glasgow Fancier.

SIR,—An appeal is being made by the bird fanciers of Port Glasgow on behalf of Felix Graham, who, through ill-health, now for the last six years, and under grave circumstances, is compelled to part with his valuable prize stock of Canaries. If any brother fancier would like to take a subscription book for this deserving cause, he can have same by writing to the secretary, Mr. J. Forrester, Clune Brae Head, Port Glasgow. The subscription takes the form of a drawing, which will be held in the Co-operative Halls, Port Glasgow, on April 15th, 1911. Tickets for same are sixpence each. The winning numbers will be published in CAGE BIRDS, and certain local papers.

J. FORRESTER.

Rare British Birds at the Palace Show.

SIR,—"Thistle Top" says: "What a change of place; the Corn Bunting winning at the Palace did not even get noticed at the Edinburgh Show." Yes; what a change of place from the previous Scottish National Show, where the same bird won in a much better class (for Mr. Bruce). But when visiting the S.N. Show I noticed a few things in the British section that I am afraid the judges had looked at from afar, and I put the Corn Bunting amongst them. All the same, I was pleased to make Mr. Watson's personal acquaintance, and to congratulate him on his win. No doubt he possesses a good Meadow Bunting, and if (as is said) the bird was entitled to compete at the Palace, and appeared there in the same form as I saw it at Edinburgh, then I think it certainly deserved more than it got.

W. NICHOLSON.

A New Cage Bird Society for Sittingbourne and District.

SIR,—The Sittingbourne and Dis. C.B.S. held their first meeting on February 28th, at 13, High Street. It proved a great success. We have decided to run a Cage Bird Society in this district, open to a ten-mile radius, and we are sure that those who wish to make it a success will become members, and strongly support it. Mr. T. P. Monday, officiated as chairman for this meeting. The following officials were appointed: Chairman, Mr. G. Whatford; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Tidy; Emergency Committee, Messrs. W. Broadbridge, T. Attwood, and Jeffreys. We have also decided to hold a members' show on March 11th, at the New Inn, Murston, which we hope will be greatly appreciated. On the motion of Mr. G. Whatford, we thanked Mr. T. P. Monday for his kindness in officiating as chairman for this evening, which brought a very successful gathering to a close.

B. TIDY, Hon. Sec.,
13, High Street,
Sittingbourne, Kent.

Prize Cards at the Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A. Show).

SIR,—I would like to air a small grievance I have with respect to the late L.C.B.A. Show. I was successful in getting in the cards with half-a-dozen of my birds, without getting in the money. My birds arrived home with a sort of mutilated tram ticket on the cages. I presumed, therefore, that the usual prize-cards would be sent on; but they have not yet arrived; so I conclude this is the L.C.B.A.'s usual prize-card. If this is so, I think it a great mistake on the part of the management. There are a good many novices like myself, who dare not hope to get in the money, yet look forward to their cards. There are several novices belonging to C.B.S. that I am connected with who will withhold entries if we cannot have a card, at least, for the time, money, and labour we expend on our birds to get them ready for showing. I visited the Horticultural Hall while the show was on, and thought how perfect the arrangements were, so that I think this must be an oversight on the committee's part.

CARDOS.

The Keeping and Hand-rearing of Hawfinches.

SIR,—Just a few lines which may be of some use to my novice friends, on the keeping and hand-rearing of our noble bird, the Hawfinch, the largest of our British Finches. I have found the Hawfinch a very interesting pet, and one of the best for the show bench; and if hand-reared, it will become very steady. My method of hand-rearing is:—I take the bird from the nest when 10 days old, as it is by then getting nicely feathered. This is my recipe: I hand-rear them on hard-boiled egg fresh daily—the whole of the yolk, and half of the white—adding two Marie biscuits to each egg; the whole sprinkled with maw seed twice a week. I feed on this, till the bird is a month old. Then I start giving seed, and gradually decrease the quantity of soft food. My seed mixture for an adult bird is: Finch mixture, hemp and Parrot mixture, which I have found excellent, providing, of course, the seed is a good sample (which is most important, as bad seed gives bad results). The cages I use are 3 feet long, 10 inches wide, and 16 inches high. As the perch is liable to spoil the plumage of a show bird, I only use two perches, which I place 10 inches apart. I will try now to explain the show points. First of all the bird should be as large as possible, with a good V-shaped bib, a fierce-looking eye, and a broad head. The colours vary considerably, but what we want is a good rich colour, and not light, which is the case with most of them, I am sorry to say; and this, in my opinion, is owing to their having been cage-moulted indoors; birds that are moulted in an open aviary turn out to be of better colour. Some fanciers, I am sorry to say, colour-feed our beautiful British birds; this, in my opinion, spoils them entirely. A bird that is moulted out its natural colour and is given a good cage and a bath on fine days from infancy, will, I am sure, not be far behind in winning its owner plenty of honours on the show bench.

F. J. EVANS.

The Importation of Animals into the U.S.A.

SIR,—Respecting the free importation of animals under certain conditions into the United States, thinking that the new regulations regarding the above might be of interest to your readers, we take the liberty of giving them, and will be only too pleased to give any further information that may be desired, either as regards rates of freight and regulations for the United States or elsewhere. "Beginning Jan. 1st, 1911, there will be required, in order to obtain free entry of animals imported for breeding purposes under paragraph 492 of the Tariff Act of August 5, 1909, evidence as follows: 1. The affidavit of the importer that he is a citizen of the United States, and that the animals are imported specially for breeding purposes. This affidavit will be considered in connection with the circumstances of the importation, and any further evidence required which the collector may deem necessary to establish the allegations. The fact that the animals are pure bred, of a recognised breed, and accompanied by proper certificate establishes their status as breeding animals. The use of such animals incidentally for driving or working is not inconsistent with the requirements for free entry. 2. A certificate from the Department of Agriculture, stating that the animals are pure bred, of a recognised breed, and duly registered in the foreign book of record established for that breed. With this certificate there must also be produced and submitted to the collector the certificate of record and pedigree on which the certificate of the Department of Agriculture is based, together with the affidavit of the owner, agent, or importer that such animals are identical with those described in the said certificates."

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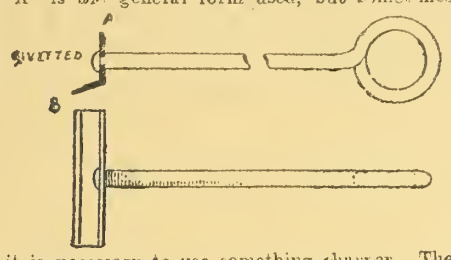
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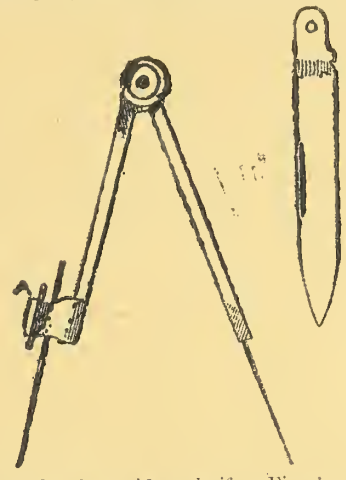
The sketch shows an improved form of scraper. It consists of a round rod riveted to an angle piece, as shown. The piece marked "A" is the general form used, but sometimes



it is necessary to use something sharper. The scraper should then be turned over, and the sharpened blade "B" used. The eye end is useful for hanging it up after use.—P. Linley.

No. 487.
A Round-Door Cutter.
Sent by Mr A. Hamilton, 3, Lodge Avenue, Urmston, near Manchester.

I send you a sketch of an easily-made round door cutter. First take an ordinary black-lead compass, as in the sketch, and also the



small blade of an old penknife. Fix the blade in the compass and tighten the screw, A. When going to use the article fix at required radius; then tighten screw at B, and it is ready for use.—A. Hamilton.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Knowing Bullfinch.

I have a very tame Bullfinch. One day, I did not give him quite so much seed as the rest, as he was getting so fat. He noticed this very carefully. The next day I left some flowers in bud in the same room, and Bullie was out flying about at the same time. When I went into the room again to get my roots of flowers, I found my Bullie had picked all the buds out, and scattered them all over the floor. He is not allowed to fly about any more.—Sent by Gladys Harris, Edenhurst, Decoy Road, Newton Abbot, S. Devon.

Clever Goldfinch Mule.

On the day that I was born, there was hatched in my father's bird-room a Goldfinch Mule. Throughout the year it seldom ceased to sing. Whenever my father came into the room it started singing. At any time, even in the dark, if it were told to it would sing. It died this winter, 11 years of age.—John Robertshaw (age 11½), 151, Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge, Yorkshire.

**Prefers Cage-Life.

Mr. W. Gregory, of Loughborough, has kept a Goldfinch in a cage for the past 12 months. One day, while he was cleaning out the cage, the door flew open, and the little bird departed high into the air. As no hopes of its return were entertained, Mr. Gregory and his wife were much surprised when nearly two hours later a gentleman called at the house, and casually remarked that he had seen a little bird hopping about near the doorstep. On going outside, Mrs. Gregory noticed that it was her Goldfinch, and she captured it without the slightest trouble.—Sent by Albert Fitzsimmons (age 10), 31, Lichfield Road, Sneinton, Nottingham.

*The Pretty Robin.

Have you seen the Robin?
Pretty little bird,
Perched on the garden wall
How he may be heard!

Listen to his music,
Hear him sweetly sing:
Is he not a darling,
Pretty little thing?

Robin never leaves us,
All the winter long;
When the snow is falling,
We may hear his song.

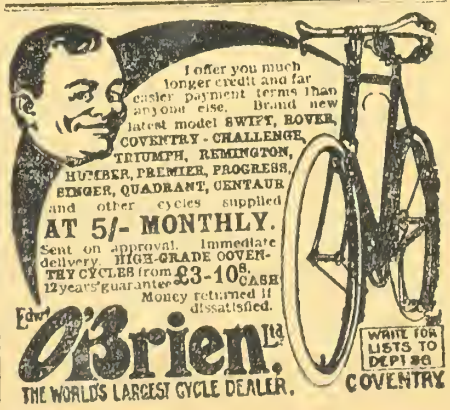
Copied, Edward Read, age 8, Hillfoot, Gonerby, Grantham.

LONNYRIGG AND DIST. C.B.S.

Large muster of members and friends gathered in the Forester's Arms, Feb. 25th, to hear a lecture on British birds by Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith), who held their attention from start to finish. They soon became aware that Mr. Steel is a keen student of Nature, the habits and mannerisms of the various species being well described, also the points which combine to make an ideal specimen, also the methods of meating-off and steadying. He was able to give us the benefits of his experience. He terminated his address with a plea for kind treatment of the captive birds, strongly deprecating the keeping of intractable specimens, the taking of adults during the breeding season, and the buying or taking of immature Finches at a time which means death to 90 per cent., viz., early August. His characteristic humour revealed itself during the address, and kept his hearers smiling, sometimes loudly. Mr. Steel was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks. This being the first lecture on birds delivered in this district, it must be pronounced a decided success, and the attendance was a record. A programme of song terminated a most pleasant meeting. New members enrolled: R. Johnstone, J. King, A. Gilchrist, J. Nangle, D. Hogg, and D. Flockart.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Burn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, Feb. 21st, Mr. Charleton (President) presiding over a good attendance. Twelve new members were admitted into membership. Mr. A. W. Watson offered a medal for competition at table shows, confined to novices, for one season. Mr. G. Brown offered a special for the best bird shown by a novice at the first table show; he also offered to provide prize cards for all classes. On the motion of Messrs. Stormont and Whitefield the donors were accorded a sincere vote of thanks. Unanimously decided to hold table show (confined to novices) at next monthly meeting, 21st March, for British birds, meeting beginning at 7.30 p.m. Mr. A. W. Watson was unanimously appointed judge. Entry fee, 2d. Classification was drawn up and agreed to. Committee of society appointed: Messrs. Thomson, Craig, Brown, Brash, Bankier, and Dickson, with power to add to their numbers. Minute of Rule Committee read, and the recommendations were well received, and all passed with one correction. Decided, to order 100 copies of rules. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. T. Mackie, Sec.



The Shows.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE C.B.S.

Second of a series of table shows for valuable cash specials, held headquarters, P.S.A. Rooms, Feb. 21st. The birds (Yorkshire pairs) were judged by Mr. H. Foden, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Foxall; 2, Green; 4, Hatton. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Green; 2, Foxall; 3, Bentley.—J. R. Colvill, Sec.

DINNINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Pair show and British birds. Judge, Mr. Geo. Windle, who gave satisfaction to all.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Marshall, grand team. YORKS.: 1, 3, Sunter; 2, Johnson; 4, Marshall, this lot took some sorting out, and several good pairs at bottom of class. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Marshall; 2, 3, Morley; 4, Flint; very good; first pair won on steadiness. BRIT.: 1. Johnson.—Geo. Sunter, Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held headquarters, George Hotel, Feb. 25. Mr. J. Atess judged, and give every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, 2, H. C. Carter; 3, A. Richmond. NOR.: 1, Richmond. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, H. Robinson, leaders Greenie and Bullie, 2nd Chaffie and Bramble, 3rd Redpoll and Bullie; vhc, J. Wildsmith. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, Black; 2, 3, Richmond. NOR.: 1, vhc, Richmond; 2, Black; 3, Bowers. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Heedin; vhc, hc, Farrar.—R. S. Black, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Pair show held 25th Feb, when 35 pairs were staged in the eight classes provided. There were some excellent pairs on view, which, with a successful breeding season, should provide the members with some good stock for exhibition. There was a good turn-out of fanciers and others present. Mr. Clark placed the cards in his usual thougbtful and painstaking manner.

COM. PAIR: 1, Johnstone. BORD. PAIR: 1, 2, Houston; 3, 4, Kennedy; 5, 6, Graham. NOR. PAIR: 1, Johnstone; 2, 3, 5, McLean; 4, Rundell; 6, Nelson. A.O.V. CAN. PAIR.: 1, Houston. BULLY HEN HYB. PAIR: 1, McLean; 2, Perrie; 3, Sinclair; 4, Clarkson; 5, Alexander. A.O.V. HEN: 1, Sinclair; 2, Swan. MULING PAIR: 1, McLean; 2, Thackeray; 3, Sinclair; 4, Nelson; 5, Clarkson; 6, Hainney. FOR. MULE OR HYB. PAIR: 1, 2, Johnstone; 3, Sinclair; 4, McLean.—J. Pollock, Sec.

WOOD GREEN F. AND F.A.

Meeting held headquarters, Feb. 14. The evening was devoted to a pair show of cage birds. Mr. Robson judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The number of exhibits was not large, but the quality was good, especially in the Norwich class.

YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, H. Clay. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, Penney. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Brooks. GOLDIE: 1, 2, Penney; 3, Bates. LINNET: 1, Surridge; 2, Batea; 3, Johnson. BULLIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Bates. A.O.S.: 1, Johnson, Siskin; 2, Penney; 3, Bates, Redpolls. MULING PAIRS: 1, Brooks; 2, Ayling; 3, Johnston. Specials in Canary section: 1, Mr. Brooks; 2, H. Clay; 3, Penney. In the British section: 1, Surridge; 2, Johnson; 3, Penney. After the awards were given, Mr. Robson favoured the meeting with a few interesting and instructive remarks, giving his reasons for his awards, and showing the good and bad points in the birds. Mr. Robson was given a hearty vote of thanks. Next meeting will be the annual meeting Mar. 9, and as much important business is to be done, a full attendance is desired. Wm. G. Bruce, Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual pair show held February 15th, and proved very successful, especially in the Norwich section. We had arranged for three classes, and although the Norwich and Yorkshires were well filled, we had to cancel the A.O.V. Some very good birds were put down. Judge, Mr. J. Lomas, whose awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Bailey. YORKS: 1, 2, Charnock; 3, Hulme. Before the judge gave his awards in we had a judging competition; this was won by P. Hart. These competitions are very instructive to members. During the evening Mr. Taylor, one of our members, gave 10s. towards a cup, and it was readily followed by 5s. each from Mr. Ordish and Mr. Bailey. But we intend to have a good understanding how it has to be won before we start. I think we are going to have a very strong Society here. We made three new members, which brings the total to about 28. Mr. Dawson said he would give a medal, to be won by British bird and Mule fanciers. So now is your time, local fanciers; rally up and join our ranks.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

WALLASEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Annual pair and British Bird show held Feb. 24, in the Fairhaven Institute, Sea View-rd., Liscard. A splendid entry of over 80 gave the judge a stiff night's work. Mr. T. Hadwin, Liverpool, judged, and his awards were well received.

PAIRS, YORKS., YELL CK., BUFF HEN (7): 1, 3, Young, 1st ck., grand length and position, hen fine quality, 3rd pair of cin.-marks, nicely paired; 2, vhc, Alston, very similar, well matched; hc, Edwards; c, Benson. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (6): 1, Benson, ck., rare quality and position, hen a topper for size and quality; 2, hc, Alston, better cock for stock, hen not quite so neat; 3, Edwards, not quite so neat or well matched; vhc, Young; c, Holford. YORKS. GREEN, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (6): 1, Young, very smart, good col., well matched; 2, 3, Benson, not far behind, hens a shade heavier; vhc, Edwards; hc, Holford; c, Thwaite. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (8): 1, c, Young, cock grand size and col., hen nicely drawn, good quality; 2, 3, Benson, both well drawn, nicely matched, not quite the quality; vhc, Thwaite; hc, Holford. YORKS., NON-FED (5): 1, 3, Holford, 1st well matched, rare quality, 3rd good pair; 2, c, Edwards, nice quality and length; vhc, Chappell. BORD. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Young, 1st green, nicely matched, good col. and shape; 2, 3, c, Woodman, cinn., good quality and shape, 2nd better matched. NOVICE, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (4): 1, Malone, well matched Yorke greens; 2, 3, Alston, not much to choose betwixt them, 2nd cock better length; vhc, Wylie. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (5): 1, 2, Alston, 1st good length and quality, well matched, 2nd not quite so neat; 3, Malone, good quality; vhc, hc, Wylie. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Woodman, rare size, rich blaze, good markings, steady; 2, Alston, good condition, neat blaze; 3, Edwards, fails only in blaze and condition; vhc, Mallinson; hc, Holford; c, Barker. BULLFINCH (3): 1, Barker, rare col. and cap; 2, Woodman, good condition; 3, Wylie. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (4): 1, Holford, good col., markings and condition; 2, 3, Wylie, good col., not quite so steady; vhc, Woodman. FRESH CAUGHT (4): 1, vhc, Young, good col. and markings, steady; 2, Barker, good size; 3, Edwards, nice col. and markings, very wild. GREENFINCH (7): 1, 2, Benson, 1st rare col., size, and condition, 2nd good col.; 3, Woodman, good col. and size, not quite so steady; vhc, Edwards; hc, Young; c, Barker. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Woodman, 1st grand col. Bramble, in fine condition, 3rd Chaffinch, fails only in condition; 2, Young, Chaffinch, well marked, in fine condition; vhc, Wylie. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, Young, Twite, in rare condition, good col.; 2, 3, Barker; 2, Twite, not quite the condition, 3rd Redpoll, in good condition; vhc, hc, c, Mallinson. HEN (8): 1, 2, vhc, Barker, 1st Bullfinch, in rare condition, 2nd Siskin, col. and condition excellent; 3, c, Mallinson, Goldie, not in quite such good condition; hc, Woodman.

WALKDEN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table show of British birds held Feb. 21st, when two classes were staged. There was a very fair entry. Mr. Toothill (Farnworth) placed the cards.

LINNET: 1, Howard; 2, Moss; 3, Doyle. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Mullineux; 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, Moss.—F. Howard Sec.

SPEN VALLEY C.B.S.

Pair show (first for the season's competition) held Commercial Hotel, 50 pairs being staged. Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods) judged, and gave general satisfaction. Mr. A. Sheard won special given by J. Barron.

PAIRS (to breed cl. or tkd. birds) (13): 1, 2, Allen; 3, 4, Hadwen; vhc, Smith; hc, c, Lewis. (To breed marked bird) (17): 1, Hadwen; 2, Allen; 3, Jessop; 4, hc, Lewis; vhc, Bennett; c, Grieg and Pearson. (To breed greens) (7): 1, Allen; 2, 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Wood; hc, Fielding; c, Wharton. (To breed Mules or Hyb.) (8): 1, 2, Sheard; 3, c, Bennett; 4, Wharton; vhc, Wood; hc, Smith.—J. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

CROOK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First table show held Feb. 25, Mr. R. Winter's, Royal Oak. Entries came up fairly well, especially in the Norwich section, some very nice birds being staged. Mr. H. Todd (Blackhall) judged and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CK.: 1, Musive; 2, 4, hc, Campbell; 3, vhc, McGregor. HEN: 1, 3, Campbell; 2, Musgrave; 4, vhc, McGregor. GOLDFINCH, Etc.: 1, Musgrave; 2, 3, 4, Rutherford and Bright. LINNET: 1, 2, McGregor; 3, Rutherford and Bright. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Rutherford and Bright; 2, Winter. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Rutherford and Bright. MULE, ETC.: 1, Musgrave. CAN. NOVICE: 1, 2, McGregor.—Wm. Rutherford, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH AND TEES-SIDE C.B.S.

Annual pair show held Feb. 25th. There was a good attendance of fanciers, and entries came up well—about 135 birds were on view. Mr. J. W. Lowes (Stockton) judged the Canaries, and Mr. F. Marwood the British birds and Mule pairs, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. (4): 1, 4, Rand; 2, 3, Swinsco. NOR. (18): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Wake; 3, Carr; hc, Thompson; c, Watson. A.O.V. (6): 1, 4, Rand; 2, Wake; 3, vhc, hc, Gibson. MULE (14): 1, 2, 3, Carr; 4, vbc, Hanson; 4, Lancaster; hc, Gibson; c, Wells. HYB. (8): 1, 3, Carr; 4, Mallory; 2, Hanson and Lancaster; vhc, hc, c, Wells. LINNET (9): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster; 2, hc, Thompson; c, Mallong. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Mallory; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hanson and Lancaster. GREENFINCHES (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster; 4, hc, Mallory. REDPOLL, ETC. (8): 1, 2, 4, Hanson and Lancaster; 3, Thompson; vhc, hc, Mallory. A.O.V. BRITISH: 1, 2, vhc, Hanson and Lancaster; 3, hc, Mallory; 4, Thompson.—Arthur Wake, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Pair show held Public Library, Stoke Newington, Feb. 15, when about 80 pairs were exhibited. This was a record show in every respect, the quality being far in advance of previous years. All sections and varieties were well represented, and competition fairly keen, especially in novice Yorkshire class with 27 exhibits. Several real good pairs were shown in the Mule and Hybrid classes, which contained some well-known Palace winners. Eight new members were nominated, making 15 this year, and we now start the year with about 90 members. A splendid attendance proved how popular these shows have become, the hall being crowded. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP. NOR. (5): 1, spl, 2, Harper; 3, r, vhc, Marley. YORKS. (6): 1, spl. best champ., 2, r, Penton; 3, vhc, hc, Bennett. MULING (5): 1, spl, Mortlock; 2, r, Marley; 3, vhc, Williams. HYB. (7): 1, vhc, hc, c, Williams; 2, 3, Mortlock; r, Marley. AMAT. NOR. (6): 1, spl, 3, Langridge; 2, r, Jackson. YORKS. (5): 1, spl, best amat., 2, 3, r, vhc, Lacey. MULING: 1, sp, Langridge. NOVICE NOR. (9): 1, spl. best novice, vhc, Ayling; 2, 3, Jeffries; r, Albrecht; hc, c, Housden. YORKS. (27): 1, spl, vhc, c, Rolfe; 2, r, hc, Neighbour; 3, r, Collins; hc, Salter; c, Gilbert. MULING (7): 1, Bantin; 2, hc, Ayling; 3, c, Albrecht; r, Gilbert; vhc, London.—R. P. Harper, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Annual general meetiug, held Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 25th February, Mr. Ramsay (president) presiding over a good attendance. Annual balance sheet read by Mr. Pettigrew, and gave entire satisfaction, as it showed the club to be in a very healthy condition. Election of office bearers:—President, Mr. W. Connelly; vice-president, Mr. A. Thomson; treasurer, Mr. A. McFarlane; secretary, T. Drysdale; auditors, Messrs. W. Munro and G. Marlin. Monthly show for Muling pairs held, for which there was a grand turn-out of birds, the classes being very strong; and quality was of a very high standard. Messrs. Marlin and Pettigrew were appointed judges, and their awards were well received.

GOLDFINCH CAN. (8): 1, spl, McFarlane, grand pair, in best of condition; 2, Munro, another good pair, the Can. not quite so good as winner; 3, Renfrew, well up on winners, well staged; 4, Johnston, pair of nice exhibits; 5, McInnes; 6, Drysdale; 7, Frew. LINNET CAN. (9): 1, McFarlane, pair of very nice birds, well staged, in first class order; 2, Knox, another good pair, in fine condition, runs winner close; 3, Thomson, pair of grand birds, very little behind; 4, Renfrew, pair of nice ones; 5, Johnstone; 6, Ballantyne; 7, Liddell. A.O.V. MULING PAIRS (12): 1, 2, spl, 4, spl, 6, McFarlane, team of grand birds, shown in first-class order, well worth their places; 3, spl, 7, Knox, 3rd pair of nice ones, in good feather, close on winners; 5, Connelly, nice exhibit. BULLFINCH HYB. PAIRS (9): 1, 2, Connelly, two grand pairs in the pink of condition, easy win; 3, Munro, pair of very fine ones, not quite so good as winner; 4, Knox, good pair, in fine condition; 5, Ballantyne; 6, Frew; 7, Liddell. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS (8): 1, Connelly, pair of nice ones, shown to perfection; 2, Thomson, lovely pair, shown in good order; 3, Ballantyne, well staged; 4, Liddell; 5, Johnstone; 6, Drysdale; 7, Renfrew.—T. Drysdale, Sec.

DOVER & DIS. C.B., ETC., SOC.

First table show of the year held Feb. 22, Bartonrd. School. The Yorkshires came up well, some good pairs being shown; also a good class of British. Mr. G. Sanderson placed the cards well.

YORKS, YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (7): 1, Lockett; 2, Abbott; 3, vhc, Leaver; 4, c, W. Austen; hc, Rayner. BUFF SK., YELL. HEN (8): 1, 3, Lockett; 2, Austen; 4, Leaver; vhc, hc, Abbott; c, Rayner. YORKS., SINGLES (5): 1, 2, 3, Lockett; 4, vhc, Rayner. BRIT. (11): 1, 3, 4, hc, Austen; 2, Leaver; vhc, c, Goodwin. Mr. Robson will judge cage birds at our annual show to be held Nov. 8 and 9.—Abbott and Austen, Hon. Secs.

MANCHESTER & N.C.O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 20th, Deansgate Hotel. Mr. W. A. Bladon presided over a large gathering of members and friends. After the general business a show of Yorks. and Norwich took place. Mr. G. F. Gray judges Yorkshires, and Mr. J. Raynes Norwich. After judging, both gentlemen made a few remarks on the birds. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the judges, to which both responded. Next meeting March 6th, when a washing competition will take place; 5s. for the best washed bird washed by a novice, given by Mr. J. Yeats.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, hc, Waterhouse; 2, Jones; 3, Whittaker; 4, Mason; vhc, Barlow; hc, c, Davis. BUFF: 1, 3, Barlow; 2, vhc, Whittaker; 3, Moorbey; hc, Mason; c, Jones. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, Boothman; 4, Fulcher; hc, Buckley; c, Davis. BUFF: 1, 2, Davis; 3, Smith; 4, c, Cook; vhc, hc, Boothman.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

First members' show held Feb. 18, Crown and Anchor Hotel. There was a very good entry, 81 birds being staged for cups and specials. Mr. H. W. Walsh judged, and his awards were well received. C. C. T. Parkes gained most points, 20, Atkinson 16, Netherwood 15, Slack 14, Talbot 14, Daniel 11, Taylor 11, Isherwood 9, Parker 5, Holroyd Allott 5.

YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, c, Parkes; 4, Talbot; vhc, hc, Taylor. BUFF HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Talbot; 3, 4, Slack. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Parkes; hc, Holroyd Allott; c, Taylor. HEN: 1, c, Taylor; 2, Parkes; 3, 4, vhc, Slack; hc, Parker. NOR. HEN: 1, vhc, Daniel; 2, 3, 4, Atkinson; hc, c, Holroyd Allott. UNFLIG. NOR. CK.: 1, Parkes; 2, vhc, Atkinson; 3, 4, Holroyd Allott; hc, Daniel. HEN: 1, 2, 4, vhc, hc, Parkes; 3, Slack. PAIRS: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Talbot; 3, Taylor. GOLDFINCH: 1, Talbot; 2, Isherwood; 3, Parker; 4, Daniel. LINNET: 1, 3, vhc, Netherwood; 2, Daniel; 4, Parker; hc, Isherwood. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Isherwood; 2, Daniel. A.O.V.: 1, Netherwood; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Isherwood. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, Isherwood; 3, Daniel.—J. Atkinson. Sec

FORT WILLIAM (N.B.).

Ninth annual show, open to Inverness and Argyleshire, including Rannoch, Bridge of Orchy, Lyndrum, and Crianlarich, held 22nd Feb. It was only at the eleventh hour that the committee decided to again hold their show, which is a month later than usual. Entries were scarcely so numerous as in previous years, but the quality all over was of a very high standard, many noted winners being present, especially Mr. Fraser's buff Siskin Mule (Palace winner), which secured first prize, for the thirtieth time. Siskins were one of the finest lots we have seen for a time. Yorkshires have fairly caught on in the Fort, and proved to be the best of the Canary section, Mr. McDougall having quite a field day. A feature of the show was a collection of foreign birds consisting of Gouldian and Zebra Finches, Mannikins, Weavers, Firefinches, etc., kindly lent for exhibition by a local gentleman. During the afternoon and evening the show was well patronised. Mr. H. Adamson, who held the secretarial reins for the first time, proved quite an adept, and was ably assisted by a band of right good fanciers, who saw to the convenience of exhibitors and exhibits alike. The office bearers are: Committee, Messrs. McDougall, Downie, Forsyth, Swan, Hope, Cameron, Stewart, McGregor, Blair, Keats, Fraser, Clarkston, McKenzie, Bryce, and A. McKenzie (treasurer).

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (UNFED): 1, Hope, cl. buff, nice head, grand solid body, shown in faultless condition, wins Hyde's special; 2, 4, Fraser, cl. yell., good stamp, fine carriage, presses, 4th huff, good stamp; 3, Cameron, varieg. buff, full chested, good head and carriage. HEN (UNFED): 1, 2, 4, Fraser, 1st lovely cl. buff, big bouncing bird, wins well, 2nd buff, nice skull and frontal, 4th varieg. yell., good all-round; 3, McPherson, varieg., all there for size and shape, nice fettle; 5, Clarkston, cl. buff; 6, Hope. CK. (COL.-FED): 1, 2, 3, 4, Fraser, 1st right good cl. yell., in faultless order, closely followed by a varieg. yell. of grand substance; 3rd tkd. buff, nice silky feather, good body and carriage, 4th cl. buff, slightly soft when we saw it, looks like a good one; 5, McDougall; 6, Cameron. HEN: 1, 3, Fraser, 1st cl. yell., nice bullie type, put down in rare fettle; 3rd cl. buff, another of the same kidney; 2, Hope, cl. buff, sweet head, full chested, nice carriage; 5, McDougall. YORKS. CK.: 1, 2, 3, McDougall, outstanding team, wins two specials, 1st very stylish buff, great length, well drawn, tight as wax; 2, 3, both yells., same stamp, lovely silky feather, both in faultless condition; 4, 5, McKenzie, nice buff, very slim, fails only in length; 6, McColl. HEN: 1, 2, 6, Fraser, another nice trio, 1st lovely tkd. buff, well drawn, upstanding, nice pipe tail, wins well, 2nd cl. buff, also good one, not quite so stylish as winner; 3, 4, 5, McKenzie, 3rd cl. yell., fine length, sweet head, good wing carriage, presses hard, 4th another cl. buff, not quite so well drawn as third. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, Connachie, 1st lovely cl. yell., correct stamp, nicely rounded, close fitting wings, 2nd cl. buff, sweet head, nice jaunty carriage, not much between; 3, Mrs. McPherson, bonny tkd. buff, very typical, in rare condition; 4, no name, cl. buff, fine substance, right sort; 5, 6, Fraser. HEN: 1, McDougall, cl. buff, in full bloom, nicely tapered, good carriage and wings; 2, Fraser, cl. yell., dainty damsel, must have pressed winner hard; 3, 4, Connachie, 3rd even-marked yell., nicely marked, good type, fails just a little in condition, 4th ticked buff, good head and wing carriage; 5, Fraser; 6, Beattie. MATCHED PAIRS, CANARY: 1, 3, 4, Fraser, 1st varieg. yell. and cl. buff Nor., nicely balanced, 3rd and 4th much the same as first, both well mated; 2, Mrs. McPherson, cl. yell. and tkd. buff Bord., both of right stamp, very likely pair; 5, McPhail; 6, no name. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, McDougall, varieg. yell. Lancs., good head and body 2, Crabb, cl. buff Lancs. MULES: 1, 2, 3, Fraser, 1st old champion Siskin-Can., winner of 30 firsts, despite age is in lovely trim, quite a marvel for col. and markings, 2nd Linnet-Can., very nice yell., deep col., needs more size, 3rd Greenie-Can., in fine condition, wee shade pale; 4, W. Fraser, Goldie, good size, nice blaze, condition; 5, Gillies 6, Clarkston. GOLDIE, BRIT.: 1, 3, McDougall, 1st right good typical Britisher, deep blaze, finely tanned and buttoned, 3rd fails just slightly in condition, otherwise quite a nice Finch; 2, 4, McCallum, 2nd good blaze and tan, cl. cheeks, fine chest, not quite so clearly buttoned, 4th good bird. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, McKenzie, 1st bouncing big Greenie, full-chested, grand skull, teeming with col., staged in faultless order, 2nd Nat. col., nice frosting, sweetly made 3, Cameron, wee shade small, nice bird otherwise. BULLFINCH: 1, Kay, beautiful cap, good chest, col., clean bars, in right good condition; 2, 3, Cameron, 2nd must have pressed winner, good all-round, nicely staged, 3rd not in quite so good condition, nice cap and col. LINNET: 1, Cameron, big bouncing bird, Nor. type, good even col., well pencilled, field moulted, should make a topper; 2, McDougall, nice head and pencilling, very steady, in rare condition 3, McGregor, much the same as second; 4, McKenzie, h.m., looks like a hen, grand silky feather; 5, Hope. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 2, 5, Hope, 1st right good Mealy, large bib, pencilling, all there, wins well, 2nd nice Lesser, level col. all over, right sort, 5th fine Twite; 3, McKenzie, f.m. Twite, sweet head, good chest and markings; 4, McCallum, Mealy f.m., good size, cap and bib, fails only in pencilling to winner; 6, Cameron. SISKIN: 1, spl, Cameron, well known winner, good cl. cap and wing bars, size and col., all there, good win; 2, 3, 4, McDougall, three of the finest f.m. Siskins we have seen for a time, 4th best by far, only has bad feet, otherwise perfect model; 5, Hope; 6, McKenzie, a grand class all through. A.O.S.: 1, Fraser, very good Hawfinch, has class to itself. BOYS' BRIT.: Largest class in show: 1, D. Hope, Bullie hen, tight as wax, could have won in open class; 2, J. Hope, one of the best Reed Buntings we have seen for a time, pure white collar, dense cap and chest marks; 3, J. McMillan, very good h.m. Twite, shown in faultless condition; 4, A. Cameron, sweet little Siskin, good cap and bib; 5, McKenzie, nice Greenie; 6, J. Cameron, another good Siskin.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Members' show held at headquarters, "Swan Hotel," Fountain-street, Manchester, Feb. 11th, when some good specials were competed for. There were two classes—one for young birds rung and bred by exhibitor, and one for old birds. Some very good birds were staged in both classes, and Mr. Massey (Bolton) had a tight job in separating the winners in the young bird class. His decisions gave every satisfaction. We were splendidly supported by the outside public, and the birds were greatly admired by ladies and gentlemen who had never been able to hear the best of the Rollers sings. The room was packed out at times with strangers, and the show was a complete success. Messrs. Wardleworth and R. Kremuer won the two specials given in the old bird class, each receiving an elegant silver spoon with the Manchester coat-of-arms enamelled on the handles. Mr. T. Routledge undertook the management of the show, ably assisted by Mr. Percival, jun. All birds were cleared away in good time, and everyone was delighted at the success of the show, many new members being enrolled.

Mr. Wirth 1st and 2nd prizes; Mr. A. Foulds, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and c.; Mr. Wardleworth, vhc; Mr. Pilling, hc. The first prize bird was a remarkably good deep bird of Mr. Wirth's, and he was heartily complimented by the members in winning the handsome set of carvers given for the special prize. OLD BIRDS, CLASS II.: 1, spl, Wardleworth; 2, 4, spl, Kremner; 3, Percival; ex. 4, Gostling; vhc, Pilling; hc, Robinson, R. Kremner; c, Wareing.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

The members set the ball rolling on February 16, when they held their first pair and British bird show at Hartley Avenue schools. It was in every way successful, a splendid entry of 82, totalling 142 birds in all, being quite beyond expectations. The exhibits were staged to advantage, and Mr. G. Oliver, the genial treasurer, when he made and presented the staging, evidently intended it to last. The show was well patronised during the evening, the room being quite filled with visitors. The classes ran big throughout, and competition was keen. It was evident the show manager, Mr. B. C. Smith, understood the business, and he was greatly assisted by Mr. R. Fox, the able secretary, with Mr. S. Mason and H. B. Rout as show stewards. Mr. A. J. A. Marley judged and gave entire satisfaction.

NOR. PAIRS (11): 1, spl, vhc, Hammans; 2, Smith; 3, Walker; r, c, Staines; hc, Morris and Adams. YORKS. (22): 1, spl., 3, vhc, W. South; 2, Gibbs; extra 3, spl, Fox; r, hc, c, Lock; extra r, Rowe; big and strong class. A.O.V. PAIRS (2): 1, 2 spls., Hammans; 2, Morris and Adams. FINCH AND CAN. (14): 1, Hunt; 2, r, Morris and Adams; 3, vhc, W. South; hc, Walker; c, C. R. South; very fine class. FINCH PAIRS (11): 1, 2, 3, W. South; r, Hunt; vhc, hc, c, Morris and Adams. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, spl, Smith; 2, Walker; 3, Morris and Adams; r, Gibbs; vhc, Hammans. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Morris and Adams; 2, Gibbs; 3, r, vhc, hc, Walker; c, Smith. BRIT. HARD., A.O.S. (4): 1, Morris and Adams; 2, Walker; 3, Oliver; r, Hunt. SOFTBILL (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Morris and Adams.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN (Nott.) O.S.

Open table show, held Feb. 25th, Headquarters, and it proved a success. Seven classes were provided, divided into three sections, a special prize being awarded in each. The Norwich section was the feature of the show, some of the birds being fit to compete in any company. The British bird fanciers were not in such strong force as usual, but, taken altogether, the show proved highly attractive. The special prizes were greatly admired, being of good value, especially considering this was only a table show. The Norwich special (a very handsome case of half-dozen silver-mounted fish knives and forks) was secured by Mr. J. Smedley; the Crest special (a massive 14-day timepiece) by Mr. J. Cowpertwait; and the British bird special (another timepiece) by Mr. J. Wood. The Canaries were judged by Mr. W. Harris, and the remaining classes by Mr. T. W. Harrison, both of whose awards gave general satisfaction. Much credit is due to Mr. J. Cowpertwait for the way in which the show was managed.

STOCK PAIRS.—CRESTS (7): 1, 3, Cowpertwait, leading pair cl. buff ck., green cr. hen, both large birds, the cock being exceptionally good, 3rd buff dk. cr. cock, green C.B. hen, rather smaller; 2, Goode, yell. var. ck., buff hen, typical pair, some thought this pair should have had 1st place. NOR. (8): 1, 3, Smedley, buff tkd. ck., cl. yell. hen, both big winners, the best matched pair in show, 3rd pair of cls., the hen being particularly smart; 2, Hill, yell. tkd. ck., buff tkd. hen, very good cock, handicapped by hen. MULE (3): 1, 2, Wood, Linnet-Can., and Goldie-Can., both pair showed judicious selection; 3, Goode, Bullfinch-Can., both good birds, might have been higher if sexes reversed. BRIT. (13): 1, W. Goode, Yellowhammer, well-known winner, grand specimen; 2, 3, Goode, Linnet and Goldfinch respectively, both extremely good; 4, Wood, Linnet, lacking in col. SELL., CREST, £1 (4): 1, Holmes; 2, H. Cowpertwait; 3, Taylor. CREST, 15/- (only 2 entries): 1, Holmes; 2, H. Cowpertwait. SELL, A.O.V., 7/6 (7): 1, J. Goode; 2, Athey; 3, Holmes.—J. Walmsley.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Members' show held Bird-in-Hand, Little Park-street, Feb. 17th. Mr. T. Gilbert judged, and gave greatest satisfaction. The show proved a great success.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Rowley. BUFF: 1, Roycroft; 2, Wright; 3, Ward. YELL. HEN: 1, Wright; 2, Ingram. BUFF: 1, Roycroft; 2, Saunders; 3, Rowley. YELL., BRED 1910: 1, Rowley; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Wright. BUFF: 1, Wright; 2, Saunders; 3, Roycroft. NAT. COL.: 1, Wright; 2, Busby; 3, Rowley. CINN.: 1, Wright; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Saunders. YORKS.: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, 3, Wright. A.O.V.: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Wright. PAIRS: 1, Ingram. SELL.: 1, Symonds and Son. NOR. HEN, BRED 1910: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Ingram; 3, Saunders. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Ward; 2, Roycroft; 3, Lucas. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, Ward; 2, 3, Busby. GREENFINCH: 1, Wright; 2, Saunders; 3, H. Wright. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Lucas; 2, Ward; 3, A. Wright. REDPOLL: 1, Saunders; 2, Lucas; 3, Symonds and Son. BRIT.: 1, Lucas.—R. Symonds.

EAST BOWLING & DIST. B.F.A.

Second members' show of season held Feb. 25th, St. John's School, Paley Road, where 116 birds were staged. Mr. S. Dean (Horton) adjudicated, and his awards gave every satisfaction. The enthusiasm shown by the members so far this season augurs well for the future of the society.

OPEN SECTION: CL. ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Shaw 2, Casey; 3, Woolmer; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Firth; hc, Helliwell; c, Padgett. BUFF: 1, Casey; 2, Atkinson; 3, Shaw; 4, Robinson and Sharp; vhc, Woolmer; hc, Booth; c, Cowell and Calloway. YELL. HEN: 1, c, Gledhill; 2, 3, Helliwell; 4, hc, Casey; vhc, Padgett; c, Firth. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, Booth; 3, Helliwell; 4, Cowell and Calloway; vhc, Padgett; hc, Casey. UNEVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Casey; 2, Helliwell; 3, vhc, hc, Hodgson; 4, Wilson; c, Shaw. HEN: 1, Casey; 2, 4, Shaw; 3, vhc, Hodgson. CINN. MKD. COCK: 1, 4, Helliwell; 2, Bywater; 3, Hodgson; vhc, hc, Wilson; c, Padgett. HEN: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, 4, Bywater; vhc, Wilson; hc, Atkinson. NOVICE SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Luty; 2, Heseltine; 3, Hall; 4, c, Hodgson; vhc, Rawes; hc, Walker. BUFF: 1, 4, Heseltine; 2, c, Rawes; 3, Walker; vhc, Luty; hc, Rix. YELL. HEN: 1, Heseltine; 2, Hall; 3, c, Luty; 4, hc, Rawes; vhc, Rix. BUFF: 1, 4, vhc, Walker; 2, Hall; 3, Luty; hc, c, Heseltine. UNEVEN, ETC., HEN: 1, Hall; 2, Rawes. CINN.: 1, Rawes.—L. Booth, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held Oldham Hall, Feb. 23rd, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in chair. Messrs. Broadbent and Plunkett were nominated for membership. Several notices of motion were read, and will appear on voting papers. These will be in the hands of members in the course of the next few days. Nominations for officers were read over; result of voting will be made known at March meeting. Decided, to have a dinner, and March 16th was the date selected. Arrangements are in the hands of a committee, and members will receive full particulars as soon as venue is settled. Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and it is hoped as many members and friends as possible will turn up. Cups, medals, and cash specials will be distributed during evening. Fanciers from other societies are requested to attend; they will be welcomed, and we hope to be able to show them the advantages of membership. Members and friends will kindly note: ladies are invited. The end of our financial year is in sight, and the books will be closed on March 8th; in the meantime, members who have not yet paid their subs for 1910 are requested to do so. There are also several members who have not paid in the old show ticket money. Their immediate attention will oblige. It is impossible to make ends meet if members do not co-operate, and it ought not to be necessary to make these requests. Will members kindly notify Secretary of changes of address, so that tthey can be corrected for the balance-sheets? Table show of British birds held during evening, and 30 birds were staged, the cards being placed by Mr. J. Bretherton, who gave entire satisfaction. A vote of thanks was accorded to him for his kindness.

GOLDFINCH (6): 1, vhc, c, Lloyd; 2, 3, Rumsby; hc, Handley. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Rumsby; 2, Handley. BRAMBLE, ETC. (3): 1, 2, Rumsby; 3, Lloyd. GREENFINCH (6): 1, 3, Rumsby; 2, c, Lloyd; vhc, hc, Handley. LINNET (7): 1, 2, 3, Rumsby; vhc, Handley; hc, c, Lloyd. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 3, Handley; 2, Lloyd; vhc, hc, Rumsby; c, Richardson. The table shows are now completed and the following members have won specials offered: Champ. gold medal, F. Handley, 64 points; gold centre medal, H. A. Nimmo, 25. Novices: Gold medal, C. Rumsby, 77; gold centre medal, J. L. Lloyd, 63.—Geo. Green, Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Pair show held Feb. 25th, and was in every sense a great success. There was a record number of entries, 130, and 250 birds staged, being one of the largest pair shows, if not the largest, held in London. Mr. Shakespeare placed the cards, and the following very kindly assisted as stewards: Messrs. J. Oldaker, F. C. Walmsley, and G. E. Weston. A very large number of friends visited the show. At two o'clock could be seen on the secretary's table two dozen CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS, and at 7 o'clock all were sold, showing the great popularity of this little book. The silver challenge cup for most points was won by Mrs. Giddy. The special prize presented by the chairman, Mr. G. Gardner for best pair in show, was won by Mrs. G. E. Weston with a very fine Norwich Green and Bullfinch hen. Special for second best pair presented by Mr. A. Wakefield was won by Mr. C. W. Law with a pair of Norwich. In the champion Norwich class were 13 pairs, in the novice Norwich 18 pairs, and the Yorkshire novice numbered 12 pairs. The success of the show is entirely due to the committee and members alike for the way in which they put their whole heart and soul in it.

NOR. CHAMP (13): 1, 2, vhc, c, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; 3, Dann; hc, Bell. AMAT. (7): 1, 3, vhc, Hyde; 2, hc, Cowie and Elton; c, W. Knight. NOVICE (18): 1, 2, vhc, Law; 3, ex vhc, hc, Bywe; ex hc, c, Mrs. Wood; ex c, A. Knight. CREST, NOVICE (6): 1, Mrs. Wood; 2, hc, c, Ward; 3, vhc, Mrs. Hawes. YORKS. CHAMP. (3): 1, H. T. Jones; 2, 3, Armstrong. AMAT. (2): 1, W. Knight; abs., A. Knight. NOVICE (12): 1, 2, c, Bush; 3, Kent; vhc, Hardiman; ex vhc, hc, Cooper; ex hc, Ward; ex c, Finch. BORD., NOVICE (5): 1, hc, Walmsley; 2, Kent; 3, Mrs. Giddy; vhc, Hardiman. LIZ., NOVICE (1): Miss Liman. CINN. (1): Milson. GREENS, NOVICE (1). Milson. GOLDIE AND CAN. CHAMP. (1): Mrs. G. E. Weston. AMAT. (8): 1, 3, Cowie and Elton; 2, Hyde. NOVICE (6): 1, 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Radford; vhc, Hardiman; hc, King; c, Ward. LINNET AND CAN. CHAMP. (2): 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Bell. NOVICE (5): 1, Kent; 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Street; vhc, Mrs. Hawes; hc, Hardiman. GREENIE AND CAN. CHAMP. (2): 1, Bell; abs., Mrs. Weston. NOVICE (4): 1, Miss Liman; 2, Mrs. Giddy; 3, Street; vhc, Ward. A.O.S. BRIT. AND CAN., CHAMP. (1): Mrs. Weston. AMAT. (2): 1, Hyde; 2, Cowie and Elton. NOVICE (7): 1, Mrs. Giddy; 2, Johnson; 3, Street; vhc, hc, Radford; c, Ward. A.S. (for Hyb. breeding) (2): 1, Mrs. Weston; 2, Armstrong. AMAT. (2): 1, Cowie and Elton; abs., A. Knight. NOVICE (6): 1, 3, vhc, Mrs. Giddy; 2, Street; hc, Walmsley; c, A. Knight. SELL., £2 (1): H. T. Jones. 30/- (4): 1, Milson; 2, Armstrong; 3, Law; vhc, H. T. Jones. £1 (11): 1, 2, Fisher; 3, vhc, hc, Law; c, Armstrong.—C. W. Law, Sec.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH & C.C.C.

Meeting held Feb. 15th, Lockhart's, 65, Grainge Street. Mr. R. W. Smith presided over a good attendance. A table show of Norwich was held, some extra good specimens being on view. Mr. Holden won first in all classes, Mr. J. Currah (Gosforth) judged, and all the members were delighted with the way he had given his awards.

PAIRS FOR BREEDING: 1, Holden; 2, 3, Curry; 4, R. W. Smith; hc, Ayre; c, Hope. CL., ETC., YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Holden; 2, R. W. Smith; 3, Topping. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, Ayre; 3, R. W. Smith; 4, R. Topping; hc, Curry; c, Coxon. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, Holden; 2, Ayre; 3, hc, c, R. W. Smith; 4, Curry. The only other item on the agenda was the selection of medals, which had been won by the members over shows where our patronage had been given, which will be presented at next meeting (general), March 15th, to those who are present, when the election of officials will take place. If any member cannot attend, and has any suggestions which he thinks will benefit the club, sends them, I will only be too pleased to put them on the agenda. Will intending members also attend? If they cannot, please send your names to me, when I will send you full particulars. Membership is confined to the following counties:—Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmoreland. Annual subs., 2/6.—W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Onward Hall, Feb. 21st. Mr. Coulson presided over a good muster of members and friends. After the usual business the second of a series of table shows for Norwich pairs matched for breeding was held—2 classes, open and amateur, and novices. We received far more entries than was anticipated—38 pairs "toed the line" to the judging of Mr. J. Raynes (Manchester), who proved himself a highly competent judge, his awards without exception satisfying the most critical. Some grand pairs were competing, and it took the judge some time to sort them out. He acknowledged that the owners with good luck (which he hoped they would enjoy during the coming breeding season) should see some good cocky birds turned out of this lot. The chairman, by permission of the judge, invited questions to be asked Mr. Raynes as to the placing of the awards, and several members were not slow in taking advantage of this. Mr. Raynes replied to each, showing where the faults lay in mating up. A very interesting meeting was ended with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Raynes. Next meeting March 7th, table show of British birds and muling pairs; Mr. Fairhurst (South Manchester) judge. Birds to be staged 8 p.m. Result of table show:—

OPEN AND AMAT.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Boothman; 4, Spencer; vhc, hc, Coulson; c, Fulcher. NOVICE: 1, spl, Buckley; 2, Wareing; 3, 4, c, spl, Rev. E. E. Gaul; vhc, hc, Booth.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

PORTSMOUTH C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 22nd, Headquarters. We are pleased to say it was well attended. The business was: To elect judge for annual show. The following gentlemen had kindly offered their services:—Messrs. Heath, Payne, Dobson, Silk, and Robson. A ballot was taken, which resulted in favour of Mr. Robson being elected. Further agreed, to hold a two-days' show as last year, and our date has been fixed for October 18 and 19. Further decided, to spend not less than 25/- on advertising same in CAGE BIRDS. Re the improvement of our staging at shows.—The secretaries were instructed to obtain tenders for new trestels, etc., and put before the members at our next meeting, March 29th. We can boast a splendid hall, it being very spacious with splendid light from top and sides, and free from draughts. We are very thankful to the many exhibitors who patronised our last annual, and wrote so encouragingly to us, expressing their satisfaction for the way in which their birds were returned; we can only assure them it will give us the greatest pleasure to maintain this credit. Our ambition is that this show shall shortly become an important fixture in the South. After the business, the members held a table pair show. About 30 pairs were present. Mr. H. Young kindly placed the cards. We regret to add the pairs for Muling or Hybrid did not muster many, but we hope at our next pair show the class will be better patronised. Vote of thanks accorded Mr. Young for placing cards and describing very ably the various important points to be studied when pairing. This concluded the business of the evening, and brought our February meeting to a close.

NOR.: 1, Halter; 2, Bickell, King; 3, Saunders. YORKS.: A grand lot: 1, Boxall; 2, Joiner; 3, Lockhart; vhc, Joiner. CREST: 1, Marshall, splendid pair.—King and Joiner, Secs.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

First of this season's members' shows held Feb. 25th, club room, where 116 birds were staged. Mr. F. Bonn awarded the prizes, and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. SECTION.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, F. Self; 2, c, Myers and Lumb; 3, Hodgson; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Wilson; hc, Hartley. BUFF: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, F. Self; 3, Wilson; 4, Tom Bentley; vhc, Hartley; hc, Waterworth; c, Gaunt. TKD. YELL.: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, hc, Tom Bentley; 3, Waterworth; 4, vhc, Wilson; c, Ormonroyd. BUFF: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, Hartley; 3, Lister; 4, Ormonroyd; vhc, Gaunt. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Tom Bentley; 4, Lister. BUFF: 1, vhc, Ormonroyd; 2, Waterworth; 3, Wilson; 4, Gaunt. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Tom Bentley; 2, Hartley. HEN: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Hartley; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Hodgson; vhc, Tom Bentley; hc, Gaunt. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, Myers and Lumb; 2, F. Self; 3, 4, Lister; vhc, Ormonroyd; hc, Gaunt; c, Hodgson. BUFF: 1, F. Self; 2, Lister; 3, Myers and Lumb; 4, Hartley; vhc, hc, Gaunt; c, Hodgson. SELL., 15/-: 1, Lister; 2, Fieldhouse. 12/6: 1, Greenwood; 2, Waterworth; 3, Fieldhouse. NOVICE SECTION. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 3, C. H. Self; 2, Lewis; 4, Hensor; vhc, Sharp; hc, Shackleton. BUFF: 1, Crabtree; 2, C. H. Self; 3, Sharp; 4, Lewis; vhc, Shackleton. TKD. YELL.: 1, Crabtree; 2, Shackleton; 3, Jowett; 4, vhc, Coates; hc, Hick. BUFF: 1, 2, Greenwood; 3, Hick; 4, Line; vhc, Lewis. EVEN, ETC., BUFF: 1, Line; 2, Greenwood. CINN. MKD. CK.: 1, Coates; 2, Hudson; 3, Greenwood. HEN: 1, Lewis; 2, C. H. Self; 3, Jowett. YELL. YORKS. HEN: 1, 2, Lewis; 3, Crabtree; 4, Line; vhc, Ellis Self; hc, Hick; c, Hensor. BUFF: 1, Greenwood; 2, Crabtree; 3, Coates; 4, Line. J. Holroyd, Hon. Sec.

MENAI BRIDGE.

This progressive cage bird show was held at the Pier Pavilion, February 25th. The weather was very favourable, and the attendance very fair. The quality of the exhibits exceeded former years; total entries, 190 in the 16 classes provided. We were very pleased to see the Norwich turning out so well in number; and the quality was up to the standard. Yorks. were excellent in number and quality, and the Goldies were a treat in themselves. A few really good Mules were on view. The energetic secretaries, Messrs. Owen Owens and J. E. Jones, got through their work in a very satisfactory manner, and were ably assisted by a good staff of true fanciers. Treasurer Mr. R. W. Roberts as usual made every effort to make the show a success. Great credit is due also to Messrs. W. Nolan, J. Hughes, Owen Jones, R. T. Williams, W. H. Williams, J. Williams, and A. J. Hughes. Mr. T. Owen won Hyde's special. Specials most points:—Nor. Section: E. D. Owen, J. Williams, W. H. Williams; Yorkshire: W. Nolan, T. Owen, J. Thomas, D. Walford; Borders: A. J. Hughes; Mules: R. Jackson; Goldfinch: W. H. Evans; Greypates: O. Jones; British (2 classes): J. Williams, also selling; Foreign: Miss Enid Platt. Mr. J. H. Roe made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (9): 1, spl, 2, r, E. D. Owen, good team of classical yells., winner immense size, standing well out, grand type, very chubby, good head and eye, rich col., full of quality, 2nd another cl., typical, good col., nice feather, beaten in head and substance only, res. another good one, all in the pink of condition; 3, vhc, W. H. Williams, 3rd good cl. yell. hen, fine formation of body, well over perch, not quite so rich in col. as winners, vhc nice type and col.; hc, J. Williams; c, Kershaw and Roberts. BUFF (7): 1, spl, 3, J. Williams, buff hen, very typical, nice size, good head, in grand form, also won in selling class and quickly claimed, cheap at price, 3rd good sized cl., splendid contour, grand head and neck, wings and tail; 2, E. E. Griffith, nice type, rich col., grand shaped head, well cut away, in good form, well-known; r, W. H. Williams, good shape, beaten only in col. and feather; vhc, E. D. Owen, good type, unsteady; hc, Ellis; c, John Hughes. A.O.V. NOR. (6): 1, spl, 2, hc, W. H. Williams, 1st variegated yell. Plainhead, good quality, rich col., grand condition, old winner, 2nd variegated Crest, good body, leafy feather, nice shaped Crest, looking well; 3, vhc, E. D. Owen, good saddle mkd. yell., grand feather and col, wee shade lighter; res. foul green C.B., good size and feather, more substance would improve him. YORKS. CL. YELL. (15): 1, spl, vhc, W. Nolan, 1st cl. yell., nice length, full of style and quality, straight as a rush, good flights and tail, grand col., clear win; 2, O. Owens, very typical and stylish, good wings, nicely fed, old winner; 3, T. Owen, nice length, well moulded wings, well clipped up, good thighs and position; r, J. L. F. J. Pike, lengthy and stylish, good col.; hc, Gallican; c, Owen Jones. BUFF (11): 1, spl, T. Owen, medium length, tight as wax, good position, showing plenty of daylight, neat tail; 2, O. Owens, good blanced buff, full of style and quality, very shapely, nicely cut away; 3, J. Thomas, straight and slim, good type and feather; r, Pike, long, shapely, wings well carried; vhc, W. Nolan; hc, H. Jones; c, J. M. Evans. YORKS., A.O.V.: 1, spl, 3, J. Thomas, yell. mkd., straight as a gun-barrel, tight as a Java, not a feather out of place, full of quality, 3rd nice length, slim and stylish, wing and neck mkd., good feather, unsteady; 2, W. H. Williams, good length and position; r, W. Nolan, long and shapely, well balanced, neck mkd., full of style and quality, one of the best in the class; vhc, T. Owen; hc, no name; c, J. O. Williams. YORKS. HEN (15): 1, spl, 3, D. Walford, green mkd. buff, long and shapely, full of style and quality, straight and slim, tight as a bottle,, shown in the pink; 3, saddle mkd. buff, good wings and tail, best of feather; 2, r, c, W. Nolan, 2nd cl. yell., very neat and stylish, rich col., straight and well finished, in good condition, res. wing mkd. yell. of good quality; vhc, J. O. Williams, some thought equal to any in class; hc, W. Evans. BORD. FCY. (6): 1, spl, A. J. Hughes, green mkd. yell., nice type, A1 feather, well shown; 2, Pugh, cl. buff hen, good type, close feather, nice style; 3, W. Aitken, very neat yell., nicely shaped, full of quality; abs., Nos. 1, 2, 4. MULE OR HYB. (15): 1, spl, Jackson, good light variegd. Goldie, in grand form, typical, stylish, and well polished, clear win; 2, Parry, rich col. Jonque Goldie Can., good markings, full of style and quality, shown in the pink; 3, c, Parry and Angel, good buff Goldie, wants feeding; r, W. Aitken, good buff Linnet Mule; vhc Thomas Roberts, Siskin-Greenfinch; hc, D. Walford, Goldie-Can. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, spl, W. H. Evans, very typical Finch, good under-col., grand blaze, bars, and buttons, well finished; 2, O. Jones, also won in Greypate class, good size, blaze, wings, and bars, nutty brown, good head and beak, well defined; 3, O. Owen, another good one, grand head, lustrous col., close up, hard to separate; r, Thomas Roberts, good size and col., in very fine condition; vhc, R. Hughes; hc, G. D. Jones; c, R. Jackson. GREYPATES (Black leg, 1910): 1, spl, vhc, E. Jones, reviewed in open, vhc another good one; 2, W. H. Evans, immense size, good blaze and col., very neat all over; 3, W. Jones, good col., fine moons and bars, well shown; r, W. R. Roberts, massive head, grand blaze, well cut away, richest col. in class, some preferred; hc, O. Owens; c, O. Roberts. BRIT. BULLFINCH (9): 1, spl, J. Williams, grand Bullie, good size and col., dense black cap, rich col. breast, distinct markings, well finished; 2, J. Thomas, fine size and condition, not quite so rich in col.; 3, R. T. Williams, another good one, close up; r, W. H. Williams, good size and markings, not quite so rich in col.; vhc, O. Thomas; hc, R. J. Pritchard; c, H. D. Ellas. BRIT A.O.S. (14): 1, spl, 3, Williams, good Linnet, rich pencilling, in fine form, stood well out, 3rd Greenfinch, typical, good col.; 2, G. Jones, grand Greenie, nicely cut away, in fine form; r, E. Edwards, very nice Bunting; vhc, W. Aitken; hc, Hughes Brothers c, G. Jones. FOR.: (6): 1, William Jones, very good Parrot; 2, spl. hc, Miss Enid Platt, Budgerigars, in grand form; 3, R. T. Williams, nice Parrot; r, O. G. Jones, grand Bullie; vhc, T. Roberts. SELL. (15): 1, sp, J. Williams; 2, A. J. Hughes; 3, R. Jackson; r, O. Jones; vhc, Thomas Roberts; hc, H. Jones; c, T. Owen.

BARRINGTON AND CHOPPINGTON S.C.C.B.S.

Meeting held 25th. Decided, to hold a nest feather show July 22nd; judge, Mr. Gray (Bedlington Station),; and the annual show December 23rd; judge, Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead). Table show also held 25th, of Norwich pairs for breeding purposes. A fair number of pairs were shown, and after the judge, Mr. T. Sanderson (Bedlington) had given his verdict, some discussion took place amongst the exhibitors as to the pairs shown, and the judge had a "lively time of it" to prove the justice of his awards, which he did to the satisfaction of all.

Awards—J. Dixon 1st, T. Griffiths 2nd, T. Dixon 3rd, vhc; J. Dixon hc, T. Griffiths c.—T. Griffiths, Sec.

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZES FOR YORKSHIREMEN.

Winners of Competitions, 1910-11

THE YORKSHIRE UNION.

All entries to count. Champion Section: 1st prize, 20s., Ogden Brothers, 589 points, J. Bailey 582 (winner in Y.C.C. competition), H. H. Towers 406 (winner in C.M.Y.C.C. competition), W. H. Shackleton 264 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C. competition); 2nd, 12s. 6d., L. Dykes, 132; 3rd, 7s. 6d., H. Charlesworth, 73. Amateur Section: 1st, 20s., Joe Thomas, 225 points (117 points deducted as champion), L. C. Casey, 59 (winner in Y.C.C. competition); 2nd, 17s. 6d., Hy. Smith 48, E. Clegg 38 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C. competition); 3rd, 15s., J. Horsfield 30.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Three marked entries to count. Champion Section: 1st, 20s., J. Bailey 302 points, Ogden Brothers 263 (winner in Yorks. Union competition), H. H. Towers 207 (winner in C.M.Y.C.C. competition), W. H. Shackleton 164 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C. competition); 2nd, 12s. 6d., Thornton and Bower 137; 3rd, 7s. 6d., J. Hellewell 119. Amateur Section: Joe Thomas 88 points (winner in Yorks. Union competition); 1st, 20s., L. C. Casey 80; 2nd, 17s. 6d., C. E. Hall 57, Hy. Smith 47 (winner in Yorks. Union competition), E. Clegg 43 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C. competition), J. Horsfield 29 (winner in Yorks. Union competition); 3rd, 15s. H. Long 17.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKSHIRE C.C.

Three starred entries to count. Champion Section: 1st, 20s., H. H. Towers 174 points, Ogden Brothers 132 (winner in Yorks. Union competition), L. Dykes 79 (winner in Yorks. Union competition), J. Bailey 77 (winner in Y.C.C. competition); 2nd, 12s. 6d., A. Cooper 65; 3rd, 7s. 6d., F. Allen 24. Amateur Section: 1st, 20s., J. Smith 23 points, E. Clegg 16 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C. competition); 2nd, 17s. 6d., D. Thornton 11, F. Hammond 11 (winner in O.N.P.C. competition), S. B. Grayshon 2 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C. competition); 3rd, 15s., H. Simonett 1.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

Three starred entries to count. Champion Section: 1st, 20s., W. H. Shackleton 116 points; 2nd, 12s. 6d., Sutcliffe and Son 97, L. Dykes 90 (winner in Yorks. Union competition), Ogden Brothers 78 (winner in Yorks. Union competition), H. H. Towers 61 (winner in C.M.Y.C.C. competition); 3rd, 7s. 6d., F. Townsend 26. Amateur Section: Joe Thomas 51 points (winner in Yorks. Union competition); 1st, 20s., E. Clegg 48, L. C. Casey 6 (winner in Y.C.C. competition); 2nd, 17s. 6d., S. B. Grayshon 1; 3rd, 15s. (not won).

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Three highest birds to count. Champion Section: 1st, 20s., A. Humphries 180 points, Joe Thomas 150 (winner in Yorks. Union competition); 2nd, 12s. 6d., Greenwood and Pickles 118; 3rd, 7s. 6d., Eyre and Taylor 70. Amateur Section: 1st, 20s., Fred Hammond 25 points; 2nd, 17s. 6d., T. Fortnam 17; 3rd, 15s., O. Mitchell 8.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY BRITISH B. & M.C.

Three highest entries to count. Champion Section: 1st, 20s., T. H. Inman 162 points; 2nd, 12s. 6d., D. Duncan, jun., 39; 3rd, 7s. 6d., J. Bousfield 34. Amateur Section: 1st, 20s., F. Archer 73 points; 2nd, 17s. 6d., J. Lane 49; 3rd, 15s., J. Beattie 35.

CASH PRIZES AT Y.U. SHOWS.

Champion Section: J. Bailey, Ogden Bros., H. H. Towers, W. H. Shackleton, Joe Thomas, A. Cooper, Thornton and Bower, L. Dykes, and Sutcliffe and Son, 10s. each—£4 10s.; H. Charlesworth, J. Wilson, W. Cruise, H. W. Walsh, H. Hill, and L. Dyson, 6s. each—£1 16s.; Greenwood and Pickles, T. H. Inman, A. Jowett, J. Helliwell, Edmondson and Son, and M. Peel, 4s. each—£1 4s. Amateur Section: J. Horsfield, L. C. Casey, C. E. Hall, Wright and Son, J. Lane, Hy. Smith, E. Clegg, and Wharton Bros., 10s. each—£4: Fred Hammond, 7s.; W. Laycock, E. Shepherd, J. Smith, T. W. Turton, and F. Archer, 6s. each—£1 10s.; J. H. Ackroyd and T. Elsegood, 4s. each—8s.; Myers and Lumb, 3s.; George White, 1s. Cash prizes not won, as follows:—Windhill, 4s.; Great Horton (Good Intent), 13s.; Skelmanthorpe, 4s.; and Sandy Lane and District (show not held), £1—£2 1s. Total, £16.

SUMMARY.

Yorkshire Union, Champ. Section, £2; Yorkshire Union, Amat. Section, £2 17s. 6d., Yorkshire C.C., Champ. Section, £2; Yorkshire C.C., Amat. Section, £2 12s. 6d; Cinnamon-marked Yorks. C.C., Champ. Section, £2; Cinnamon-marked Yorks. C.C., Amat. Section, £2 12s. 6d.; National Green-marked Y.C.C., Champ. Section, £2; National Green-marked Y.C.C., Amat. Section, £1 17s. 6d.; National Green-marked Y.C.C., Amat. Sec. (not won), 15s.; Open Norwich P.C., Champ. Section, £2; Open Norwich P.C., Amat. Sec., £2 12s. 6d.; Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., Champ. Section, £2; Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., Amat. Section, £2 12s. 6d.; cash prizes, at Yorks. Union shows, Champ. and Amat., £13 19s.; cash prizes at Yorks. Union shows, Champ. and Amat. (not won), £2 1s.; total, £44.

Any objections to the foregoing awards or any claims on this fund must reach me not later than March 7th, 1911, or they will not be entertained. The committee will be glad to give consideration to any legitimate claim sent in by that date, especially in those cases where the prize has not been won, but particular attention is drawn to the fact that no claim will be considered unless the entries were marked C.B. or C.B.A. in the catalogue of the show for which such claim is made.—Fred Hammond, Hon. Sec., CAGE BIRDS Prizes Committee, 70, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford.

P.S.—I desire to express my grateful thanks to the various show committees where this competition has been held for their ready compliance (with one exception) with the rule which requires their sending me a free copy of their show catalogue.—F.H.

STONEHOUSE (N.B.) C.B. & H.S.

Table show held Feb. 25th, when three classes were put up. Entries turned out very poorly, but we had quality, if not quantity. The awards were made by Mr. J. Whitelaw.

CAN. PAIRS: 1, spl, Buchannan; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Melvin. MULE PAIRS: 1, McAlpine; 2, Gray. HYB. PAIR: 1, McAlpine; 2, Buchannan; 3, Buchannan. G. McAlpine won special for best in Buchannan. G. McAlpine won special for best in Mules and Hyb. After packing up our birds we adjourned to a room of "Thistle Bar," where a very pleasant evening was enjoyed in song and sentiment by the following artistes: Messrs. McNiven, McAlpine, Jamieson, Buchannan, Sorbie, Whitelaw, Cuthbertson, and Melvin. Our president made a speech, and we afterwards sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." This concluded one of the many jolly meetings we have had.—Overseer.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 23, headquarters. Decided, to hold first table show of pairs for breeding, March 9th, Mr. Dippie to judge. Classes:—1 Nor., 1 Yorks., 2 Bord., 1 A.O.V. Can., 1 Mule, 1 Hyb. No entrance fee, but all members and friends attending to pay 1d. Birds to be staged by 7.30. Also decided, to give a medal for most points gained at each table show. Mr. J. Moffit (Tesbury) elected a member of committee, and Mr. R. Smith (Tesbury) a member of the Society.—R. Forster, Secretary.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual party held Feb. 18th, when about 30 of our fanciers, their wives and friends, sat down to tea at headquarters, provided by our host, Mr. Dunkerley. And right well did he do his duty. After tea we had singing, dancing, and reciting. M.C., Mr. Travis; chairman, Mr. Sharples. Miss Else gave us "Sweet Belle Mahone"; Mr. Turner rendered "The Rolling Ocean" and "The Diver"; Master A. Hordern recited "A Woman's Example"; Mr. F. Steeple gave us two concertina solos, and Mr. J. Addison sang "The Fisherman and his Child." Mr. Sharples moved a vote of thanks to the artistes. Mr. Steeple seconded. We finished up a very pleasant gathering by singing "Auld Lang Syne."—Jas. Cope, Sec.

BATLEY AND DISTRICT O.F.S.

2nd annual meeting held headquarters, Talbot Hotel, Feb. 13, when the election of officers took place. For the post of president, our worthy host, Albion Barret, was elected; vice-president, F. Hird; treasurer, J. Dean; secretary, G. G. Stafford; auditors, P. Imeson and H. Scott; delegate to Yorkshire Union, P. Imeson (our late delegate, Mr. W. Kershaw, owing to pressure of business, being reluctantly compelled to resign the position). Decided to hold two first feather shows and three winter shows during the coming season, giving a gold medal for winner and silver medal for runner-up, four highest birds to count for points throughout five shows. We had the pleasure of enrolling three new members, which points to the coming season being an improvement on the past.—G. G. Stafford, Hon. Sec.

WINDSOR C.B.A.

Annual dinner, held Feb. 8th, at the "Star and Garter Hotel, Peascod Street. The company sat down to an excellent repast. Mr. J. Simms occupied the chair, and Mr. G. W. King the vice-chair. A musical programme was arranged for by Messrs. W. G. King and F. R. Baker, which was immensely appreciated. During the evening the chairman, on behalf of the society, presented Mr. E. A. Stickland, the hon. secretary, with a very handsome pocket wallet in appreciation of his service to the Association. The following contributed to an excellent programme: Mr. A. and Master Montgomery, Messrs. F. R. Baker, F. K. Keen, G. King, W. King, C. Griffin, J. Hearn, A. E. Hutson, and C. O. Baker. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haines, and after singing the National Anthem the company dispersed, having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.—E. A. Stickland, Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Annual dinner and prize distribution held Feb. 13, when 53 members and wives and sweethearts sat down to an excellent repast provided by our host and hostess in their usual style. Councillor T. Deighton presented the prizes to winners with a few appropriate remarks. The chair was taken by our president, Mr. J. Ackroyd. Winners of the club prizes: 1, cup, dress length, A. Grange (cup becomes his own property, he having won it three times); 2, Holroyd Bros. (barometer); 3, A. Huddlestone (cruet and cutlery); novice medal, F. Western; consolation prize (bird spray), W. E. Dent; special for unflighted yellow, J. Ackroyd; for unflighted buff, T. Smith; winners of our host's specials, J. Newton, A. Huddleston, E. Hussey, J. Newton, T. Smith, A. Grange, F. Western, Holroyd Bros. The following artists contributed to the social in their well-known style: Miss Smith, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. F. Grange, Messrs. Belmont, J. Normy, Metcalfe, W. Holroyd, accompanist J. W. Dixon.—H. Grange, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Arcade Temp. Hotel, 18th Feb., Mr. J. Simpson presiding. This Society continues to make excellent progress. Three new members joined and eight were proposed. Letter read from hall-keeper re terms; as the charge was considered excessive it was submitted to sub-committee to inquire about terms, etc., of other halls, and to report. Classification then reviewed, and with slight modification agreed to. Following judges appointed for Scotch Fancy: Mr. W. Rodgers (Colinton); for Border Fancy, Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso); for Nor. Crests, Mr. J. Adams (Dundee); for Mules and British Birds, Mr. J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh). Agreed, that we order 1 doz. copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Prize money settled to be 10s., 5s., and 2s. 6d., with entry fee 1s. 6d., and that model cards be supplied for all classes. The Chairman made an appeal for annual subs., as this was a new society with no bank balance. The appeal produced a gratifying result. Agreed that next meeting be held Arcade Temp. Hotel, 22nd March, when Mr. Anderson, the well-known British Bird exhibitor, promised a paper on British Birds. The usual votes of thanks brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.—Joseph R. Reid, Secretary.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Bankfoot Schoolroom, Feb. 14th, when a fair good number of members put in an appearance. The balance sheet for the past year showed a balance in hand, after having a very good showing season, at which everybody who had shown a bird was presented with a special, regardless of counting points. All existing officers were asked to resign. A fresh election resulted in most of the retiring officers being re-elected:—President, Mr. J. Taylor; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Lawson, B. Wilman, W. Myers, and C. Horsley; treasurer, Mr. E. M. Waddington; auditors, Messrs. H. Taylor and D. Lowe; assistant secretary, Mr. W. North; trustees, Messrs. O. Priestley and R. Hinchliffe; management committee, Messrs. C. Bastow, J. Smith, W. Lightowler, E. Oxley, W. Ketteringham; secretary, Mr. F. Gelder, 91, Marsh st., Little Horton, Bradford. A valuable list of specials for next season's showing was compiled, and included 10/6, 5/-, and 2/6 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd most points, with commended birds only. Several other specials were then promised. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. Smith, J. W. Cooper, D. Sutcliffe, and J. Mitchell. Then came the most regrettable part of the agenda, 14 members being struck off the list for non-payment of subscriptions. It must not be thought we were hard on these, as each one was written to. Subscriptions are 3/- per year. Will all who intend becoming members send names to the Sec.?—W. North, Assist. Sec., 104, Ryan-st., West Bowling, Bradford.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, Feb. 22nd, when a good number of members were present, Mr. C. J. Robinson in the chair. Business arising from last meeting's minutes discussed. Decided to have two judges at next annual show. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) was elected to judge Yorkshires. At our next meeting we hope all Norwich fanciers will be present to elect judge. The members hope this step will greatly increase our entries at the coming show.—G. Lawton, Gen. Sec.

PENZANCE AND DISTRICT F.A.

Annual meeting held Rechabite Hall, on Feb. 14, with Mr. E. Michell in chair. The secretary (Mr. J. P. Sampson) in presenting his report, said the number of members for the past year was 44—a record number. The treasurer's report showed a balance of £10 16s. 8d. Mr. E. Michell and Mr. J. C. Rogers were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively; Mr. G. H. Hall, hon. treasurer. Mr. J. P. Sampson resigned his position as hon. secretary, and his place was taken by Mr. Bodinnar. Mr. Robinson elected hon. auctioneer and Mr. Sampson hon. auditor. Committee for cage birds: Messrs. W. H. Warren, E. Phillips, W. J. Uren, J. P. Sampson, W. Clift, J. Carne, R. Gendall, Treganowau, D. Williams, and S. C. Watkins.—W. Bodinnar.

ULSTER O.A.

Annual general meeting held in Clarence Place Hall, Feb. 9, the president, Mr. Bawford, in the chair. Balance sheet adopted as read; it was considered very satisfactory, as the association is now in the best financial position it has been in for some years. The election of officers:—President, Mr. Bawford; secretary, Robert Trimble; trustees, Messrs. Cumming and Stewart; auditors, Messrs. Ronaldson and Smyth; committee, Messrs. Gray, Teasy, Montgomery, Connell, Tansby; Fleming, Lavery, Mc Connel, J. Adams, and Carson. Next annual show 1st and 2nd December (secretaries please note). Decided, to have three specialist judges which were nominated ,and as soon as possible the names of those engaged will be published. Proposed and passed, that the show be included in CAGE BIRDS show dates fixed column, and the secretary was instructed to give the necessary guarantee.—Robert Trimble, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 24th in Room 4, 83, High-street, the president, Mr. Pearson, occupying chair. Motions (published in a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS) were disposed of. Those by Messrs. J. Barr and W. R. Dunn were rejected by seven votes to nine. Mr. J. Sneaton's motion fared better, being passed without amendment. Decided that the annual show be held in the Town Hall, which was better situated, had a better entrance, and far better terms. In future all meetings will be held in the "Gray Horse" Tavern. Mr. J. Marsh, the proprietor, has given the society their choice of rooms, also storage for staging free, if required. Considerable discussion of that rather "smoky" question, the smoking concert, engaged the attention of the members, and was finally disposed of. Messrs. D. Moffat, J. Muir, and A. Moffat were elected to take the affair in hand. It is to be held in the "Ship Inn." Mr. G. Walker has kindly consented to supply "provisions." The date has been fixed for 18th March at 7 o'clock p.m., and it is expected to be a huge success. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Bradly, Carruthers, McKinlay, and Murphy. The judges elected will be announced shortly.—W. M. Nisbet, Sec.

ECCLES CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Before a fair gathering of members and friends at headquarters, Mr. W. Fairhurst (Ardwick) provided a most interesting and well-spent evening; but unfortunately, owing to a late start, he had to postpone the Mule Breeding section of his lecture, and deal with British Birds and seeds only. In his opening remarks he in passing expressed his regret at the decision of the Cage Bird Union in dropping Rule 22. Firstly, he said, take the Goldfinch—the "Gentleman of the Family." In his opinion the tip-top exhibition birds were few and far between. His method of obtaining the best was to get the best side of a catcher and pay him to have first pick of his catch; one would then stand a much better chance. He thought the best month was October, when the 'Pates began to get the blaze. He always tried to avoid 'Pates having yellow mouths as they were immature and of no use for cage life. The chief points he went for were: first, size; second, blaze as square as possible; third, cap and tanning on breast. The huttons, he thought, did not differ much, but if the novice would follow those he did not think he could go far wrong. Next we came to the Linnet, the most universally admired bird, chiefly because of his beautiful notes and sweet song. The ideal Linnet was more valuable than the ideal Goldfinch. He advised anyone who wanted a Linnet never to choose in Spring, when the birds had a blood-red breast. It was most cruel to do so, and the birds were no use for cage life in that state. He preferred to buy his birds in early season when frost is on ground, and feed them up to his liking for muling. He advised those on the look-out to follow his example. Wherever he saw a bird he examined it. You never know, he said, where you may drop on a topper—one in a thousand. The ideal bird to take the judge's eye was of Norwich type, with a good round head like a marble, and nice lacing. He liked to buy them lemon or stone-colour breasted and moult out himself. Next we took the Greenfinch, his favourite bird. Some would say it had no song, but he had proved by his own birds that it was a most interesting song; and he thought if properly treated it was a most interesting bird. He had for some time been on the look-out for a tip-top specimen, and he could assure them it was a most difficult job to get one. As a stock mixture he gave White Canary 2 parts, Teazle ½ part, Charlock 1 part, a little Linseed, Sunflower and Hemp. He gave separately, and plenty of them. The Chaffinch was a great favourite of his. Its song, though short, was sweet and interesting. He found the birds very fond of crushed sunflower seeds, crushed walnuts, mealworms, and the maggots lying under cowdung in fields. Stock mixture: 2 parts Canary, ½ part Teazle, ½ part German Rape. Goldfinch stock mixture: equal part Canary, Teazle, and a little Linseed. Hemp he gave separate every day, but he never gave crushed Hemp, as he believed the shell to contain a certain amount of poison. Teazle, he said, should always be carefully examined, as it was a seed which the least damp would soon turn mouldy. A sample of Teazle was then sent round. Afterwards, this seed was sieved to show the dust and dirt from vermin which it contained. Questions were asked, and ably answered by Mr. Fairhurst. Our President, Mr. Sims, then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Fairhurst for his able and most interesting lecture, and all agreed it had been a capital evening. Mr. Fairhurst promised to give his lecture on Mule Breeding in March, to which we are all looking forward.—H. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

Meeting held Nutclough Tavern Feb. 23rd, when it was decided to hold our first feather show on July 8th. Judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax).—A. Pickles, Hon. Sec.

ARBROATH SCOTCH FANCY C.B.S

Annual meeting held Crockatt's Rooms, 22nd Feb. There was a large attendance of fanciers. The following office bearers were elected, viz.:— President, Mr. D. C. Craig; vice-president, Mr. Patterson; treasurer, Mr. A. Marr; committee, Messrs. Black, G. Myles, Hastings, W. Myles, Smith, Muir, Rea, Murray, Hennan, Smith. Agreed, to meet two weeks hence to fix show date and judges.—Secretary, J. S. Napier, 52, St. Vigean's Road, Arbroath.

SANDY LANE AND DIST. C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Victoria Hotel, Feb. 21st, with Mr. J. Edmondson (the retiring president) in chair. The balance-sheet for the past year was adopted as read, the association being in a fairly good financial position. Also the following gentlemen were elected officers:—President, J. A. Whitwham; vice-presidents, J. Edmondson and A. Shaw; joint secretaries, S. Ratcliffe and A. Shaw; treasurer, T. Milburn; auditors, S. Moore and P. Drake.—Ratcliffe and Shaw, 94, Woodhouse-grove, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford.

MIDLAND ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held headquarters, Feb. 23rd. After the usual business, a presentation was made to our late hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Willows who has worked so hard for the benefit of our society. The present (a handsome marble timepiece) was very suitably engraved. Mr. Max Jacquemin said he was pleased to make the presentation on behalf of the members as a token of esteem and in recognition of the most valuable services rendered by Mr. Willows while in office, and he was sure he had done his best to make the society what it is to-day. In responding, Mr. Willows said it had come as a great surprise, and that he could not find words to sufficiently thank the members for their kindness, which he greatly appreciated. He would treasure this handsome gift as long as he lived. A very pleasant evening was spent, and some excellent singing was rendered by members and friends, for which Mr. Willows proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting was then brought to a close.—T. J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual dinner held Feb. 25th, Railway Hotel, when about 40 sat down to a good dinner, provided by the proprietress, and also our president, Mrs. Lawson. After the meal one of our oldest members, Mr. J. Lomas, was voted in the chair, and after a few remarks by him we enjoyed ourselves very much with plenty of music and singing. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Ordish, Slater, Clarke, Banks, Carter, and Smith, and also Mrs. Slater, Charleson, and Ordish. We had two friends from Bolton Society, Messrs. Brooks and Brierley (the Bolton secretary), who said they were very glad to see our members clinging to one another as we did, and also that he wished to see Bolton and Leigh get more into touch with one another, so that we could try to arrange an inter-club show, which I think would go very well. We concluded our evening by moving a vote of thanks to our president, Mrs. Lawson, and Mr. Lomas (chairman pro tem.).—R. Charleson, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

At last meeting dates of shows were fixed, new members elected, rules altered, two new officers elected, as under:—Monthly evening shows (all sections), 8 to 10 p.m., admission free, held headquarters, Workman's Hall, Romford-road, E., April 27th, May 25th, July 13th; annual young stock show, October 25th; annual show, January 10th, 1912. A lecture was fixed for September 28th, 8 p.m., by Mr. T. H. Harrison; visitors cordially invited. New members elected: Messrs. W. Davis and W. F. Taylor. Officers elected:—President, T. H. Harrison, Esq.; vice-presidents, T. Threlford, Esq., Dr. J. G. Buchan, Esq., F. A. S. Stern, Esq.; H. Mason, Esq., F. Jayne, Esq., and Miss J. E. Jay; committee (chair) Mr. J. Smith, (vice-chair) Mr. W. H. Collings, and Messrs. Wasey, Shell, Sykes, Day, Austin, Eyes, Sears, Ruggles, Reed, Hodder, Stanton, Huggins, Koster, Balls, Bromley, Hodgson, Tufnell, Hall; hon. auditors, Messrs. H. Mason and J. H. Priestman; hon. auctioneer, J. Bussey, Esq.; hon. solicitor, F. A. S. Stern, Esq.; hon. assistant sec., A. E. Baker.; sec., W. Maxey, 16, James-place, Poplar, E. Rule 12 was altered to read: "That committee meetings be held second Thursday in each month, and general meetings fourth Thursday in each month at eight o'clock, at headquarters.—W. Maxey, Hon.

METROPOLITAN C.B.S.

The members held their annual dinner at the Plough, Clapham Junction, Feb. 25th. After an excellent repast the company proceeded to enjoy a capital musical programme, in which several of the members and friends took part. In responding to the toast of the society, Mr. F. J. Martin remarked that a considerable advance had been made, both in the membership and finance of the society, which, he was glad to say, was in a very sound position with a substantial balance on the right side. A good amount of their income was spent in the purchase of cups and other specials which were competed for at their numerous shows, and won outright each year. Mr. Norman then presented the trophies, which were secured by the following members:—Champion cup, Mr. C. Mabey; novice cup, Mr. Edwards; British cup, Mr. Slade. A handsome teapot was won by Mrs. McGregor for most points gained by a lady during the season, this lady also winning the Trower's medal for most points won by starred birds. The runners-up in the cup competitions, Messrs. F. J. Martin, J. King, J. Best, were then presented with silver medals, the struggle for supremacy having been exceptionally keen and close. Mr. Davies said a few words in praise of CAGE BIRDS, remarking upon the great assistance its articles had been to the members, most of whom were amateurs and novices, and said how delighted they were to occasionally see the portrait of a bird bred by one of themselves placed upon its cover; it was an incentive to do their best to breed birds equal to them, to merit a like favour. We understand that Mr. McGregor, the popular chairman, was responsible for the musical programme, which was much enjoyed by the largest gathering this society has had. Among the company present were the following:—Messrs. Tibles, Martin, Gollop, Burgess, Moore, King, Davies, Price, Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Ottaway, and the Misses Ottaway, Mrs. Allingham, Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Harwood, Mr. Vigurs and friend, and others. We understand an excellent programme has been arranged by the Committee for the year, including two young bird shows, which will allow all birds to compete.

HOLYWOOD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Special meeting held Old Masonic Hall, with a full attendance of members, for the purpose of deciding date for annual show, and appointing judge. After a general discussion the members decided to hold their next annual show 17th and 18th November, open to all Ireland. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) was appointed judge for same. Will other show secretaries please note the dates, so as to avoid clashing as much as possible? Four new members were enrolled, and there is still room for more. If there are any local fanciers wishing to join, or desirous of any information relating to society, I shall be pleased to hear from them.—T. Cole, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S

Annual tea and social held Feb. 18, and a good number were present to do justice to a good meat tea, a credit to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hardy. The committee can congratulate themselves upon the musical portion of the programme, for it was the best yet arranged. A very good audience assembled, especially taking into consideration the bad weather. Mr. W. B. Atkinson (president) officiated as chairman, and gave the necessary impetus for the audience to make themselves thoroughly "at home." He thanked each of the artistes in turn. Mr. W. H. Smith (coxter singer), Mr. B. Murrell (humorist). Mr. G. Naylor (elocutionist), Mr. B. Nickleson (bass), Mr. W. Thackray (sentimeutal), Mr. G. Walker (who gave us the "Yorkshireman's toast"), Mr. Boys and Mr. Cordingby (accompanists). A vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and artistes, proposed by Mr. A. Price and seconded by Mr. Brown (Yeadon) was carried with great enthusiasm, and the proceedings terminated by the audience rising to sing the National Anthem.—Spencer and Cook, Hon. Secs.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Result of junior novice competition for past show season (should there be any errors please notify me at once):—1, A. M. Craven, 64 points; 2, H. E. Hadwen, 25 points; 3, G. G. Stafford, 24 points; 4, J. A. Whitwham, 20 points; 5, Riley Bros., 13 points; 6, P. Imeson, 11 points; 7, J. Northrop, 7 points; 8, Brown and Son, 5 points; 9, F. Packer, 4 points; 10, F. Gelder, 2 points. Cash specials for all competitors where club's patronage is granted, for best 4th and 5th birds during past show season:—Shipley: 4th, Shaw Bros.; 5th, R. Halliday, W. H. Shackleton, A. Lister. Laisterdyke: 4th, Sutcliffe and Son, L. Dykes, J. A. Whitwham, and G. G. Stafford; 5th, Ogden Bros., Messrs. Hartley, L. Hodgson, and F. Packer. Newcastle: 4th, E. Smith, W. H. Shackleton, Ogden Bros.; 5th, W. H. Shackleton, J. Wilcock, E. Clegg. Liverpool: 4th, Ogden Bros., E. Clegg, and J. Thomas; 5th, W. H. Shackleton, Messrs. Hartley, A. Cooper. Gt. Horton O.S.: 4th, H. H. Towers, and J. Thomas; 5th, W. H. Shackleton, E. Clegg, J. Thomas, and L. Briggs. L.C.B.A.: 4th, L. Dykes; 5th, J. Thomas. Halifax: 4th, H. H. Towers, Ogden Bros., J. Thomas, and H. E. Hadwen. Bradford East: 4th, H. H. Towers, Ogden Bros.; 5th, L. Dykes and F. Murgatroyd. Queensbury: 4th, L. C. Casey; 5th, H. H. Towers, J. Thomas, H. E. Hadwen, A. M. Craven. Crystal Palace: H. H. Towers; 5th, E. Clegg and F. Towusend.—F. Armstrong, Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held February 8, Headquarters, Half-Moon Inn, Mr. R. Todd in chair. Balance sheet passed as read, showing a balance in hand of £4 14s. 4d. Mr. W. Grainger, in moving the adoption of balance sheet spoke in high terms of the officials responsible for so creditable a report. Office bearers elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr. J. Paterson; treasurer, Mr. M. Cornor; secretary, H. Todd; assist. sec., Mr. R. Mowbray; auditors, Messrs. W. Underwood and J. G. Stephenson; committee, Messrs. Brown, Carrol, Crossling, Todd, Underwood, Metcalfe. Moved, that we have nest feather show, July 8, and that we give a cash special of 5/- to each sectiou: Yorks. champ., ditto novice, Nor. champ., ditto novice, Mule or Hybrid champ. and novice, and Brit. bird champ., and novice, and A.O.V. softbill. Prospects are good, and if members will only rally to meeting there is no reason why 1911 should not be a prosperous year. I should be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join. Ent. fee 1/-, sub. 5/-; fanciers under 21 years of age admitted half-price.—Hy. Todd, Sec.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Annual meeting held 25th February, in rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh. President Mr. Winter in chair. There was an exceptionally large muster of members. President intimated they had suffered a great loss, and the Fancy in general, through the death of Mr. J. Ferguson, of Glasgow; which was received by the members standing, same to be entered in minutes. Secretary instructed to write letter of condolence. The most important item was the balance sheet; there being very few questions to ask, on the motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mackie, it was passed as correct. Date of next annual show fixed for 30th December, 1911, and 1st January, 1912. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who kindly assisted at last show, especially Miss Peddle Waddell, and Messrs. Hoyle and Sykes, for the great trouble they had taken in looking after the foreign section and softbill section respectively. The election of office bearers resulted as follows: Patrons left over meantime; hon. pres., Wm. Grant, Esq.; hon. vice-presidents, Judge Stevenson (Edinburgh), Councillor F. A. Watt (Banff), A. C. Dandie, Esq. (Edinburgh), J. Brown, Esq. (Edinburgh), A. G. Cameron, Esq. (Kelso), G. M. Brotherston, Esq. (Edinburgh), A. M. Gardiner, Esq. (Newton Grange); hon. prov. committee, D. Galloway (Aberdeen), T. Erskine, Esq. (Glasgow), R. Bald, Esq. (Bathgate), M. Jamieson, Esq. (Hawick), J. F. Young, Esq. (Rutherglen), G. Alston, Esq. (Darvel); pres., Mr. J. Winter; vice-pres., Mr. S. Buglass; show manager, Mr. R. Craig; secretary and treasurer, A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh (salary for secretary same as last year); committee, Messrs. Rodger, Smart, Finnie, Mackie, Todd, Carson, Baxter, Spence, Allan, Neilson, Gourlay, Morris, Sykes, Hoyle, G. Brown, Cowper, Eastes, Hutchison, Turnbull, Holmes, Hope, with power to add; auditors Messrs. Green and Brotherston. Prize money same as last year. Classification.—Norwich same as last year with the exception that greens not to compete in non-fed classes. Greens subject to Green Canary Association. Crests same; Scotch Fancy and Belgians left over until next meeting; Borders same, also Cinnamons and Lizards; Yorkshires to be left over; A.O.V. Can., from 15/- to 10/-; Mules same; British same, only that Hen, A.V. soft-billed be deleted; Mealy Redpoll class left over meantime; foreign Goldie and Bully to remain; Foreign, same, excepting slight alteration in one of the classes; juvenile class, also stock class, to remain the same. A hearty vote of thanks was given the retiring office bearers. The meeting then adjourned until 11th March, at 6 p.m., for election of judges, etc. A full meeting is requested.—A. W. Watson, Sec.

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MULES—HYBRIDS—continued.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light-Mule breeders, 5/6, cocks, full song, 7/6 each; grand cock Goldfinch breeder, 7/6; Siskin cock breeder, 6/6; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

COCK Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, grand songsters, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- each; Sib. bred hen Canaries for light mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each (clear yellows or buffs); satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

GRAND three compartment Crystal Palace aviary, large enough for twenty Canaries, closely wired, strongly made, price 9/6; four 1909 bred Norwich hens, best of feeders, 9/6, the four dirt cheap: Geo. Cubley, Long Sutton, Lincs.

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FOLLOWING specially selected birds, cock Bramble Finch, hen Chaffinch, cage-moulted, 4/6; cock brown Linnet, hen Bullfinch, 4/6, cage-moulted white-legged cock Goldfinch, hen Bullfinch, 6/6; or large buff hen Canary, 8/6; cage-moulted cock Chaffinch, 2/-, hen 1/-: Weaire, Snodland, Kent.

HYBRID breeders. Cock Linnet, warranted muler, and house-moulted hen Bullfinch, 7/-; cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, 6/-; house-moulted cock Chaffinch, 2/6; large clear Yorkshire hen for light Mule breeding, 3/6, or exchange pullets; anything useful: John Pickles, Wainsgate-lane, Hebden Bridge, Yorks.

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HIGH-CLASS Sibs.; few grand hens, also cocks, for light muling, 42 years inbred warranted, 10/- each; breeder Mr. Champion's light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 1sts and special prizes; bred 1909, clear yellow six-pointed buff, nine lightly marked; bred 1910, four-pointed buff ticked yellow, ticked buff, eight light-marked Mules; 44 years breeder high-class birds; approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

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WANTED, male puppies or dog; also Parrot or birds; exchange: Godward, Monson-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

WANTED hen Canaries, cash or exchange; also cocks if cheap: Godward, Monson-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

WANTED second-hand rain coat, exchange Goldie Greenie, Brownie, show birds, mole pets: Cook, Pembridge.

WANTED to sell, rack, 12 cages, loose fronts, oak, like new, photo sent, £2 10s.: Wise, Bootmaker, Keswick.

WANTED 10ft. 6in. Greenheart fly rod and trout line, exchange Lancashire Canaries; 18, Royd's-st., Rochdale.

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WANTED yellow and green Budgerigars, exchange Canaries, single or pairs, full song: P. Brown, Potton, Beds.

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WANTED good Buff Norwich hen, exchange bees in new bar frame hive, sell 35/-: W. Morton, Wellgatehead, Lanark.

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WANTED concertina, in exchange for English lever watch, silver, value, 16/-: R. Lawrence, 64, Trafalgar-st., Hanley, Staffs.

WANTED good Seifert Roller, exchange good pair Wellington boots, size 8, cost 21/-: James, 32, Elderwood-rd., Birkenhead.

WANTED cage makers to state prices at once, of all kinds to resell: Hollinshead, Garden Aviaries, Churchgate, Stockport.

WANTED Yorkshire hens or Border pairs, exchange phonograph, value 12/6: Jeffrey, 269, York-rd., Battersea, London.

WANTED to exchange a good buff coppy hen for singing Canaries, or sell, 12/-: Fielding, 15, Whitelees-rd., Littlehorough.

WANTED, offers hen Canaries; exchange sterling silver watch and silver albert, 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

COCK Canary, on song, exchange house-moulted cock Siskin Goldfinch or Linnet; approval: Burch, Decorator, Woodbridge.

WANTED Canaries, any variety, Mules, Britishers, cheap for cash; also pullets: Amon's Aviaries, 43, Scott's-rd., Leyton, Essex.

SPLENDID Yorkshire, also Norwich cocks, full song, 7/6; six, 36/-; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

WANTED, Canaries in exchange pure-bred Scotch terrier hitch, good ratter; offers: Bignell, 170, Meyrick-rd., Clapham Junction.

WANTED Rollers or Norwich (pairs), or Yorkshires, hens, for good Yorkshire and Goldfinch (cocks): 33, Castlehill, Richmond, Yorks.

WANTED hen Mules, hen Canaries, and hen Goldfinches; stamp for reply: Millcar, 15, King and Queen-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, stout Norwich buff hen and Crest hen; will give good Norwich or Crest cock: J. Watson, 1, Emanuel Ashby, Doncaster.

WANTED hen Norwich, large; exchange cocks or buy; approval: Etherington, Alderton, Chippenham, Wilts. (See Mainly Canaries.)

WANTED Cinnamon Border, self yellow, exchange three Border hens, clear, foul green, variegated: Crister, 10, Mutual-st., Wallsend.

WANTED all kinds of British Canaries, Parrots, and monkeys bought: R. Williams, Fanciers' Provider, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley.

ALL kinds of Canaries wanted, cheap, or exchange winnings dogs or gramaphone value £6: James, 26, Sarsfeld-rd., Wandsworth Common.

WANTED quantity Blood-rumped Parrakeets from outdoor aviary, state lowest prices; no dealers. Oakley, 56, High-st., Southampton.

WANTED good Yorkshire cock (songster), in exchange for champion billiard cue and case: R. W. Phillips, 104, Rhondda-st., Swansea.

WANTED, offers in Canaries for Columbia disc gramophone, all complete, and 27 records: Davis, 19, Lexington-st., Regent-st., London, W.

WANTED Canaries, good exchange given in high class gents', ladies', and children's boots; offers wanted: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED ½-plate hand camera for pair clap nets and spring net trap: Hepburn, 130, Main-st., Lumphinnans, Cowdenbeath, Fifeshire.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED Canaries or cage birds, give 2 hens and cock Old English Spangle Bantams, value 12/6; approval: Mooring, George-st., Dunstable.

WANTED yellow Norwich cock, yellow Border cock, typical, exchange Lizard pairs from champion strain: Reid, Plantation-rd., Sunderland.

WANTED very large Lancashire or Crestbred hen, 1910, exchange large Crested cock, sound, healthy genuine: Smith, 203, Lovett-st., Grimsby.

WANTED, good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires and Crests; send lowest prices to A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 469, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WANTED Canaries, British birds, Parrots, poultry dogs, pigeons, rabbits, etc.; purchase or exchange other Fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED good unflighted Yorkshires, exchange first-class fishing tackle, mutual approval, or sell 25/-: C. Winte, Cann, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

WANTED acclimatised African Grey Parrot genuine talker, on approval; must be cheap; cash waiting: Grosvenor House, Fenton, Staffs.

EVERY fancier to grow their own dandelion; large bundle roots, tender leaves for transplanting, 1/- post paid: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms.

WANTED, large Siberian hen Bullie; exchange dark Greenie cock Mule, 2nd Faversham; approval, yours first: Cornelius, Church-rd., Oare, Faversham.

WANTED, typical young cinnamon yellow Norwich hen, give 2 Buff Norwich hens, no rubbish: 54, Wenlock-rd., Leinonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

WANTED good cock Hawfinch, exchange Goldfinch 12/6; or Bramble, 10/6; both can win; twice house moulted: J. Govier, South Hiendley, Barnsley.

WANTED German songster, exchange pair good Modern Black-red Bantams, or sell 15/-: Robt. Little, Jubilee-terrace, Longtown, Cumberland.

WANTED, a good Lancashire buff Coppy hen in exchange for dark cock Linnet mule: Linnet note: F. Birchenough, 7, St. George's-st., Macclesfield.

WANTED singing Canaries or Mules, will give Siberian Goldie, make winner, or sell 15/-; approval: William Manders, Fairfield, Llangennech, Llanelly.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., hen Canaries and Cap Mules; state price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED British or Foreign birds, exchange 2 pairs Blue and Silver Fantails (Elsom's), won 1st, 2nd, two 3rds; sell £1: Dann, Queen's-rd., Wisbech.

WANTED offers in Yorkshire or Norwich for good strong gent's cycle, in good running order, or sell 25/-: L., 186, Frizington-rd., Frizington, Cumberland.

WANTED good pair field glasses, will give Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Goldfinch Mule, cocks: K. Smith, Bradmore-lane, North Mymms, Hatfield.

CATCHERS wanted; Linnets, Goldfinches, any variety British, also Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries; state lowest price: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

WANTED Budgerigars, Cockatiels, sale or exchange 23 parts Harmsworth's "Natural History"; approval, deposit: Fred Laycock, Sutton Mill, Keighley.

WANTED, cock and hens, Canaries, large or small quantities, cheap for cash; will deposit cash with Editor: Carter, 45, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

WANTED: Good Yorkshire cock, cold room, exchange one pair men's black patent glace bals, size 6, sell 10/6: Clifton, 69, Denmark-road, Northampton.

WANTED pair of Yorkshires or Rollers, and breeding cage, in exchange for racing pigeons, value £1 to £2 per pair; yours first: Oddie, Woone-lane, Clitheroe.

WANTED powerful pair of field glasses and various sizes of best boots, exchange high-class Canaries; see Yorkshire: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshires; state lowest price, or exchange exhibition Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, or Goldfinch Mule: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Man.

WANTED Hartz Rollers, exchange Yellow and Black-barred Silver Show Homers, sell £2 pair, Singleton's strain; quality wanted: Roberts, Lillieville, Cheltenham.

WANTED 30/- for Dalmatian bitch puppy, 7 months, cn. pedigree, or exchange Border show cages or 15 x 15 box: Ireland, 19, Bowness-rd., Barrow-in-Furness.

WANTED Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Mules, Canaries, any quantity, British or Foreign birds, cheap for cash, or exchange cages: Hogg, Cagemaker, Middlesbrough.

WANTED Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, British, any variety; also Mules, Canaries, anythiug alive; cheap for cash, or exchange cages: Hogg, 17, Bridge-st W., Middlesbrough.

WANTED, three cock Canaries or Mules, singing, or nine hens; exchange heavily silver-plated teapot or cruet; state wants in cutlery; approval: Robinson, 32, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

BIRDS wanted, exchange gent's serge suits, 36, 38, 40, 42in. breast, or sell 25 - each; gents' overcoats or raincoats, same sizes, 25 -, also better qualities: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED, offers in Canaries, British or foreign birds, for three pairs of champion short distance Pigeons, best strain living, 7/6 pair; worth £1 pair: Pinsent, King's Head, Leicester.

WANTED good workman's watch or anything useful for two hens and cock to breed clear and even marked cinnamon Borders, sell 20/-; approval: Greenhorn, United Buildings, Faildhouse.

WANTED best cash offers and hen Rollers, exchange Fulton printing outfit in case complete, as new, cost 21/-; yours first; genuine bargain: Humphreys, 9, Kerry-rd., Newtown, Mont.

WANTED six catchers, state price; Linnets, Chaffinches, Larks, Bullfinches, Goldfinches, good price given for cocks and hens; established over 25 years: Young, 73, Sclater-st., Shoreditch.

WANTED, breeding cages, boy's cycle, Yorkshire Canaries; exchange pedigree Toy Yorkshire bitch puppy, three prize bred Jackobins, anto-harp: Ellison's Boot Stores, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WANTED, hen Canaries, will give 1/6; large or long hens, 1/9; Mules and singing cock Canaries wanted; anything alive bought: Manchester Bird Stores, London-rd., Manchester; and at Wakefield.

WANTED, large Norwich or Lancashire Plainheads in exchange with winning Old English Game Bantam Black-reds, bred direct from my Palace winners; approval: John Gainford, Calder Bridge, Cumberland.

WANTED offers for 9 high-class Yorkshire Canaries, 2 cocks 7 hens, with rack, 7 single, 2 double breeders, rack will hold 12 single and 4 double breeders, or sell, £4.—Gibson, 15, Old Clough-lane, Walkden, Manchester.

WANTED to sell, three breeding cages, disinfected, ready, three compartments, loose fronts, 4/- each; Muling cock brown Linnets, singing proud, 3/6 each; not rubbish: P. Cawood, 25, Britannia-st., Scarborough.

WANTED to exchange, several pairs of prize-bred Jacobins, reds and blacks; worth 21/- pair; will accept pair of adult breeding Budgerigars or pair Yorkshire Canaries for a pair; approval: 61, London-rd., Croydon.

WANTED exhibition cock Hawfinch, Light Mule, or Hybrid, will exchange winning 1910 marked buff Norwich cock, colour-fed, or sell 30 -, or will give 2 for extra good one; offers, approval: Sharples, Dixon-st., Waterhead, Oldham.

WANTED large or small quantities fresh-caught Linnets, Redpolls, Siskins, Bullfinches, Buntings, Hawfinches, Blackbirds, Thrushes, or others; good price given; or exchange Norwich: Keymer Bros., Blackwall Reach, Corleston-on-Sea.

WANTED, Norwich or Yorkshire hens, in exchange for three house-moulted Linnets, or sell 10/6; one Goldfinch muler, 7/6; pair of Yorkshires, 30/-; another pair, 25/-; two Goldfinch Mules, cocks, 12/-: Walker, 21, Bishop-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

WANTED, bird's cage, previous to closed season, will give 8d. each; cock Linnets, 1/6; cock Bullfinches, 2/- each; cock Goldfinches; anything alive bought: hen Goldfinch Mules wanted, also cocks: Manchester Bird Stores, London-rd., Manchester, and at Wakefield.

GRAND cock Goldies 4/6; Bullfinch cocks 1/6; hens 9d.; pair Silver Sebrights 5/-; or exchange: Slater, Bedale, Yorks.

WILL give six Greenfinches for pair Redpolls or Chaffinches, six selected, for pair Siskins: Gasworks, Cricklade, Wilts.

EXTRA good cock Bramblefinch, to moult, 3/6; exchange large hen Canary; approval: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

TWICE house-moulted white legged cock Goldfinch, show cage, exchange hen Canaries: Grice, 17, Netherfield-rd. S., Liverpool.

GOOD cock Hawfinch, exchange, good buff Yorkshire hen, in cold-room: W. Gravenell, 33, Hill Cottages, Queen's-rd., Maidstone.

GOOD cock Linnet, cock Chaffinch, house-moulted; exchange cock Canary or singing Mule; yours first: 66, Railway-st., Hertford.

1910 GOLDFINCH mule, good songster, for house-moulted cock Linnet and hen Bullfinch: Eaton, 19, Elliston-rd., Redland, Bristol.

EXCHANGE hand-reared cock Goldfinch, bred Mules last season, for good Roller cock, or sell, 6/-: Axhorn, Boden Villas, Chard.

EXCHANGE a Goldfinch-bred mule, last year, for the best offer in Norwich hens; approval: Lloyd, 16, White-st., Southall, Middlesex.

WINNING Thrush and show cage, new, exchange small foreigners; write offers: Scott, 39, Westminster-st., Bensham. Stamp reply.

THREE pairs beautiful Bullfinches, one pair house-moulted, sale or exchange singing Canaries or Mules: James Pearce, Rowde, Devizes.

EXCHANGE Siskin, Mealy Redpoll, Linnet, two Greenios, selected cocks, for good double breeder: Witton, 7, Winsley-rd., Colchester.

JOHN SWARBRIGG, Bridge-st., Coolehill, Co. Cavan, will exchange cock Goldfinches for Canaries, Crests, or Norwich; Canaries for sale.

WHAT offers house-moulted Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer cocks; wanted aviary-bred Canaries: Howdle, Market-place, Howden, Yorkshire.

LARGE steady H.M. ben Bullfinch; exchange for steady singing cock Linnet or unflighted yellow Norwich hen: Speed, Ambrose-st., Bangor.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch mule, suit catcher, for pair of Yorkshire; sell 15/6; approval: yours first: C. Tolchar, 86, King-st., Plymouth, Devon.

FOR sale, house-moulted cock Linnet, 4/6; one nest-moulted, 2/6; or exchange both, good singing Mule: G. Clark, Harold House, Waltham Cross.

BROWN Linnet Mule, singing day and night, 10/6, or exchange Canarics or anything: Mr. F. Meadowcroft; 36, Masonic-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester.

BULLFINCH cock, brown Linnet cock, winners, pair Redpolls, exchange lot for pair Yorkshires or Norwich: Bryant, Corams-la., Wellington, Somerset.

EXCHANGE three Goldfinch Mules, full song, wild notes, for Cinnamons, sell 5/- each; offers: Goldsmith, wheelwright, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

EXCHANGE exhibition house-moulted Scotch cock Linnet for good cock Goldfinch; sell 5/-; no rubbish; approval: George Williamson, Market-place, North Berwick.

TWO Cumberland cock Linnets, caged six months; bought for muling, singing, 2/- each; exchange good 1910 cock Goldfinch; approval: Aikens, Ellenborough, Maryport.

EXCHANGE pair Bullfinches, cock Linnet, cock Greenie, var. hen Canary, for good 1910 Norwich cock: offers: Lawrence, 7, Woodville-place, Upper Caterham.

TWO light buff variegated cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, fit to win local shows, sale or exchange, value 25/-: W. Giles, 6, William-st., West Thurrock, Grays, Essex.

TWO Linnets, 2 Brambles, 2 Greenfinches, 1 Bullfinch, 1 Yellowhammer, 1 Chaffinch, best offer, or exchange hen Canaries: Grant, 52, East High-st., B. Mill, Elgin.

EXCHANGE six picked Bramblefinches, six yellow Greenfinches, two Chaffinches, all cocks, for two Goldfinch cocks or offers: D. Alderson, 94, Milton-st., Middlesbrough.

EXCHANGE 4 house-moulted Greypates, or 2 Yorkshire buff cocks, 1910, for Norwich Plainhead cock, buff, or variegated, must be good bird: Chitson, Elmhurst, Bedhampton, Hants.

REDPOLL-Greenfinch hybrid, show cage, 6/6; Gem airgun, sell 10/-; Blount door check, cost 20/-, sell 10/-; exchange Budgerigars, small foreign seed eaters: 19, Donald-st., Cardiff.

TWO grand cock Goldies, in song, 3 hen Bullies, breeders, cock Linnet, hen Siskin, in double breeding cage, sell 12/-; exchange musical, anything: Dyball, Sustead, Roughton, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE trained Redpoll and cage, 4/6; hollow razor, 3/6; iron bedstead, nearly new, 4/6; punch bar fronts made any size; exchange birds to value: 142, East Surrey-grove, Peckham, London.

TWO hand-reared cock Redpolls, beauties, cock Bramblefinch, winner 2 2nds, cock Greenfinch, winner, exchange exhibition Hawfinch, or offers: Grasby, Hilcote, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

TWO hand-reared hen Bullies, one cock Goldfinch, Norwich hen, proved Muler, lot 10/-; one pair Java Sparrows, 4/6; exchange anything; Parrot cage wanted: S. K. Fist, Gillingham, Dorset.

TWO single breeders, Greenfinch Mule, cock, and a yellow Yorkshire cock, sell lot 14/-; or exchange for two large buff Norwich cocks (unflighted); approval: J. Brenton, 1, Julian-place, Ford, Devonport.

YELLOW Yorkshire Roller cock, cock Chaffinch, caged 4 months, large hen Greenfinch, joiner-made Thrush cage, 5/-, exchange lot for singing Roller cock: V. Parsons, Lower Hinton, Martock, Somerset.

GOLDFINCHES, large Siberian cocks, Goldfinches, full song, 7/6 each; four extra special birds, with extra large blaze, 10/6 each; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, Mules; Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE cock Siskin, pair Reed Buntings, cock Tree Sparrow, cock Mealy and Lesser Redpolls, two cock Linnets, Greenfinches, Skylarks, for hen Canaries; will separate: offers: Seal, Hedley-rd., St. Albans.

NORWICH hens, 3/6; Greenfinch, 12/6; Linnet, 7/6; two Siskin Mules, 25/-, 20/-, with show cages, winner's card sent; exchange portmanteau, travelling rug, carpenter's tools, anything useful: Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

SPLENDID piping cock and hen Bullfinch 7/6; very fine cock Goldfinch 7/6; cock Greenfinch 5/-; all house-moulted; accept a good pair of Rollers for same; sell, 18/6 lot: E. Turner, Paganhill, near Stroud, Glos.

GOLDFINCH Mule, Goldfinch Muler, cocks singing; exchange three Buff Norwich hens; sell 13/6; Yellow Norwich cock 10/- for two Buff Norwich hens; unflighted, chubby, genuine: 8, First-avenue, Trafford Park, Manchester.

Pair Nuthatches, 2/6; pair Tits, blue or great, 1/-; 2 cock Bramblefinches 1/-; 2 cock Greenfinches, 1/-; exchange; clearing for breeding: Schoolmaster, Swerford, Oxford.

GOLDFINCH, full song, perfect condition, 5/-; cost more; Snowbunting, twice H.M. 6/- winner; Bramblefinch, 2nd open, 4/6; H.M. Bullfinch, 2nd open, 4/6; or exchange Canaries; yours first: J. Sturdy, Portland-place, Bridlington.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE buff marked Norwich hen, 1910, for good yellow: Wills, West End, Wadebridge.

FOR sale, or exchange anythiug, 2 pairs Norwich Canaries at 8/6 per pair: D. Terrington, Dersingham, Norfolk.

SCOTCH Fancies, good birds, for sale or exchange; stamp for reply: McFayden, 168, Farm Loan-rd., Rutherglen.

WHAT offers in Norwich for pair Scotch Fancies, or sell, 30/-; yours first: Millikin, Brodic-st., Bainsford, Falkirk.

ONE pair Crests, exchange pair Norwich or Cinnaman; approval each way: A. Hawthorn, 29, Almast., Coventry.

EXCHANGE 2 good almost green Crested cocks for 1 goed clear Norwich Plainhead cock: Roberts, Cley-next-Sea.

FOUR 1910 hen Canaries, 2/- each, exchange small ferret or No. 12 cartridges: E. Roughton, Colony-sq., Coalville.

COCK and three hens, Yorkshires; exchange laying fowls or cycle tyres: C. Maring, 100, Kingslate-st., Walworth, S.E.

THREE good hen Canaries, 7/- lot; exchange large 1910 Norwich yellow or green ben: Allum, 35, Berenerd., Kensal Rise.

SCOTCH Fancy cock, 15/-, bargain; exchange two Border Fancy cocks or laying fowls: 20, Gilmore-place, Edinburgh.

EXCHANGE three Norwich Roller hens, outdoor aviary, for dark Crested hen, 1910, sell 7/6: Waight, 99, Cornwall-rd., Brixton.

TWO 1910 Yorkshire hen Canaries, 5/-; exchange young singing cock Canary, or anything useful: Tebay, Millthrop, Sedbergh.

EXCHANGE three good Yorkshire cock Canaries for a small Greyhound; yours first: C. H. Straker, Church-st., Driffield, Yorkshire.

GIVING up Canaries, mules, etc.; cages, aviary; exchange furniture or toy Pom (males); offers: 13, Rosebery-gardens, Sutton, Surrey.

WILL exchange good unflighted cinnamon marked buff Yorkshire cock for long flight cages; offers: Snell, Raebarn, Brixham, Devon.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, cock first prize winner; exchange first-class Roller, full song; mutual approval: Abel, Willow-st., Oswestry.

TWO Norwich hens, 1910; 1 yellow, 1 buff, sell 6/-, or exchange for a large yellow plainhead hen: R. Collins, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch.

WHAT offers in lady's cycle in exchange for prize bred Yorks and Goldfinches; see show reports; latest wins Palace: Auton Bros., Spalding.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE or sell a few pair of Yorkshires, from 8 - pair, and upwards, or anything useful: B. Holmes, 95, Dalton-lane, Keighley, Yorkshire.

NOTICE: What offers in Canarics for suit length tweed, value 25 -, or lady's dress length, value 12/6: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE six Yorkshire hens and six new black enamelled breeding cages for hen Minorcas or Leghorns: J. W., 3, Eldon-rd., Bounces-rd., Edmonton.

HARTZ Roller, schoolmaster, water-bubble, nightingale, Titlark and bell notes, contest winner, 25/-, exchange: Jas. Robinson, Broad-street, Windermere.

SALE, exchange, good long Siskin, yellow Yorkshire cock, 12/6; exchange large typical cinnamon mark, non-flighted buff hen: Francis, New-st., Lymington.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, including several winners, 12/6 to 25/- pair; exchange cigars, gold watch, cob harness or offers: Berry, 99, Selborne-grove, Keighley.

EXCHANGE Norwich cocks for cock Goldfinches, British, or Siberian, or hen Bullfinches; Siberian approval: Etherington, Alderton, Chippenham, Wilts.

NORWICH and Yorkshire cock and hens, grand health, outdoor aviary; what offers? yours first: Childs, The Mount, Canonbie-rd., Honor Oak, London.

EXCHANGE exhibition Greenfinch-Canary cock Mule, for Yellow Cinnamon Norwich cock or clear yellow; offers: Davis, Haverigg, Millom, Cumberland.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, 3-compartment and 2-compartment cages, complete, 25/-; exchange travelling rug, etc.: T. A. Hartley, Hird-st., Beeston-hill, Leeds.

TWO pairs of Yorkshires, unflighted, from prize strain, 10/- a pair, or exchange anything useful in shoe trade: O. Wadsworth, Clogger, Castleton, Lancs.

EXCHANGE unflighted yellow Norwich cock and buff variegated hen for good stock buff Norwich cock; yours first: James Smith, 12, Bridge-st., Brechin.

EXCHANGE good buff Norwich hen, 1909 (sell 15/-), and necessary cash, for big buff Norwich cock, unflighted: O. Page, 113, St. Mark's-rd., Bush Hill Park, N.

WHAT offers Yorkshire, Norwich and Goldfinch cocks, one each, all singing, 2 breeding, 2 flight cages; seen any time: Root, 36, Archway-road, Highgate.

LARGE variegated buff Norwich cock, 15/-; pair Yorkshire greens, Ambler's strain, 12/6; exchange large yellow Norwich hens; offers: 54, Kiver-rd., Holloway.

MUST be sold, three pair Canaries, Yorkshires, pair Budgerigars, also Slender-bill Cockatoo, good talker; exchange, nothiug alive: Apply H., 382, High-rd., Tottenham.

WILL give matched pair Norwich, large stock birds, and little cash, for two trained Seifert cocks: yours first: R. Ferry, Springwell House Farm, Durham-rd., Sunderland.

TEN hen Canaries, good healthy birds, all ready to nest, clear and variegated, 1/6 each, or 12/- for the lot to clear; would exchange: Burberry, West Molesey, Surrey.

SELL or exchange for phonograph, pair Norwich and Norwich cock; splendid singers; large Crystal Palace aviary, two breeding cages: Burt, 165a, Fentiman-rd., Vauxhall.

TWO good yellow and two buffs; winners: Yorkshires; one yellow, one buff, Norwich, all cocks, some winners, from 10/-; or exchange: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE 2 buff, 1 yellow Norwich 1910 hens, cold-room bred, for 1 good Norwich green or heavily variegated yellow cock, or sell 12/-: Phelps, 28, Clement-st., Gloucester.

MAGNIFICENT Crest and Crestbred pairs, matched, from 25/- up to 60/-, exchange for prize dogs, St. Bernard preferred: Twine, Woodstock-st., Hucknall Torkard.

TWO pairs high-class Borders, 12/6 pair; exchange jewellery, anything useful; offers: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

PRIZE-BRED Borders; buff cock 5/-; foul yellow Green 6/-; exchange for two buff hens: Sewell, 19, William-st., Carlisle.

THREE cock Canaries, 8/6 each, offers exchange enamelled box water colour paints, sable brushes, compasses; approval; yours first: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

PAIR clear Yorkshire Canaries, exchange disc records, watch; pair variegated, exchange ratchet brace, bits, plumbers', carpenters' tools; offer: Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Upper Clapton.

W. Barkes, Crawleyside, Stanhope, will exchange pair of Norwich Plainhead Canaries, buff cock, yellow hen, for 2 Lancashire Plainhead hens, or offers, Goldfinch cocks and Bullfinch hens; approval.

PAIR good buff Norwich for double Buffing, 15/-; or exchange good Borders; a few good house-moulted Greypates, 5/- each; exchange orders, ticked or even marked: Robert Dyer, Haystoun, Peebles.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshire cock Canaries from 7/6 to 21/-, exchange; wanted really good Irish Terrier dog; no cards; seen by appointment only: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

EXCHANGE 8 young Norwich hens, 1 cock, breeding Goldfinch, also Linnet, for pure-bred poultry wire netting, anything, value 35/-: Hutchings, 8, Elizabeth-terr., Kessingland-rd., Pakefield, Lowestoft.

TWO pairs high-class Yorkshires, 1910, exchange anything useful or sell 10/- a pair; honestly worth double; reason for selling, have no time to breed; stamp reply: Charlton, Llansaiut, Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire.

QUARTER Belgian yellow cock; exchange clear yellow cock, winner, and ticked yellow cock, unflighted, or sell, clear 10/-, ticked 15/-; 1910 ticked yellow hen, 5/-; approval: Paterson, Prescot-st., Darlington.

SIX pairs of high-class Yorkshires, matched for breeding, from 10s. a pair; also several good hens, from 4/6 each; 2 Goldie Mules, 7/6 the 2; or useful exchange; offers: Cooper, Grocer, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

MONSTER buff green Norwich cock, best of heads, 25/-; exchange for good variegated yellow Norwich hen; two clinking yellow Yorkshire cocks, winners, 20/- each; what offers in Norwich: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury.

GRAND pair Norwich 12/6; Crest-bred hen 5/-; var. Border cock 7/6; two Yorkshire hens 7/6; grand cock Goldfinch mule 8/-; exchange Edison phonograph, Pom, anything useful: Johnson, 840, Old Kent-rd., London.

ONE monster variegated buff cock, unflighted, 12/6; two good clear buff hens, 1909 and 1910, 1/- each; one cinnamon yellow hen, unflighted, 6/-; or will exchange for case of cutlery: F. Stott, 41, Mills-st., Frechold, Rochdale.

WILL exchange pair of Yorksbires going to nest and breeding cage and three grand cocks, one Roller, two green; good strain; what offers, phonograph records or watch; yours first: Rolfe, 9, Cowper-rd., South Wimbledon, London.

YORKSHIRE hens, in good healthy condition, 12 buff and variegated, from 3/- each; what offers. No live stock; also quantity of large and small box cages, nest-pans, etc.: Hughes, 7, Bosworth-rd., Westbourne Park London.

MASSIVE White Orpington cock, winner 2nd and 3rd prizes, will sell or exchange for extra large yellow or buff Norwich Plainhead cock or good pair of prize bred Border Fancies: Saunders, Sunnybank, Worcester-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

Mainly Foreign.

GREEN-BILLED Toucan; exchange other foreigners; blue bonnet cock wanted: Lyndhurst, Blackpool-rd., Ansdell.

SELL pair Green Budgerigars, 6/-, or exchange for good singing cock Canary: Cliff, 77, Carbrook-st., Sheffield.

GREY Parrot, talking, 20/-; green Parrot, talking, 12/6; cage, 5/-; exchange Canaries: 13, Clive-st., Sengbenydd.

SILKY Cowbird and show cage; sell or exchange Borders, Rollers, or cycle rims: Bell, 21, Beaufoy-rd., Tottenham.

PAIR Cockatiels 10/-; exchange pair Yorkshires, yellow and buff, or pair Norwich: Bryant, Park View, Wellington, Som.

PARROT, young African grey; cheap; or exchange; brass coruet, case, guitar, zither, harp: Bentley, Silver-crescent, Gunnersbury, W.

I WILL exchange seven fine healthy young Budgerigar cocks for six ditto for breeding purposes: Mrs. Taylor, Bloxham House, Banbury.

ROCK Parrot, begins talk, whistle, 8/6; nice Indian Parrakeet, 5/6; exchange full song Canaries; approval: Hall, Piano Stores, 6, Strand, Southampton.

EXCHANGE pair green Budgerigars, acclimatised Love Bird, H.M. hen Chaffinch, for Norwich Canaries: G. Aplin, Rock View, Kendal, Westmorland.

EXCHANGE pair acclimatised Madagascar Lovebirds for yellow Norwich hen or Yellow Budgerigar hen: Jackson, 23, Eastbrook-rd., Waltham Abbey.

ROSEY Cockatoo, finest specimen living, tame, talks well, £2, or offers in foreign birds, fancy mice wanted H. Lewis, 76, Wellington-road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

PARROT and cage; says few words; kisses you; sell £2; exchange cycle, talking machiue, anything; pair pigskin leggings, cost 18/-, sell 10/-; exchanges: Harry Palfrey, Dronfield.

GREEN Parrot, acclimatised, 15/-; house-moulted Goldfinch, muler, 9/-; pair Norwich Canaries, 8/-; exchange Grey Parrot, Amazon, or Cockatoo: Roach, 5, Higham-st., Higham Hill, Walthamstow.

TWO green Budgerigars, one adult cock, and young one, also year-old Cockatiel, splendid condition, in outside aviary; wanted, saffron Finch hens, Zebra Finches, or other small foreigners; offers respectfully invited: Wardill, Market-pl., Bridlington.

HANDSOME Amazon Parrot, new cage, thoroughly acclimatised, plain speaker, talks, sings, laughs, barks, climbs shoulder, whistles, turns somersault, never swears, etc., says 50 words, accept £3: part exchange Toy bitch or puppy; genuine bargain; approval willingly: Aston, 204, Dudley Port.

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BIRD and animal pictures done cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

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EXCHANGE 3 hens Goldfinches, hen Mules, for Yorkshire hen: F. Edwards, Wareham.

EXCHANGE 5 cock Goldfinches, for two large yellow Norwich hens, or sale, 7/6: F. Shephard, Wareham.

WHAT offers for Song Thrush, cage moulted?: Humphries, New-road, Kington Langley, Chippenham.

LARGE twice house-moulted cock Bullfinch, exchange; wanted cock Canary: Archer, Bradford-st., Braintree.

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Miscellaneous.

WILL exchange coat and vest, will fit a stout man, for cock Canaries: Booker, 90, Alpha-road, Surbiton.

BOOTS, Boots, Boots. All sizes, shapes, and colours, given in exchange for Canaries: Exchange Co., Sheffield.

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CARPETS, curtains, blankets, sheets, suits, overcoats, mackintoshes, etc., exchanged for Canaries: Exchange Co.

THE Exchange Company, 57, Lime-st., Sheffield, exchange everything for the home for Canaries only; established 10 years.

QUITAR-ZITHER, as new, cost 50/-; exchange for Canaries 20/-: 43, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

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WHAT offer in Canaries for 28in. gent's cycle, or sell 60/-: N. Finlayson, 31, Sharratt-st., Salford.

TWO double breeders', 6/-; exchange muling hens; offers? deposit: 17, Kensington-rd., Morecambe.

EXCHANGE cutlery, state requirements, for Canaries, any quantity: Fletcher, Broom Close, Sheffield.

WANTED Canaries, few large 1910 hens, for Muling, exchange game poultry: Gibbons, 36, Brook-st., Carlisle.

CALABASH pipe and case, 20/-, or exchange Cinnamon, Canaries: Whitwell Fletcher, Sedgefield, Durham.

WHAT offer, cock Canaries for gent.'s gold heart bloodstone ring?: J. Ibbot, junr., New-rd., Chatteris.

WILL exchange 50 various books, some very old, for large pure-bred Norwich cock; bird first: Coward, Chard.

PHONOGRAPH flower horn, 12 records; exchange galvanic battery or offers: Blair, 18, Hill-place, Arbroath.

WHAT offers for phonograph, 30 records, and horn, anything useful: Shaw, 143, Longwood Gate, Huddersfield.

EXCHANGE trio silver Seabright Bantams for hen Canaries, Yorks or Norwich; offers; sell 15/-: Wright, Limpsfield.

GOOD ladies and gent.'s solid silver matches, exchange Norwich or Crest Canaries: G. Main, High st., Airdrie.

NORWICH; exchange 28lbs. of pale green paint for large cock, singing: Whitmore, 26, Landor-rd., Stockwell, London.

TWELVE working Homers, 4/- pair, or exchange gramophone; anything useful: T. Harley, High-st., Dunbar, N.B.

EXCHANGE 22 coloured plates, oil stove, and 2/6 cash for pair Norwich Canaries: White, 4, Almeida-st., Islington.

FIFTY Cavies, all colours, 1/- each; or exchange anything: Merrington, 40, Besson-st., New Cross Gate, London.

EXCHANGE quarter-plate camera, takes 12 plates, for pair Yorkshires, or sell 12/6: Hughes, 23, High-st., Carnarvon.

PAIR new top boots, size 6, cost 35/-, sell 25/-, exchange Canaries: Barns, 5, Lichfield-rd., Edmonton, Middlesex.

EXCHANGE air-gun, nearly new, for good Roller cock, or sell 7/6; bird first: Cole, South Front, Romsey, Hants.

WHAT offers for 20 gallons of charlock seed, or exchange half for anything useful: A. P. Welch, Bengeo, Hertford.

FOR sale, six good bird cages, cheap; exchange for Pullets, Brown Leghorns preferred: 34, William-st., Low Spennymoor.

WELL-MADE punched bar fronts; exchange game Bantam hens, or sell cheap: Osbourn, jeweller, Chesterton, Cambridge.

NEW Edison Gem phono., 50 records, £3; exchange Canaries; accordian, 12/6; offers: D. Jones, Pwllo-st., Penrhyn, Deudraeth.

EXCHANGE new household Medical Adviser, cost 16/-, pair Seifert Rollers or Norwich hens: T. Stead, 24, Duke-st., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE History of Boer War, cost 15/-, for house-moulted Linnets or British birds: Wards, 92, Birstall-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE pair of opera glasses, value £1, for pair of Yorkshire Canaries, or offers: Dinsley, 12, Potter-hill, Pickering.

EXCHANGE Snider's patent rifle for gold guard or singing Rollers to 50/-: Hermon Westerby, Grange Moor, near Wakefield.

CRAVEN camera £1, exchange £1 5/- year's "Fur and Feather," bound; what offers?: Henry, 140, Alice-st., High Shields.

WHITE enamel fancy cane go-cart, cost £1, accept 10/; exchange good Norwich buff hen: Olle, 37, Alderman-rd., Ipswich.

HANDSOME Parrot cage, unused, cost 22/6, accept 14/6; exchange Gouldian or Diamond Finches: Hay, Main-rd., Tweedmouth.

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PAIR winning exhibition flying homers; exchange Goldfinches, Siskins, or foreign seed birds: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

SPLENDID pair Tipplers, Millis' Leicester strain, 5/-, will separate: exchange Canaries: Purser, 41, Hinckley-rd., Leicester.

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TWELVE quarts wild seed, exchange yellow Norwich hen, Goldfinch cock, or cock Linnets: Birch, 13 Sandy-lane, Skelmersdale.

CAMERA for sale 30/- or Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshires to value: Charles Drummond, 71, Fisher-st., Dennistown, Glasgow.

GOOD pedigree setter dog for good Crest hen or cock or anything useful, or sell cheap: Hammett, Victoria-lawn, Barnstaple.

FIVE-chambered revolver, new, latest improvements, 10s., or part exchange Budgies: W. Gemson, 21, Leigh-row, Chorley, Lancs.

GOOD black retriever pup, six months, 10/-; or exchange Canaries or poultry; birds first: J. Liddiard Lottage, Aldbourne, Wilts.

WILL exchange Crystal Palace aviary, ten new singing box cages, for anything useful: Hutchinson, 71, Aberdeen-st., Sheffield.

PAIR leggings, cost 7/6, Postman's waterproof cape, exchange anything; no cards: Whyatt, 89, Gt Dover-st., Boro', S.E.

BARGAIN, two ladies' light fawn jackets, almost new, for 1910 Yorkshire cock and hen: Sleigh, Tedburn, Holywood, Co. Down.

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AVIARY, 30 by 14 by 30, domed top, mahogany frame, 10/-; exchange typical Yorks cock: Root, 671, Commercial-rd., London, E.

GIVEN up; 18 racing Pigeons sell; or exchange Canaries; particulars sent: H. Ridley, Victoria-avenue, New Bilton, Rugby.

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SALE, 12 racing homers, worth £3, or exchange for Canaries, or what offers: Tom Nicholson, Bigrigg, Egremont, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE phonograph, 10 records, for Norwich hens or yellow cock value 15/- or offers: F. Martin, 10, Shelley-st., Northampton.

QUARTER hand or stand camera, cost £2, for large Norwich yellow cock or two typical hens value 15/-: Davis, 99, Station-rd., Bexhill.

HANDSOME double breeding cage fit for any gentleman's room, with grand pair Canaries, £1, bargain; exchange: Letall, Whittlesea.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, for Mules, Canaries, or offers: B., 48, Percival, Clerkenwell.

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EXCHANGE Pom bitch, six months, for boots, 12/6, big 9, accept 10/6; offers: Hodgson, 16, Slake-terrace, Middleton, Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE excellent gas heating stove, ring on top, for Coppy hen or pair Yorkshire: Ward, 1, Retreat-rd., Richmond, Surrey.

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EXCHANGE six double-sided disc records, 10in., for 2 Norwich yellow hens, 1910 bred: Barraclough, Grosvenor-terr., Menston, Leeds.

EXCHANGE child's reversible go-cart, worth 12/-, for pair Norwich or Yorkshires; yours first: Maitestie, Woodside House, Dumbarton.

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LADY'S cycle; dirt cheap, 32/6; take 20/- cash, balance in Canaries; approval willingly, deposit: Purser, 41, Hinckley-rd., Leicester.

EXCHANGE Phonograph, complete working order, 12 records, for pair Rollers, breeding cages, offers: Walker, 37, Thomas-street, Crewe.

PEDIGREE fawn Pug bitch, also Cassell's complete 3-guinea Atlas; sale or exchange for Parrot: Board, 35, Jubilee-rd., Weston-super-Mare.

PRAMBACOT, good as new, cost 50/-, exchange gramaphone and records or anything useful: Gray, 19, Uppingham-terrace, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE pair incandescent inverted brackets, mantle and globes complete, for pair Canaries: King, 16, Warner-st., Barnsbury, London.

BARGAIN, cycle, gent's, in good running order, what offers in Canaries, or sell £1: Winsor, Coles Yard, Fairhazel-gdns., Hampstead.

EXCHANGE Inch's developer and chart, new, 5/-, for double breeding cage with fittings: James McKeen, 85, Denbeath, Methil, Fife.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Mules, foreign birds, new breeders, show cages, loose fronts: Diguan, Cage Maker, Portwood Aviaries, Stockport.

EXCHANGE 1¾ dozen cycle tubes, value 63/-, for a pair 1910 Norwich Crests to value; no rubbish; yours first: Halley, 29, King-st., Crieff.

EXCHANGE good metal watch, alarm clock, or lady's new shoes, for children's left-off boots, shoes, or clothing: Bell, 48, Oak-st., Norwich.

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CHAMPION Botanic Demon bitch puppy 9 months, can win; exchange Yorkshire or Rollers; offers: Bennett, 37, Merton-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

PAIR red game Bantams 1910; Persian white kitten; Greenfinches; pair Jacobins; sale or exchange: Gardner, Naturalist, Crowborough, Sussex.

CANARIES, exchange Edison Gem phonograph 30/-; splendid mandoline 15/-; approval birds first: Horsley, Richmond Villa, Kingston-rd., Romford.

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THREE-compartment Crystal Palace aviary, all brass, splendid, perfect condition, 25/-; what offers exchange: Higgins, Riverside, Writtle, Sussex.

GRAND piano, powerful tone, handsome rosewood case, guaranteed perfect, £6 15/- carriage paid, or part exchange anything: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

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CHOCOLATE Pomeranian dog, 18 months old, splendid coat, clean habits, 35/-, or exchange same value Canaries: G. Tunnicliffe, Silsden, via Keighley.

QUARTER-PLATE hand camera and accessories, snapshot or time; exchange Yorkshires: W. McCormack, 171, Victoria-avenue, Blackley, Manchester.

STOVE, coal or coke, suitable workshop, cost £6, take £1 cash; exchange two pairs Yorkshire or Norwich; particulars: Milward, Ridding, Alfreton.

WILL exchange a Pathephone with 21 double-sided records, value £3, for good Roller Canaries: C. Ramsey, No. 10, Croxdale Colliery, near Durham.

GUITAR-ZITHER, 49 strings, perfect condition, sell 15/- or exchange two cock Rollers value £1; offers invited: Jno. Morrison, Lowpalacecraig, Coatbridge.

WILL exchange 15 books of the Academy, with good covers, for a pair of good Crested Canaries; or offers: E. Haddrell, Londesborough, South Godstone, Surrey.

EXCHANGE Cassell Old and New London, complete as new, cost 25/-, for large Norwich cock Canaries: T. Smurthwaite, 61, Latchmere-rd., Battersea.

ROTARY knife cleaner, good as new, sell 15/-; exchange for good yellow Yorkshire cock; no rubbish wanted: Irving, 31, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

BREEDING cages, single 2/6, double 4/6; joiner-made, enamelled, nearly new; other cages from 1/-; exchange anything useful: 21, Shirley-rd., Stratford.

EXCHANGE Cassell's History England, 86 parts, just concluded, cost £2 3/-, for large Norwich yellow cock and hen value £1: Davis, 99, Station-rd, Bexhill.

EXCHANGE splendid pair meat carvers or six good knives, good quality ivorine handles, for cock or three hen Canaries: Hinchliffe, 36, Hunt-st., Sheffield.

VIOLIN (excellent tone), with bow and case, sell 17/6 or offers; good buff stock Norwich to value; mutual approval: Smith, 4, Elmfield-avenue, Aberdeen.

ROLLER song cage with wood shutters, exchange hen Canary; also collection foreign stamps in album for hen Canary: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod, Wells.

TO deaf Fanciers. Pair of Clifton's invisible ear drum supports, new, will exchange for pair of Canaries, sell 8/: Yandell, Union-terr., Buntingford, Herts.

GENT'S free-wheel cycle, good running order, £1; large good-coloured cock Chaffinch, 5/-; exchange Norwich or Goldfinches: Burgess, Norton, Malton, Yorks.

PAIR of ball-bearing roller skates, cost guinea, used twice; exchange pair of green Yorkshires or two cock Mules: R. Thompson, 28, Augusta-st., Cardiff.

STILL or exchange good half-plate camera, 22/-, complete, or exchange to value for birds for aviary; none but genuine need apply: 24, Young-st., Doncaster.

GRAND pair Pile Game Bantams, winners, accept 15/-; also pair of Dragoons, winners, accept 15/-; or exchange: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

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HIGH-CLASS boots, gents' from 10/6, ladies' from 7/6, gents' suits from 25/-; all latest styles; approval; exchange birds to value: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

FOR sale or exchange for others, quantity 10in. disc records, good condition: Hayes, 9, Victoria-st., Spalding.

HARMSWORTH'S Natural History, first 12 parts, cost 7/-; exchange 36in double breeding cage: From A. Munton, Dovecote Farm, Spalding Marsh, Spalding, Lincs.

WILL exchange large concert flute, 8 keys, for pair of Yorkshires or good singing Roller; or sell 12/6: Geo. T. Ellison, 429, Blackburn-rd., West End, Oswaldthistle.

£5 10/- printing machine, £3 10/-; Edison's harp, £1 15/-; airgun, 10/6; Collie Terrier dog, 5 months, 7/6; cash, bicycle, or birds: 29, Patterdale-rd., Leigh, Lancs.

WHAT offers in Norwich hens for white Pom dog seven months old and for large three-compartment aviary cage; birds first: W. Edwards, 13, Andrew-st., Llanelly, Carm.

GRAMAPHONE and 24 records, cost £7 2s.; exchange two Norwich hens, Crest and Crest-bred, £2 cash for really good pair; birds first: Turnbull Lochend, Dunbar.

EXCHANGE pair field glasses value 15/- for a 1910 buff Norwich hen; must be good; on approval: S. Simpson, 25, Alma-st., Mytholmes, Haworth, near Keighley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE dozen Edison Bell indestructible cylinder records, 6/-; cock Goldfinch Mule, 5/6; tame cock Budgerigar, feed from hand, 4/-; offers: Woodbridge, Freckenham, Soham.

LADY'S silver watch and rolled gold chain, exchange hen Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, or large pair clap nets; offers: Tomson, 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives, six nickel forks, and six teaspoons, and hollow-ground razor, for two cock or five hen Canaries: Joseph Royles, 262, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Richardson's 21/- roller skates, new, for pedigree Bull Terrier or Welsh puppy, or sell 16/-; approval; yours first: Hughes, 38, Bailey-st., Brynmawr, Breconshire.

BARGAIN; sell handsome pair White Jacobins, Milligan's strain, 7/6; or exchange Norwich or Yorkshire cock Canary; approval: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE bicycle, almost new covers and tubes, for any breed of Canaries, suit working man, in thorough order; birds first; sell £1: Fenton, Plasterer, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

ABOUT £4 worth of 10-inch disc records, quarter-plate hand camera, ditto folding Kodak, No. 1 and No. 2 Brownies; cheap or exchange Canaries: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE Eastman's No. 2 bullseye Kodak, equal to new, with strong leather case, for good Norwich cock, yellow Canary, or sell, 25/-; approval: Boddy, 9, Westwood, Scarborough.

One pair Borders, with cage, 8/6; one green Norwich cock, with cage, 7/6; one common hen, 1/6; breeding cage, 2/-; fox terrier dog, 10 months, 7/6; Fairbairn, Easter-st., Duns.

BLACK and white collie dog pup, four months, evenly marked, white collar, feet and tip tail, for Yorkshire, Norwich or Crest cock Canary: Blanche, 44, High-st., Berkhamstead.

FOX Terrier dog, 10 months, good house dog, fond children, 10/6; English Sheep dog, 8 months, no better yard dog living; what offers: Fred Weedall, Chapel-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE pair gent's Brampton skates, new condition, cost 21/-; what offers cock Goldfinches or cock Canaries, singing; duds, save stamps: Croedon, Black's Picture Palace, Gateshead.

LARGE healthy 1909 working ferret, rats, rabbits, 6/6; two Flemish cross does, 4½ months, 6/-; house-moulted Linnet and mule hen, 3/6; offers Canaries: Brereton, 32, Meadow-st., Nuneaton.

EXCHANGE second-hand books, History of Ireland three books, History of England ten books in French, Life of Queen Anne 1722, eight hens or two cocks: George, 92, Shaftesbury-rd., Brighton.

LADY'S pretty 9-carat gold watch, in going order, very neat; sell £1; exchange cold room Canaries, cocks preferred; offers invited; letters please: Chadwick, Tool Shop, Butter Market, Wrexham.

EXCHANGE prize winning fancy pigeons for Canaries, poultry, or offers, no rubbish offered or wanted; seen any time; approval, stamp reply: Bosher, 345, Barking-rd., East Ham, Essex.

NEW asbestos gas stove, cost 21/-, cock Goldfinch mule, even marked wings, full song; ditto hen, good call bird; exchange bed, bedding, bike, offers; approval: Jones, 27, North-st., Beaufort, Brecon.

17/- WORTH physical culture magazines, expander or massage chain 6/-; Cassell's Book on Birds, footballer's outfit 3/-; latchenal concertina 30/-; exchange birds, anything: Bronup, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley.

PEDIGREE Brindle bull pup dog, four months, bred from winners, sell £3 or exchange for high-class Norwich or Rollers or talking Parrot; on approval: Osborne, Plumb Cottages, High-st., Old Basford.

GRAND 32 bore double barrel breech-loading gun, suitable for shot or ball, by Purdon, London; accept £3, with case complete, or exchange Canaries to value: Bevan, Caretaker, Orchard-st., Carmarthen.

PRIZE-bred Golden-pencilled Hamburgh cockerel, 10/-, exchange 1909 cock; others, 7/6, 4/-; prize Himalayan rabbits, Silvers; wanted typical buff Norwich hen, Budgerigars: Bellamy, Haveringham, Notts.

GOOD cage, all wire, 1ft. 10 in. x 10 x 14: also real British Goldfinch, extra large, guaranteed to win any show, exchange hen Canaries; sent on mutual approval: Routledge, Gatclawbridge, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire.

MINORCA cockerel, Hunter's strain, pure Buff Orpington hen, also Wyandotte hen, brass blow lamp for soldering cage fronts; exchange birds, electric alarm, or anything useful: Gleave, 4, Matthew-st., Warrington.

GIVING up, professional's whole-plate camera, 3 double dark slides, leather bag, cost 30/-, sell £6, exchange high-class Crests, Norwich, Yorkshires; yours first: 3 days' approval: A. Brown, 7, Norman-avenue, West Wood Green.

EXCHANGE two grand cock pigeons, flown 160 miles, and grand Yorkshire pedigree bitch, for Yorkshire buff cock and two yellow hens; no rubbish offered or wanted; approval: birds first: T. Spencer, 2, Moss Lane, Churchtown, Southport.

WILL exchange English Lever watch, capped and jewelled, good timekeeper, for 6 Norwich cocks, on song, clears, or lightly variegated, sell 30/-, or part exchange; letters please; deposit, approval both ways: T. Southam, Honeybourn, S.O.

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POMERANIAN, lovely toy female puppy, dark sable 25/-: 25, Belmont-park, Lewisham.

GOOD price given for small black Pomeranian male puppies; also mis marked ones: Hutton, Dunstable.

WANTED any number large bitches, heavy in whelp or just whelped, hire for foster mothers: Hooper Bros., Dudley.

LITTER handsome puppies, nine weeks, Yorkshire-Pomeranian Toy cross, healthy, dear little mites, 5/6: Parr, Earl-st., Nottingham.

GIVING up bulldogs; one dog, two bitches, Brindle, good pedigrees: sell the lot or separate: Wright, 43, Park-rd., Liverpool.

GERMAN concertina, best steel reeds, new condition, value 20/-; exchange pair 1910 Lancashires: Claude St. John, Upper Gornal, Dudley.

BLACK female Toy Pomeranian, sire Bridport Sable White, the big winner, 4½ months, bargain, 32/6; shaded sable male puppy, 17/6; pretty small black and white female, 15/-, 8 weeks: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

BEAUTIFUL Lurcher dog, cross Greyhound Shepherd, 18 months, hunt night or day, kill hare or rabbit, retrieves to hand, silent chaser, used to night work, excellent guard, quiet with children, 15/-: Harry Dobb, Penn-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

HIGHLY pedigree bred golden sable and white Collie bitch puppy, 10 weeks old, immense coat, frill, brush, grand head, well carried ears and brush, perfect markings, white collar, clean, healthy, lovely specimen, sure winner, 15/-; approval; printed pedigree on application: R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

A SNAP for the purchaser; one clean unused copy of "The Stock-Keeper" kennel book, printed on parchment, bound in green cloth, divided into four parts, pedigrees, stud services, litters, and prizes won, originally priced at 6/-, will take 2/6 for immediate disposal: Publisher, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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MITRE cutting machine wanted, state lowest price: Rowntree, 64, New Hey-rd., Bradford.

NELSON 60-egg incubator, copper tank, drying box, one of the best, 20/-; bargain: Stapleton, Spa-rd., Bermondsey.

ANTIQUE violin, sweet tone, labelled Stradivarius 1690, case, bow, rare bargain, 19/6; approval: Mrs. Tyler, Rockingham-rd., Uxbridge.

SEND for my illustrated price list of high-class Canaries at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair, carriage paid, on approval: L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

FREE; pocket rubber stamp of your name and address; also particulars of money-making spare-time employment: The Richford Works, Snow-hill, London.

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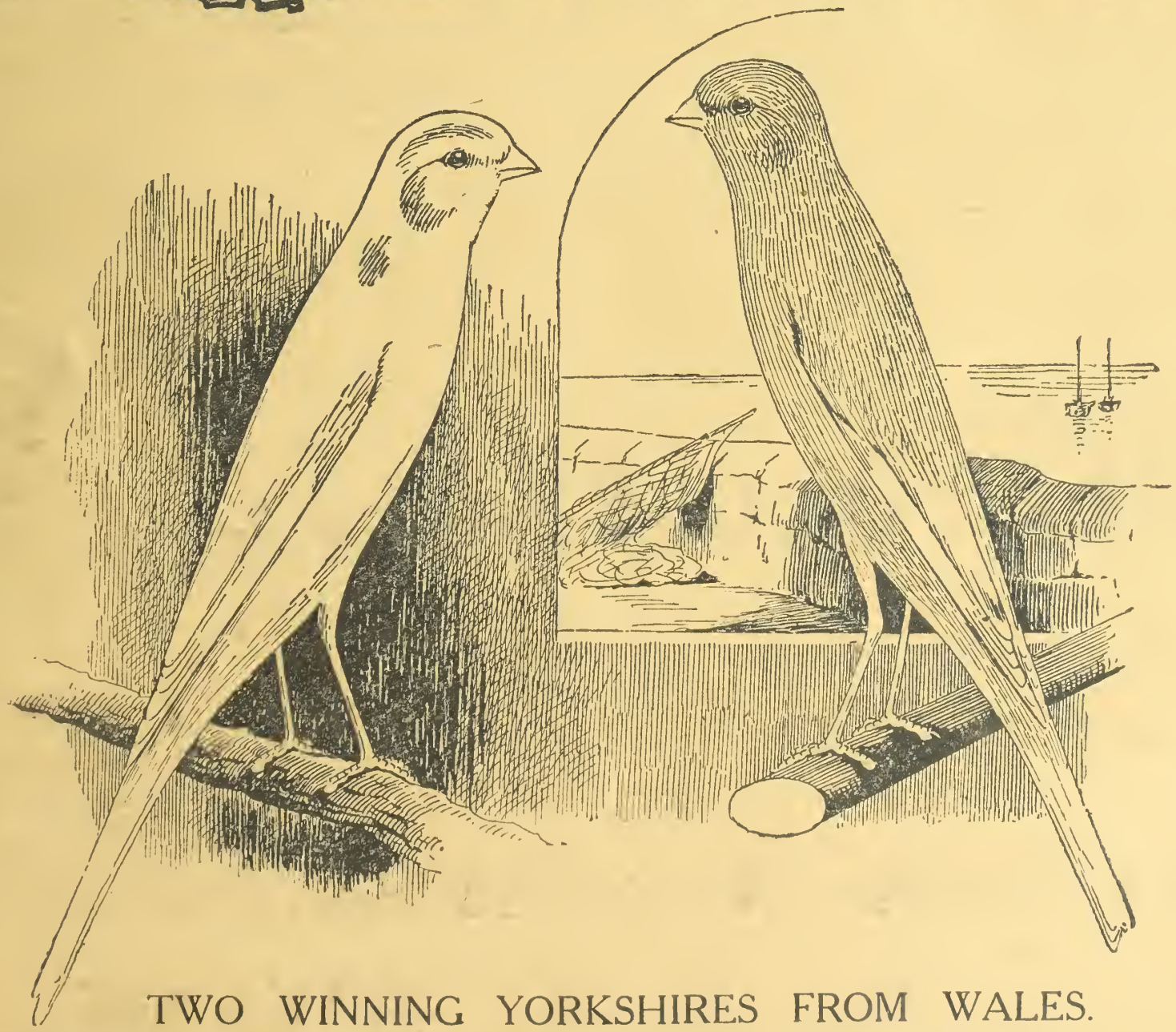
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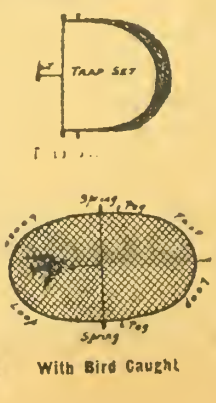
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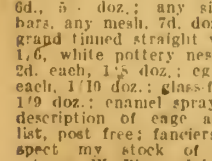
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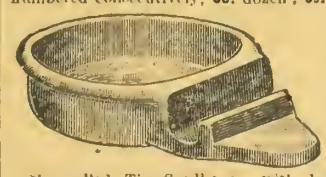
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YELLOW and buff cocks, 6/-; ditto hens, 3/-; pairs, 8/-, cheap; approval: Grant, Lodge-st., Haddington.

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PAIR of prize-bred Borders, 15/6, or exchange Rollers, exhibition Goldies, or offers: Lee, 13, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

BUFF cock, yellow hen, cinnamon marked eyes, one wing, 7/6, approval, deposit: James Todd, Armathwaite, Carlisle.

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Cinnamons.

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GOOD type Norwich Cinnamons at 10/6 pair; approval: Gurteen, The Mount, Heverhill.

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Crests and Crestbreds.

THREE pairs of Crests, 1910 birds, could breed, pairs 10/-; lot 28/-; Newton, 36, Elmville-avenue, Scarboro'.

CREST and Crest-bred cocks, also pairs, bred from champion stock, from 20/-: Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

MASSIVE Crest and Crest-bred cocks, 20/-; large green Crest-bred hen, 10/-; approval: Upton, 1, Yorkgardens, Hastings.

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THIRTY good 1910 Norwich hens, thoroughly healthy, ready to nest, buff 2/6, yellow 3/- each: Roper, 134, Chester-rd., Seven Kings, Essex.

HENS, hens, few large typical Norwich hens, cold-room bred, yellow or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval; Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

TO make room for breeding, can spare a few good birds, yellows or buffs; state wants, stamp reply; approval: Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

HENS, typical buff Norwich, clears and variegated, size, substance, quality, 10/6 to 15/6, best blood; approval, stamp: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

BARGAIN, room wanted; massive buff ticked cock, matched large yellow hen, 10/6 pair; approval: Hoyle and Son, Grocers, Chipping, Lancashire.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, from Green blood, valuable stock, exhibition birds, must clear, ready for nesting, from 7/6 to 25/-: Dalling, Hairdresser, Barnstaple.

BARGAINS, prize-bred unflighted, variegated, and clear buff cocks, magnificent quality, colour-fed, cold-room, 7/6; approval, deposit: Nile, Fowey, Cornwall.

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FEW good Norwich cocks, prize strain, from 8/6 upwards; also a few Greens, cheap; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

LARGE, high-class Norwich cocks, yellow or buffs, from 12/6; large chubby hens, buffs, from 7/6; yellows from 10/-; approval: Upton, 1, York Garden, Hastings.

CLEARING out; 18 large buff hens, 10 yellows, greens, variegated, 8 yellow cocks, 10 buffs, from winning strain; cages: Hill, 18, Coach-ter., Longsight, Manchester.

NORWICH and Yorkshire hens to clear, 50 3/-, each, healthy condition, cold-room; cocks 7/-; approval: Kennedy, Breeder, 31, Munster-sq., Burton-rd., London.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare two grand matched pairs at 30/- pair; cheap at double; good, useful stock birds from 7/- each; cocks and hens; approval.

CHEAP to clear; a clear yellow cock and buff varieg. hen, botb 1910, 30/-; also a 1910 clear buff cock, 15/-; related to my winners: McNaughton, Duniface, Larbert.

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HURRY up! Three pair Norwich, 8/6 pair; yellow cock, buff marked hen, buff marked cock, yellow hen, yellow marked cock, buff hen: Matthews, 47, Bosworth-st., Leicester.

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WALTON and NOAKES are reducing stock, and will sell several good, big stock birds; no odd yellows; prices 20/- to 50/-; approval, cash or deposit: 14, Abney-st., Highfields, Leicester.

YELLOW, cinn. cock, good bird, 9/6; clear buff cock, 8/6; both 1909 birds; 11 unflighted yellow cocks, and hens, fed, 4/6, 5/- each; inspection invited: F. Wood, 26, George-st. West, Stockport.

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GRAND Norwich pair, cock from Rudd's, 9/6; another pair, 8/6; one cock Linnet, another caged two years, 3/6 two; singing Canary, hanging cage, 7/6; approval: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries: Cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; matched pairs, ready to nest, 7/-, 8/6, 10/- pair; cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

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ROOM wanted; several pairs of Norwich Canaries for sale, 7/6 and 10/6; cocks, on song, 5/- and 6/-; cash with order; money returned if not satisfied: Jas. Burrows, 120, Evington-rd., Leicester.

HARLAND'S champion Norwich; few good pairs, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair; all same strain as my Palace winners (three of which were claimed at catalogue price): Geo. Harland, 63, Welheck-st., Hull.

SOME prize-bred Norwich for sale, Sandiford's, Irons', Dobiuson's, and Grey's strains; no better blood in the Fancy; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Dalavel, Northumberland.

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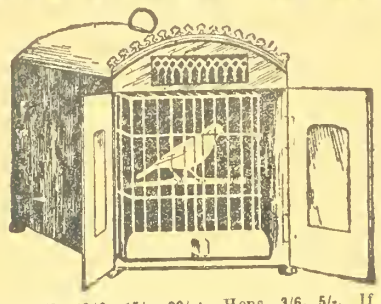
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COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, at home all day; prices to suit anybody: Metcalfe, Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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HAVING selected breeding stock, have about 30 Yorkshire hens, clear pink eyed, green, and cinnamon-marked buffs, from 4/6; yellows from 5/6: J. W. Wharton, Heights, Hightown, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

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Still giving best satisfaction. As proof read following, and for others see previous adverts. 122, Woodline St., Gateshead, 5th. March, 1911.—Birds arrived safe, I am highly satisfied with them. Thanking you for such good value, and if I can get you any more orders I will be only too pleased to recommend you.—Wm. Maher, to L. Dykes, The Stables, Sandleford Priory, Newbury, 5/3/11.—Birds safely to hand. Just the pair I wanted. I could not have picked a better pair myself. My friends are delighted with them, and will send you more orders soon.—J. Kenwood to L. Dykes, 6, Mary Street, Hurstead, Rochdale, 6/3/11.—We are very well pleased with the bird, which arrived in good condition, and shall send more orders shortly. Thanking you for quick dispatch.—Hollows & Son, to L. Dykes.

Champion Yellow Yorkshire cocks at **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each;** Buff cocks at **5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each, all on full loud song and seven inches long; fine racy Yellow hens at **4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each; Buff hens at **3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each, all in grand breeding condition; Pairs, properly matched to breed own winners, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair; and a few extra good pairs, **40/-, 50/-, 60/-** per pair. Clears, Ticked, Green-marked, and Cinn.-marked, colour fed or natural colour, and all cold-room bred. Travelling cages, **3d.** extra. Price list post free. All on a week's approval at my risk. Safe delivery guaranteed. Inspection invited at any time.

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Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Mar. 14, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Lecture on Yorks. Can., by Mr. H. Foden.—J. R. Colville.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Riy Hotel, 7.45. Election of officers, etc. Intending new members invited.—T. Robinson.

Amalgamated Yorks. Societies.—Mar. 11, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Dinner and prize distribution; dinner 4 o'c. (tickets 1/6 each), social evening 6 o'c. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Wellington Inn, 8. Ann. gen. meeting; election of officers, etc. F. Mitchell.

British Roller C.C.—Mar. 14, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Most important business.—J. W. Norris.

Bury C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Y.M.C.A., 8.—H. Jameson, Sec.

Bath F.A.—Feb. 16, West's Dining Rooms, 8. "Smoker." Friends invited.—W. H. Knowles.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Mar. 14, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Some birds will be present and their song explained. Fanciers invited.—W. Massey.

Batley O.F.S.—Mar. 13, Talbot Hotel, 8. Dates for winter shows, etc.—G. G. Stafford.

Bramley O.S.—Tuesday, 14th Mar., Unicorn Hotel, 8. Classification, show dates, and judges, etc.—W. Maltby.

Bedlington Station C.B.C.—Mar. 11, Headquarters, Social Club. Election of officers.—J. Jobbing.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Victoria Hotel, 8. Dates for members' shows; ballot papers, Yorks. Union.—M. Skirrow.

Beamish C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Bird Inn, 7. Selection of judge for nest feather show and fixing date for ann. show.—W. Knowles.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Mar. 16, Albert Restaurant, 8. Pairing, rearing, and feeding young birds. Paper on colour-feeding.—W. O. Brooke.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Portland Arms, Jacksdale, 6.30. Washing and judging competition.—J. H. Mitchell.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Roller singing contest.—A. S. Treasure.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Maskell's, 8. Election of officers; dates young bird show, prize money will be paid; bal. sheet, etc.—J. W. Dummett.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8. Discussion on "Anomalies of Nationality," opened by Mr. C. Prior. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

City of Bradford O.S.—Next meeting postponed on account Y. Union prize distribution.—W. Morement.

East Ham F.S. — Mar. 13, Earl of Wakefield, Katherine Road, 8. Committee reports; lecture. Note.—Subs. now due.—H. Rutter.

Eccles C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Diamond Inn, 8.30.—H. W. Jones.

Clyde C.B.S.—Mar. 13. General meeting Members please turn up; good news for you.—E. Marlor.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Mr. A. Deakin's, Hauge Street, 8. Mr. E. Thompson will give a lecture on the breeding of the Lizard Canary.—H. S. Waters.

Ct. Harwood C.B.S.—Mar. 13, St. John's Club, 8. Special meeting.—H. T. Mattinson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Adjourned annual meeting, final selection of judges, etc.—A. Holden.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Crown Inn, 7. Members please turn up to time.—A. J. Notley.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Mar. 16, Nutclough Tavern, 8.—A. Pickles.

Ilford F. and F.S.—Mar. 14, White Horse Hotel. Present 1910 point prizes, also cups to late challenge cup holders; election of assist. sec., etc. Members reminded subs. are due Mar. 31. Will every member reply to my circular letter?—J. H. Priestman.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Specials, bal. sheet; election of officers.—R. Blore.

Keighley C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Selecting dates for F.F. shows.—J. Binns.

Kilmarnock C.B.F.C.—Mar. 14, Temperance Hall, 8. Nomination of judges.—R. McCaw.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 15, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Field-moulted Linnet Show. Judge, Mr. W. Ordish; 3d. ent., sliding scale.—R. Charleson.

London and Provincial O.S.—Mar. 16, Leysian Mission, City Road, 8. Special lecture, "Bird Life—Within an Hour of London Bridge," by Mr. H. Norman. All welcome; members please note.—C. W. Law.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Mar. 11, headquarters, 8.30. Special business re young bird show dates.—G. Harwood.

Morley C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Bal. sheet, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Northern Counties Norwich and C.C.—Mar. 22. Gen. meeting.—W. Curry.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 14, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8.—J. Davey.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.—Mar. 11, Grapes Inn, Platt Street, 8. Fixing date for F.F. Show. Most important.—J. Bunn.

Newport C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Old Bush Hotel, 8.—J. Hammett.

North London C.B.A.—Mar. 15, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. British and Foreign Bird Show. Judge, Mr. A. Silver. All welcome; admission free.—R. P. Harper.

Oldham C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Important business.—J. Cope.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street. General meeting; lecture on general management of Canaries, by Mr. Hazell. Fanciers invited.—Meades and Woolgar.

Pentre C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Queen's Hotel, 5. Matters concerning pairing show to be held Mar. 26th, 5 p.m.—G. Lingard.

Peterborough C.B.A.—Mar. 13, White Horse, 8. Open Show.—R. Popple.

Polmont C.B.S.—Mar. 17, Boyd's Tea Rooms, Polmont Station, 7.30. Electing judges for ann. show, revising class list, and electing new members.—R. L. Leitch.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Mar. 13, Jowell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Lecture by Mr. Fairhurst, "British Birds: Sexing from Specimens, and Mule Breeding."—H. Clayton.

Radford (Nottingham) O.S.—Mar. 14, Pheasant Inn, 8.15. General meeting.—G. Lawrence.

Rawtenstall F.S.—Mar. 14, headquarters, Wellington Hotel, Cloughfold. Members' show and meeting. Two classes for cage bird: Cock and Hen. Mr. Bosworth judge. Cage bird fanciers cordially invited. Judging commence at 7.30 p.m.—H. Kershaw.

Reigate and Redhill F.S.—Mar. 13, Mutton's Hotel, Redhill, 8. Arranging business for coming season. Members asked to attend.—A. W. Bacon.

WELLINGTON

(SALOP) Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird Society Annual Open Show in Town Hall on **Saturday, March 25th, 1911.** Good classification for Cage Birds. Judge, Mr. Arthur C. Brotherhood. Sterling Silver Cup and Gold Medals offered as Special Prizes. Schedules from the **Hon. Sec., 9, Tan Bank, Wellington, Salop.**

Stoke Newington F.A.—Mar. 14, headquarters, Amethyst Club, 110, Church Street, 8. Committee meeting. Paper by Mr. H. Cooper Bagley. Fanciers invited. J. C. Spence.

Swansea C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Table show, etc. Every member's attendance required.—S. H. George.

Skipton C.B.S.—Mar. 13, 8. To arrange F.F. Show. Paper will be given on Hybrid Breeding by Mr. J. Nicholson.—R. Roberts.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.—Mar. 11, Public Hall, 7. Fixing judges for open show.—W. Melvin.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Mar. 14, Liberal Club, 8. Arranging F.F. shows, etc. H. W. Gill.

Scottish Crested C.C.—Mar. 11, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 4.30. Annual general meeting; annual report, distribution of medals, etc. Good attendance respectfully requested.—J. Young.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 18, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Mar. 14, Victoria Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' shows, etc.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Tong C.B.S.—Mar. 13, Hand and Shuttle Hotel, Tong Street, 8. Smoking concert and distribution of prizes.—J. Smith.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Bal. sheet pair show, paying out prize money, new rules, etc.—W. G. Andrews.

Wood Green F. and F.A.—Mar. 14, headquarters, 8. Ann. meeting. Members who have not had prize money please attend to receive same.—W. G. Bruce.

York C.B.S.—Mar. 13, All Saints' Rooms, 7. Table Show, 16 classes; fanciers welcome.—H. Thompson.

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I am a novice at Canary breeding, only having started last year. I finished the season with seven healthy young ones from one pair of birds. I started previously by taking CAGE BIRDS, from which I gained a lot of useful information; also your book on "Canary Breeding for Beginners," to the study of which I attribute the cause of my success. I am now taking in "Our Canaries," which I think is a splendid work, and am anxious to get all the parts bound, as the book is, I think, well worth a position in a book-case. I think all novices like myself should possess it; I am sure they would find it a great help.—H. Hibbard (Folkestone).

I should like to give you a word of praise for your Birthday Number. In my opinion, as they say in Bradford, "It takes the bun," which probably means "it tops all." The coloured plates by Mr. Norman are really A1. The one of the Crested family I intend, before long, to put in a neat frame. I think the Canary Fancy in Bradford, and other towns, was never at such a high pitch as at the present period. Many places I have lately visited were really fine, cosy little corners, with some beautiful birds to admire, each party invariably getting a few out in the show cage with the grand old saying: "It will tak' some beating tha' knows." I imagine that at next season's shows there will be stormy winds blowing indeed. All these beautiful plates from CAGE BIRDS, I notice, are always adorning the breeder's room, be it large or small. There they are hung, acting as models and styles.—John H. Jowett (Bradford).

Loved Its Cage.

A remarkable story of a bird's love for its home surroundings reaches us from Loughborough. Mr. W. Gregory, of Sparrow Hill, has kept a Goldfinch in a cage for the past 12 months. On Saturday, Feb. 18, while he was cleaning out the cage, the door flew open, and the little bird departed high into the air. As no hopes of its return were entertained, Mr. Gregory and his wife were much surprised, when, nearly two hours later, a gentleman called at the house and casually remarked that he had seen a little bird hopping about near the door-step. On going outside, Mrs. Gregory noticed that it was her Goldfinch, and she captured it without the slightest trouble.—"Nottingham Guardian."

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing at headquarters, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, before a very large company. We had visitors from all parts of Yorkshire to hear 47 birds sing for five good prizes. Result: A very close thing: 1, O. Potter; 2, J. Kirk; 3, J. Ramskill; 4, A. Fowler; 5, D. Dobson. After the sing we had a very enjoyable evening—song or two by some of the members. Last week's winners: 1, J. Kirk; 2, W. Dobson; 3, J. Papworth.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, when 17 birds competed. Result: 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Farrar. Judges: Messrs. J. Smith, A. Binns, C. Lorriman.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club open race, held Mar. 5th, when 6 pairs were hung (10 minutes sing). 1, T. Barnett, 4, score 16; 2, G. Roper, 4, score 5; 3, D. Wilders, 3, score 19; 4, W. Hunt, 2, score 1; 5, D. Hopkins, 1, score 5. Open race Mar. 12th, Mr. D. Jones giving special prize for highest score in members. Mr. G. Cawley elected a member.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

Royal Alfred Bird Club open race held Feb. 26th, when 6 pairs were hung. 1, T. Barnett, 4 min. 12sec.; 2, G. Roper, 4min. 5sec.; 3, W. Hunt, 2min. 4sec.; 4, D. Wilders, 1min. 15sec.; 5, H. Beacheam, 1min. 14sec. T. Barnett winner of Mr. Jones' special prize.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

WEST BOLDON.

Linnet Singing Contest, held Black Horse Inn, Mr. 4th, when 26 birds faced judge, Mr. R. Bailey. Some good singing heard. Result: T. Hall, 1st and 3rd. W. Mitchell 2nd. After contest 4 new members joined. Club is open for members within a 4-mile radius. A meeting will be held in Workmen's Institute, Mar. 11th, 6 p.m.; all fanciers requested to attend.—S. Wilson, Sec.

GLASGOW.

Glasgow Linnet S.C.—Contest held at Muir's, Saltmarket, Mar. 4th. Result: 1st, Nelson; 2nd, MacMillan; 3rd, Moulden. Judge, Mr. Rough, Whiteinch. Contest next Sat., 4 p.m. Jas. Moulden.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. (King's Head).—Usual quality singing contest held Mar. 4, when 17 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. P. Madden, W. Naylor, J. Melin. 1, J. Green; 2, A. Butler; 3, shared by W. Farrow and T. Stead. Also Mar. 5, when 24 birds entered; judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, T. Johnson, and J. Naylor. 1 and 2 shared by J. Bland and W. Sissons; 3, J. Bland; 4, T. Stead. All intended members must join our Whitsuntide match before last Saturday in March.—Wm. Sissons, hon. sec.

Skinner's Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe-lane. Usual quality singing contest held March 5th, when 21 birds competed. We had another large attendance; new fanciers and fanciers from other clubs in the city brought birds. Competition was keen. Result: 1, 2, shared by J. Green and A. Butler; 3, A. Hutchinson. Judges, Messrs. C. Biss, J. Simmons, and G. Reed.

Mr. J. Green will sing Mr. Fred Allen's Linnet with his Linnet for £5, as stated, to sing at York, on length, turns, and form, each to pick a judge, then the judges to pick a referee on the spot; judges to be paid by the owner of the winning bird. Mr. Fred Allen to choose any respectable fancier of Leeds to hold the stake money, each to deposit £1 as soon as the match is made. Should these terms (equal for both sides) meet with Mr. Fred Allen's approval, will he please write or meet Mr. Green, to arrange date of match?—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

CLASSHOUGHTON.

Weekly Linnet sing held Rock Inn, Mar. 5th, when 22 birds sang for three prizes. Result, 1, 2, 3 shared between J. Wainwright, J. Kirk, J. Papworth.—A. Longfield, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet Singing Contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, Mar. 4th, 22 birds entered for 3 specials (3 minutes' time sing). Mr. Brown took first prize with 86 sec.; Thompson, 2nd, 69 sec.; Baker, 3rd, 66 sec.; Bisby, 65 sec.; Thompson, 57 sec.; Brown, 52 sec.; Bisby, 52 sec. March 5th, when 14 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes' time sing). Mr. Brown took first, 104 sec.; Thompson, 2nd, 86 sec.; Cole 3rd, 53 sec.; Wadd, 46 sec.; Shimwell, 45 sec. Contest every week-end. Whitsuntide club going strong.—A. Brown, Secretary.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Colliery Inn, Brandon, Feb. 18th; 54 birds entered. Results: 1st, 3rd, A. Bailes; 2nd, G. Showler. Judge, Mr. J. Stout. On Feb. 25th contest held Black Horse Inn, Elvet; 46 birds entered. Owing to darkness a division had to be made between Bailes, Wilson, Showler, and D. S. Judge, Mr. T. Gibbons. Also Mar. 4th, "Traveller's Rest," Gilesgate Moor, where 30 birds entered. Result: 1st, Showler; 2nd, Bailes; 3rd Boyd. Judge, Mr. J. Stout. Next contest Victoria Inn, Langley Moor, Mar. 18th; 10s. added to all entrance, 6d. each bird; judge, Mr. R. Mills (Langley Moor).—G. Reed, Sec.

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HULL.

Weekly Linnet contest held headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook-street. Twenty of the best birds in Yorkshire competed. Some good singing was heard, a large company being present. 1st, Wakely; 2nd, Broadbent; 3rd, Keating; 4th, Smith; judge, Mr. F. Allen; timekeeper, Mr. Thundercliffe. Winner sang well, it being only a seven-month-old bird. It was taught under Mr. Allen's champion. This club is being rapidly brought to the front, two rooms being packed with visitors from near and far.—Thundercliffe, Assist.-Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Open-to-all-England Linnet Singing Contest for quality, held headquarters, Old Red Lion, Mar. 4th, when 23 birds laced the judges. We had Linnet fanciers from Sabden, Leigh, Wigan, Warrington, Gt. Harwood, and several other places. We had some excellent singing. Results: 1st and 5th, J. W. Jones (Leigh); 2nd and 3rd, W. H. Topping (Blackburn); 4th and 6th, T. Statham (Leigh). Judges, Messrs. J. W. Jones and Festus Gibbons (Leigh); Referee, Mr. Joe Dobson; Timekeeper, Mr. T. Slater; Birdkeeper, Mr. R. Fender. Usual week-end contest: 18 birds were put before the judge. Result: 1st and 2nd, W. H. Topping; 3rd, T. Slater. Judge, Mr. T. Coventry; Timekeeper, Mr. T. Slater.—T. Slater, Secretary.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 23rd, Mr. Walters in chair. Present, Messrs. Titchard, Weston, Barnett, Harper, Mort, Walters, Wilkinson, Knowles, Dukes, and secretary. Mr. Weston proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Knowles for judging night show. Two new members (Messrs. Collins and Wilkinson) were proposed. There was a judging competition on British. Mr. Dukes made the awards, and Mr. Mort won.—G. M. Nelson, Hon. Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

A most successful washing exhibition and lecture were given March 4th, by Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith), to our members and a number of fanciers from our neighbouring society (Cowdenbeath). Mr. Steel washed three birds in a most expert manner, explaining his method as he went on. He said that seeing birds were mostly washed at night, never proceed to wash the birds until you had them in a lighted room for a little while, as it gave them time to waken up, and they were not so nervous as when brought direct from a dark room and washed right away. He used three basins of water, a badger hair, also a camel hair brush, a cloth for drying water off the bird after it had been washed, and a piece of flannel for rolling bird in to dry before the fire. He washed a Border Fancy first, and it seemed a very simple job for him to hold the bird in any position he required. He said: Never attempt to catch a bird with your hands wet, as you are almost sure to pull some feathers out, the dry feathers sticking to the wet hand. He used oatmeal soap, but was not against using Swan and Sunlight soaps. While the birds were drying Mr. Steele went on with a lecture on British birds, which was a revelation to most of us. Nothing seemed to escape him. He seemed to know all species, their good points and defects. He lectured for three hours, and held the attention of his audience all the while. Then, by request, he gave another interesting half-hour on the Border Fancy, and as in British birds, he had all their points, both good and bad, at his fingers' ends (or rather tongue's end). A few questions were asked, which Mr. Steel answered in a most satisfactory manner. The president (Mr. Stenhouse) said he was sure those present would agree with him in thanking Mr. Steel for coming to enlighten them. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Steel brought to a close a most enjoyable and profitable evening.—A. Dickson, Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.S.

At meeting held March 4th, Mr. J. Ackroyd gave us a very instructive lecture on "Pairing birds for breeding." The members brought birds, paired to the best of their ability, and the lecturer told us their best points, also their faults. The paper proved very instructive to novices, who did not forget to ask him questions. A vote of thanks, proposed by A. Huddeston, seconded by Mr. L. Holroyd, and supported by Messrs. H. Grange and F. Gale, and Mr. Ackroyd's reply, closed the meeting.—H. Grange, Sec.

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting held Ante-room of Mr. Menemy's Hall, 4th March. Mr. J. Donaldson (vice-president) in chair. Mr. J. Kean was appointed judge for Scotch Fancy section of annual show, 25th Nov. Also settled, to hold first feather show, July 29th, when Mr. R. Johnstone has promised to give 4 medals, one each to the first birds in the following sections, viz:—Crest or C.B., Nor., Yorks., and Mule or Hybrid. All birds to be bred by members. Members are very slow at turning out. I should like to see as large a turn-out as possible at next meeting in usual place, 25th March. Anyone wishing to become a member can do so by sending name to me.—Duncan Grant, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Committee meeting held March 2nd. Following judges selected for annual show, Oct. 21st and 22nd: Messrs. W. Vardy, Norwich; W. Mundell, Yorkshires; J. Robson, Borders and Scotch Fancies; C. Houlton, British and Foreign. Crest judge not decided on definitely, but we hope to secure Mr. W. Greeves' services. General meeting.— Letter read from Mr. McPartling re question of a 50-mile radius for judges. This was rescinded at February meeting, and on an amendment by Mr. T. C. Crawhall the radius was made a smaller one—25 miles. Annual neat feather show fixed for June 24th, to be held large Hall, Co-operative Hall, Newgate st., so we will have plenty of room for both exhibitors and friends. As this is Coronation week, we should have a record entry, and trust all members will make a big effort to win the challenge cup, which bird, very appropriately could then claim the name of "King George." The following gentlemen have kindly consented to officiate as judges, viz.:—Messrs. J. Maddison and J. Sheppard, British and Foreign; and Messrs. T. Robson and J. Currah, Canaries. The Lister case re carvers again came in for considerable discussion, but ended without any alteration of our previous decision. Annual picnic to be held Whit-Monday, June 5th. Messrs. Hutchison, Scott, Pettersen, and Atkinson, have arrangements in hand.—J. E. Atkinson, Sec.

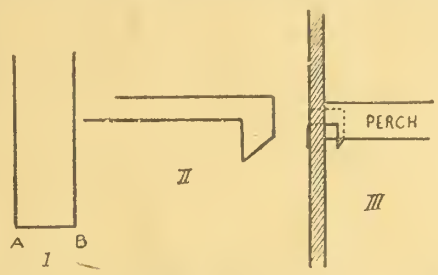
Illustrated Ideas

No. 488.

For Holding Perches in Position

Sent by Mr. W. J. Green, The Village, Aintree, near Liverpool.

Here is an idea for holding perches in position, which I think those who make their own cages will find very useful. Take a piece of strong cage wire, about four inches long, and bent as shown in Fig. 1, making the distance A B, so that the wire will grip the perch it is intended



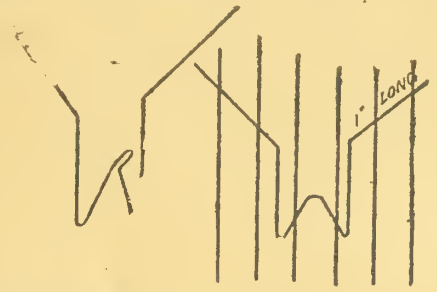
to hold. Next bend down the wire at right angles about 1½ inches from the end as in Fig. 2. The holder is now finished, and can easily be fixed in position in the cage by boring small holes in required position, putting ends of wire through, and bending down at back.—W. J. Green.

No. 489.

A Holder of Greenstuff.

Sent by Mr. E. Amis, 83, Varna Street, Openshaw, Manchester.

I forward you a good idea for a holder of greenstuff, also of nesting material, which fastens in the wire of cage-front like a spring. It will hold anything tight, and is cheap. Get



about 9 inches of cage wire, and make the letter W, as shown in sketch, allowing the centre to come out about ¼ inch to form a handle for same, with two ends bent up. You can place it anywhere about the front. The sketch will explain the rest.—Edwin Amis.

In the Courts.

The Effect of the Recent High Court Decision.

Last week, Henry Pannett and Thomas Pannett, of Sloane Street, Brighton, were summoned for having seven Linnets in their possession. It was a curious fact of the case that it is an offence at any time of the year to be in possession of Linnets within the Borough of Brighton, but it is no offence to catch them (and, of course, be in possession of them) at this time in the country, where defendants had caught the birds on the day when they were caught.

The case was adjourned till Monday, when Alderman Sendall, who presided, said that during the interval the magistrates had studied a case in the High Court which was on all fours with this. The Lord Chief Justice and other Justices said that the statutes were difficult to interpret, but they held that, although the birds were lawfully caught in a district in which they were not protected, it was unlawful to bring them into a district in which they were protected. Accordingly the magistrates decided to convict.

Mr. Ewart C. Bartlett, who appeared for defendants, pointed out that only Henry had been proved to be in possession of the birds—Thomas was carrying the nets. Technically there was no case proved against Thomas.

The police stated that Thomas had been once previously in trouble, while Henry had been convicted five times, and for similar offences.

Henry was fined 14s. and the cost, in default, ten days; and Thomas 7s. and costs, with the alternative of seven days.—"Brighton Herald."

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Last monthly show on winter's syllabus held Feb. 28th, headquarters, for Mules and British birds. And Mr. F. Taylor gave us an excellent lecture on British Birds. We had a very good attendance, but there is still room for plenty more, and we should be very pleased to see our rooms full when we commence these meetings again. All fanciers are given a hearty invitation to join. Mr. W. Hardy judged, and his awards met with the approval of all.

BRIT.: 1, Steeple; 2, Cope; 3, Downes, 4, Sharples; vhc, Ackroyd; hc, e, Cocker. MULES: 1, 2, 4, Ackroyd; 3, Downes.—J. Cope, Sec.

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Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.)
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(G. Lawton, 159, Werrington Road, Stoke-on-Trent).
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terr.).
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(Elliott and Wood, 22, Leicester Street.)
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme).
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.)
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
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Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without).
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 35, Rodsley Avenue.)

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.).
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.)
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cawsethan St.).
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Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Martin 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
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Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).
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Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dunmett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Ireland.

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The nests of the Goldfinch and Chaffinch stand the winter as well as any of the Finches. They can be seen even now in the hedgerows and trees, almost as neat and compact as when first put together. The clay-built homes of Blackbirds and Thrushes, will frequently cause the nest-hunter to think he has made another find, even in the following summer, to that in which they were built.

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Poetmatic.

The woodcock is a timid bird
As doubtless you before have heard;
But will you tell me would a wood-
Cock fight a woodruff if he could?

I never met a cock that would
Not have a cockfight if he could;
Why not a woodcock with a wood-
Ruff in a wood? he could and should.

Alas for theories strange and new,
They entertain, but are not true;
For such a battle could not be,
The woodruff is a plant, you see.

—"Royal Magazine."

Parrot as Fire Alarm.

The screaming of a Parrot probably saved a Chatham family from death by fire on March 4th. Shortly before one o'clock in the morning Mrs. Pett the wife of a general dealer living in Church Street was aroused by the shrieking of their Parrot, which was kept in the back room on the ground floor. "Father, come quick!" the Parrot screamed. Mrs. Pett, who hurried downstairs, found that the lower portion of the house was rapidly filling with smoke. Her cries aroused the neighbours, and assistance was quickly at hand. The Parrot is none the worse for its adventure. The family have had the bird in their possession for about five years, and the words it uttered are Polly's favourites.

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Twitterings.

I leave England on the "Athenia" on April 27th, and I am having to clear my stock at once, writes Mr. W. H. Lindley (Barnsley).

The Skylark was singing beautifully in Birch Fields on February 26, whilst I was taking a stroll to study nature, writes Mr. R. B. Fryer (Manchester).

We unanimously decided at our last meeting to resign from the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assistant secretary of the Sheffield Cage Bird Society.

The Oxford and District C.B.S. have decided to hold a first feather show on July 6th, and an open show on October 26th, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, the hon. secretary.

As I have now returned from Canada, writes Mr. W. Griffiths (25, Avenue Road, Springburn, Glasgow), I am in a position to judge at shows (Norwich P.H. and specialist in Crests).

The Barnsley and District C.B.S. annual open show will be held on November 10th and 11th, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, secretary. Will secretaries kindly note to avoid clashing?

The Clapham and District C.B.S. annual open show will be held on October 11th and 12th, writes Mr. A. L. Priest, the secretary. Will secretaries pease note to avoid clashing?

Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) has, we hear, been engaged to judge the cage birds at the Consett and Blackhill show on November 11th, and this for the third year in succession.

We elected Messrs. Halliday and Dixon to judge at our open show on November 4th next, writes Mr. J. W. Lowes, hon. secretary of the Stockton-on-Tees and District C.B.S.

I have again been elected secretary of the Metropolitan C.B.S. for the year, writes Mr. G. Harwood, 9, Frere Street, Battersea, S.W. Twelve new members have, I may add, been elected.

I have been appointed secretary to the Annfield Plain C.B.S., and all communications should in future be sent to me, writes Mr. T. Robinson, 16, St. Aidan's Crescent, Annfield Plain.

Our annual show is fixed for November 24th and 25th. We give a hearty invitation to any fancier to join our society, writes Mr. G. W. Boyce, hon. show secretary of the Woolwich F.S.

Kindly let your numerous readers in Ashington and surrounding districts know that I have started an agency, and supply all kinds of seeds and foods, writes Mr. T. H. Rowcroft (17, Sixth Row).

Mr. D. Carroll, secretary of the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland, writes that he has just received a consignment of closed rings for 1911, and will be glad to supply same to members at 6d. for ten.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for ten months, and I find lots of information in its pages every week; in fact, I do not know what I should do without it.—Herbert Dickinson (Pontefract).

Kindly state that owing to the numerous inquiries for birds on approval, I am sorry I cannot find time to send them, owing to business reasons, but I thank all for writing.—F. Wood (Stockport).

The 32nd annual open show of the Sheffield C.B.S. will be held on December 9th, in the Montgomery Hall, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, the assistant secretary. It will be a one-day show, instead of two days, as in previous years.

I admire your journal, CAGE BIRDS, very much. The plates are extremely lovely, and your books, such as the ANNUAL, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," etc., are very instructive and interesting.—John Smith (Bellshill).

We have received from Messrs. T. M. Cockroft and Co., felt manufacturers, of Leeds, samples of the white wool, brown wool, and grey jute nest linings supplied by them. They appear to be admirably suited for the purpose.

I am pleased to say I sent a consignment (a pair of my winning Lizards and a pair Cinnamons) to the order of Mr. Coss Loetscher, Lucerne, Switzerland, which arrived safely, and gave every satisfaction.—John Rukin (Rawtenstall).

In Mr. W. Rudd's advertisement of Roller Canaries last week, our printers inadvertently used a block of a nursery cage instead of one of a Roller cage supplied by this noted Norwich bird specialist, an error which, needless to say, we regret.

The "Avicultural Magazine" for March contains an article by Sir William Ingram, Bart., on the acclimatisation of the Greater Bird of Paradise in the West Indies. Mr. R. Cosgrave writes on the Cranes of Lilford Hall, and Miss Innes Dorrien-Smith on Paradise Ducks. A report of the British and foreign bird sections of the Crystal Palace Show will be found specially interesting.

The 1910 balance sheet of the Metropolitan C.B.S. shows a cash balance of £2 15s. 6d., of which only 8s. 10d. represents cash brought into the accounts from the previous year. This is highly creditable to Mr. G. Harwood, the secretary, who, with his fellow-officials, is to be congratulated on the result.

The following are the judges appointed for our annual show, writes Mr. J. Fyfe, secretary of the Forfar and District C.B.S.:—For Norwich, Mr. R. B. Jarvie (Glasgow); for Borders, Mr. W. Mossie (Annbank); and for British, Mules, and Foreign birds, Mr. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh).

I have been appointed hon. secretary to the Coventry O.S. in place of Mr. Shaddock, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt, and in future all communications should be addressed to me at 38, Craven Street, Coventry. Mr. J. Robson has been elected judge for our annual show on November 18th.

We have received from Mr. William Wilson, of 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow (The Glasgow Aviaries and Aquariums) a price list of the goods supplied by him, including the "Liktar" rat, etc., killer. The prices of both birds and appliances are moderate. Lists may be had on application.

Our annual show realised a profit of nearly £4, and we finish up the year with a total cash balance of £23 16s. 1d., which I feel sure you will agree is not so bad, considering the society was only started in 1905, writes Mr. H. Smith, hon. secretary of the Wimbledon and District C.B.S.

The Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S. has decided to hold two first-feather shows—the first on June 3rd, and the second on July 15th, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell, the secretary. Also decided to hold our open show on October 28th. Will secretaries kindly note and avoid clashing, locals especially?

Will members and friends of the Musselburgh O.S. please note that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the "smoker" will be held in the Gray Horse Tavern instead of the Ship Inn, as published in CAGE BIRDS. The tickets are now ready, and may be had from any of the members.—W. Nisbet, secretary.

The annual dinner of the Green Canary Association will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, St. John's Lane, Liverpool, on Wednesday, March 15th, at 7.30 p.m. prompt, writes Mr. Geo. Green, the secretary, and not on the 16th, as stated in my last report. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Fanciers are cordially invited.

The 1910 statement of accounts issued by the Woolwich F.S. shows the society to be in a healthy condition. The balance to the good of the society is £9 14s. 9d., this being £1 13s. 5½d. more than was brought into this year's accounts. Mr. G. Boyce, the hon. secretary, and his fellow-officers are to be congratulated on this excellent result.

We are pleased to learn from Mr. W. Rudd, the world-famous specialist, of Norwich, that he has been doing remarkable business recently. As an instance, on Monday last he sent away no fewer than 106 consignments of Canaries, while on the previous Saturday he despatched over forty breeding cages to customers, and this Wednesday 108 consignments left—figures, these, that speak volumes.

We have engaged Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) to judge our nest feather show in June and Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) for the annual show in November, writes Mr. John Davey, hon. secretary of the North Manchester C.B.S. We have a balance in hand of £3, after starting the season with a debt of 2s. 3½d., so I think we shall have a prosperous year.

The Leeds C.B.S. have issued a capital syllabus for 1911, which includes several members' shows and a number of lectures, competitions, etc. The booklet comprises also a list of the members' names and addresses, the classifications for the members shows, etc. The secretary is Mr W. A. Wilson (75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds), who will be glad to hear from intending members.

I have resigned the secretaryship of Pendleton and Salford O.S., writes Mr. Harry Clayton. All communications should now be addressed to Mr. James Critchley, 7, Tennyson Street, Pendleton, Manchester. I do hope members will rally round him and give him all the support possible. On March 13th we are to have a lecture by Mr. Fairhurst on "British Birds: Sexing from Specimens and Mule Breeding." We hope every member will attend and bring friends with them.

The London and Provincial O.S., on Thursday, March 16th, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. secretary, are having a lecture by H. Norman, Esq., entitled "Bird Life within an hour of London Bridge," at the Leysian Mission, City Road, opposite Old Street Tube Station. Mr. Norman's lecture should prove most interesting and instructive not only to fanciers, but to all bird lovers; and we trust our friends, including ladies, from kindred societies will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing this well-known bird lover. All seats free.

FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Sir,—Your paper, "Cage Birds," must have a most wonderful circulation. I have seen it personally in North, South, and Central America, also in the West Indies, while I have had replies to my advertisements from many parts of the world, and have executed orders through these adverts. To-day I have received a letter from a city in Mexico, from a Signor Alberto Icaza, as follows:—"Messrs. De Von,—I notice you are regular advertisers in 'Cage Birds,' and I notice in the issue of January 21st you advertise the following birds——. Kindly send me as follows—by the best possible route, for which I enclose cheque on a London bank for £45.—Alberto Icaza." I wonder if there is a single corner of the Globe your paper, "Cage Birds," does not reach?—Chas. Harris, p.p. D. De Von and Co. (114, Bethnal Green-road, London.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for years, writes Mr. A. Steel, and since you issued the coloured plate of Goldfinches I have shown the same to a number of friends, and up to the time of writing I have got 18 friends to take in CAGE BIRDS every week. I consider it is the best bird paper going for reliable information.

Mr. John Davey, the hon. secretary of the North Manchester C.B.S., writes that as there has been no development of the suggestion to form a new cage bird society for Cheetham Hill and District, he invites all fanciers interested in the matter to join his society, particulars as to membership of which may be had from him, his address being 34, Alfred Street, Harpurhey, Manchester.

I was pleased to observe that you honoured my old friend the Glossy Starling with his picture in CAGE BIRDS. He is the favourite of the household, and is getting quite a veteran now, I having exhibited him this last ten or eleven years; but in spite of his age he always keeps in perfect health and always appears at the show in immaculate condition. There is great credit due to your artist for so faithfully portraying him.—W. Nicholson (Stockton-on-Tees).

It has given us considerable pleasure to inspect this week a really huge batch of letters which Mr. W. Rudd, the noted bird specialist of Norwich, has recently received from delighted customers, expressing their pleasure and satisfaction on receipt of birds, etc., ordered from him. The letters all bear recent February or March postmarks, and are a striking testimony not only to the excellent quality of the goods supplied by Mr. Rudd, but also to the expeditious and careful way in which he executes his orders. All his customers are pleased, and Mr. Rudd must be glad to think that a large part of his very heavy daily post consists of letters of appreciation from those with whom he has dealings.

Allow me to thank you for the honour you have done me by reproducing tho picture of my buff Yorkshire on the front of your splendid journal. Bred in July, 1909, this bird gave early promise of a successful career. With seven outings as an unflighted, he scored four 1sts and two 2nds, besides doing well at club shows. This past show season his successes have been: 1sts at Chopwell, Pelton, Newcastle, Darlington, Hartlepools, Guisborough, and 2nds at Blaydon, Whitehaven, Alnwick, 3rd Gateshead. In hot Northern Yorkshire C.C. competitions (six shows), he scored 44 points out of a possible 48—truly a fine performance. Possessing that bit of swank so dear to a Yorkshireman, he is invariably top bird when we get a recognised Yorkshire judge.—G. S. Elwood (Blaydon-on-Tyne).

The Norwich Plainhead Club.

I propose calling a meeting of the committee of the Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. Jno. Hopkins, the hon. secretary, for Saturday, March 25, to consider applications for patronage, so that any societies desiring the club's patronage must send in their applications before that date.

Southern Yorkshire C.C.

I shall be glad if any member of the Southern Yorkshire C.C. who has any alterations to rules or any other matter to be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting will let me have same by Saturday, March 11th, writes Mr. J. W. Rennie, the hon. secretary, Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants.

Scottish Plainhead Club.

The balance sheet for 1910 and voting paper for election of officers for 1911 will be posted to every member on March 11. Any member overlooked should advise me at once. Will members kindly refrain from voting for me as secretary this year, as I am convinced it will be in the interests of the club to elect a new secretary, writes Mr. J. Brown, the secretary of the Scottish Plainhead Club.

The Yorkshire Prize Distribution

The amalgamated Yorkshire societies' annual dinner and prize distribution takes place this Saturday (March 11th), at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, writes Mr. H. Hill, secretary of the Prize Committee. Dinner commences at four o'clock (tickets 1s. 6d. each), and the social evening at six o'clock. All fanciers and friends are heartily invited.

Bird Beauty from Australia.

We have had the pleasure of inspecting the wonderful consignment of Australian birds which has just reached the importers, that well-known firm, Messrs. De Von and Co., of 114, Bethnal Green Road, London, E. To see even a single Gouldian Finch in a cage is calculated to bring a gasp of astonishment from anyone who has never previously made the acquaintance of this most marvellously beautiful little seed-eating bird. To see them in their hundreds and thousands, then, is an experience which is simply beyond the power of word to describe. Messrs. De Von's premises are transformed into a blaze of colour quite Oriental in its gorgeousness. In addition to Gouldian Finches (both Red and Black-headed, cocks and hens) Messrs. De Von have Grass Finches, Fire-red Finches, Bicheno Finches, and many other beautiful Australian species. All landed last week-end, and are in lovely condition, thanks to the personal attention they received en route. Messrs. De Von informed us that the demand for these feathered charmers was surpassing all expectations.

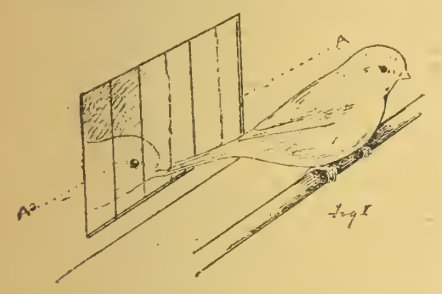
The Nursery Cage: How to Construct and Fix It.

By H. NORMAN ("Cage Birds" Artist-in-Chief)

In this series of articles, breeding cages (single and double), nest boxes and pans, and travelling cases, have been dealt with, their making, etc., illustrated and described.

As time rolls on the fancier will have young birds leaving the nest that will require special care and attention. Where the double breeding cage is in use these will simply be run into one end and the partition inserted, when the old birds can feed them between the wires.

This wired opening in the partition should not be placed too near the bottom, or our object in dividing the young ones from the parents will be defeated. As shown in our first illustration, where the opening is on a level, or nearly so, of the young birds' perch, the old birds are able to reach the tail of the young one each time he turns round, with the consequence that he will soon be deprived of that part of his plumage. In some varieties this is a most serious matter, as it is necessary to retain the tail either on account of its being slightly shorter than the second one, or, as in the case of Lizards, to retain the depth of colour. Had the opening been at the dotted lines AA, the old bird would not



have been able to reach it, so that in constructing the partition, or in the making of a nursery cage, we must be careful to make it on the secure principle.

The nursery cage should be made of the very lightest material, and should on no account be cumbersome or heavy. It can, of course, be constructed of any size, and in this matter the young fancier must use his own judgment. It is quite as objectionable to have it too large as to have it too small; the happy medium will allow the young birds to move about, and yet to find their food with ease. If too large they appear to be lost, and for some days do not seem to know where to look for the egg pan or board.

The following measurements are the sizes of my own nursery cages, which have answered admirably: length 13 inches, height 12 inches and width 9 inches.

The cages are made of thin pine for the top, bottom, the two ends and bottom rails; the front and back take a 12 by 9 wire front The young birds require plenty of light to find food, etc., as they just leave the nest, and by making the cages in this way they are always able to get it no matter in what position the cage is hung.

Cut off the wood for the top, bottom, and two ends; take one of these and mark off the opening for birds to feed through. This should be done in the following manner. Take the width of the bottom rail of the breeding cage and mark at the dotted line B Fig 2; then two inches above that mark the opening which should be 6 inches wide and 4 inches deep. If the fancier does not possess a keyhole saw, the opening can easily be cut out with a strong penknife; cut across the grain first or you may possibly split the wood. Before commencing to cut, bore a hole in each corner with the bradawl; it will be a guide to cutting on both sides.

Before nailing it will be as well to fix the wires in the opening. These should be $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch apart. Cut them $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long; press one end firmly with the top of the opening half-an- inch deep; then pull them downwards so that they go into the bottom about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

All this can easily be accomplished by gripping the wire tightly with a pair of pliers; the wire can easily be pressed into the soft wood.

Cut the two bottom rails, making an opening in one for an egg food pan as shown in previous illustrations; then nail together, taking care to get everything square. The wire parts can be fixed and the two perches put in position; and with some stout wire hoops for hanging on to the breeder our nursery is complete.

If thought advisable, a turn rail can be made to one of the bottom rails. To do so does not add much to the trouble of construction, and it saves time and inconvenience when cleaning out.

Of late years a feeding-board has come greatly into use. Size in exhibition birds is such a necessary point to cultivate that nothing should be left undone that is likely to further this object. The feeding board is a simple affair and is easily constructed by the young fancier. It should be about 7 inches long and 3 inches in width.

Fig. 4 will give an idea of its shape. A thin strip of $\frac{1}{4}$in. wood is nailed all round, and a groove made at one end for the wire door to shut down into when it is placed in the cage. The single leg should be the same length as the depth of the bottom rail. This leg need not be nailed in position. If it is carefully fitted into a round hole in the board, it can be taken out when not in use, and the whole easily packed away.

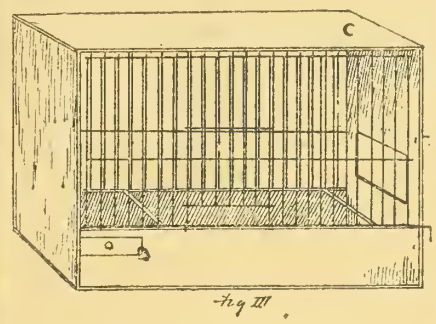
Some Gems of the - Finch Family.

By CHAS PRIOR (Brentford).

(Concluded from page 193.)

This splendid contribution, written round Mr. Goodchild's coloured plate, has dealt with the Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, Chaffinch and Bramblefinch, their showpoints, etc.

One more fact about Bramblefinches strikes me as worthy of mention. Early on in the show season the yellows have it all their own way. From the time of emerging through the moult until the end of the year they are at their best. But with the "turn" of the year comes also the turn of the buff. The yellow begins to lose his spangling. The many vigorous cleanings and preenings, as well as the ordinary wear and tear, are telling their tale on the brown edging of his back



and head feathers. They will soon be solid black. The buff, on the other hand, is bringing himself to perfection by the self same process. His spangling is improved by the wearing down of the too lengthy edgings of brown. He has taken longer in the process of "coming up in colour," but his superior length of feather keeps him still "well furnished," whilst the shorter-feathered yellow is commencing to "go" in neck. Yes, from Christmas onwards the tide sets steadily in favour of the buff.

The concluding portion of these notes is now in sight, and it may perhaps be fitting to end up with a brief review of the broad lines to be followed in attending to these birds' wants in the way of food and accommodation.

The Birds' Bread and Meat.

First, as to seed. The appearance of Mr. Norman's splendid coloured plate of wild foods, and the accompanying notes upon their uses in the bird room are of such recent date that it will not be necessary to enter in detail into that branch of catering. Here we deal simply with the "bread and meat" element in the daily bill of fare. For this we are, of course, dependent upon the seed merchant. He supplies us with all the well-known cultivated bird seeds, and a few of the most used wild ones also. Thus we get constant and regular supplies of canary, winter and summer rape, teazel, linseed, hemp, sunflower, niger, maw, gold of pleasure, thistle, dandelion, and a few others.

From this list each of our seven little friends can be provided with a stock mixture compiled in accordance with his needs and tastes. That for the Goldfinch and Siskin will be approximately equal bulk of teazel, linseed, and canary. The Goldfinch may have, in addition to this, half a teaspoonful to a teaspoonful daily of hemp seed, or the same amount of sunflower—lightly cracked, if you like, until he learns to hull it for himself. Then there are thistle, niger, maw and dandelion, which should be provided, as titbits, by the teaspoonful, either separately or mixed. The great object is to offer variety, and variety cannot be overdone. The Siskin may have all the little luxuries which have been named for the Goldfinch, but his allowance of hemp must be restricted to a teaspoonful a week.

The Linnet is best suited by a stock mixture consisting of equal proportions (again by bulk) of canary, linseed, teazel, winter and summer rape. He will also appreciate a few grains of hemp from time to time, while a frequent teaspoonful of a titbit mixture comprising maw, dandelion, lettuce, and gold of pleasure will promote health, spirits, and song.

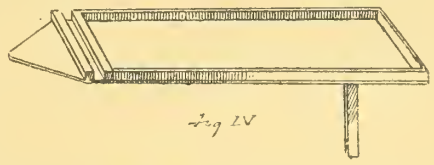
The Redpoll will be perfectly satisfied—nay, happy and cheerful—with just canary seed and a little rape; but, at the same time, there is not one in the whole list of seeds which will come amiss to him. Nothing is lost, and in his colour and condition a good deal is gained by a little generosity in arranging his diet.

In catering for the Bullfinch it is more difficult to handle the seeds of commerce with satisfactory results, by reason of his natural tastes taking a somewhat different turn. In fact, he ought to be provided with a stock diet of groundsel, chickweed, dandelion, shepherd's-purse, sow thistle, plantain and dock, privet and blackberries, and such like things, each as it comes into season. If this can be done, the seed mixture becomes of secondary consequence; but, anyhow, he may be tried with about everything in the list. He will evince a decided preference for sunflower, which need not be discountenanced. Hemp also, which may only be allowed in small quantities. Like the Redpoll, he will sample all the seeds you offer him, but with nothing approaching the appetite of that little rascal. He will often eat a little ripe fruit, and is fond of apple pips and other fruit kernels and seeds; even those of tomatoes and figs.

The Chaffinch and Bramblefinch brothers have tastes like enough to each other (in the matter of food), but differing considerably from those of Messrs. Goldfinch, Linnet, and Co. They hold the view that animal food is a necessary supplement to their dietary, therefore during the time that insects are abundant they become, in their wild state, practically insectivorous.

They seek diligently amongst the gooseberry and currant bushes, cabbage beds, etc., for the succulent green caterpillar; they rake over the decaying and dead leaves swept into corners by the winter wind in search of the wire-worm, the centipede, and the earwig. They pounce upon spiders, grubs, and other similar forms of insect life, and devour them with savage gusto. All these live things may be added to the always useful mealworm supplied to them in their domesticated condition, as well as their stock mixture of canary, rape and linseed, and their allowance, if they will eat it—as some will, and others won't—of some "softbill" food formula. Further variations are furnished by sunflower seeds, beechmast, dried walnuts (smashed), and, important item this, radish, cabbage, turnip, or rape seed, soaked to the point of germinating. This form of food—germinating vegetable seeds—is eaten more readily if scattered about the cage bottom than if given in a seed hopper.

At last we reach the final stage of our labours—that touching the question of housing these seven interesting little pets. It



must be remembered that all are native resident birds, and perfectly hardy. It follows, therefore, that the atmosphere of their quarters should be normal—i.e., unheated. A spare room in the house or a snug structure in the garden are equally suitable environments. The aspect should be a genial one, facing as nearly due south as can be arranged. The things to be avoided are draught, damp, and extremes of temperature. The actual cage accommodation should be designed on the "box" principle, wire in front only, and back, sides, top and bottom of wood. Steadiness will be best cultivated by keeping singly in smallish cages of this pattern, say, ten to twelve inches in length: Stock cages for properly-domesticated birds, again singly, may be from sixteen to twenty-four inches long. Flights should also enter the scheme, of any length from three feet upwards. These should be fitted with a small compartment to drive the occupants into for catching, and is useful also as a bath chamber.

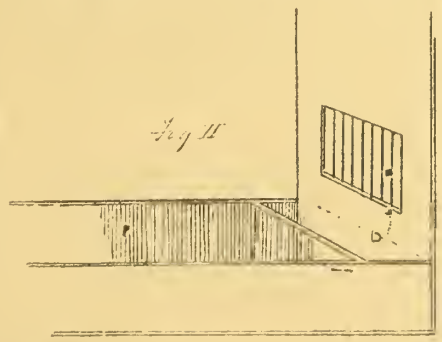
Several birds may with advantage be turned into one flight, providing a sharp lookout is always kept for individuals of pugnacious tendencies.

These are the broad lines which lead to success in the keeping of those beautiful and popular Finches. The broad lines only, understand; the hundred and one details are beyond the scope of such a treatise as this, extended, as it is already, far beyond the original idea, and yet only touching the fringe of the subject. So, in bidding adieu to the matter, let me commend the Goldfinch, the Bullfinch, the Redpoll, the Siskin, the Linnet, the Chaffinch, and the Bramblefinch as being, one and all, right worthy of the closest study and the keenest interest. And if any single one of my readers does not number at least one specimen of each in his collection of pets, let him at once remedy the omission, and taste of the joys of possession.

Wild Bird-Life.

Plumage of Wild Birds.

We are still enjoying exceptionally mild weather for the time of the year, and as a continuance of it will cause many wild birds to rush into nesting somewhat earlier than usual, one hopes that we shall not have our winter weather in April and May, when incubation is going on, and young birds are fairly plentiful. Some few years ago this did occur, and many a fine brood of Blackbirds and Thrushes were actually drowned in the nest, and the young of other species suffered from cold and wet; the sudden storms of rain and sleet came on so quickly that the ordinary absence of the parent birds from the nest was quite sufficient for the young to get chilled. Of all the birds to suffer in this way, there are none run greater risks than young Skylarks. A burst of sunshine on a cold, windy day will cause the most forward to leave the nest, when a sudden clouding over of the sun or a storm of rain, or even an ordinary shower will chill them, so that they are quite unable to return; and so in this way we have a reverse of Nature's law, and the strongest and fittest of the brood perish. All species are now to be seen in their best and most gorgeous plumage. Although directly after the moult wild birds are clean and bright and good to look upon, they do not assume that brilliancy of plumage which we all admire so much until the courting and pairing season commences. Within sight of the writer is a pair of Starlings hunting on the grass for the ever-desired grub. The cock bird is just like a piece of burnished metal, and for brilliancy of plumage would compare with the Glossy Starlings of foreign lands. His colouring is really marvellous, and every movement gives a flush of light, tinged with purple and green and indigo. Earlier in the winter one could hardly distinguish him from his partner, but now a child could tell the difference. He is in high fettle, and the rich colouring has so overrun his glossy jacket that the spangling of



the breast has been almost obliterated. This spring colouring is noticeable in all specirs, even the most common and ordinary. The pair of Robins which are nesting among the ivy-covered boulders by the pond are easily distinguishable one from the other. Tennyson was evidently thinking of the male bird when he said, "In the Spring a fuller crimson comes upon the Robin's breast."

Birds Near Relations.

In the animal kingdom birds appear to stand quite alone, but as a matter of fact they are nearly related to reptiles, much nearer than they are to mammals, in spite of their external appearance.

Rough on the Partridges.

The Goshawk was once common in England, and was exceptionally destructive to Partridges. Its mode of hunting was to continually disturb the birds until they were exhausted, when it would select as many as it pleased.

Building an Out-door . . Aviary. . . Some Timely Hints.

By A. A. GOODALL (West Dulwich).

The Easter holidays, which will now soon be with us, afford an excellent opportunity for the birdy-man to set his house in order, and beginners who have not yet tasted the delights of aviculture might do worse, at this time, than seriously consider the erection of an open-air aviary—at all times an object of interest to owner and friends alike.

There are very few gardens—whether large or small—that are not capable of being rendered more attractive by the addition of an artistically designed aviary, wherein a few pairs of the hardier British or foreign birds can be kept. The erection of such a structure need not involve great expenditure; indeed, the actual outlay for material may be limited to a few shillings, while the work of construction—always the most costly item—will provide enjoyable recreation for the amateur who is at all handy with saw and hammer.

Ready-made aviaries are, of course, obtainable in great variety, and bird-lovers to whom expense is of secondary consideration, or who lack the time necessary for building, will find such an undoubted boon, albeit they are sometimes more picturesque than useful, and apt to sacrifice comfort to effect.

For Surburban Gardens.

In planning an aviary for the averaged-sized suburban garden, due consideration must, of course, be given to the style and arrangement of the latter—that a site may be selected to harmonise with the general surroundings. A southern aspect is undoubtedly preferable to any other, in that it shelters the inmates of the aviary from biting winds, while it likewise provides them with plenty of sunshine, always a desideratum where live creatures are concerned. At the same time, it is well to remember that too much sun is almost as bad as none at all, and birds to be kept in good health must be protected from its rays during the sultry days of summer.

Very artistic effects can be obtained by building with brick or stone—the latter especially—and where the necessary materials are easily obtainable, an aviary so constructed has much to commend it. The temperature, too, of such buildings is congenial to the birds, being always cool in summer-time, and warm in winter. The labour and expense, however, entailed in working with these materials is, generally speaking, beyond the reach of amateur bird-keepers, and for them wood will prove an excellent substitute; most garden aviaries are indeed built, or partly built, of wood.

Lean-to aviaries—when a substantial wall is available—are, of course, most economical, in so far as material is concerned, and one cannot do better than proceed on this plan, considering how necessary it is to ensure rigidity throughout. The question of size can only be regulated by individual circumstances, but it is well to bear in mind that a large, roomy flight will contribute greatly to the well-being of the birds. Unless unlimited space is at command, a covered-in top is best, and, to provide retirement for the more timid inmates, it is necessary that the roof of the aviary be allowed a good "fall" from back to front. Hereunder a few perches may be arranged—either extending the entire depth of the enclosure, or projecting at intervals from the back and sides. The same idea may be carried out by placing evergreens in and about the aviary. If placed in pots, such shrubs can be moved and changed at will, for in small flights they soon become soiled and rendered unsightly.

Ordinary matchboarding answers admirably for roofing purposes, and it retains the heat in a less degree than metal, which is rarely used for the purpose. Covered over with felt and dressed with tar—laid on hot—such a roof will defy the heaviest rain, and if retarred once a year, will become permanently weather-proof, especially if a sprinkling of coarse sand be added while the tar is warm. The operation requires some little care, lest any of the paintwork be damaged during the process.

Some Precautions.

The wire-netting of garden aviaries should be both strong and durable. Half-inch mesh is usually employed, and may be rendered impervious to the effects of the weather by being treated with paint—black by preference. If this is done, even galvanised wire will last as long again, while the general appearance of the aviary is considerably improved by the operation.

Careful bird-keepers take the precaution of putting up double netting, leaving an inch or two between each stretch, thus effectually foiling the designs of marauding cats. Similar protective measures are necessary for the doorway; this is best managed by erecting an outer gate and wiring in the space between that and the aviary door—an arrangement which also safeguards any attempts at escape on the part of the inmates. Some aviaries have this constructed in the form of a porch, with the space between the doors furnished with a seat for observation purposes.

As to flooring—either concrete or cement is suitable and indeed necessary to keep out vermin, which are unfortunately seldom absent from town aviaries. Having lost many birds from the depredations of these pests, I have found it a good plan to make a foundation of ballast mixed with mortar and broken glass, laying the cement over this when quite hard. The floor should be well covered with coarse sand, and swept over at regular intervals.

Pure, clean water must always be within reach; if supplied by a running fountain so much the better, as there is in that case no chance of stagnation. In the matter of food appliances, there are many devices for keeping the birds provided with the day's rations, either open trays or hoppers of various kinds being available for that purpose; the former possess the advantage of being more easily cleaned, and for that reason are preferred by many.

The majority of British birds are able to withstand the rigours of our treacherous climate without special protection, but where Canaries and certain foreign birds share an outdoor aviary, in my opinion, it is advisable to provide glass shutters for use during cold spells.

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

The Argoondah Quail.

A pair of interesting little Quails were recently sent me for inspection, and were described by the importer as "Chinese Dwarf Quails." (I have not seen those now being advertised by a London dealer under the same name.) I had no difficulty in recognising them as the somewhat rarely imported *Perdicula argoondah*. This charming little species, sometimes known as the Rock Bush-Quail, is widely distributed throughout the Indian Peninsula, and is closely allied to the better known Jungle Bush-Quail, *P. asiatica*, which latter does not seem to have been imported for some years past, the last that I recollect being those imported by Capt. Perreau in 1908. The male is brownish on the back, mottled with buff and black, the throat is dull brick-red, and the underparts white barred with black. The female is a more sandy colour, with white throat and underparts. It can be easily distinguished from *P. asiatica*, which latter has the throat a much deeper red, the black bars on the breast more closely set and the flights barred on the outer margins with buff, the female having a red instead of a white throat. It is found on rocky, hilly ground, and is a very sporting little bird, being used by the natives for fighting purposes. This species bred in my aviary last winter, the eggs being laid in January, and the young being reared in February and March; I need hardly add that the aviary was heated. It is a hardy, delightful little species, which I can fully recommend, not the least of its attractions being the ringing, musical call-note of the male, frequently uttered in the early morning, which may be rendered "tee-tee-tee-tee."

Races of the Mealy Redpoll.

In a recent note I commented on the unusual numbers of Mealy Redpolls which have reached our Eastern coasts during the past winter, and I mentioned the fact (which was noted by Gatke in his "Birds of Heligoland") that, whenever there is an unusually large immigration of this species, a certain number of individuals of the allied species, *F. exilipes*, accompany it. This species, generally known as Coue's Redpoll, has the rump in the adult plumage almost pure white, and one would think that for this reason it would hardly escape observation; yet its occurrence in this country has been very rarely indeed noted. It occurred to me, when writing the above-mentioned note, that amongst the numerous readers of CAGE BIRDS there must be some who could give us some useful information, if the matter were brought to their notice, and my anticipations proved correct, for I was pleased to receive a letter only a few days later from Mr. Geo. Cooper, of Norwich, saying that he had lately received a Mealy Redpoll with a pure white rump which he thought might be *F. exilipes*. Further enquiry elicited the fact that the bird was rather smaller than an ordinary Mealy, and it, therefore, seems almost probable that it is really a Coue's Redpoll.

Only a few days later the February number of "British Birds" reached me, recording the occurrence of Coue's Redpoll at Fair Isle and of Holboell's Redpoll in Scotland. All previous records of Coue's Redpoll, according to Mr. H. F. Witherby, have come from Yorkshire, so Mr. Cooper is to be congratulated on what is apparently the first record for his county.

As it is quite likely that some of our readers may have in their possession a specimen of one or other of the above species without knowing it (and such a specimen would be of considerable value), it may be of interest to give sufficient particulars for the purpose of identification.

Holboell's Redpoll is the largest (length 5.60 inches), and has a much larger beak. The rump is pure white except in the breeding season, when that of the male becomes rose-coloured. Habitat: The whole of N. Europe, from Scandinavia to E. Siberia. Witherby found it breeding in the same districts as the Mealy Redpoll in Russian Lapland. Horneman's Redpoll is rather larger than the Mealy; rump, nearly white; habitat: N.E. America, Greenland, and Iceland. The Mealy Redpoll comes next (length 5.1 inches); rump, greyish. Coue's Redpoll, rather smaller than the Mealy; rump, nearly white, but not so white as that of Holboell's; habitat: N.E. Europe and N. America.

My Method of Breeding Yorkshire Canaries.

GEO. THOMSON (Cardiff).

I have been a member of the Southern Yorkshire Canary Club for many years, and my success at Cardiff this season closes my career as a novice, having succeeded in obtaining three first prizes. At the Bristol Fanciers' Show, in 1908, I succeeded in winning 1st and special in extra good company with a ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, and the same year he obtained 1st at the Swansea National, and was then claimed by a gentleman in Glasgow for a large sum of money. With the same strain, at the Bristol Fanciers' Show, on October 26th, 1910, I won 2nd prize in a very strong class with a ticked yellow Yorkshire cock; on November 9th, 1910, at Swansea Cage Bird Show, I won 3rd prize and the S.Y.C.C. diploma with a marked buff cock. This same buff cock won 3rd prize at the L.C.B.A. Show (Westminster), on November 25th, 1910, competition being very keen there, and on November 30th, at the Cardiff Cage Bird Show the bird won 1st prize, thus closing my career as a novice. I have written this with a view of giving an idea of my persistence in trying to breed a good Yorkshire Canary.

The Yorkshire is a bird of singular gracefulness, as the reward of patience and perseverance; and good birds cost a lot of money. Providing you get good stock birds, the whole business depends entirely on how you pair them up; the more perfect your birds are mated the more sure your success. My advice is: Don't pick up birds here and there, but buy from one breeder that is now and then in the money. Get well-balanced pairs, and let them be buff and yellow of good feather.

The Chief Item.

The first and principal thing to be considered is the bird room, so that the birds become a pleasure, and not a hindrance. If they are not attended to properly, and given sanitary and commodious dwellings and proper food, they become a hindrance. The room must be bright, clean, and airy, and where plenty of sun and light are obtainable in this manner, no artificial heat is needed.

The best cages are undoubtedly the box cages, with removable fronts; they should be large and roomy, and as plain as possible. The perches should be fixed four inches from the bottom, giving plenty of head room, as nervy birds like to "tower" when in condition. I like the cages coloured inside a pale blue and outside a salmon shade, with Hall's distemper, which kills all mite.

I use elder stick for one perch, with the pith out, leaving it hollow, with a small notch in the ends, and by this means I catch, and keep down, the mite through the breeding season. I also encourage spiders about the walls of the room. Take out the hollow perch occasionally and tap the end on a board, and you will find the mite there frequently.

I pair up the first week in April, as the birds are then very forward, if attended to as recommended. I prefer breeding from one-year cocks, as the young are much larger and stronger than from first-year cocks. I never remove eggs on the first round, and by adopting those means, you can study the different temperaments of the birds. If I rear two birds I am well satisfied, and in the second nest, although I remove the eggs until the third is laid, I only allow the parents to rear two youngsters. They will then have all the care needed from their parents to give size, as the making of a good bird is in the first three weeks of its life.

When the young are hatched, for the first four days I give equal quantities of yolk of fresh eggs, and home-made bread, afterwards increasing the bread with white and yolk together. I also give the parents access to hemp when the young are twelve days old, and occasionally some soaked rape as a change, with the egg food and green food, young lettuce, dandelion, and watercress, and plantain seed.

I place the young birds in Yorkshire show cages when they are twenty-one days old, hanging them on the front of the breeding cage low enough to prevent plucking; and I let them remain there for about ten days. The young birds never forget the show cage; which goes a long way towards training them.

When the young birds are doing for themselves, and fairly on seed, you will sometimes find them go "thick." Take seed and egg food away, clean out the cage, and place them entirely on Mr. Sam Drake's remedy, viz., milk sop. Nothing beats it.

I should here mention that I have found that teazle seed, given occasionally to old birds which have become fat and sluggish in the winter months, an excellent thing. I have also found "Dutch Drops" a capital remedy for liver trouble in birds, just one drop twice a week in the drinker.

Knowing the Pedigree.

I ring all my birds, and keep a strict account of pedigree. I strongly recommend plenty of baths during the breeding season and moulting periods, as cold water is the finest bracer in the whole compass of medicine. Through the moult I also colour the water amber in the drinkers right through the moult, with the following: Get three-pennyworth of saffron, one teaspoonful of cochineal; add a pint of boiling water; let it stand over-night; strain, and add three-pennyworth of whisky, and one pennyworth of sweet nitre; place in a bottle and cork it up. I use it as follows: Get a quart jug of water, and add three parts of a teacupful of the mixture; this does for drinking water for all my birds. Be careful to decide when you intend to moult your birds, and on no consideration move them afterwards until completely toned up. Should you do so they will be sure to go amiss.

I feed on the best Spanish canary seed, and as a "conditioner" I give equal quantities of rape, niger, linseed, gold of pleasure, and maw seed—a teaspoonful each bird three times a week. I have all the egg-shell placed in the oven, and baked; and I grind them up in an old coffee mill (which can be bought for a shilling at any old furniture dealer's shop), and mix with the sand on the bottom of the cage.

On washing birds for exhibition I read an excellent article in CAGE BIRDS some time ago by Mr. H. E. Tringham (London), and I followed the instructions given therein. With the assistance of a local, able fancier, I can wash and stage my own birds to-day. I made a drying-cage similar to the one portrayed in CAGE BIRDS some time ago, and recommended by Messrs. Reeves and Mallett. The birds can remain there till the next morning, and are quite safe. I shall be glad to give particulars of same to any fancier. I commence colour-feeding when the young are seven weeks old.

In conclusion, I must say the royal road to success is; Study your strain, breed from the best, and lay a foundation of healthy stock.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Mischievous Jackdaw.

Two years ago my sister brought home with her a Jackdaw from the country. He was soon installed in his new home, and is now very tame. He has the run of the house, and some of his tricks are very amusing. He delights in tormenting our retriever dog, hopping out of reach when he has been up to mischief. One day mother was busy, and Jack was loose, when she heard a crash. The mischievous scamp had lifted a teapot lid off the table and dropped it on the floor.—Sent by Ralph Inman (age 15), Woodville Mt., Hunslet, Leeds.

*A Canary which Thinks.

Remarkable cleverness is sometimes displayed by birds. I had a Canary, between the wires of whose cage I used to fix a piece of lump sugar. One day it dropped out, and, when picked up, was found to be quite wet on one side. This surprised me, and I replaced it in the cage, with the dry side inwards, and determined to watch the bird's proceedings. After a few ineffectual attempts on the hard sugar the bird went to the water glass, filled its bill, dropped the water on the sugar, and repeated this several times. When the sugar was thus softened, it began to peck it.—Cutting sent by Wilford Barnes, 5, Railway Place, Grangetown, R.S.O., Yorks.

**A Brave Cockatoo.

Charles Durand, of whose travels and adventures a book has been written, was asleep in his tent in those hot latitudes where strange wild beasts and dangerous reptiles abound, when he was roused before his usual time by a sharp, shrill cry of his favourite Cockatoo of "Time to rise! Time to rise!' accompanied by a violent flapping of the wings, and then a series of harsh screams in the Cockatoo's own natural tone. Charles looked around, woudering what had disturbed his feathered friend. The cause was soon plain—a deadly snake lay coiled up close to his bed, and, as he gazed, it reared itself and prepared to spring on the defenceless man. Just when he thought all hope was at an end the brave Cockatoo sprang from his perch, caught the reptile by the neck, and held him till his master could summon help from without. The snake was killed, and Billy was raised to a higher place in his master's esteem.—George Walker (age 14), 15, Nook End Road, Heanor, Notts.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

£1,000 worth of Prizes to be distributed amongst Its Members.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has caught on. Every one is talking about it. Good wishes for its success are pouring in. Our Letter Box is choked to overflowing with suggestions and comments concerning it. The exhibiting section of the cage-bird keeping fraternity seems especially keen on the idea. And to promote CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE amongst exhibitors and cultivators of prize cage birds we have devised the following scheme.

DETAILS OF OUR SCHEME

Every exhibitor of cage birds must "catch a pal." That is to say, he must make it his business not only to join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, but to enlist a brother bird-keeper.

Every member of the League may, if he chooses, assign half the value of his annual subscription in special prizes to any society or show in which he takes a special interest. The other half will go towards the progressive and protective work of The League. By *catching a pal* from the ranks of outside birdkeepers, a member is thus enabled to materially help the special prize list of his particular society.

CAGE BIRDS will underwrite or guarantee special prizes under this scheme to the value of £1,000.

The practical result of this idea in a socicty whose membership totals some forty fanciers may be seen thus :—

The annual subscription to the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will be **1s.** (cost of membership badge, **6d.** extra).	
Forty members of local society each join the League and donate **6d.** to the special prize fund of their society	£1
And each "catch a pal" for the League	£1
Total value of Prizes for Local Society	£2

A local birdkeeper may be disinclined to join a local bird society, but may like the idea of subscribing to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

On the foregoing basis there would not only be Two Pounds' worth of prizes for the local society, but Two Pounds' worth of funds for the work of the League.

An independent paid Secretary will be appointed to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and if necessary, clerical assistance will be given him to see that letters are promptly attended to and the work of the League discharged in a business-like manner. An Advisory Committee of responsible fanciers will be selected to superintend the aggressive and defensive movements adopted by the League in the interests of birdkeepers.

The allocation and division of the special prizes due to each society will be left entirely to the league members in the society concerned. The prizes will be selected from £1,000 worth of real oil paintings and water-colours handsomely framed—constituting magnificent ornaments for the fancier's home.

To encourage secretaries and fanciers to enlist members in the new League we shall offer the following

CASH PRIZES AMOUNTING IN ALL TO TWENTY POUNDS.

£5 cash to the individual fancier who, between this date—March 10th, 1911—and March 11th, 1912, secures the greatest number of recruits to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

£5 cash to the Society whose nominations to the League between March 10th, 1911, and March 11th, 1912, are the most numerous.

£3 cash to the individual fancier who nominates the second highest number of members to the League between the same dates.

£3 cash to the Society which nominates the second highest number of members to the League between the same dates.

And Four Cash Prizes of **£1** each to societies whose total nominations to the League show the best average per member.

SOME ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITIONS.

But a League member who is not interested in show matters is not bound to contribute his quota to the development of the exhibiting interest. He may donate half his annual subscription to the League to any one of the following ideas :—

LITERATURE FUND.—For the dissemination amongst poor birdkeepers of useful literature calculated to enlighten them and improve the conditions under which their birds are kept in domestication.

DEFENCE FUND.—For the protection of bird-keepers by legal or other process from swindlers, or unjust attacks by moneyed faddists and sentimentalists. For the general protection of bird-keepers' interests.

Failing any specific instruction from a League member as to how his donation is to be expended it will go towards the

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.—For the development and progressive work of the League, advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.

All expenditure under these heads will come under the control of the Advisory Board.

BADGES.

A neat and unobtrusive design for members' badges has been approved and will be ready in about three weeks' time. These badges will be sold at sixpence each.

We hope members will wear their League badges at every possible opportunity. They will be found to be attractive yet subdued and refined in appearance, with no suggestion of "advertisement" (except of the C.B.L.) about them. The badge will serve as an introduction between bird-keepers—an outward and visible sign, so to speak, of the "bond of good-fellowship" it is the object of the League to establish—and to bring the fact of the existence of the League into wider notice. We are looking to the use of the badge as likely to greatly help the furtherance of the objects of Cage Birds League.

BRANCHES OF THE LEAGUE.

It is hoped from time to time to form in the different centres branches of the League, but this work must be left for the moment, until the main body is in a thoroughly sound financial and operative state.

The temporary Offices of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE are at 154, Fleet Street, London.

We print below a further selection of letters received from our readers concerning Cage Birds League. We are glad to have their opinions and suggestions, which will be given every consideration and be adopted where-ever possible.—EDITOR.

Sir,—Wish Cage Birds League every success and a prosperous career.—A. M. BREMNER (Westfield-by-Thurso).

Sir,—With reference to the League you are forming, we shall be pleased to become members of same.—J. DEAN AND SON (Liverpool).

Sir,—Cage Birds League is truly a grand idea, and it certainly should receive the support of every fancier. I wish it every success; also our good old friend CAGE BIRDS.—H. BURROWS (Southall).

Sir,—I should like to say that if a "Cage Birds League," as mentioned in CAGE BIRDS of February 25, is started, I hope to belong to it. I hope the League will do all in its power to stop men keeping birds in those wretched "hop cages." I sincerely wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—(Mrs.) ADA FAVELL (Sheffield).

Sir,—I am greatly in favour of your proposed society or an Association of Bird-keepers and Bird Lovers. So you can depend on me, and I will send my mite up to you when told to do so. I really think it will be a good thing. So go ahead, and push it on, and whatever I can do to help you, I will do it with a willing mind. I will try and get other birdy men to follow me, as it is a good proposal all through.—R. A. SPENCE (Glasgow).

Sir,—I am following with great interest the correspondence re a Cage Birds League. It is an idea that I believe will catch on, and will only want a bit of pushing to make a thorough success. It will be the means of getting a lot more new members, and every secretary ought to do his best to help it along. A League like that could make its voice heard on any point connected with our hobby. I wish it every success, and will do my best to help.—W. H. PYKE (secretary of the Reading and District C.B.S.).

Sir,—I was delighted to see that at last we are going to have a league to protect our interests and our hobby of bird-keeping. I myself unite my views with yours in forming this league. It is no sin, says the High Court Judge, to kill one of our sweetest songsters; then surely it is no sin to keep them in a cage, where they are well tended, and where they will sing from morning till night even better than when free outside. Is this cruel? I say No. But where they are killed and eaten, this is against human nature. I wish the league every success.—JAMES PORTER (Newtown Cunningham, Ireland).

Sir,—I am very pleased to see that you are thinking of forming a Cage Birds League, and I hope it will commence at once, now that the year is just beginning, and I for one will be pleased to become a member of same. I do not quite agree with the suggestion that members should pay an entrance fee, as I think that rather deters people from joining; but I think there should be a small charge of, say, 2s. 6d. per year, to include badge of membership; such badge to be renewed each year, and each year be of a different colour, so as to show that the wearer is still a member of the society. I think this would not hurt anybody. I wish CAGE BIRDS and the new Cage Birds League every success and prosperity.—A. HOLLINGSHEAD (Hove).

Sir,—I am glad to find the much-wanted Cage Birds League mentioned in this week's CAGE BIRDS, and I hope it will receive the support it deserves. My views are: Club house or meeting-place in all large towns, these to be supported by weekly or monthly subscriptions; each headquarters to have its own council and to have a representative at a mass meeting, which can be held in a favourable city after ballot of members all round. By joining hand in hand, bird lovers may release themselves from the restrictions placed upon them by County Councils, and have one law, not 70 or 80 bye-laws to hold him fast whether in pursuit of hobby or livelihood. Every headquarters, I think, would benefit by having enrolled on its books a lawyer, for a club of bird lovers often wants assistance from these gentlemen.—ARCHIBALD STINSON (Manchester).

Sir,—I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS continually since the first number, but I have never been more pleased at anything within its pages than I am at the talk of forming a Cage Birds League. It is a splendid idea for fighting the so-called faddists, and police court cases, etc., and for helping fanciers in difficulties generally. But I hardly need say that to do this we must have a substantial sum of money behind us, and, as for myself, I would gladly pay a yearly subscription of 5s. But I will leave it to more able hands than mine to settle. But as it is for our own good, and to help us in any loss or difficulties that may come to our lot, I think it should not be less than 2s. 6d. entrance fee and 2s. or 2s. 6d. yearly subscription, and twice this amount for dealers or others who get their living out of the Fancy. The badges could be made in gold, silver and bronze, to suit different pockets, in four styles—as tie pins, brooches, pendants, and for the coat lapel. So that you would have an idea how many of each sort and quality were needed, fancier members could apply for same at an early date, so that all could be supplied in rotation. I hope to see things come to a head at an early date.—F. W. LENG (Spennymoor).

Sir,—I am strongly of opinion that the Cage Birds League would be a very good thing. I am now a new beginner in the Roller Canary Fancy, and I should like to see something of the sort started. The objects of the League are set out very plainly for those who are lovers of the Fancy to grip. I will at all times do my best to make it a success.—ALFRED JONES (South Normanton).

Sir,—I was delighted to see in CAGE BIRDS your proposal to form a Cage Birds League. I have only been in the hobby for the last three years, but have kept a few birds for many years, and meet with a number of faddists who accuse me of cruelty, though the birds have every attention paid them, and a beautiful aviary withal. I thank you for the help of your valuable weekly paper, CAGE BIRDS.—MISS YALDEN (Guildford).

Sir,—I think your idea of a Cage Birds League is splendid. I shall be pleased to join. I endorse Mr. Claude St. John's letter, with but slight difference, that is, membership fee 1s., and badges of various qualities to be paid for. But stick to the name. The initials for badge should be C.B.L. It would, if worn prominently, cause many an agreeable chat in train, tram, or 'bus. I wish the League success.—FRANK THOMAS (Ramsgate).

Sir,—I for one should be glad to hear of the Cage Birds League being started, not only so that we should recognise one another by its badges, but so that if a list of names could be had we could feel we had friends in all parts of the globe. In my experience as an advertiser in CAGE BIRDS, I have had letters from all round the world, I think. Now, in trading we could pick on a League member, and in any case we could apply to League members for any information respecting others in the matter of unfair trading.—J. BIRCH (Skelmersdale).

Sir,—It was with great interest that I read in CAGE BIRDS the announcement to form an association of bird-lovers—a Cage Birds League. I hope it will make speedy headway. I will help to bring into existence a league or society that will aid in bringing about good-fellowship between bird fanciers. I would like to see a branch of the Cage Birds League or Society in Dublin for the protection of birds such as I have seen sold in the market in Dublin—birds that were nearly dead, and that to poor fellows who did not know the birds were nearly dead. The birds, of course, were lively when bought. I think the name is a proper one. I also think that an annual subscription should be imposed of 1s. 6d., say. This, I think, would suit everyone's pocket.—F. J. RADLEY (Dublin).

Sir,—"Cage Birds League," I feel sure, will be a success, as its principal points are of good intention. If permitted, I shall be pleased to wear the badge, and be a member of such a League as yours. I can assure you it shall have all the support I can give it, and I trust it will bring brother fanciers more together.—WM. LLOYD (Pendlebury).

SIR,—On opening my CAGE BIRDS this week-end, as usual (I say as usual because I have never missed it since your valuable weekly paper for fanciers was first issued), I was both surprised and pleased at the gigantic scheme you anticipate starting. To my idea, it is the very thing that has been required for some time. I shall only be too pleased to join your League, as also will many more fanciers around here.—(ROBERT B. FRYER (Manchester).

SIR,—Judging from the replies to your announcement re the Cage Birds League and its principles, it is just what was wanted. We want good fellowship with each other in the Fancy the whole world through, and the League will help us to get it and at the same time we shall have a mighty influence for good. I think there ought to be a rule in the League that all members promise neither to borrow nor to lend birds to other fanciers for show purposes, and also to expose wrongdoing wherever they may find it, and so strengthen good fellowship among good fellows. Then, don't you think it would be wise to have a list of C.B.L. lecturers for the several parts of the kingdom, who would be willing to lecture on their own specialities in the Fancy before our various societies in their district, and so increase our knowledge in birdy lore? Again they help to strengthen the bond of good fellowship. The League will help us when the time of stress comes to stand shoulder to shoulder to fight for our rights and privileges as men and fanciers in the rightful defence of our principles. I have not the least doubt about the League being a success. In fact, it will become a National institution of bird lovers. So I would suggest that it be named the National Cage Bird League. Keep the subscription as low as possible to enable the poorest of our brethren to join; success will then be assured if we each try to do our little bit.—W. DOWNING (Manchester).

Sir,—It was with the greatest pleasure that I read your announcement of forming a Cage Birds League. Allow me to tender my sincere thanks to you for taking this matter up (I am sorry I had not time to say so last week, being busy removing). I am pleased to see you are going to give badges, etc., to members, which I think is a step in the right direction. Also, you have hit the mark exactly in calling it Cage Birds League. I see your correspondent Mr. Thomas's ideas exactly correspond with mine; and allow me to thank this gentleman for his splendid letter on this subject, also Mr. C. St John for his suggestion as to how it should be worked. It is about nine years ago since I wrote to the Fancy Press about a scheme I called "A Protection Fund." It was the loss of that noted Crest of Mr. Glasscock's at the Crystal Palace that first gave me the idea that such a fund was greatly needed to help fanciers who were not in a financial position to do it themselves. I hope you will keep pushing along. I will leave no stone unturned to further this splendid boon to all bird fanciers, and wish it every success.—J. R. SLACK (Wallsend, late of Newcastle).

Sir,—Those whose sympathies lie on the side of bird-keeping in contradistinction to its suppression by faddists, and who have the cause of the cage bird Fancy at heart, will welcome, and thank you for, the suggestion to form a Cage Birds League. The wonder is that such an association, taking into consideration the three objects as defined by you in your issue of February 25, has not been formed before, and I doubt not, now that the suggested movement is set afoot, it will be warmly received and supported. But I am of the opinion that the cage bird public needs to be awakened to a sense of the importance of the objects as set out by you. Cage bird fanciers as a body are, in my way of thinking, concerned only with their own immediate and individual needs and interests. They have yet to learn, for instance, that the establishment of a bond of good-fellowship and union between bird-keepers the world over will do them real good; they are too independent to wish to participate in the benefits of a general inculcation of principles by which "birds suited to captivity may be kept under humane and proper conditions"; and they are blissfully ignorant of the need for defence and protection. But in expressing myself thus I hope it will not be thought that I am pessimistic; on the contrary, I am profoundly optimistic, and see no reason why the work should not be quite easily carried out by, as you say, the co-operation of the secretaries of societies; left to but one or two, such a work would be too much, and could only be accomplished at much cost and after years of labour. I would suggest, too, that by the co-operation of secretaries, arrangements be made for the education of the general public by means of the distribution of pamphlets setting forth the needs of fanciers, and hints on the proper care of pet canaries, etc. When the bird-loving public have been thus educated—then will be a time of unqualified success for "Cage Birds League." The present is an opportune moment at which to begin operations. I see no reason why the League—made self supporting by the charge of a few pence for the badge—should not be in full swing by the time the next show season comes round. This, at any rate, is the wish of—"CALCULATUS" (London).

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

What is "Bre ding Condition"?

Norwich.—Most decidedly your hen is not in breeding condition whilst moulting, and will not be so until at least a week or two has elapsed after the moult is quite finished. To be in breeding conditiou, a bird must be in a rather high condition of health, as bright and active and full of animal spirits as possible, and in perfect feather—that is, close and tight in plumage and perfectly free from any signs of moulting. Keep your hen in a quite comfortable place, but not very warm, and see that she is quite free from draughts. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed; and on alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, and millet, a leaf or two of crisp young dandelion, or a morsel of banana may be given four times a week. Allow her to bathe on fine, mild days. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until moulting ceases. Continue the other treatment for two or three weeks. The hens in outdoor aviary are probably only "playing at nesting" yet. It would have been best to keep nesting conveniences and materials out of their way a little longer, but now you had better let matters take their course. Of the three foods you mention, I should prefer a modification of No. 3, viz.: Equal parts sponge cake, bread crumbs, and egg.

Norwich Loose in Feather.

X Rays.—(1) I think the solution of your troubles is to be found in your third question, which clearly indicates that your room is much affected by damp, otherwise the wet from bathing would not remain even about the perches for so many hours. The most important step towards putting and keeping your stock in good condition is to see that this dampness is quite removed. To reduce the birds' fat put on a diet of plain canary only, and limit the quantity to a small teaspoonful per bird daily. Twice a week still further reduce this quantity by one-half, and make up the same bulk with summer rape. Once a week give, in addition to the seed, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Give a liberal supply of groundsel, chickweed, or dandelion daily, or if this is not available, a grape (broken open) two or three times a week. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week; in the next week, six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid. Then repeat the two weeks in the same order. (2) Rape is fattening, as you term it; maw and gold of pleasure, if used in the quantities usually advised, are not. As both are very oily, possibly they would be if used in excess. (3) It certainly does matter, and must be deleterious to the bird's health, for wet to remain about the cages so many hours. This dampness should be corrected, and the room efficiently ventilated. Until this is done it would be much better to withhold baths until the weather is much milder and more dry.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Breeding in Studio.

Queen B.—Judging from your description, the studio would be a most unsuitable place for breeding Canaries as it stands, as only the very hardiest birds, whose birth and up-bringing had already inured them to such conditions, could be expected to withstand the extremes of heat and cold for any length, and the probability is you would soon find the birds become bronchial and in a state of constant moult. If you have the slow combustion stove you mention well fitted, and arranged so that none of the products of combustion or fumes are admitted to the room, you might try utilising this from late autumn to the end of spring, as and when required to maintain a fairly equable temperature, and seeing that the building is well ventilated, with ingress for fresh, pure air low down, and exits for foul air near the ceiling make it tolerably serviceable. The glass should be provided with shutters to close at night in cold weather, and thus help to prevent loss of heat by radiation, and with sashes to open during sultry weather and prevent the temperature running up out of bounds. If building is used as a studio, I suppose it would not be feasible to cloud the glass with frosting, or that would help to reduce the excessive fluctuations. If the above suggestions were carried out you might start with either Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, or Rollers, but must get birds which have been bred and reared in a normal temperature. As regards arrangement of cages, I take it you mean the space at disposal is 8 ft. high by 4 ft. wide. In that case you should place four tiers of single breeders, commencing about a foot from the floor. There would be room for two side by side—altogether eight cages; or, better still, four single breeders in two tiers, and the two bottom tiers to consist of flight cages for the young.

Norwich with Diarrhœa (Novice).—Look carefully into the quality and condition of all your seeds, foods, and water, especially hemp and rape. Treat the bird as advised to "F.K.U.," but, in your case, give the rhubarb and salts mixture for one whole day before starting the other mixtures. You might also, with advantage, stick a bit of cuttlefish in the wires for bird to peck at.

Choice of Breed (Amateur).—Either Border Fancies or ordinary Hartz or Roller Canaries would suit you best to begin with, and gain experience before taking up any other expensive variety. Both are very cheap, if you are satisfied with specimens of moderate quality, extremely hardy, and quite easy to breed and manage. If there is a good demand locally for ordinary singers, Rollers would probably pay you best, or, at least, help you to make the hobby self-supporting, whilst at the same time gaining experience. Get our handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, and you will find no difficulty in getting along with a fair measure of success.

Seed Sample (Curly).—As far as can be judged from so small a sample as reached me, the canary is a very good all-round sample. If the bulk is free from dirt and dust, you need not wish for better. The rape is rather dusty in bulk, I imagine, and only fair in quality. It is probably last season's crop, and would be better, if properly stored, at the end of this season than it now is. Neither of these seeds should cause any trouble with your birds. Use three parts of canary to one part of rape mixed together. To correct the looseness, see replies to two other correspondents in this issue concerning diarrhoea.

A Suitable Mate (Q. E. D.).—Either a 1909 or 1910 hen will make an equally suitable mate for the 1909 cock. The disparity of age in this case is but trivial, and as both birds are, or should be, practically equally virile, the balance of power would not be materially affected by age. For this law to come into effective operation you would need to mate the cock with a 1906 or 1907 hen, when, if the hen bred successfully, you would be almost certain to get a good majority of young cocks, but as this would mean using a hen whose reproductive powers are probably rapidly waning, I should not recommend you to try it, unless it is purely as an experiment to test the fact. For practical purposes the 1909 or 1910 hen would be best.

Too Hasty (W. Thompson).—Cultivate patience; that's the very best thing you can do, or could have done. As a matter of fact, you have been much too impatient, and put the birds together more than a month too soon, and before they were really ready for mating. Your best plan now is to separate the birds, remove all nesting materials, and treat them as follows: Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water for two days. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give each half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and maw. Give a crisp young leaf of dandelion daily as soon as you can get it (there is plenty about now in warm corners and hedgerows), but see that it is quite free from frost. Continue this treatment, and keep birds separate, until the end of this month or the first week in April. Then you will probably find them ready to mate and settle down to business.

To Improve Song (York).—To get a better class of singer than your pure Yorkshires, you cannot do better than cross Yorks. hens with good singing Roller cocks. If you also wish to detain a fair amount of the Yorkshire size, colour, and type, you must make up a pair or two with Yorkshire cock and Roller hens. Say, if you put up three pairs, let one consist of a clear yellow Roller cock and a ticked or unevenly marked buff Yorkshire hen; the second pair a ticked buff Roller cock and a clear yellow Yorkshire hen; and the third pair a ticked yellow Yorkshire cock and a clear buff Roller hen. As soon as the young can do for themselves, remove them out of hearing of the Yorkshire cocks, and train them under good singing Rollers; Next season mate the young among themselves, and the hens from the third pair with Roller cocks, and the young cocks from the third pair mate back to York hens in every case selecting for breeding stock those cocks that prove the quickest and most apt learners of the Roller song. By following up these lines for a few seasons, you will get a very considerably improved songster, and still retain a nice and attractive type of bird.

Wheezing at Night (D. P.).—Yes, the condition you find her in at night shows she is suffering from that early or incipient stage of asthma which too frequently passes unnoticed and unsuspected. It is not infectious at all, so there is nothing to fear on that score, but the young from such hens, unless the condition is quite cured, are certainly a great deal more predisposed to attack than are the progeny of perfectly sound and healthy hens. In the present stage there should be a very fair chance of curing it. Remove her to a quite comfortable place—not necessarily very warm, nor yet on the cold side—see that she is quite free from cold draughts and extreme fluctuations of temperature, but at the same time let it have plenty of fresh pure air. In addition to the staple seed diet give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of glycerine and oxyimel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Losing Feathers (J.R.J.).—Keep bird in a comfortable temperature, not necessarily overheated, nor yet on the cold side, but equable and quite free from draughts or vitiated air. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flour of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed. Twice a week, on the alternate days, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, millet, teazle, linseed, and maw, and on each of the remaining days a spray of green food or a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. You may then go on giving the hypophosphites for a few weeks. Anoint the bare places twice a week with zinc ointment.

Sore Foot (W. O'N.).—It is quite likely the small swellings are due to enlarged, and, perhaps, loose, scales on the foot as a natural consequence of the bird's age. Dissolve a teaspoonful of boracic acid in half a teacupful of hot water, pour into a saucer, and whilst still fairly hot, but, of course, nothing near scalding hot, catch the bird and well bathe the foot in it for a few minutes. When you can comfortably bear your little finger in the solution, hold the foot immersed in it for a few minutes and then gently try the large scales with the thumbnail, and, if loose, gently lift them off, but be careful not to use any force or make the foot bleed. Having done so, or if they are not loose after well bathing and cleaning, dry gently and anoint the foot all over with zinc ointment. Repeat the anointing next day, which should suffice to set matters right.

Roller with Diarrhœa (F.K.U.).—See that all foods, especially hemp, are quite sound and sweet. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and each day for a fortnight give a few grains of hemp, and half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and, after the first day, slightly dusted with carbonate of bismuth, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give no green-foods or fruits, except a morsel of banana every day or two, until quite well. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece for half a day only, and afterwards give 20 drops of whiskey, six of tincture of gentian, and four of laudanum in the water daily until looseness is corrected, then drop the laudanum, but continue the other items for a fortnight on alternate days.

Singing and Breeding (One in Doubt).—The general rule is that when a cock is in good breeding condition he is also by virtue of that condition of necessity in good vigorous song, but it does not follow that a cock which does not sing will never breed. There are exceptions to this, as to every other, rule. I have myself bred from cocks which scarcely sang a note, but, even so, knowing that such cases are quite exceptional, I should not feel justified in publishing general information in saying otherwise than that cocks should, or must, whichever term you like, be in good song in order to breed successfully. Doubtless this is the view taken by the author of the article you mention. As regards your own birds, if the one you bought for a cock is a young bird and in good vigorous health, the chances of its being a hen are considerable. I am inclined to think you have been "had," to use a colloquialism.

Stuck in Moult (H. Barker).—Either this bird did not begin to moult until abnormally late, or this is a second moult, or perhaps an attempt to complete what was only a partial moult at the proper season. If it is now getting rid of the feathers freely, a vapour bath is quite unnecessary, but if it is not, and its condition is not much improved, by all means give it a vapour bath morning and evening for two or three consecutive days as may appear necessary to start the feathers to drop freely. Be careful to avoid any chill or draught afterwards, and keep a light cover over the cage for a few days. Keep bird in quite a warm place, but well ventilated, free from draught and great fluctuations. Give a staple of plain canary seed. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake lightly dusted over with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkle it with maw seed. Add 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of Chemical Food every second day for a month. A mealworm each day, if available, would prove very beneficial.

Out of Condition (H. Hinckley, jun.).—Thanks for further information, which, however, missed the most important points. What I meant by how you "treat the bird" was detail of your general management and conditions under which bird is kept, whether in warm, or cold, or fluctuating temperature, and so forth. However, your letter suggests enough for me to advise you to go on with the treatment given in last reply for a month, except that you may now begin to give a leaf of dandelion every day, and after giving the medicines as advised last week for two weeks, begin over again and repeat the two weeks' medicines in the same order. Give a bath three times a week when weather is mild and bright. The mere fact of a Yorkshire not being very "slim and upright" does not necessarily mean that it is out of condition. Of course, a good Yorkshire ought to be upright is a good principle, but, unfortunately, they are not all ideal specimens.

Not Better (E.V.C.D.).—You should have referred to my last reply or enclosed a cutting of it. Your idea that she is a fairly old bird may be the key to her trouble. Have you examined her claws? If not, do so, and if they are overgrown, which I suspect is the cause of her clumsy movements, catch her, and after well bathing feet clean in warm water, cut the claws back to a proper length with a small pair of scissors—nail scissors or nail clippers are best. Hold the claw up before a strong light, and you will see a pink streak running part of the way down the centre of claw. This is the blood vessel or "quick." Cut just short of the extreme end of the streak, and no harm or bleeding will result. Treat each one separately; anoint feet with a little vaseline afterwards. In addition to the plain Canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for a fortnight a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight.

Hens with Colds (Puzzled).—I cannot quite understand the position of your cages and flights with reference to door and windows (if any, as no window is indicated on sketch). But in any case any existing draught, unless a cold-cutting stream from some small chink or orifice which goes direct to the flight, would almost certainly affect some of the caged cocks. You should see if there is such a local draught, perhaps existing only when the wind is in a certain direction, and, if so, remedy it. Then you may have a vigorous bather amongst them, and if the bath is given regularly this naturally incites the others to emulation, and in this way the floor and perches may be damp, and some of the least vigorous birds start the round of colds by excessive bathing in unfavourable weather. Before the breeding season is on you should overhaul this flight, remove and scour and thoroughly dry all perches and sand tray (if any), and wash down the flight with a solution of Izal or Jeye's, and re-paint or distemper. Only give the bath in fine mild weather, and add twenty drops of whisky, six each of glycerine, and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, to each two tablespoonfuls of the drinking water every second day for a week. Give about half a teaspoonful of hemp per bird on the alternate days. Shall be glad to hear how this succeeds.

Plucks Himself (Daphne).—You should very carefully examine the cage, probing in any small cracks, or holes, or open joints, for red mites, and use a white or light-coloured cover at night and examine it each morning. These insects do not live upon the bird, but harbour out of sight in the cage, and only come out to forage at night. If any are discovered, the remedy is obvious. You are also feeding incorrectly. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for the next fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with a mixture of two parts flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled lastly with maw seed. On the alternate days give a leaf of dandelion or spray of chickweed. In the drinking water give ten drops of lemon juice and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week. Anoint bare place a few times at intervals of a day with Lanscyllin.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Pewit and Plover (M. Gregory).—"Pewit" is a name familiarly applied to the Lapwing (Vanellus vulgaris), and "Plover" (or Green Plover) is another name frequently given this bird. I expect that in your case Pewit and Plover would indicate one and the same bird, i.e., the Lapwing. There are many Plovers (the Kentish Plover, Ringed Plover, and Golden Plover, to name a trio well-known in England).

Identity of Birds (Danny).—1. This is the Corn Bunting (sometimes called the "Bunting Lark"). Can't tell the sex, cock and hen being alike in plumage. No song; utters an extraordinary collection of notes which sound as though a rusty lawn-mower was being pushed about. 2. A hen Reed Bunting. 3. A cock Reed Bunting. No real song; utters a curious string of notes, not quite so unmelodious as those of the Corn Bunting.

Overgrown Beak (J. E. Pickering).—You will have to trim down the mandible to normal size with a sharp pair of scissors. It will keep on growing. Give the bird a lump of old, hard mortar to peck, and a piece of cuttlefish, and try tacking up a piece of medium sandpaper in its cage, or glueing it round part of a perch.

Owls (W. J. Y.).—Owls must be given flesh food; they will not eat soft food mixtures, as do Magpies, etc. I have known them eat green food; I was much amused to see one kept by a friend tear up groundsel and eat it greedily. Owls must frequently have flesh with fur, or feathers on, to assist them in throwing up castings, a natural act essential to their well-being. Most Owls will eat fish, but you will find this causes them to smell more offensively than would otherwise be the case.

Linnet and Canary (A Novice).—In the "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet (post free, 2½d., from CAGE BIRDS), you will find full advice on feeding him for breeding purposes. Pair him up when he is singing freely and loudly, and his beak has turned a deep slate-blue in colour. If possible, however, keep the Linnet and hen Canary within sight of each other for a time before finally running them together. Until the Linnet is absolutely up in breeding condition good eggs, of course, cannot be expected. If you desire any further hints, please state clearly upon what points.

Loss of Siberian Goldie (Troubled).—You say you have kept your birds in "show-cages in a cosy room," which means that they have been kept at a warm temperature and have had little opportunity of taking exercise. On top of this you have given unlimited oily, fattening seeds (crushed hemp, niger, and linseed). This combination, I expect, has resulted in the liver becoming diseased, bringing about diarrhoea and death. The birds must have been healthy when bought, or they would not have lived from October. Of course, this is merely guesswork (more or less), but you can ascertain the exact cause of death by sending a body to our Mr. Yates (vide rules under heading of "Post Mortems").

Larks and LarK Food (North Shields).—The two samples are fairly good of their kind. That you describe as "soft" appears to be just biscuit-meal and dried flies—can't locate any other ingredients. The "hard" is barley meal, and coarse oatmeal, with various seeds (canary, rape, and maw), and a few dried flies. In the "Nutshell" booklet on the Skylark, you will find some excellent recipes for foods. 2. It is not worth while trying to breed mealworms for one or two birds. It takes a long time to get a mealworm box well established. Half fill a large tin with alternate layers of coarse sacking, and a mixture of barley-meal and bran. Put in a pint of mealworms. Store away the tin in a warm place (say a cupboard), boring holes in the lid, and sides (near the top), for ventilation. In time the mealworms turn into beetles, which lay eggs in the sacking, and these eggs hatch out into mealworms in due course. 3. Let the bird dust himself in fine sand, or a mixture of sand and road dust. 4. If this Lark is very nervous, and wild, give it its liberty and try another. Odd specimens seem quite untameable; this applies to most species.

The Green Linnet (Green Linnet).—Yes; there certainly is such a thing as a "Green Linnet," though its correct name is the Greenfinch. This bird is one of the commonest we have. It has a song of a sort, but it is not at all melodious and is lacking in variety—just a few "breezy" notes strung together.

The Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid (J. R. Yates).—This hybrid has been bred by a large number of fanciers—it is, in fact, one of the best known of Bullfinch hybrids. There are very few really good ones (if any) about just now, however, and a high class example would do well on the show bench.

Goldfinch very loose in Bowels (J. McWatt).—Give this bird a little arrowroot biscuit which has been well soaked in milk, squeezed as dry as possible, and sprinkled with maw-seed. Give a mixture of teazle, thistle, dandelion, Canary and cracked sunflower—no hemp or niger for the time being. In the drinking water for a few days stir some crystals of citrate of iron and quinine. Get one ounce from a chemist, and in two table-spoonfuls of water dissolve as much as will, when crushed, lie on a sixpennypiece. Some Siberians are apt to get very fat and "go soft" if given for a long period unlimited crusbed hemp and niger seeds, especially if kept in a heated room.

Concerning a Linnet (Sing Song).—A young bird is to be preferred, all things considered; but this is not so important, really, as the selecting of a "kind tempered" bird, i.e., one showing a disposition to settle down quickly in captivity. A "mad" bird that dashes wildly at the cage, smashing its wing and tail feathers, is most difficult to tame, and, of course, is a long time before singing with any freedom. By-the-bye, I should not term a Linnet "about 12 months old" an "old" bird. It is quite unnecessary to keep Linnets for singing in ridiculously small cages. I have birds now in large breeding cages, and in decent-sized Finch stock cages, which sing as loudly and as freely as any that ever saw a "hop" cage. My smallest stock cages are 16ins. long by 11ins. high, by 8ins. wide, and I have very few so small as this.

Cock Bullie and Hen Redpoll (W. Corbett).—I have frequently stated that I have never known the cock Bullfinch do any good as a fertiliser of eggs when mated with a hen of another species. Hence it follows that my opinion as to your chances of success is not a very high one. There is no reason, of course, why you should not try the mating. If you do, I'm sure I wish you luck. I tried the reverse mating (cock Lesser Redpoll to a tiny hen Bullie) myself last season for the first time, and was agreeably surprised to get three fertile eggs in the first clutch of five, but two failed to hatch out, though the chicks were fully formed. I think your feeding is reasonably good and quite likely to bring success. Quite as much depends upon the birds themselves (in fact, more) than upon the method of feeding.

About a Goldfinch (True Blue).—You really don't deserve an answer, for you send a postcard, write in pencil, and give neither name nor address (kindly read the rules). It sometimes happens that a bird, despite the best of treatment, will do a bad moult and never get into full colour and condition afterwards. You give me no details, but I expect this has happened in your case. Probably the bird will do a good moult next autumn and then look as well as ever once again. If it comes into breeding form this spring or summer (you will know this by its song and the clearness of its beak) it may certainly be tried for muling. Leave off the hemp for a few hours daily, and offer a mixture of good

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teazle, Canary and linseed, with a little cracked sunflower; the bird will then, I think, soon get to eating this mixture. Some of my own Goldfinches get no hemp at all, except once a week or so, while others get it in plenty. If given much hemp and sunflower, some Guldies (more especially Siberians) are inclined to follow in Johnny Trundley's footsteps and get more "podgy" than pretty.

In an Aviary (J. Cooke).—You will find Mr. Norman's book dealing with aviaries and their fitting-up very instructive and helpful. We have from time to time, too, published excellent articles on this topic. You want to be careful that the slope of the floor of the open part does not carry the rain-water into the covered portion. I should also recommend you to board up the front (at any rate of the roofed portion) for from 12 to 18 inches from the ground. Cats can also be exceedingly troublesome, and double wire-netting (with an inch or two space 'twixt each) is a very desirable safeguard, especially on the roof. These pests will also lie on the roof and strike any birds that fly on the front netting near the top, which they are very apt to do. See that there is a row of little peg-like perches up near the roof wherever possible. Other perches can be placed in such spots as seem to you convenient. Dead branches, or pea-sticks suitably arranged, are best in the outer flights. Put the seed and a plentiful supply of water in the roofed outer portion. Use either hoppers (the "self-supplying" pattern) or open dishes, and put each of the chief seeds in a separate receptacle (one each of canary, teazle, hemp, and rape, for instance), which is far more economical than giving a "mixture." There are shops in London where you can inspect a variety of hoppers, dishes, nest-boxes, etc., and choose those you like best. The plain wooden nest boxes would suit and are very cheap. Put up at least half as many more as the number of hens you have in the place. I don't think that two Linnets will give you any trouble.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

White-winged Parrakeet, etc.

Donald.—(1) While the bird continues thin it can have a fairly liberal supply of hemp and sunflower, but you must diminish the supply as soon as it picks up a little, or it will lead to over-fatness and fits. Keep up the ripe fruit and chemical food in its water daily. Also moisten a piece of plain biscuit in chemical food and water (equal parts), and supply to the bird once or twice daily. Hang up a millet spray; the bird may appreciate this, and the exercise of picking out the seed will be good for it. The continued use of the chemical food may lead to costiveness; therefore, you must watch for this, and relieve it by a dose of Dinneford's magnesia. (2) The Diamond Dove is rather a scary creature at first. It should have a box cage, a large one, not less than you would give to the Barbary Dove; double the size would be better, and it would probably breed as soon as they had become tame and settled down. They breed freely in captivity, and are hardy, but must not be subjected to draught. Their diminutive size and great beauty endear them to many bird-lovers.

Amazon in Poor Feather.

R. A. M.—Your diet is about right, except for the tea and coffee sop; stop this at once. Give it some ripe fruit daily, such as it will take, also a few nuts occasionally. For the next month treat as follows: One teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Also give a box of honey and borax, and put a little in its mouth daily. If the bird does not bathe, it must be sprayed (once a week at this season); choose a warm, genial day, and keep it carefully out of draught till dry. It would be well to use a diluted quassia solution for the spraying, in view of possible parasites. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in its cage. An Amazon is a hardy species, but Parrots, or any other birds, ought not to be subjected at any time to draught.

Budgerigars Dropping Dead.

T. F.—Cork bark I never use in my aviaries, particularly for Parrakeets of any kind, who nibble and cut up anything their beaks can get at. From the details you give, it seems to me that the cork bark is the cause of your losses, though this is by no means certain, as if they did not eat the bark the mere nibbling of it would do no harm. It is a pity that you did not in such a case send one of the bodies to Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination. You must understand that even with aviary-bred birds pneumonia and other allied troubles occur during wet, chilly autumn and winter weather, and birds making a change of home seem particularly liable to such attacks, more especially so when coming from a remote locality. See our "Nutshell Booklet" on Budgerigars, 2½d., post free, from our Manager.

Grey Parrot Weak.

Capt. R. N.—I fear all that can be done for your bird is to try and build it up. As it is able to perch, I do not think it can be paralysis. If so, it is but partial. Bathe its legs daily with tepid water, dry with a cloth, and then paint with neat whisky. Also give every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, so long as the voidings are not watery loose. On the intermediate days make the drinking water the colour of pale port with Parrish's chemical food. Diet the bird as follows:—Seed mixture: Canary and white millet two parts each; hemp, dari, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, one part each; well mix, and keep a supply in the cage, adding a pinch of grit to the daily supply. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, and you can continue the dry toast crusts. The toast crusts and biscuits could well be moistened (not saturated) in a tepid solution of water and chemical food in equal parts. It will take some time to pull the bird round, as after so long a period the weakness has become almost chronic, but by persevering its condition should be much improved. Report progress a few weeks hence, and I will try and assist you further.

Amazon Indisposed.

Reader of "Cage Birds."—I do not think the panting arises from a cold, and I am assuming that you have named your full dietary. In such case, the dietary is about right, but instead of your seed mixture I advise the following: Canary and white millet, two parts each; hemp, oats, paddy rice, maize, and sunflower seeds, one part each; well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. Add a pinch of grit to the daily supply. A too hot, dry atmosphere might account for the panting. Every fourth day for a fortnight put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on the other days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food, and then report progress. As regards talking, you can do no more than keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, etc., and teach it by constant repetition (when it is quiet and restful) such short phrases and words as you would like it to utter.

An Ailing Budgerigar.

M. B. W.—Keep these birds warm for a bit, yet not in too dry and hot an atmosphere. They do drink a little, so you must put the magnesia in the drinking water, if you cannot give it direct to the beak; though if you hold the bird in your hand and laid a feather that had been dipped in the magnesia at the side of the beak the bird would suck the moisture in. However, it will do no harm if it goes in the water; it will do the bird's mate no harm, providing the voidings are not permitted to remain watery loose. A course of chemical food should follow the laxative, but till the bird is toned up a little the bowels must be kept moving freely. I should give a little fresh lettuce and apple, if the bird will take them, as green food. A pinch of grit and a little cuttlebone (crushed to the size of millet seed) may with advantage be added to the daily supply of seed. If the bird will indulge in a fly round the room this will be a great help. I am of the opinion that it will soon be all right again. Glad to note that the Siskin is fit again.

Parrakeet Out of Condition.

K. F. M.—This bird has been wrongly dieted, and if it is really a many colour it is a marvel that it has lived, though it is marvellous what some individuals will stand in this way (case of survival of the fittest, I presume). You must stop the "table scrap," etc., and confine its diet to the following: Its staple diet a mixture of canary and white millet, in equal parts; also a second mixture—hemp, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, in equal parts; a little of which supply every other day. Also supply ripe fruit, green food, few nuts, cuttle bone, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. If it cares for it, it can have a piece of plain biscuit or stale crust of household bread (both dry) occasionally. Till the trouble ceases, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. If it will not drink the magnesia and water, then you must give six drops of magnesia direct to the beak every fourth day. Most species take the chemical food and water readily. Please report progress a little later.

Blue and Buff Macaw (W. A. M.).—Keep temperature of room as regular as possible. Diet as follows: Seed mixture: Canary, white millet, two parts each; hemp, oats, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, one part each; well mix, and add a pinch of grit to the daily supply. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts in variety, plain biscuit, and stale crusts of household bread. Keep a piece of cuttlebone for it to cut up, and while its plumage is rough, keep its drinking water well coloured with Parrish's chemical food. The bowels should move freely, but the voidings should not be watery—an occasional dose of Dinneford's magnesia will keep them well regulated.

Cordon Bleu Caprices (M. G. Lethbridge).—The capers of your Cordon Bleu with the feather in its bill is quite commonplace at the commencement (pairing time) of and during the breeding season; it is the nuptial dance, and with slight variations according to respective species is common to all birds. A few Cordon Bleus are reared annually in various English aviaries, and I trust complete success will come your way this season.

What Parrot? (C. M. D.).—You give me no idea of size, you do not mention colour of tail or wings, not yet whether the back is variegated with any other colour; neither do you state the colour of the undersurface below the breast. Your description reads like a Lory or Lorikeet, but you had better feed it same as its previous owner had been doing till you get a reply. Is the tail long or short? During the summer months it should do well enough in the verandah, but not during late autumn, winter, or early spring. Please give particulars asked for, and I can then name it for you.

Budgerigars not Breeding ("Nearly 16 now.").—(1) They have not settled down as yet, but will undoubtedly do so soon, providing they are a true pair. When in breeding condition the cere of the male is blue, that of the female brown. (2) Two pairs of Budgerigars together usually breed more freely than single pairs, but before I can tell you whether you can put in another pair you must send me the size of your cage. You would find our "Nutshell Booklet" on Budgerigars, 2½d., post free, from our Manager, very helpful.

Budgerigar and Bad Habits (Falmouth).—Budgerigars and many other Parrakeets regurgitate their food and eat it again, and more particularly so at pairing time, and yet birds often do this when in the presence of someone they know well, and will frequently at such times put their beak round your finger, as if they were deceiving themselves that they were feeding a mate! Give it a leaf of lettuce and a bit of apple, also a piece of cuttlefish to nibble at. Put a few drops of Dinneford's magnesia into the drinking water every other day for a fortnight, and follow this by a course of Parrish's chemical food.

What Bird? (E. V. D. C.).—I must hold your query back till next issue, as the term African Canary is very generally used for the genus Serinus, very many species of which closely resemble each other. Will you please inform me at once whether the bill is very stoutly built or otherwise? In other words, is it of heavier or lighter build than that of the domestic Canary, and what colour is the beak?

Amazon, etc. (J. K.).—Glad to note the Amazon has quite recovered. An Alario Finch or a South African Canary would best suit your friend, but these are not always obtainable. A Green Singing Finch, if you get a good one, is also handsome, and a fair but not too loud a songster. For an invalid, an ordinary Canary might be too loud and irritating, and if you decide on such, you must have a trained bird with a soft voice—such are to be obtained.

White Java Sparrows (D. Barratt).—These mostly rear their young on seed, but when they are feeding young, green food and a little soft food should be supplied; for the latter, crumbled sponge cake and ants' eggs in equal parts answer admirably. At this period it is also advisable to keep a millet spray coutinually in the cage, in addition to the usual seed diet. About the middle of January a descriptive article on Java Sparrows appeared in our pages, which you would do well to read up, if you have the part; if not, our Manager would supply you with same.

Lavender Finches Bald (Gab).—The journey, cold, and variable temperature are responsible for the trouble. Keep them now in a room where the temperature is even, watch them closely, and if you see them doing much "preening" you must cage them separately till their plumage is complete again. Encourage them to take a daily bath (water just chilled), and if the skin of the bare areas is hard

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and dry, lightly annoint it with clean vaseline, but do not use sufficient to make the plumage greasy. A slice of apple and a leaf of fresh lettuce will be very wholesome if they will take it. A mild laxative (Dinneford's magnesia) to keep the bowels regulated and a course of Parrish's chemical food should soon remedy matters.

Weaver and Cordon Bleus (Interested).—(1) The bird you bought as a Half-masked is evidently an Oryx (Grenadier) Weaver, and like all species of this group has a summer and winter plumage; its gorgeous satiny garment being only worn in the breeding season, it will shortly put on its nuptial dress again. (2) The Combassou forms a link between the Weavers and Whydahs, and like both groups wears a shining and resplendent nuptial dress during the breeding season, but is as plainly clad as the hen at other periods. (3) There are a few Cordon Bleus reared annually in various aviaries in this country, and if you turn your pair out into a roomy garden aviary containing growing plants and bushes, they should certainly breed. The probability would be greatly in favour of their doing so.

Parrot in Rough Feather (G. Walkins).—This bird has been wrongly fed for some time. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sop, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's chemical food. Diet: Seed mixture: Canary and millet seed, two parts each; hemp, dari, paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds, one part each; well mix, and keep a supply continually in the cage. Add a pinch of grit to the daily supply. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a stale crust of household bread occasionally. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and see that while the bird gets fresh air it is not subjected to draught. You must persevere with above treatment as recovery of condition will not be rapid. Report progress a month hence. Our "Nutshell Booklet" on the Grey Parrot, 2½d., post free, from our Manager, would help you.

Cordon Bleus and Gouldians Breeding (March).—There is no reason why you should not succeed with the Cordon Bleus; as soon as the young are hatched or, better, when incubation has lasted about ten days, supply the following soft food: Equal parts of crumbled sponge cake and ants' eggs; make crumbly moist with boiling water; supply green food liberally, also spray millet, white millet, and canary seed. If you can supply any small flies, green fly, or seeding grass, but the latter must not be frosted or sodden, your prospects of success will be enhanced. Incubation period about fourteen days. Gouldian Finches should breed in a roomy cage, once they become fit and established, but they are difficult birds to establish; they have been bred in a cage, but results are more probable, of course, in the aviary. The Nutshell Booklet on the Gouldian Finch, 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you.

For Crystal Palace Aviary (Novice). Confine the British species to Siskin, Goldfinch, and Redpoll; the other species on the plate are scarcely suitable to keep with small species within the limits of a cage. I advise cocks only. As regards Foreign species, get the following as opportunity offers: Green Singing Finch, Red Avadavat, Green Avadavat, Alario Finch, Cuban Finch (21s.), St. Helena Waxbill, Silverbill, Gouldian Finch (21s.), Orange-cheeked Waxbill. You would find the above twelve birds a nice selection; all have a little song, and none of them plain, the majority really beautiful, and with the exception of those prices, all come within the range of your value. You can add a Canary to the number if you wish, but do not overcrowd. I am of the opinion all the above will agree together, but if any should prove quarrelsome, then insert one of the partitions, and keep the pugnacious ones together. I cannot advise Lovebirds; if you have these, they must be caged separately. The Nutshell series will meet your need as to diet, etc.

Atlas Weaver in Poor Plumage (T. M. D.).—See our reply to "Gab." My remarks will apply equally to your case in all but diet. Your diet is about right, but I should give a millet spray weekly, and double the supply of mealworms; also supply a little fresh lettuce as green food. Is it caged separately or with its mate? If so, and they are continually "preening" each other, they must be separated till the plumage is renewed. In all other respects treat as advised to "Gab" in this issue.

Budgerigars, etc. (W. Taylor).—(1) If you desire it for breeding, you could put in pairs of Zebra Finches and Long-tailed Grassfinches, or a pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds, or if you want merely a series of birds as pets see our reply to "Novice" in this issue. (2) I cannot state cause from the meagre details you supply; it may be sparring or sexual excitement; catch it up, and give it 2 drops of tasteless castor oil, and if the trouble continues, repeat the dose; if you can give me further details I will try and be more definite. (3) There ought never to be more than 30 birds in this aviary, and three breeding pairs are ample, as, of course, their families will have to be accommodated as well while being reared. The Finches will not interfere with the Budgies, though the latter will, I expect, sooner or later damage the former with their mischievous beaks.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Early Yorkshires (W. Tudhy).—Your letter cost us one penny, as you had affixed a half-penny stamp only. Why waste our money?

Cuttings (C. H. Goodman, "Catcher," A. Peat, and others).—Accept our thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Cage Birds League (W. Percival).—The League is open to every bird-keeper, whether a member of a society or otherwise. See the notice in this issue.

Three Items (Spriggy).—In our opinion you could not be successfully prosecuted in any of the three cases you specify—i.e., if the birds are not "recently taken."

The Common Canary (John Smith).—What is it you mean by the term "common Canary"? Do you mean a bird of nondescript type (a "mongrel") for singing purposes?

A Suggestion (F. J. Rook).—We think that the wording should be kept as brief as possible, as there is a danger of long notices being left unread altogether. We will certainly, however, see what can be done in the matter you mention.

Preserving Salmon Roe (Cymro Back).—We have tried to get this information, but cannot succeed. We do not think it policy to publish letters on subjects outside the scope of our journal. Why not apply to a paper which deals with the art of fishing?

Fire Insurance (J. T.).—Our own birds are insured against fire with the company which issued the policy upon our household "goods and chattels." We believe that any company will include one's birds for a reasonable amount when issuing a fire-risk policy upon one's house, or furniture, etc.

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Correspondence.

A French or Belgian Cage Bird Society.

SIR,—Could any of the readers of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, kindly give me the address of the secretary of any French or Belgian Cage Bird Society, as I should like to become a member of same?

A. HOLLINGSHEAD.

A Breeder's Ill-luck.

SIR,—I have had a bad stroke of luck to-day. Some brown paper caught fire at my workshop in Whittington, where I keep my birds, and every bird (including some winners) was suffocated. I have only one left, a Roller, which I had at home. This is a serious set-back to me, as I expected to breed some good Yorkshires this breeding season. H. E. JORDAN.

Loud Song from Skylarks.

SIR,—Will any of your numerous readers tell me how to get Skylarks to sing loud? I have got three, hatched May, 1910, which I reared myself; they are singing all day long, but not very loud. I feed them on a good and well-known packet food, and mixed seed that I buy in packets; also three or four mealworms daily. Perhaps I am doing wrong. A NOVICE.

Prize Cards at the Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) Show.

SIR,—I reply to "Cardos," I am surprised to hear that he has not received his cards from the late L.C.B.A. Show. I feel sure that this is owing to an oversight. If "Cardos" would write the esteemed secretary, Mr. Mugford, I am sure he will see that they are sent. I myself won a first at this show, and duly received both money and card. The latter is a handsome one, is already framed, and I am proud of it. The "mutilated tram ticket" is not the show card. ANDREW M. FIRTH.

Proposed Cage Bird Society for Bellshill and District.

SIR,—Woud you kindly allow me a little space in your valuable journal to make an appeal to the fanciers and bird-lovers of Bellshill and Mossend? Bellshill and district boasts of a population something like fifteen thousand; it is growing like a bad weed, too. Now, there may not be many bird exhibitors amongst the bird-owners of this locality, but there are many who, with encouragement, would become such in a short space of time. There are few towns with a populace like this district which bemoans the want of a Cage Bird Society. Now, you Bellshill and Mossend readers, set to and do something towards establishing a Cage Bird Society in this rising centre. I hope to learn of good work being done with a view to making my proposal a reality instead of a wish or a dream. A BELLSHILL TYRO.

The Feeding of Insectivorous Birds.

Sir,—I notice that another reader wants to know if small softbills can be kept on gentles and little else. Certainly they can. I have kept all kinds for twenty years, and have never been without gentles. I have a Nightingale singing every day; it is six years old. I give it about a tablespoonful daily—half in the morning, the remainder in the afternoon—and about a dozen bluebottle flies. I notice that another bird-keeper says gentles might be good, though he never uses them himself. He has certainly something to learn. I have kept Dippers in small cages for over three months on gentles alone. I could not have kept them a week if I had fed them on anything else.

F. FISHBURN.

Gramophone Record of Nightingale's Song.

SIR,—In reply to "Novice's" query in your issue of March 4th, I can assure him that I have "kept back" nothing so far as my method of feeding the Nightingale is concerned, and if he will try it I think he will find it adequate, besides being exceedingly economical. Gentles are somewhat indigestible, but the pupae are more nutritious, and the blow-fly itself is the best form of insect food; if one has a good supply of gentles, it is quite easy to supply all three forms. For full details of feeding and housing Warblers I may refer "Novice" to an article I wrote for the "Avicultural Magazine" (February, 1911); if he cannot borrow a copy, if he sends me his address I will lend him mine. This system of feeding will not answer for some of the smaller softbills, such as the Willow Wren, Chiffchaff, Long-tailed Tit, Wren and Goldcrest. Of these, I keep very few, and only for experimental purposes. I regret that I do not know of any better methods of feeding these species than the ordinary ones; they are not very suitable for cage-life, and, even in an aviary, require a lot of attention. Although the keeping of insectivorous birds in cages is an interesting hobby, I fear that it is not always attended by success. This has been forcibly brought home to me quite recently. Last December we had a sort of hurricane here (at Teignmouth, in Devonshire), which blew the glass casement in the roof of one aviary clean out, and away went a lot of my softbills (including nearly all the hens intended for breeding purposes) on the wings of the wind. I have since advertised for other hens, and written to dealers and friends in vain. Now, it is quite certain that last September I could have purchased as many as I wanted. Where are these softbills now? I will leave our readers to answer that question. However, for other species than the above, I think "Novice" might do worse than try the above system, with the addition of ripe fruit; my birds seem to do well on it, and even the little Dartford Warbler, which I had in my aviary a couple of years since, got nothing else, and yet it always looked prosperous, and moulted well. This reminds me that I read with great pleasure Mr. Frostick's able article in last week's number, and must heartily congratulate him on the success of his exhibit at the Crystal Palace Show, which I spent quite half-an-hour in admiring. I have at last come across some Dartford Warblers, though no nearer me than Dorsetshire. I wish I could hear of some nearer home. My bird-trip this spring will take me to the South of Spain, where they are said to be common in some localities, so I hope to cultivate a closer acquaintance with this charming little species. I may perhaps take this opportunity of saying that I have at last had an opportunity of hearing the gramophone record of the song of the Nightingale, which I recently mentioned in these columns. I had no idea it could be obtained in this country, so I sent a P.O.O. to Germany. I have to acknowledge the courtesy of Herr Fischer, of Bremen, of the German Gramophone Co. of Berlin, and of the English Gramophone Co., who have all written me explaining the situation, which is, briefly, that these two Companies have agreed to restrict their trading to their own districts. Finally, the record reached me through our local agent. It is a ten-inch record, and is thus described: "No. 9,439. Made by a captive Nightingale. For the first time in the history of the talking machine industry a genuine record has been obtained of a bird song. The Nightingale in question is the property of Herr Carl Reich, of Berlin, and was taken from its nest shortly after hatching, and reared by hand." The notes, as rendered by the gramophone, are remarkably powerful and distinct, but it should be noted the record was apparently taken from a Sprosser (the tour which the Germans call the "terrack" being easily recognised), and, moreover, it had very few changes, as might be expected in the case of a hand-reared bird. Nevertheless, I consider it an interesting and successful record. I have turned up the letter of the correspondent of "Die Gefiederte Welt," and find that he says that he considers the Nightingale which sang into the horn a good middle-class bird ("ein gut mitteloogel"), though it only introduces short tours. He also tells us that Herr Reich had vainly tried for years before he produced this record, and that attempts to record the song of Hartz Canaries had proved a failure. He also mentions that he used the record as a tutor for a young cock Nightingale and a young cock Canary, which had never heard the song of a Canary, and that the result was that both the young birds sang alike.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

Rare British Birds at the Palace Show.

Sir,—I have to thank Mr. Nicholson for his very kind remarks about myself, also about my Meadow Bunting. I might say the bird was, if anything, in slightly better bloom than at the National. It is the first time I have shown at the Palace since coming from Glasgow to Edinburgh, and was disappointed at the result.

A. W. WATSON.

The Construction of Breeding Cages.

SIR,—In my articles I purposely omitted the two points mentioned by "Scrutineer" in last week's isue, viz., sand drawer and end door. I use neither of these in my own cages, nor do I think they are necessary. With a turn rail and well-made scraper, a cage can be cleaned out quito as effectually as with the sand tray. The latter gets warped and twisted by the water spilled when the birds batho, and generally manages to "stick" at the critical moment. The end door, in my opinion, is not required in a breeding cage, as Canaries are easily taught to run out of the wire door, and the one at the end will sometimes go months without being opened, and then the cracks only form another hiding place for insect life.

H. NORMAN.

A Goldfinch Problem.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "Marchpane," I think if he fed his birds on a good maker's packet Finch mixture, he should make no complaints. Also, the Goldfinches should have green-food, such as groundsel and dandelion, with roots left on—the birds like to pick at the soil around the roots—also a little weed called plantain. I have had a Goldfinch for over two years now, and he is a beautiful songster, equal to any Canary, and not so shrill. Perhaps, if "Marchpane" allowed his birds liberty to fly about the room, as I do, every day, and did not keep them so near each other, they would sing, as I have noticed that when with a mate Goldies are often silent, then when the mate is removed to a different part of the room, they sing.

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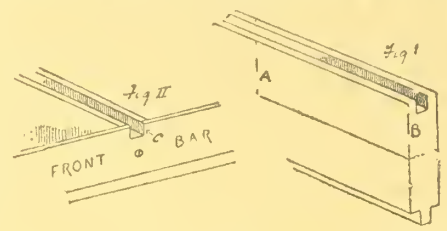
The Black-throated Hangnest At the Palace Show.

SIR,—I much regret that my letter conveyed such an impression "implied blame." If I had read such in "Folkestone's" letter I should not have troubled to reply, but I have met and corresponded with "Folkestone," and, therefore, was hardly likely to mislead him—though I'm always more or less rushed. I simply wrote to try and meet a difficulty, which "Folkestone's" last letter amply demonstrates to exist. I do not know whether "F.' saw Mr. Townsend's bird at the Palace Show and recognised it as the same species as his own. I may repeat here that though I have not compared it with skins, I believe Mr. T.'s bird to be *I. mesomelas*. As regards photos, unless a colour screen and ortho. plates are used, I fear a photo would be of little value as indicating the colour area.

WESLEY T. PAGE.

Fitting Sliding Partitions in Breeding Cages.

SIR,—As the fitting of a partition in a breeding cage is always a difficult job, the following method may prove useful to those who will shortly be making their own breeding cages. Get a piece of 1in. grooved and tongued wood and mark out, as Fig. 1. The piece, "A, B," is to fit on bottom of cage; the length of course is equal to width of cage (back to front), and the width is equal to height (to top) of front bar. A screw through back of cage and at



front-bar will secure it in place. Then just notch out the front bar as at "C." A corresponding grooved piece is screwed to top of cage, but it will not need to be as wide, of course, as the piece cut for the bottom of the cage—a strip about ½ to ¾ of an inch. If done with a little care, it should prove very satisfactory, and is certainly much easier than having to gauge the groove out of straight wood.

PHILIP T. GARNER.

Robberies at Ayr—A Warning.

SIR,—As quite a number of outside bird aviaries have been broken into of late (no less than three, including mine, in this district), I thought you might warn your readers (through the medium of your paper, CAGE BIRDS) against purchasing birds from unreliable sources. On Monday night last my outside aviary of Norwich Plainheads, numbering between thirty and forty birds, was broken into, and twenty high-class birds taken away. And, not content with the birds, the thieves maliciously smashed about twelve cage fronts, wrenching them by sheer force from the cages. I have informed the police of the matter, and they are endeavouring to trace the thieves; but birds are a most difficult thing to identify, and their task is by no means easy. So I thought that you could help to put bird lovers on their guard, and by publishing this may help to bring the culprits to justice.

JNO. BROWN.

Climbing the Yorkshire Exhibition Ladder.

SIR,—After reading Blackburn and Mitchell's reply to my letter, I cannot find one scrap of substantial evidence to confirm the statements they made in their first letter. In the first place, they state that they did not say who claimed their bird. It appears to be that Blackburn and Mitchell either do not understand grammar or they are making it appear, Mr. Editor, that you have made a printer's error, as the statement appears in one complete sentence, without any stop: "Was claimed and then successfully shown by a Mr. Taylor." They also state that it is the first time that I have acknowledged having the bird, which is another untruth, as it was common knowledge to all the fanciers in Halifax, including Blackburn and Mitchell, that the bird had passed into my hands, as they published it in CAGE BIRDS at the time. Perhaps Blackburn and Mitchell wanted me to publish it, and give them another free advert. If they had only had the manliness to come to me to get particulars about the bird, instead of getting hearsay tales from three unknown persons, and a non-existent fellow fancier (as I never had a fellow fancier "going backwards and forwards" to my house), it would have saved them the trouble of making such rash and unfounded statements. Now, Mr. Editor, allow me to place dates and facts before your readers—not hearsay tales. In November, 1903, a gentleman, not ten miles from Manchester, came to my room and I sold him an unflighted ciunamon marked buff hen, bred by myself, which had a successful show career, and won 2nd prize at the Crystal Palace Show in February, 1906 (not 1905). About a week after the show, Blackburn and Mitchell, without trying to get to know the truth, and at the same time tryiug to damage my character (as I had told the gentleman that I had bred the bird), wrote to this gentleman, and said they had bred the hen, an sold it to me, at the same time asking all about the hen, and what honours she had won before the Palace Show. The gentleman wrote them back telling them how long he had had the hen, also giving them particulars and markings of the bird, which were quite different from Blackburn and Mitchell's hen, as this was marked on the opposite wing (which proves my statement that they knew it was not their bird that won at the Palace Show). Now, as regards Blackburn and Mitchell's bird, it did not come into my possession till November 26th, 1904, and I afterwards sold it to Mr. Hewson, of Lincoln, in December, 1905. He came to my house along with Mr. J. Broadley, of Bradford, and bought the hen, which he never showed, and from him it passed into the hands of a well-known Bradford fancier, where it soon ended its career. If Blackhurn and Mitchell will take the trouble to look at the catalogue of Manchester Show for October 28th and 29th, 1904, they will find that the gentleman was showing the hen I sold him, at which date their own bird had not left their possession. Now, Mr. Editor, I leave it to your readers who has been "hot-headed and jumped to conclusions" in this matter. It appears to me that Blackburn and Mitchell are troubled with a swelled head with their recent success at the Palace Show, and were trying to reap a cheap advert. from my birds as well as their own. W. TAYLOR.

A Reader's British and Foreign Birds.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to relate in your valuable paper my experiences with my British and Foreign birds. I have taken in CAGE BIRDS now for about six years, and to it I owe my success. I have a large outdoor aviary. Like other bird lovers, I meet with indifferent success at times, but with the help of CAGE BIRDS, CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL, and other books, I cannot grumble. The little Redpolls and Hedge Warblers are very amusing to watch, with their perky ways. The Robins, Greenfinches, and Chaffinches are just the birds for anybody who wants any song, although one cannot give much praise to the Greenfinch for song. These birds can be purchased very cheaply, and with good food, care, and attention are then worth three times what was paid for them. As regards Foreigners, the Saffron Finches are very nice birds, but are so quarrelsome, as are also the Green Singing Finches. The hens are a little larger than the cocks, but not so brightly coloured. The Cordon Bleus are delicate, which is a pity, because they are so handsome. I had about two pairs before I had a pair to stay. The Pekin Robin is another pretty specimen. His drawback is, I think, that he is a nest-robber, and is very fond of a fresh egg for breakfast. Whether this is always the case I cannot say. I have never known an English Robin to agree with a Pekin Robin or Nightingale. As regards feeding, I think a good plain food is much the best.

F. HOBART.

Keeping Birds in Small Cages.

Sir,—Respecting "A Bird Lover's" letter in your last issue, this keeping of birds in tiny cages must be doing an enormous amount of harm to the cage bird Fancy, as a whole. No real bird lover or humane person could look at a so-called "live stock shop" without feeling the deepest sympathy for some of the poor wretched little inmates. It is this sort of thing that makes people call it "cruel' to keep birds in cages; and no wonder. I have not seen many such bird shops, but the few I have, made my heart ache with pity, and to wish I had the money to buy some of the poor little wretches and put them out of their misery. I have one store on my mind now. Cages filthy, dirty, excrement and husks collecting in them until the poor inmates were half suffocated with the stench, and, to crown all, a window that could not be opened, so that no fresh air from the outside ever found its way to the poor sorry inmates. Surely something can be done to prevent these evils for the credit of real bird fanciers, whose aim it is to make their pets happy and comfortable?—and I can prove that they can be both. I know it is not everyone who can keep their birds under such good conditions as mine. I always made it a rule to let my birds out of their cages occasionally to fly about and bathe in a large open flight, and in nearly every case I find them go back to their cages to roost, so that is proof that they do not dislike their captive life if properly treated and fed well. Could not the R.S.P.C.A. have the power to prosecute in cases where birds are kept in too small cages? There certainly ought to be a limit laid down as to size, etc., for different species. Until this is done I am afraid the evil will still continue.

V. M. TOZER.

(The R.S.P.C.A. has power to prosecute where cruelty to birds and other animals is concerned, and they sometimes exercise this power (cases have been reported in our columns). Bird-keepers in the true sense of the term have no sympathy with cruel practices, whether resorted to by dealers or anyone else, and in such gross cases as that mentioned by our correspondent, they should place the facts before an official of the R.S.P.C.A.—EDITOR.)

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AND OF ALL CHEMISTS.

The Pegging of Chaffinches.

Sir,—Would any of your readers give me a few instructions how to peg Chaffinches and what tackle is required? E. GRANTHAM.

How to Solder with Resin.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. R. Rutherford, I would like to say that I never had any intention of leading, or trying to lead, "Linnet," or anyone else, astray. "Linnet" did not ask how to solder with spirits, paste, or anything else, but resin, and I, to the best of my ability, told him, and I seem to be the only one that has attempted to answer his question. If I condemn the copper bit I only do so because I have found it of little use for the work, and am only repeating the words of writers who know more than I about the subject, though perhaps not more than Mr. Rutherford. I think it is very unfair to suggest that I tried to lead "Linnet" astray. What he thinks I should gain by so doing I am at a loss to understand. I should like to say, in conclusion, that cage wire is "tinned," and whether resin is any good for the work or not, I have used it successfully, and it is not very expensive, but very cheap; it is not a "metal."

HARD-BILL.

More Early Birds.

SIR,—I have four young birds, hatched on February 20th, in one nest, and five young ones in another nest hatched February 25th. The nine young ones are doing well. The hen with the four is a two-year-old bird, and the one with the five a last-year bird.

E. BEET.

SIR,—I have got one young Yorkshire which was hatched on February 19th, and is now fifteen days' old, therefore being in front of Mr. Meager by two days. The young one is doing well.

J. FLOWERS.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Meager had two young Canaries hatched on February 22nd, I may say that I had two hatched on February 6th. One died the first week, but the other is in good condition, and I had it in the show cage on March 6. I should like to know if I am the first.

W. AITKEN.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Meager, I should like to inform that gentleman that he is left behind for early birds, as I had four Yorkshires hatched out on January 14th, and they are on the perch singing now. Another lot, out on January 26th; still another lot out February 10th; another lot out on February 18th; all doing well. I have a friend who got some out on February 22nd, and doing well. It seems to be going well with me in the second round; I have thirteen eggs when writing.

W. T. MANNING.

How's This for a Record?

Sir,—In reply to query of Mr. W. Meager re early birds, I might say that a fancier in the Highgate district (London) has his second round of Crests already on the sticks. I happened to go into his room on Christmas Eve, and I got a surprise—three young just out on the sticks and the parents building again! Of course, the birds are in a warm room, but no artificial food has been given the birds to induce them to nest. This fancier also has other nests of eggs. I enclose you his address (which can be verified by your Mr. G. E. Weston). I wish the multitude of readers of CAGE BIRDS a good season.

GEO. STREET.

SIR,—Having noticed in the correspondence columns of CAGE BIRDS that Mr. W. Meager had a Norwich Canary hen hatch off two young on February 22nd, I may tell him that he is a long way from being first, as I had a Yorkshire hen Canary hatch off four young ones on January 2nd this year, the same hen laying again four eggs, and hatching other four young ones on February 8th, one having since died through falling out of the nest. I have now, therefore, seven young Canaries, all on seed, and doing well. The same hen has again laid two eggs towards another nest. I don't think there are many who can beat me this year for early birds. The same hen Canary reared eighteen young ones last year.

G. BURDON.

SIR,—I write to say I have a Crested Canary that hatched two young Canaries on February 9th. She neglected one at the end of eight days (being a first sitting). The other is doing well, and been out of its nest two days, and has a clear body with dark crest.

A NOVICE.

The Recent Show Season in Ireland.

Sir,—"Irish Exhibitor," like "Irish Straight 'Un," has very little respect for the truth as long as he can throw plenty of dirt at the two Belfast societies. First he mentions the two Dublin societies as models to copy from, viz., the Y.C. of Ireland and the C.B.S.—he sees by their balance sheet they have £11 15s. 4d. He thinks the Belfast O.A. would pride themselves if they could show as many shillings as this unapproachable society has pounds (I notice he does not say societies, but I have no wish to open old sores). I have no doubt exhibitor will be sorry to hear that the O.A. of Belfast can go one better, for their last balance sheet shows on the right side £12 12s. after making a grant of £4 to its secretary for services rendered. Still, he says their shows are always a failure! I see by CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL (a good medium for such information) the date of establishment of the two societies—the O.A. was established in 1893, the C.B.S. in 1909. Plenty of time to fall yet. All your correspondents charges are mere heresay, and unworthy of comment. He also makes a charge of a member of this society showing borrowed birds at Sligo. I think I can speak for the only four members that exhibited that they showed nothing but what was eligible, and if your correspondent can prove such did happen, I will forward £1 to CAGE BIRDS to give to any fund the Editor may think fit. I may say that the two letters were brought up at our monthly meeting, and pronounced by all to be nothing more or less than vindictive fabrications. It is also asked why the society has its scope confined to Ulster. I refer him to CAGE BIRDS of February 17th last for that information. The Crest, Norwich, and Yorkshire committee were sorry to see in CAGE BIRDS that Holywood have decided to hold their show on November 17th and 18th, the 18th being a fixed date for years of the C.N. and Y. shows. I think Holywood would be studying their own interests, and also the fanciers in the district, if they could have followed the week after, say, on the 24th and 25th; but as they have their judge engaged, they may not be able to do so. I am requested to say that Mr. J. Callam (Hull) judges the C. N. and Y. show on November 18th. WALTER CONNELL.

[We have received a most libellous letter from "Irish Sraight 'Un," in which he refers to a certain fancier as not an "honest exhibitor," and involves several people in charges of showing borrowed birds and birds obtained on approval. Surely the writer must know that we cannot publish statements such as these. If he is so sure that "they are the truth," why does he not prove his allegations before the committee of the society concerned and have the guilty parties punished? We shall be pleased to publish the decision arrived at by the committee, if sent to us signed by the responsible officials. This correspondence is now closed.—EDITOR.]

Lancashire & Lizard Canaries: Mr. Fuller's Views.

SIR,—I was much amused to read the remarks of your reporter at the Crystal Palace, re the above; I suppose it was Mr. House, as he mentions my old friends Barker Clegg and Jimmy Winskill. I don't think anyone on your staff knows as much about those two gentlemen as he does. Well, I may say it is a good job for him, and a lot more of the Lancashire and Lizard judges that Jimmy is out of the game now, as I don't think he would stop to jump on the table, but would be jumping on the judges if they had judged his birds the same way they have been judging the Lancashires and Lizards this last season. Our old friends are both out of it, we never see them now, we never see Barker at the shows, or at the L. and L.F.A. or the L.C. meetings. Mr. House says the Lancashire lads want a leader. What is he doing? He led off at Rochdale show, what better leader could we have? He started off very well last year, but had not got far before he stopped; got lost I should think. The two clear buff birds, I won't call them Lancashires, they were all right, but for their heads and necks, and that was where the Crest breeding upset him. There were two ticked buff coppies as bad as the two clears that he put down; he should have served them the same as the clears. The winner in young coppy class was a great mistake. What was he thinking about in the broken cap Silver Lizard cocks; also the broken cap Silver hens? Then he wonders why fanciers do not show. I shall not show under Mr. House, or anyone else that does not judge as near to the standard as it is possible. There was a lot of dissatisfaction at Rochdale. At Manchester, under Mr. Swalwell, things went off very well, considering it was the first show he had judged. We had not much fault to find; Mr. J. Vickers' old Plainhead won special for the best bird in Lancashire classes. Mr. Compston said he was a real good bird, all a Lancashire. At Rochdale Good Intent, the same bird was commended under Mr. Hardy. A bit funny to me. He was bred from two Lancashires that had no Crest blood in them, and he has not been shown since, and I think won't be under Mr. Hardy. The second in open yellow coppies at Manchester, was commended at the Good Intent in the novice class. His owner, Mr. Ridgard, is a novice, and on my asking him what was in the class, his reply was "Nothing." He said: "If the class had been turned round, it would have been all right." I was not at London, or at Nottingham this year, but I do know that the best Lizards did not win at either show. The Scottish National was a mess, the judge put on to judge Lizards did not know what to do with them, being a Yorkshire judge, and one of the best for Yorkshires. But Lizards, oh dear! Once more anything would do for them, it seemed. At the last L. and L.F.A. meeting, Mr. Rukin was telling about the Scottish National, and said it was about time they took my advice, and kept the birds at home. We now come to the Palace. Mr. House complains there are only two classes for Lancashires at the leading exhibition in the world. The report says the winning coppy, "well spread, heavily feathered coppy." Well, if that is so, that coppy is bred from Crests, or Crest-breds, as no good bred Lancashire ever had a spread on weeping coppy. Let me tell him a coppy should be full at the front, densely packed in front, slightly turned down on to the beak, and should not stick out. He also says the winning Plainhead's skull rises rather too much. A Crest has been here again. Sometimes this is the sort of bird that breeds a spread coppy. A good Plainhead should be flat and long, and bred from two Lancashires. There should be no round marble skulls, or spreads on Lancashires. It is all very well for me to say they should be bred from Lancashires; where are they to be found? The breed has so much Crest in it, it will take years to get it out. It is no use pairing two birds that have Crest blood to breed Lancashires. If you do, you will get spread coppies and round, marble skulls that do not belong to a Lancashire. "Remember," to use Mr. Swalwell's words, "a Crest never improves a Lancashire," and I am sure he is right. Once more, when is Mr. House going to judge, and do something for the Lancashire breeders?. When is he going to judge the same way as he lectures? If he would only do that this letter would not need the writing. No man can judge better. If he will only try and judge them as he did the last time he judged at Manchester, all will be well. We are making a lot of new L. and L.F.A. members, and the lads have spent a lot of money buying birds to breed with, and will want them judged as Lancashires, not Crests. Remember, no man can serve two masters. Birds must be judged for the club members, not for breeders who breed for Crest breeders, but for men who breed for the show bench. Let Crest breeders breed their own stock birds. I have done my best to keep my friends from showing under judges that will not judge to the standard, as laid down by the L. and L.F.A. and the L.C.A., and shall keep on until the judges stamp out the Crest in Lancashire. Mr. A. Wellings did it at the club show held at Hyde, and gave every satisfaction; he put birds down that Mr. House put up at Rochdale. Good luck to him, I say, and I hope the lads will back him up the next time he judges, and send him a bumper. If he only judges like he did at Hyde, no fear but what the lads will follow him. So he is one leader found, and it is time some new blood was found in the judging line. I have just learned Mr. Rukin's best gold Lizard was out of the cards at the Palace, and Mr. H. Oliver's broken cap silver was commended; the best Lizard on earth. I know he lost his tail going to Scotland, but he could win if his head was off.

E. FULLER.

Are Birds Fruit-eaters?

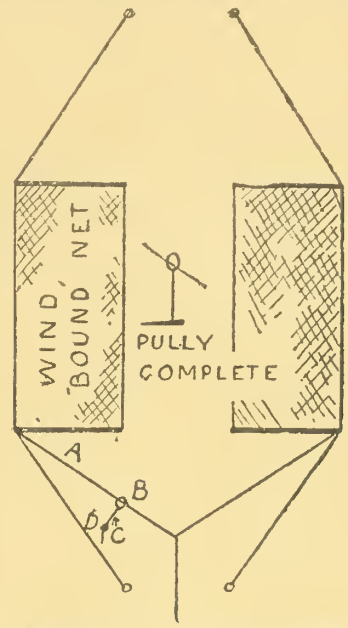
Sir,—I have been interested and amused at some of the views set forth by a reader signing himself "John Canning"; still, I cannot for one moment allow his attack on fruit-growers to go by unchallenged. I myself have had four years' experience at fruit-growing, and I can positively say that the Thrush, Blackbird, Bullfinch, and the Starling are great fruit eaters, and that J. C. does not know the subject he is talking about. The Thrush and Blackbird are demons for ripe pears and apples, and it does not take many of these species to make a mess of a Bell or William pear tree, and if they come across a bed of strawberries in a small garden they will soon get the lot, if not tented a bit. The Starling, as Mr. G. Gregory says, is a terror for cherries. In places where Starlings abound, and there are a few cherry trees, if they are not continually tented, they will save the growers the trouble of picking them. The Bullfinch is another bird that J. C. tries to defend. At about this time of the year this bird, with his stout beak, is doing considerable damage by picking the buds that are just pushing forward. "John Canning's" defence here is that they are seeking grubs, and that a closer inspection will prove so. I may state that he attacks the healthy tree as well as the unhealthy one, and when he does this his services are not needed. The Sparrow is another great enemy of the berry growers, as he does lots of damage picking berry buds just after they begin to shoot; and I have myself had dozens of hours tenting them. I am a bird lover, being a member of two Linnet singing clubs in my district. HERBERT DICKINSON.

The Use of Clap Nets.

SIR,—In your issue of Feb. 11th, there appeared a letter under the above heading, in which "Sharped Catcher" endeavours to explain a modern and advantageous method of working clapnets. But as far as I am concerned, he fails to convey even the faintest idea of how he works them. And if it would not cause inconvenience to "Sharped Catcher" I would like to have his nets illustrated in your paper, as perhaps I am not the only reader of CAGE BIRDS who would like to see an improvement in the working of clapnets, as undoubtedly they are too slow when worked on the present-day system, and also far and away too conspicuous for sharp birds to be decoyed within their reach.

UNSHARPED CATCHER.

SIR,—In answer to "A Catcher's" question, which is the best length, width, and colour, for a pair of nets for Goldfinch catching, I would like as an amateur catcher for over 30 years, to give him my experience of Goldfinch catching. The size of the nets I use is from 8 to 9 yards long, with a 4 feet 6 inch staff; and as I make all my own nets, I always, when making, allow for plenty of lint, or, as it is sometimes called bagging. The thread I use is the best superfine whitey-brown, and made on the diamond mesh principle (¾ mesh). I afterwards dye them in ordinary walnut shell stain. I have also trapped a large number of birds, but I find trapping rather slow, and very monotonous, so when occasion offers, I use nets in preference to traps. If, when out catching with nets, the wind springs up, and I get what is called wing-bound, that is the wind blowing against one net so as to make it slow in coming over, I always use a pulley on my pull-line, and I guarantee there are not many birds that



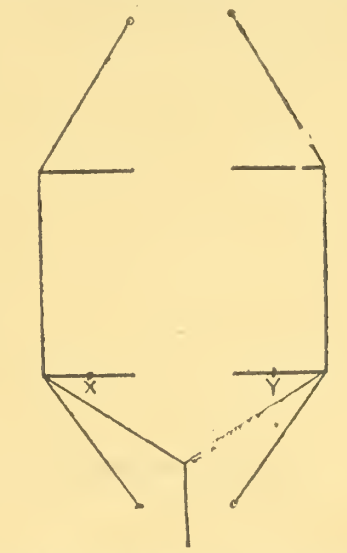
A: Bridle of line. 2: Ring 1½ins. diameter. C: Cord, 2ft. 6ins. long. D: Peg, 9ins. long.

will shoot out. I enclose a rough sketch of nets laid, with pulley attached, and trust that "A Catcher," and others, may benefit through these few hints of mine. A. PRITCHARD.

SIR,—I was very much interested in the way "Sharped Catcher," of February 11th used his nets, but I cannot grasp what he means by "a peg placed in centre of net"; also "double the string and tie a loop half-way between the peg and the top end of the pole." My clapnets are 12 yards by 4½ feet and I find the same as "A Catcher," does—that they don't come over quick enough. Am I to understand "Sharped Catcher" works his pair of nets on the same principle of working with a single net, set folded up in a line? If "Sharped Catcher" would give us a rough sketch of the way he sets them, I should be thankful to him.

J. H. MURRAY.

SIR,—I don't quite follow your correspondent, "Sharped Catcher" in all the details of his reply, but I can add a diagram to explain how a pair of nets may be set on the "Come-and-go" plan. The illustrated clap net is



shown set. Its working width is exactly twice the length of the poles. In the dimensions given by "Sharped Catcher"—8 feet wide these poles would be four feet. Does he mean that the pull-line ought to be attached at X and Y, instead of where I have shown it in the diagram? In the beginning of the season the flirt bird is an indispensable factor in successful catching. Towards December and January it becomes a "scare-bird," and "the brace-bird on a thistle" is then the better plan for sharped birds. I do not understand Mr. Pering's purse net. CATCHER.



Club Reports.

AMBLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 18th. Moved and seconded that annual show he held Nov. 11th, and Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) he judge for same. Also decided to hold a First Feather Show July 8th. Four new members were enrolled—Messrs. C. Badmin, J. Fitzsimmons, J. Dawson and Son, and W. Smailes and Son.—J. T. Crackett, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

At last meeting we arranged schedule of members' shows for coming season, viz., two F.F. shows and three winter shows. We have made a good classification, catering for all varieties of Yorks., Nor., and Brit. The special list exceeds any other given by the Club—over £5 and two silver cups to be competed for. It is the committee's desire to induce all members to compete for these specials and help make shows a success. We are also arranging lectures, rambles, etc., which will be published in due course. Any fancier wishing to become a member can do so on payment of the first subscription (entrance free), and will be eligible to compete for specials. Meetings held Red Lion Hotel, Four Lane Ends, on second Saturday in each month. We shall be pleased to meet new members.—F. Western, Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual tea and presentation of prizes held Mar. 4th, Horse and Groom Inn, drawing together a company of about 100 fanciers, ladies and friends, who sat down to an excellent tea served in best style by our host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. G. Ormondroyd) and the fanciers in the district know what that means. After tea the tables were cleared as soon as possible, and the room was soon filled. Our President (Mr. A. Hiley) took the chair. The ball was set rolling by a glee from the quartette party (Messrs. J. Atkinson, H. Atkinson, Hiley and Seed). Master W. Lawson gave us a violin solo. Songs were sung by Miss Buckley, Mr. W. Hillas, Mr. Paul Bairstow, and Mr. George Clay. Messrs. Chapman and Shaw gave us a scene from the real life of a tramp and a gentleman's son, causing roars of laughter. The prizes were during the interval presented to the following by Mr. John Crowther, and a vote of thanks was proposed to him by Mr. H. Bairstow. Winners of valuable prizes: 1, Mr. G. Hudson; 2, Mr. W. Mann; 3, Mr. J. Taylor; 4, Mr. D. Sutcliffe. Specials to Messrs. J. Lawson, D. Thornton, Bairstow and Chapman, Swailes Bros., C. Bastow, C. Hardaker, W. Ellerton, A. Hiley, J. Nicholls, W. H. Rhodes, G. Musson, in champion's section. In Extra Novice competition 1st prize was won by Mr. B. Wilman, 2nd, Mr. C. E. Hylton; 3rd, F. Hanson, and the selling class teapot was won by Mr. W. Hillas. Various other specials were won. The second half of the programme was opened by the quartette party, songs were sung by Mr. Pete Bastow, Mr. H. Atkinson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Paul Bairstow, and Mr. W. Chapman. Mr. Alex Wilson gave us one of his old-time recitations, which upset all calculations. A very enjoyable evening (one of the best the Society has ever had), was brought to a close by the chairman thanking all who had helped to make the affair the success it was. All who missed this tea and social missed one of the best the Society has ever had.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

CITY & SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The Making of Egg Cake and Egg Food

Meeting Feb. 27th, with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. The following were elected members: Miss Edith Higgins, Mrs. Soanes, Mrs. Stevens, T. L. Sayer, and A. H. Bradley. Mr. H. Armstrong (Barnsbury) was nominated. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was conveyed to Mr. P. H. Harris for the gift of a handsome solid silver cup for competition in the British seedeating section. It was unanimously agreed to continue affiliated to the London Federation, Messrs. A. W. Curtis and W. Sanders being selected delegates. Upon a question being put, it transpired that nine 1910 subscriptions were outstanding: it was decided to leave it in the hands of the Secretary till the end of March. An egg food competition then took place, seven members giving in their names as wishing to take part. A draw was then taken as to the order of competing.

No. 1 (W. Sanders) then commenced proceedings by rubbing through an ordinary 10in. by 5in. wooden framed wire sieve a piece of home-made cake with his hare hands, afterwards passing a hard-boiled egg through by means of a kitchen knife. These were mixed up in a basin, and presented a crumbly appearance of a slightly dark golden colour. The ingredients required for making the cake were as follows: A teacup of maize meal, the same of fine oatmeal, bread crumbs, ground rice, and castor sugar, 1½ozs. beef suet, ¼-teaspoonful of salt, and a pinch of baking powder. These were mixed up together by means of two eggs that had previously been whipped up. To be baked in a slow oven for one hour; if longer, the crust would become too hard. This cake would cost fivepence, and was exceedingly simple to make. Mr. Sanders generally used it after it was four days old. To one egg he used a portion equal to 4 Osborne biscuits.

No. 2 (T. Monger). This member again used a similar sieve but with a trifle coarser mesh. He commenced by rubbing the egg through with a wooden spatula, following with four Osborne biscuits. These were slightly mixed up with a spoon in a basin, and finally repassed through the sieve again. In commencing to feed, Mr. Monger used four biscuits, increasing it to eight as the birds progressed.

No. 3 (E. C. Offord). Great interest was centred upon this member's performance, as he proceeded to use a No. 1 Russwin Mincer (price 4s. 6d.) to grind up two slices of Standard bread that had been previously dried in the oven. This quick process over, he passed a whole egg through a 4½in. by 2in. tubular presser in lightning time, afterwards mixing them together and adding a teaspoonful of maw seed, and half a teaspoonful of castor sugar. He gave four teaspoonfuls of bread to 1 egg.

No. 4 (W. Styles). Again a similar mincing machine was used by this member, with the exception that he had made an improvement upon the cutter which prevented any clogging, and also enabled him to pass the four Osborne biscuits and one egg through at the same time, thereby saving a lot of time and labour. To clean the machine, another biscuit was run through, thus clearing away every trace of the egg. A little maw seed was added in the mixing, and a pinch of sugar to make it more palatable. As the young Canaries grew, so Mr Styles ground up the shell of the egg in the machine also.

No. 5 (W. Knight). At the nominal cost of 4d. this member had made himself a 1ft. square sieve, made with perforated zinc, standing 4in. high, to pass his ordinary piece of bread through with his hands, and with a wooden spatula he pressed the egg through, afterwards mixing it up by means of an ordinary fork. Three days' old bread he preferred.

No. 6 (J. Pooley). Standard bread again was in evidence with this member. This was rubbed through a 7½in. by 4in. tinned frame wire sieve with the bare hands and the egg pressed through a 4½in. by 2in. tubular tin presser whole. This was mixed up and during the process castor sugar was sprinkled over it from a glass bottle with a perforated top, finishing up with a teaspoonful of maw seed. Mr. Pooley gave but 2 teaspoonfuls of bread with one egg, as it was in his opinion better to give too much egg than too much bread, and much cheaper in the long run. When the birds got older, scraped cuttlefish was also added.

No. 7 (J. Lloyd). With an ordinary 8in. wooden framed, wire, domestic sieve. Three Osborne biscuits, after being broken up by the fingers, were passed through with the aid of a wooden spatula, and afterwards the hard-boiled egg, finally mixing them up together.

The basins, spoons, and eggs were provided by the Association, the latter being put into cold water, and after reaching boiling point allowed to simmer for twenty minutes; then taken off and plunged into cold running water. One competitor only was of opinion that the eggs were not sufficiently boiled. The competition was then decided by a ballot from those members present, resulting in Mr. T. Monger being the winner, with W. Sanders second. A silver struck engraved medal was then presented to Mr. Monger by the Chairman, and a bronze medal to Mr. Sanders.—V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

At meeting held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, Feb. 23rd, club medals were selected; they will be presented to winners at next meeting (annual general). Decided, to hold table show classes: Linnet, A.S. Brit., pairs for Hyb. or Mule Breeding, and A.V. For. Mr. Slack, judge. Table show result:—

LINNET: 1, Irving; 2, Hamilton; 3, Steele. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Bertram; 3, Steele. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Steele; 2, Noble; 3, Pettersen. FOR.: 1, Young; 2, McKenzie; 3, Steele. Mr. G. Taylor judged.—J. Bertram, Sec.

DALKEITH AND DISTRICT C.C.

Meeting held, Ship, good attendance. Unanimously agreed to postpone classification till next meeting. Proposed that members have half annual subs. paid not later than June meeting; also that nominations for membership be accepted till May (this being an extension) to give those fanciers who are unaware of the new regime a further chance of joining; also that Mr. J. Steel be asked to give a few hints on British at May meeting. New members enrolled, and an agreement to smoke the pipe of friendship with Messelburgh on 18th, terminated a harmonious meeting.—Ewing and Steel, hon. secs.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S.

There was a strong muster of Dublin members at the second annual meeting, held in the Grand Restaurant, Sackville Street. Mr. Fry, Chairman, presided, and in his opening remarks commented on the prominent position which the society had attained since its formation two years ago. The hon. secretary's report and the hon. treasurer's statement, the latter of which showed a bank balance of £13, was passed unanimously. Several new rules and amendments to the rules were carried. The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—Vice-presidents, Messrs. Hawkins (Queenstown) and Huggard (Duhlin); hon. see., Mr. D. Carroll, 17 Hamilton-street, S.C.-road, Dublin; hon. treas., Mr. J. P. Rooney; Council (Dublin), Messrs. Fry, M'Donnell, Sheridan, Cloke, Gillen, Stewart, John Lynch, Stitt, Callaghan, Holley, Birse, and James Lynch; (Provincial), Messrs. Keating (Dundalk), M'Entaggert (do.), Mulligan (Sligo), Devins (do.), Tansey (Belfast), Birch (Kildare), M'Quade (Enniskillen), and Mrs. Taylor (Raphoe). The Society's cups, which had been competed for at the Duhlin, Dundalk, and Larne shows, were presented as follows, the runners-up receiving massive bronze medals—Challenge cup, Mr. J. M'Quade (Enniskillen); runners-up, Messrs. Devins (Sligo) and Keating (Dundalk); Closed Ring Cup, Mr. J. P. Rooney; runner-up, Mr. P. Gillen; Novice cup, Mr. D. Carroll (Dublin); runner-up, Mr. M'Entaggert (Dundalk); British Bird cup, Mr. P. Mulcahy; runner-up, Mr. Birse. It was decided to hold the open show on November 9 and 10, a week later than last year. Secretaries please note.—D. Carroll, hon. sec.

WIMBLEDON & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided over a good assembly at adjourned annual meeting, held March 6th. Two new members were elected, considerable correspondence was read, a report of the last meeting of the London Federation was given by Mr. J. Carson, and a silver medal presented to Mrs. Thynne as prize for best bird shown by a lady at recent pair show. The most important business was the presentation of the report and balance sheet by the Secretary (Mr. H. Smith). The report showed that during the year they had lost 19 members and gained 26, making a net gain of 7. There had been an average attendance of over 40, as compared with 28 last year and 23 the previous year. The shows had been most successful, and there had been no mishaps. The general account showed a balance in hand of £20 3s. 11d., while the total cash balance, including show balances, is £23 16s. 1d. Total assets are £29 7s. 7d., and the liabilities nil. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said the report had been presented in a most delightful and concise manner, and the balance sheet in such a clear and businesslike way that everyone could understand it. He thought they would have to search the country over to find another secretary who could have done his work so well. Some slight revision of the rules was then made; the number of committee being altered from seven to nine, and the date of the annual meeting from February to March. Election of officers:—Pres., Mr. F. R. J. Piper; Vice-Pres., Councillor C. How, Mr. J. G. Warley, Mr. E. J. Lamb, Dr Spencer; Chairman, Mr W. H. Stoakley; committee, Messrs. J. Carson, E. W. Dell, H. Dixon, A. H. Dyke, F. P. Found, G. Griffiths, F. W. Owen, P. Rorke, and E. J. Whittome; hon secretary, Mr. H. Smith. Mr. F. W. Owen and M. J. Carson were appointed delegates to London Fed., and the meeting gave instructions to Secretary as to filling up voting paper for the Federation officials. Show business occupied the remainder of the time. Decided, that annual show he held Queen's Hall, Nov. 14th and 15th, and that Mr. J. Robson be one of the judges. Young bird show, July 3rd, Mr. Robson to judge. Also decided, to revert to old system of counting points in judging competitions, except that each competitor before scoring must have named four of the birds selected by judge.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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LONDON FEDERATION OF CAGE BIRD SOCIETIES.

The principal business before the delegates of the London Federation who met at "The Feathers," Westminster, on March 3rd, arose out of the "any other business." It was thought that the Federation was "not wanted" by the societies concerned, and the Council considered the question as to whether or not it should be continued. It was generally agreed that it would be better for the delegates to announce the death of the Federation and to give it a decent burial, than to allow it to die a lingering death, and let the Fancy pronounce it "dead." But it was decided to continue it.

The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. R. L. Crisp (in the chair), J. Dewhurst, R. H. Mugford, H. W. Cook, F. W. Thorpe, J. Turner, and J. Bray (West London F.A.), J. Tyson and F. Boxall (L.C.B.A.), W. G. Sanders (City and Suburban A.C.B.), J. Carson and H. Smith (Wimbledon C.B.S.), P. E. Hunt and J. Wyatt (Poplar C.B.S.), W. Penton and R. P. Harper (North London C.B.A.), W. Clark and J. C. Birch (Queen's Park C.B.A.), and P. Adamthwaite, Hon. Sec.

Defaulting Members.

The Council had before them the names of seven defaulting members of the London and Counties O.A. Mr. Bray moved, and Mr. Cook seconded, that the members in question be written to, but on an amendment moved by Mr. Mugford, and seconded by Mr. Turner, it was decided, "That the secretary write to the delegate representing the society and ask him to attend the next meeting of the Council, with information as to the defaulting members."

Federation Medals.

With regard to the Federation medals, the secretary stated that two societies only had participated in the competition, viz., Wimbledon C.B.S. and North London C.B.A., the winners being Mr. C. R. W. Taylor and Mr. Billingsley respectively.

Mr. Tyson asked if all the affiliated societies had been advised of the competition.

The secretary explained that all must have known of it; the delegates and secretaries should have brought the matters before their societies, and the societies could have had from him whatever particulars they wanted.

On the motion of Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Sanders, it was agreed to appoint Messrs. R. L. Crisp (chairman), F. W. Thorpe (treasurer), and P. Adamthwaite (secretary), as a sub-committee to purchase the medals (gold, value one guinea each).

The Railway Petitions.

The Secretary said he had had lists of signatures to the petition (to be presented to the various railway companies) from six societies—West London, North London, Poplar, Wimbledon, Queen's Park, and the City and Suburban. He had nine in from the secretary of the Cage Bird Union (Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe), who said he would send the rest in shortly. Mr. Hill (sec. of the Yorkshire Union) had not sent his in, but would do so in a few days. It was agreed to leave the petitions to the secretary to send in to the railway companies at what he considered the proper time.

Insurance Matters.

On the matter of the Fed. insurance scheme the Sec. said he did not think he was very far wrong in saying that all secretaries of affiliated societies had had from him five or six letters calling attention to the scheme; they had also had sent them particulars of the scheme; and the delegates to the Federation meetings had had instructions to bring the particulars of the scheme before their respective societies. Yet only four societies had taken it up. The insurance scheme had cost a lot of time and labour, and he did not, he said, think it quite the thing that only four should have responded. The premiums were not exorbitant. If the members wanted the scheme, they ought to support it. If they did not, he would be glad if they would say so.

Mr. Dewhurst asked if it would be possible to have the rules and conditions, as printed on the coupons, re-printed and circulated. The meeting was of the opinion that it would be cheaper to cancel a number of the books, and issue the coupons as dummies.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the matter stand over until next meeting.

The Federation Meetings.

A letter was read from Mr. Cook (sec. of the Poplar C.B.S.), suggesting that the Federation hold at least four meetings yearly.

Mr. Mugford pointed out that, at the last meeting he gave notice of motion that meetings be held monthly, and he thought the motion ought to have been on the agenda.

The secretary stated that as the last meeting was a specially convened one, no such notice could be taken, which explained why the motion was not set out on the agenda.

Mr. Mugford was of the opinion that the delegates ought to meet frequently, whether there was any business to do or not. It would give the societies a better idea of the Federation.

Mr. Wyatt pointed out that some members of his society wanted to know if the Federation had "gone smash"; but his society attached no blame to the secretary of the Federation.

The Secretary asked whose business it was to call meetings. Did he make the work, or did the societies make it?

Mr. Smith pointed out that according to the rules of the Federation a ballot of the members for the new officers should be taken during the first fortnight in March, and as the annual meeting should be held at or about the end of March, and the delegates had not had the balance sheet and secretary's report submitted to them, another meeting before the annual one must be held.

It was decided to meet on March 17th to receive the report and balance sheet. With regard to the annual ballot, the Chairman said that, to put the rule into force, would operate rather hard on those societies whose March meeting had already been held, but the general feeling was that special meetings might be called of those societies and the ballot taken, and it was agreed to enforce the rule.

At this point the secretary rose to say that a lot of hard things had been said about a meeting not having been held for eight months, but in fairness to himself and the Council he would like to point out that in all those months he had only had a stray letter or two, and he did not think it was right he should call some thirty delegates together for such a small amount of business. He could not manufacture work, and, what was more, he was not going to; he had helped them form the Federation, and having been appointed secretary, he was there simply to carry out their instructions. He did not know whether the societies would want him to stand again as secretary; he was not particularly keen "on the job"; but if they wanted him to, he would stand. But it rested with the secretaries as to whether or not the Federation would be a success. They had, in the Federation, the nucleus of a good scheme, if they cared to see that the rules were carried out.

Mr. Thorpe said he rose to corroborate all Mr. Adamthwaite had said. He thought the Federation's one weak spot was that secretaries were not doing their work properly.

Mr. Bray said he thought it hardly fair to put the whole of the blame on the secretaries. If the Federation held regular meetings and let the affiliated societies know that it was alive, the delegates would have more work to do.

The Chairman asked how many societies had sent in their catalogues to the secretary, as per rule, and was informed that only about five catalogues had been received.

Is the Federation Wanted?

The Chairman: It seems to me there has not been sufficient interest displayed; and I think there have been faults all round. It has, however, occurred to me whether the Federation is wanted at all. Personally, I am inclined to think it is not wanted. The Fancy, it seems, does not want these organisations. The old Cage Bird Club died, and the Cage Bird Union might just as well be dead; its epitaph has already been written. And it seems to me the Federation also is not wanted. It is a question we should consider. But, in any case, if it is to end, let us bury it ourselves respectably; it is a child of our own inception, let us give it decent obsequies.

Mr. Tyson was of the opinion that they could not discuss that question without consulting the members of their respective societies.

Mr. Harper pleaded for the enforcement of the rule that meetings be held quarterly; and received as an answer that at the time when the rule was agreed to, there was a splendid lot of work to do, but the case was different now.

Mr. Smith said that the medal business was one matter that might have been considered more fully. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Boxall said that the fact that they had had practically no business during the past eight months proved conclusively that the Federation was not wanted.

Mr. Wyatt said that possibly all members had paid up their subscriptions, so that the Federation had, so far, done its work and served its purpose. (Hear, hear.)

It was moved by Mr. Tyson, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the members be asked if or not the Federation shall go on. It was thought, however, inadvisable to put the direct question to the members of the Federation.

Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Boxall seconded, that under the circumstances, the Federation disband; but, on an amendment by Mr. Bray, and seconded by Mr. Sanders, it was carried by 13 votes for and 2 against, "That the Federation be continued for another year, and all interested are asked to assist in carrying out the rules." It was afterwards agreed, on the motion of Mr. Mugford, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the words "for another year" be left out.

An addendum of Mr. Mugford's was then agreed to, viz., that the meetings be held monthly from October to March, and two-monthly for the rest of the year.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a long meeting.

SOUTH WALES ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Cricketers' Hotel, Llanelly, Mar. 4th, Mr. W. Evans in chair. Two new members were enrolled. Decided that yearly subscription be 2s 6d., and 1s. entrance fee, and that all members pay 3d. per week in contributions. Also decided to approach several influential gentlemen in the town to become patrons.—John Welch, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held Mar. 4th, club headquarters, Mr. Riseborough being chairman. Mr. Reid moved and Mr. Jeffrey seconded that we hold future meetings at various places to suit country members, as it was felt that it was not advisable to hold all meetings in one particular centre, and as became our designation "The Northern L. C." It would further the interests of the club and increase its prestige. The Secretary was instructed to act re same and report at next meeting. A discussion followed.—G. Davidson, Secretary.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Meeting held White Lion Hotel, Mar. 4. There was a fair attendance. Decided, that we have our next feather show July 1. Following judges nominated: Messrs. W. Reid, J. Stanger, A. Brown, and R. Armstrong; the final selection will be made at meeting, April 1st. Also decided, to give special for best young bird in show, same to be subscribed for by members. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to become a member; subs. 2s. 6d.; radius 7 miles. Will members note subscriptions are due by April meeting to be in time for next feather show?—R. H. Dixon, Secretary.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 27th, Hand and Shuttle Hotel, Tong-street. We enrolled seven new members. A grand lot of specials were promised, besides two gold medals and one silver, and others are expected shortly. The enthusiasm amongst members has reached a very high pitch, which augurs well for the coming season. I have had to resign my position as secretary owing to business reasons, but I have promised to act as assistant-secretary. My successor is Mr. W. Walker, 10, Oddy-street, Tong-street, Bradford, who will be pleased to hear from all intending members. Subscriptions, 3s. per annum (no entry fees).—J. Smith, Assist.-sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 1st, Palmer Hall, there being a very fair attendance. Three new members elected—Messrs. G. Munday, Stacey, and Ellis. Hon. sec. read correspondence from selected judges, and after a discussion it was decided to engage Mr. J. H. Payne as judge for annual show, Nov. 29th. The two new silver cups were on view, and are now the property of the society. On the hon. sec.'s suggestion it was decided to name them the S. Pike and G. H. Acton Cups respectively in honour of two of the best friends the society has ever had. After a discussion it was decided to allot them as follows: G. H. Acton Cup for most points gained during year in Canary classes, and the S. Pike Cup for most points in the British and Foreign bird classes, both to be won outright three years in succession. Date for F.F. Show decided for July 12th. This being Hybrid and Muling Pair Show night judging was started late; but only a few pairs had turned up owing to several members being unavoidably detained. Points won: W. H. Pyke 11, J. Brooker 6, W. Vince 4. Small but select entry. A washing display for novices will be given at next meeting, and it is hoped they will turn up in good numbers, and bring some birds with them for practice.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting, Mr. P. Thom in chair. Date of annual show fixed last Sat. in Nov., as in former years. Other societies requested to note. Judges elected for same: for Crests and Plainheads, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow); for Borders, Mr. Mossie (Annbank); for British and Foreign, Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross). A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

NORTH SHIELDS & DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting, held 37, Howdon Road, March 1st. Attendance moderate, due, no doubt, to the very inclement weather. Unfortunately our chairman (Mr. Hunter) could not get his lecture finished, but will give it in due course. After business the evening was taken up with questions. Several interesting subjects were dealt with, and proved a source of education. Mr. Hunter presided. One new member elected. Next month's programme, an egg bread illustration by Mr. Whittaker, of Border Fancy fame. Members please note.—R. P. Fox, Sec.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.S.

Novice washing competition held March 4th, also novice judging competition. Mr. W. Vardy gave a gold-centred medal for best washed bird, and Mr. S. Fox gave a special for the one who judged nearest the judge. Mr. F. Beardall judged both competitions, and his awards gave every satisfaction. When two of them brought in their slips it was found they had placed every bird alike; they were: J. L. Wright and J. G. Wright, and they made a draw for first place, and they had to judge the washed birds. J. G. won by one point. Results for judging: 1, J. G. Wright; 2, J. L. Wright; 3, S. Hawksley. Washing: 1, S. Hawksley; 2, A. Wright; 3, J. L. Wright. If some of them had seen Mr. Vardy's medal beforehand we think the "Mason's Arms" would not have held all the washers, for it was a real good one.—R. Nuttall, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH & DIS C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 28th, when, after general business, discussion arose over that old question, viz., what amount of green blood do you require in your stock to keep up colour? Mr. Jones (chairman) maintained that the green, known as "Liverpool green," is not of any use unless the Ciunamon is grafted in at least five years back, before that colour which is so much sought after predominates in one's stock. He also maintained that by the same way you also get type and quality. The explanation he gave was very lucid, and much appreciated by the members. He also touched on inbreeding, explaining how he paired related birds together to get the best results; and some unbelievers in inbreeding were, I think, converted. The question arose, which is the best aspect for an aviary? Everyone had a say in this. Some preferred south, some east; but the result was—everyone to his own fancy. This ended a most enjoyable evening.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD, C.B.S.

Social in connection with the pair show prize distribution held March 2. Some 70 or 80 members and friends were present. In the absence of Mr. Gardner, Mr. Dann, the vice-chairman, presided. Before presenting the prizes, he made a few remarks on the show and the programme arranged. He thought the entries (130) were a record for a pair show, and he was surprised at the attendance. He said he was glad to hear the show would result in a profit, no doubt due to the way in which members had pushed the sale of tickets. Mr. Dann said the catalogues were on sale at three o'clock with awards—a creditable thing; just an hour after the opening of show. Also they were greatly indebted to Messrs. Weston, Oldaker, and Walmsley for their able assistance. He referred to the great demand for that well-known book, CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which was the means of putting several shillings 'profit to the show account through the sale of same in hall. Mr. Dann also thanked the artistes for entertaining them that evening; he remarked on the high standard of the programme, and the way in which they (at Highgate) managed things; he hoped they would always keep this high tone in all they did. Mr. Gardner managed to "drop in" towards the end, not too late to amuse everyone by his anecdotes and funny stories.—C. W. Law, Sec.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES' PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Sub-committee met Mar. 2nd, Mr. D. Sunderland (chairman) presiding, and arranged following official programme for the social evening, which is timed to commence at 6 o'clock prompt:—Selection, orchestral band; chairman's remarks, Mr. D. Sunderland; song, Mr. J. E. Stafford; Yorks. Union C.B.S. prizes, Mr. F. Hammond; song, Mr. M. Speight; National Green-marked Y.C.C. prizes, Mr. W. H. Shackleton; humorous song, Mr. A. Smith; CAGE BIRDS' prizes, the Chairman; selection (violin solo by Mr. H. Greaves), band; Cinn.-marked Y.C.C. prizes, Mr. J. Hartley; duet, Messrs. J. E. Stafford and M. Speight; open Norwich P.C. prizes, Mr. A. Hirst; humorous song, Mr. A. Smith; Yorks. County B.B. and M.C. prizes, Mr. D. Duncan, jun.; song, Mr. J. E. Stafford; Yorks. Canary Club prizes, Mr. D. Sunderland; song, Mr. M. Speight; Bradford East rose bowl, the chairman; selection (piccolo solo by Mr. Rowland Hill), band; "Our Patrons and Visitors," the chairman; humorous song, Mr. A. Smith. Vote of thanks to chairman and secretary of committee, proposer Mr. F. Hammond, seconder Mr. F. Armstrong. Artistes: Mr. M. Speight (tenor), Mr. J. E. Stafford (baritone), Mr. A. Smith (humorist), Mr. C. Gledhill (pianist), Mr. H. Greaves (violin), Mr. R. Hill (piccolo), Mr. T. Hanson ('cello).—H. Hill, Sec.

KIRKCALDY C.B.S.

Members and friends recently held a supper and concert in Station Hotel, Sinclairtown. The supper was served in excellent style, reflecting great credit on Mr. Roberts, the proprietor. Mr. Adamson (president) took the chair, and expressed himself in a social manner. He was pleased, he said, to see so many members and friends present, and it was a good thing for fanciers to meet so, as it cultivated a good feeling amongst them and tended to the betterment of the hobby generally. The chairman then introduced the presentation, in the form of a pipe, which was to be made as a token of esteem to Mr. G. Arnott (late president). He then called upon Mr. T. Arnott (late secretary) to present same. Mr. T. Arnott handed the members for the honour. Mr. G. Arnott had done much for the welfare of the society, and filled the presidentship with zeal and regularity, and gave his services ungrudgingly for the society, and his kindly and friendly manner had made for him a wide circle of friends. He would therefore ask Mr. G. Arnott to accept this as a special token of esteem from his fellow-members and friends. Mr. G. Arnott feelingly replied, and expressed his thanks. Songs and recitations were rendered by Messrs. T. Arnott, J. Brown, J. Mitchelson, C. Rae, J. Hutchison, and H. Jordan, with Mr. J. Brown at the piano. A very pleasant evening was spent. The company sang "Auld Lang Syne."

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting, held at Fawcett Street Cafe, March 4th, Mr. J. Farrer in chair. Letter read from late secretary of Cage Bird Union; decided, to take no action in matter at present. A long and interesting discussion took place on the prospects of coming breeding season, and other matters concerning the Association, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Committee meeting held Three Tons Inn, Eastwood, Mar. 4th, Mr. R. Cooper in chair. Decided to hold two F.F. shows, first to be held at Eastwood, June 3rd, the second at Jacksdale July 15th. Also decided to fix open show date. A long discussion ensued, but it was unanimously decided to fix on Oct. 28th. Then came nominations for judges, which are to be voted on at general meeting, March 11th, Rutland Arms, Jacksdale. J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Maria Stuart Halls, Crosshill, Feb. 24th. Washing exhibition given by Mr. A. Wilson (Glasgow) before a good audience. After washing a few birds, Mr. Wilson gave a thorough exhibition of his method, which was most interesting, especially to younger members. He also explained the working and advantages of his "Perfect" drying cage. A hearty vote of thanks was given him. The new rules were submitted, and copies of same will be ready for next meeting, March 31st, when new members will be welcome.—Robt. Heggie, Sec.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Free Gardeners Hall, Feb. 25th, Mr. D. Henderson presiding. This society continues to make excellent progress at present, having a record membership. Classification for open show gone over; agreed, to give 71 classes: Scotch 5, Border 15, Crest 5, Norwich 15, Yorks. 5, Common Can. 1, A.O.V. 1, Gift 1, Brit. 18, For. 5. Following judges appointed: Border Fancy, Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling); Nor. and Yorks., Mr. J. M'Lay (Kirkintilloch); For. and Scotch Fancy, Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh). "Cage Birds Annuals" were then distributed amongst the members.—John Lawrie, Sec.

MIDDLESBRO' & TEES-SIDE C.B.S

Sixth annual general meeting held headquarters, Crown Hotel. Good muster of members present. Balance sheet submitted, showing balance to the good of £9 2s. After hearing the report on same, this was accepted with satisfaction. Following officers elected: President, Sir Samuel Sadler; Vice-President, Dr. Howel; Chairman Mr. J. Hanson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. Watson; Treasurer, Mr. G. Harker; Auditors, Messrs. T. Wells and C. Mallory; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Swinsco; Secretary, Mr. A. Wake; Committee: Messrs. R. Unthank, W. Thompson, (Rev.) B. Wilton, T. Gibson, G. E. Lancaster, J. W. Thompson, W. Rand, C. Mallory, J. Unthank, M. Darnborough, E. Ward, G. Brown, W. Appleyard, F. Salmon, W. Emerson, J. Barnes, J. Carr, S. Jenkinson, J. Greenfield. Also carried, that we hold annual show Oct. 21st, and that Mr. G. Harland judge Canary section, and Mr. C. Houlton British birds and Mules. This brought a very good meeting to a close.—Arthur Wake, Secretary.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Meeting held March 1st, headquarters, City Hotel, Wine Street, when Mr. W. H. Manley presided over a good attendance. Classification for matched pair and British bird show at headquarters March 11th adopted; 19 classes in all, birds to be staged at 2.30, entry fee 6d. per cage, with prize money on sliding scale. Four specials were kindly given: 2s. 6d. for best matched pair, cake for 2nd best matched pair, 2s. 6d. for best British, and 2s. 6d. for most points gained in show. Mr. C. P. Telling judge. For April meeting Mr. F. R. Phillips will give a paper on the "Revision of the Wild Birds Act." Mr. Hudd (Bristol) was elected a member. Mr. Manley gave a most interesting account of the Palace show. Starting with the Norwich, he went through the catalogue with most instructive notes, which were keenly followed. One of the incidents concerning the much-talked-of "talking Canary" was highly amusing. It was being admired by an interesting old lady of mature years, who was saying, "Pretty dear, pretty dear." In the background was a crowd of Yorkshiremen, who were waiting to hear the bird talk, when one in the native brogue said: "How do you expect the bird to talk, missus, with a face like that looking at it? If you look much more it will swear at you."—A. R. A. Carter, Hon. Sec.

NEWARK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful washing exhibition and discussion held at headquarters, Boar's Head Hotel, March 4th. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) very kindly travelled to Newark to give us the exhibition. Three very dirty birds were put through the wash; meanwhile, Mr. Barnes explained the correct way to handle, wash, rinse, etc. His method was to use three basins of good size, a camel-hair brush, and a silk handkerchief. He preferred the drying cage to the cloths, but explained that many preferred the cloths to roll birds in. On first handling he explained that should a bird be nervous, and escape from the hand, he would give it a rest before washing it, as the wash in itself took enough out of a bird without first exhausting it by its escaping, and probably being bustled in your endeavouring to catch it. The feathers should always be stroked one way, with the tail of the bird resting on the palm of the hand. After using the soap and brush in the first basin, he used the other two to rinse the bird in, afterwards transferring the bird to the drying cage and placing it before a fire (not too close), and in a short time it was put in a show cage and passed round for the fanciers present to inspect, causing many exclamations at the difference the wash had made to it. Mr. Barnes explained that it was as necessary to wash a bird and stage it properly as it was to have a good bird; a good bird badly shown was a good bird spoilt. After the washing a discussion took place, Mr. Barnes telling the members his methods of pairing birds, and stating that for the novice the best method was the old-fashioned one of pairing buff to yellow, and vice-versa, taking the marking (if any) into consideration. He liked the cocks to have size and substance in them. He liked medium-sized hens, as it was from the hens one would get type and quality. He only double-buffed when necessary to get size in birds when wanted for a special purpose, the same as one would double-yellow for fining down a bird. He much preferred sand for cage bottoms to sawdust as a general thing, though for Hybrid breeding it was necessary to have sawdust, to save the eggs, as in the case of many Hybrid pairs the hens had a tendency to drop the eggs from the perches, and it was as well to have the perches as low as possible to save them from being broken. The best time to pair up birds was the beginning of April, but each member must use his own judgment, as birds in a warm room would be in a much more forward condition than those kept in a cold room. After questions had been asked and answered, the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnes; Mr. Wells seconded this, and Mr. Barnes suitably responded. About 50 members and friends were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.—W. Lidgett, Chairman.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

At usual monthly meetiug there was a fair turnout of members. After the usual business the members decided to have a "smoker," also that there be a pair show at next meetiug, the members to judge by ballot. We also made two new members, namely, Messrs. Boyd and Hooper.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, Mar. 1st, the president (Mr. T. R. Wallace) presiding over a good turn-out of members. Classes and rules for annual show, October 28th. were considered; rules were passed unaltered; and the only alterations in classes are: a class for Mealy Redpolls in place of gift class, the latter being dropped. Judges were nominated for annual show, but not yet fixed. Mr. Simpson gave report of money received as donations towards secretary and treasurer, which was very satisfactory. The chairman intimated that they had a very important duty to perform, as the present secretary was settled on going abroad in May, and they had to appoint a secretary in his place. The members expressed their regret at losing present secretary, and asked him to keep on the duties till the May meeting, which he consented to do. Members will greatly assist by sending on annual subscriptions as early as possible; it will be impossible to visit all members.—R. Hamiltou, Sec.

UDDINGSTON AND DIST. C.S.

Meeting held Reading Rooms, March 2nd, Mr. Hugh Donnon, vice-president, in chair. Rules were gone over and discussed, several alterations being made. Agreed, to reduce members' annual subs. from 3s. 6d. to 2s. 6d., payable as follows: 1s. as entrance fee for all members, on proposal, which must be paid, on or before first feather show, to be held July, date not fixed; the remaining 1s. 6d. to be paid four weeks before open show. Agreed, to postcard all members for next meeting, first Thursday in April, when rules will come up for final decision. Auditor's report adopted. — A few of the members waited on the secretary at his residence, when the president, Mr. T. Prentice, presented him with a beautiful marble timepiece, and a handsome umbrella to Mrs. Kilpatrick, from the members, as a token of respect and appreciation for services done during the year 1910. Mr. Prentice, in a few chosen remarks, handed over the articles, and Mr. Kilpatrick, on behalf of his wife and himself, briefly replied, and thanked the members for their kindness, which was far beyond his expectation. The company was entertained to a nice tea, prepared by Mrs. Kilpatrick, a very happy evening being spent.

HALIFAX C.S.

Annual general meeting held March 4th, Griffin Hotel, and there was a very large attendance. President Mr. Ross in chair. Balance-sheet read and passed unanimously, showiug the society to be in a sound financial condition, with a balance of £42 16s. 9d. in hand. The president had a very pleasing duty to perform in the presentation of prizes for the series of shows during past season. Championship classes: 1st prize, F. Townsend; 2nd, H. W. Walsh; 3rd, E. J. Cundall; 4th, S. Haigh; novice classes: 1st, S. Heap; 2nd, E. Ellis; 3rd, W. Simpson; 4th, Burdikiu Bros. Mr. A. Dearden also presented the winner of the novice classes with a gold centre silver medal, and Mr. S. Haigh presented Messrs. Stott and Moore with an alarm clock value 10s. 6d. for most entries made by a novice not in the society's prize money throughout series, which kindly actions, I am sure, are much appreciated by the members. Messrs. Armstrong and Sunderland were appointed scrutineers of ballot papers. Results: Presideut, Mr. A. Ross (again re-elected, which by the applause appeared to give every satisfaction; the members evidently realise that in Mr. Ross they have a capable leader and a good worker); vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Lee, Councillor H. H. Sutcliffe and F. Armstrong; secretary, Mr. J. F. Thackray (again re-elected, aud by the unanimous vote the members are evidently well satisfied with his services, and I think he holds the record in the Yorkshire Union for length of service in this position. I am sure there is not a better); assistant-secretary, Mr. H. Whitaker (re-elected for the eighth time); auditors, Messrs. Armstrong and Sunderland; delegates to Yorks. Union, Messrs. H. Whitaker, H W. Walsh, and H. Lord; sub-committee, Messrs. Ball, Haigh, Lord, F. Burdikin, Whitaker, Clegg, and Pilling; stewards, Messrs. Ball, Haigh, and Dunn. Hearty vote of thanks to the officers for their services was proposed by Mr. Child, and seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and was respouded to by the president. Two new members were enrolled, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—H. Whitaker, Assistant Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual dinner held Sydney Arms, March 1st. In the absence of the president, Mr. G. Grant, occupied chair, and was supported by Messrs. T. J. King, J. H. Payne (Gloucester), J. Houghton (Gloucester), A. S. Treasure, W. Pounsett, J. Madagan, D. Lewis, and a large number of members and friends. Ample justice having been done to the good things nrovided by host Smith, and the loyal toast having been duly honoured, Mr. King rose to propose the toasts of the Cheltenham Cage Bird Society. This, he said, he was very pleased to do, as it was some 30 years ago that he, in conjunction with two or three more fanciers, had started the society. Of course, like all other societies, it had had its ups and downs, but he was very pleased to congratulate the members on its present prosperity. It had been steadily growing for some years, and its membership was larger than it had even been before. Speaking from his own point of view, he should like to see more members take up Crests, which he thought were preeminently the finest birds bred. In asking the company to drink to the success of the Cheltenham C.B.S., he coupled with it the names of Mr. Lamb and Mr. Treasure. Mr. Grant thanked the proposer of the toast for the kind things he had said, and also the company for the way they had drunk to it, and reminded them that the only way to keep forging ahead, was to do as they had in the past pull together. Mr. Treasure, in responding, thanked them for the way they had supported him in the past, and said that the society was never in so good a position as at present; it had a membership of nearly 60, a balance on the right side, and plenty of enthusiastic workers, and he thanked the Gloucester members for the great help rendered. Incidentally he mentioned that at the last show there were 700 exhibits, and he ventured to prephesy that they would reach 1,000 next time. An excellent programme had been arranged by Mr. D. Lewis, in which the following gentlemen took part: Messrs. King, H. Yiend, C. Yiend, Scrivens, D. Lewis, G. Smith, Salisbury, and Stopworth, with Mr. Tibbles as accompanist. Votes of thanks to the chairman and Messrs. D. Lewis and W. Pounsett, for arranging such an enjoyable evening, brought the proceedings to a close.—A. S. Treasure.

The Shows.

BANGOR AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' Show, held Feb. 18, proved a success, as we have a balance of 2s. 8½d. It was well supported, no less than 96 birds being entered. All classes were guaranteed, so we have a good lot of fanciers on the committee; and they worked well to get a good entry. We hope to get a lot more fanciers to join for our annual show.—W. Altken.

WALSALL AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Table Show held Mar. 4th, Vine Hotel, Cross Street. The Canary Class did not turn up very well, but the British bird classes were very good, some fine birds being staged. Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury) judged to the satisfaction of all. Afterwards he went round and explained to the members the different points in their exhibits.

NOR: 1, 2, Barrett. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Platt; 2, Spencer. LINNET: 1, Platt; 2, Price; 3, Birch. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Birch. CHAFFINCH ETC.: 1, Lines; 2, Thomas, 3, Barrett. GREENFINCH: 1, Roberts; 2, Thomas. SOFTBILL: 1, Thomas (Wheatear). MULE: 1, Barrett; 2, Spencer. FOR.: 1, sp for best bird, Price (Siberian Goldie).—F. Price, Hon. sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Pair show held Mar. 4th, Dartmoutb Hotel. There were 57 entries—a stiff task for the judge, Mr. W. C. Wells (Erdington) to get through, which he did in fine style, and we heard no grumbling.

YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (7): 1, vhc, hc, c, Andrews; 2, 3, Beck. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, vhc, Andrews; 2, hc, c, Beck. NOR., YELL. COCK. BUFF HEN (5): 1, 2, Collier; 3, hc, Taylor; vhc, Cooper. BUFF COCK, YELL. HEN (5): 1, hc, Collier; 2, vhc, Taylor; 3, Cooper. MULING PAIRS (8): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Collier; vbc, c, Capewell; hc, Cowler. HYB. PAIRS (6): Grand class; 1, 2, vhc, Palmer; 3, Cooper; hc, Capewell; c, Cowler. CRESTS (5): 1, 2, 3, Groves; abs., Grigg. NOVICE YORKS. (4): 1, Cowler; 2, 3, Bates; abs., Grigg. NOR. (7): 1, spl, Warehouse; 2, 3, vhc, Walker; hc c, Palmer; abs., Grigg.—W. Audrews, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual pair show held Mar. 4th, headquarters. There was a very poor entry considering the handsome specials offered; only 31 pairs were staged. We should like to see more enthusiasm shown by the members at this fixture. Some excellent pairs were on view, and admired by the numerous visitors. Specials were won by, viz.: Silver medal (gold centre), best Yorks., E. Norton; 2s. specials—R. Pawson, T. Flint, and J. Smith. Messrs. C. E. Hall and J. Chambers judged, both gentlemen giving entire satisfaction.

YORKS. (6): 1, 2, E. Norton; 3, vhc, Rhodes; 4, hc, Pawson. NOR. (7): 1, Pawson; 2, 3, 4, Johnson; vhc, hc, W. A. Wilson; c, L. Smith. MULE OR HYB. (8): 1, 2, 3, Flint; 4, vhc, hc, Middleton; c, Owen. NOVICE YORKS. (9): 1, vhc, J. Smith; 2, 4, c, Bristow; 3, vhc, Lee. NOVICE, NOR.: 1, J. Smith.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES & DIS. C.B.S

Annual Pair Show and Britisb Birds, held Mar. 2nd, Leeds Hotel, when 175 birds were shown—the largest the members have ever got together. The room was packed with visitors. Mr. J. H. Yeates took special for most birds in Canaries, also cup for three nominated birds; Mr. Sanders took special for most points in British; Messrs. Lowes and Son cup for three nominated British birds. Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbro') judged Canaries, and Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby), British birds; and they gave every satisfactiou.

YORKS. YELL CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 4, vhc, and sp, Broadbent; 2, Walker; 3, c, Chesworth; hc, Lowes and Son. YELL. HEN: 1, 4, Walker; 2, 3, Chesworth; vhc, J. Lait; hc, Lowes and Son. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, bc, Dawson; 2, Lowes and Son; 3, 4, vhc, Freeman; c, Acheson. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, W. Bean; 2, Walker; 4, Lowes and Son; vhc, Freeman; hc, Heads; c, Dawson. CREST PAIRS: 1, 2, J. H. Yeates. A.O.V.: 1, 2, J. H. Yeates. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 3, Nicholson and Son; 2, hc, B. Broadbent; 4, Walker; vbc, c, W. Broadbent. CAN. MULE PAIRS: 1, vbc, W. Sanders; 2, Acheson; 3, vhc, Nicholson and Son; c, J. Tait. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Nicholson and Sons; 2, J. Tait; 3, Acheson; vhc, Mason; hc, Sanders. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, vhc, Nicholson and Son; 3, Sanders; hc, W. Broadbent. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, 4, Nicholson and Son; 2, Sanders; vhc, Pearson; hc, Lowes and Son; c, Walker. BULLFINCH: 1, W. Broadbent; 2, 3, hc, Pearson; 4, vhc, Sanders; c, Mason. LINNET: 1, W. Broadbent; 2, 3, 4, Lowes and Son; vhc, Tait; hc, B. Broadbent. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3 hc, Walker; 2, vhc, Lowes and Son; 4, c, Sanders. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, vhc, Nicholson and Son; 2, 4, Lowes and Son; 3, hc, Sanders; c, Dawson. SOFT BILL: 1, 2, 3, Nicholson and Son; 4, vhc, Briscoe and Son.—J. W. Lowes, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual pair show held at headquarters, Avondale Hall, March 4, wheu an interesting collection of Canaries, British and Foreign birds was on view. The entries were somewhat less than last year; but owing, we understand, to a change in the secretaryship the arrangements were made somewhat hurriedly and to this fact the shortage of entries may well be attributed. Some good Crests were staged by Mr. Yeoman, while Messrs. Thorpe and Mazzoni put down some good Yorkshires. In the British bird classes, Messrs. Vale and Brighty seemed to have things all their own way, the former securing special for best insectivorous bird in show with a lovely Grey Wagtail in splendid condition and well put down. Special prizes went somewhat cheaply, one class with only four entries having three specials. The arrangements were well managed by the new hon. secs., Messrs. Priest and Gooch, who were supported by Messrs. Askew, Sandy, and Brighty. The judges were Messrs. Robson (Canaries), and Frostick (British and Foreign). The show was well attended. Messrs. Crisp, Tyson, and many other well-known fanciers looked in during the evening.

CHAMP. CREST OR C.-B.: 1, 2, Yeoman. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, Mazzoni; 3, Vale. YORKS.: 1, sp, Yeoman; 2, sp, Vale. NOR., NOVICE: 1, sp, 2, sp, Newley; 3, Brooke. LINNET-CAN., PAIRS: 1, sp, Mazzoni; 2, Brighty. A.O.V. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Vale. BULLFINCH AND A.O.S.: 1, Brighty. A.O.S. CROSS (between two Brit.): 1, Clark. SELL. (30s.) PAIRS: 1, Mazzoni. (15s.) SINGLE: 1, Thorpe; 2, Vale. BRIT.: GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, Brighty; 2, Clark. BULLFINCH: 1, Vale. LINNET: 1, sp, Brighty; 2, sp, Clark; 3, Vale; vhc, Scott; hc, Gooch. GREENFINCH: 1, Clark. BRAMB., ETC.: 1, Clark. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, sp, Brighty; 2, sp, Graham; 3, sp, Vale; vhc, Gooch. BUNTING: 1, sp, Graham; 2, Clark. HAWFINCH, ETC.: 1, Graham. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, 2 sps. 2, Vale; 3, Brighty. LARGE: 1, sp, Graham; absent, Brighty. FOR.: 1, Vale.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table Show of Hybrid Pairs held Mar. 2nd, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall. Mr. Lees judged, and demonstrated the reasons he placed bis awards as he did.

CAN. HYB. PAIRS: 1, vbc, Wren; 2, Lewin; 3, Gougb; vhc, George. BRIT. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 3, White; 2, hc, Gough; vhc, c, Wren.—A. F. Fifield, Secretary.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Table show held Feb. 25th, Schoolroom, when only a few cage birds turned up.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Bacon. MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Maltby. Will members please uote that I am resigning my position at end of May? There will not be any more meetings till last Saturday in May, when all members are requested to attend to choose new secretary; I shall be a member all the same.—F. Maltby, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Meeting and Muling Pair Show held Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 3rd March. Mr. D. Graham judged, and his awards were well received.

GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Fairweather; 2, Anderson. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, Aitkenhead; 2, Anderson; 3, Fairweather. SISKIN AND CAN.: 1, Pricst. REDPOLL AND CAN.: 1, 6, Fairweather; 2, 3, 4, Anderson; 5, 7, Priest. TWITE AND CAN.: 1, Aitkenhead; 2, Fairweather. GREENFINCH AND CAN.: 1, McMillan; 2, Aitkenhead; 3, 6, Priest; 4, Fairweather; 5, 7, Anderson. A.O.V. MULING PAIR: 1, Anderson; 2, Priest. Hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Graham for judging brought show to a close. Next meeting and British bird show, 7th April, new members cordially invited.—Wm. Priest, Secretary.

GUISBRO' AND DIS. (Priory) C.B.S

Annual pair show held Mr. Wear's Cafe, March 4th, when the grandest lot of Yorkshires ever brought together in the history of this society faced the judge. Friend Barker was heard to say this is a bot lot, and there is credit due to whoever wins. The judge had a tough job, very little parting most of the awards. Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby)-judged.

YORKS., YELL. COCK, BUFF HEN (20): 1, vhc, c, Cook; 2, Barker; 3, Dixon; hc, Hood. BUFF COCK YELL. HEN (12): 1, vhc, c, Cook; 2, hc, Barker; 3, Dixon. NOR., YELL. COCK. BUFF HEN (2): 1, Jones; 2, Jackson. BUFF COCK, YELL. HEN (3): 1, 2, Jones; 3, Jackson. CREST (6): 1, c, Starling; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Blackburn. MULING PAIRS (8): 1, Jackson; 2, hc, Mays and Allinson; 3, Blackburn; vhc, Wesson; c, Dunuing. HYB. PAIRS (3): 1, Hood; 2, 3, Dunning.—H. Hood, Sec. pro tem.

DOUGLAS.

With a view to creating further interest amongst the members, the Manx Canine F. and F.A. a short time ago decided to hold montbly sbows, the first of which took place in the Salisbury Hall, Douglas, 9th Feb., and from the keen interest shown by fanciers and the public, was very successful. In the cage bird section twelve classes were provided, most of which were well filled. The arrangements were in the hands of a capable committee, ably presided over by Mr. G. Robertson, with Mr. T. H. Watterson as secretary. Judges, Mr. J. Cannell (Norwich, British, and mules), and Mr. T. Hogg (Yorkshires). Amongst the Britishers were some rare specimens, particularly a Yellowhammer and three Linnets, all shown in the pink of condition, the property of Mr. E. Gale, a well-known and successful exhibitor. Mules were a good lot, a four-pointed Goldfiuch and Canary belonging to Mr. W. H. Gill winning special for best bird in show. The Norwich and Yorkshire classes contained some good birds, the principal winners being Messrs. T. Hogg, W. Wade, and J. Turner. Two specials for most points, presented by Mr. Thos. Witherspoon, were won by Mr. T. Hogg and E. Gale.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Hogg. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Hogg; c, Witherspoon. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Hogg. NOR. A.O.V.: 1, 2 (two cinnamons), Gill; 3, 4 (two Crests), Turner. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Gill; 2, 3, Gale. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Gale; 4, Wade; vhc, Gill. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Gale, Yellowhammer; 2, Wade, Greenie; 3, Gill Greenie. MULES: 1, vhc, hc, Gill; 2, 3, 4, 2 c's, Gale. YORKS CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Wade; 2, vhc, Turner. BUFF: 1, 2, Wade; 3, vhc, Turner. GREEN: 1, Turner. HEN: 1, 2, Wade; 3, vhc, Turner.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Very successful pair show held March 2nd at clubhouse, Woolwich. In the absence of Mr. Meades (who, we regret to hear, is away on sick leave), the secretarial duties were admirably carried out by Mr. Woolgar, assisted by some of the older fanciers. There was a capital entry, especially in Norwich, the birds being very uniform in type and capitally matched, and the competition exceedingly keen. In several cases it was only the superior staging that turned the scale, one or two grand pairs standing down through not having had the necessary tubbing. The champion section was a walk-over for Mr. Meades' birds, which were in grand fettle and well matched. The novice Norwich were divided into yellow and buff cocks. In the yellows Mr. J. Smith staged the winners, closely followed by a pair belonging to Mr. H. Hearn. In this class there were some lovely buff hens, particularly those put down by Messrs. H. Woolgar, W. Wood, and C. Hall. The pairs for Mule breeding were not numerous, but of more than average merit. The British birds were quite as plentiful as the Canaries, and it was hard to separate some of them, particularly the birds in the Goldfinch class, among which we noticed some very smart field-moulted birds. The winner was owned by Mr. J. Smith, and is a bird he secured as a Greypate. The Palace novice winning Bullie again stood first in his class. The owner of this fine bird is quite a young fancier, and is getting a taste of the sweets of victory early in his career as a bird-lover. There was a capital attendance of fanciers, all of whom appeared keen upon their hobby, and eagerly anticipating the approaching breeding season. Mr. H. Norman placed the awards.

CLASS 1.—1, Meades. CLASS 2: 1, 2, Meades. CLASS 7: 1, Meades. CLASS 8: 1, spl, Smith; 2, Hearn; 3, Woolgar; vhc, Wood; hc, Wood; c, Hall. CLASS 9: 1, Hall; 2, Woolgar; 3, c, Newnham, junr.; vhc, hc, J. Smith. CLASS 10: 1, Barton; 2, Newnham, senr.; 3, Hearn. CLASS 11: 1, Hearn; 2, Newnham, senr. CLASS 13: 1, Brett. CLASS 15: 1, 2, Meades; 3, Maclellan. CLASS 16: 1, Hartland; 2, Simants. CLASS 17: 1, Simants; 2, Miller. CLASS 18: 1, J. Smith; 2, Brett; 3, hc, Miller; vhc, Simants; c, Woolgar. CLASS 19: 1, 2, Brett. CLASS 20: 1, hc Woolgar; 2, J. Smith; 3, Hartland; vhc, Simants; c, Brett. CLASS 21: 1, Maclellan; 2, Miller; 3, c, Simants; vhc, Woolgar; hc, Brett. CLASS 22: 1, Miller; 2, Hartland. CLASS 23: 1, Hartland.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red else.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Annual pair show held February 21st, Abbett's Cafe Room, Market-street. Birds were staged in good time, but owing to the disastrous weather a great number of our birds and members stayed at home. Our judge (Mr. Burns) was very sorry he could not have fifty pairs to judge, but we must look to our stock first, weather and bench afterwards. Mr. Burns' awards met with general approval.

YORKS YELL. COCK AND BUFF HEN: 1, Bird; 2, T. Edwards; 3, C. Edwards; vhc, Jones; hc, Greatrix; c, Morton. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN: 1, Morton; 2, vhc, Greatix; 3, Bird; hc, T. Edwards c, Bird. GREENS, YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Hughes; 2, Edwards; vhc, Jones. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hughes; 3, Edwards. NOR. (2 classes): 1, 2, Howlett; no competition. Special prize winners: 1, H. Hughes; 2, T. Edwards; 3, H. Bird.—A. E. Lloyd, Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

Meeting and pair show held rooms, 71, London-street, 28th Feb., when a good array of birds came up for competition. Following gentlemen placed awards and gave entire satisfaction: Mr. P. Easton (Plainheads, Crests, Yorks., and Borders), Mr. H. Jamieson (Muling and Hybrid Pairs).

P.H. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN (7): 1, Earskin; 2, Sloan; 3, Paterson; 4, Craig; 5, 6, spl, Taylor. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN (6): 1, spl, Donaghy; 2, Craig; 3, Sloan; 4, Taylor; 5, Dowell; 6, Barrie. CRESTS (2): 1, Lay; 2, Brown. YORKS.: 1, spl, Bowman. BORD. (3): 1, 3, Brade; 2, Lay. A.O.V. CAN. PAIRS (2): 1, Lay; 2, Barrie. MULING PAIRS (8): 1, 3, spl, Earskin; 2, Donaghy; 4, Watson; 5, Taylor; 6, spl, Sloan. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Donaghy; 2, 6, spl, Earskin; 3, Craig; 4, Rankin; 5, Watson. Messrs. Penman (Springburn) and R. P. Bayne (Cathcart) were admitted members.—F. Taylor, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

General meeting held March 2nd. After the business a most interesting pair show and judging competition were held; splendid teams of birds were staged by Messrs. A. Burrows and T. Barton in the novice section, and Mr. R. Auderton in the open section. Before the judging, which was most ably done by our worthy chairman, an interesting judging competition was held, most of the members joining, and some really promising judges were "unearthed." This was won by Mr. R. Anderton, Mr. Brewer, quite a new beginner, being a good second. Mr. Dent then performed, with the following results:

NOVICE: 1, Burrows; 2, D. Metcalf; 3, 4, vhc, and special for most points, Barton. OPEN: 1, and special for best pair shown, Leeming Bros.; 2, 3, hc, and special for most points, Anderton; 4, Leeming Bros. The best thanks of the society are due to the gentlemen who gave specials, viz., Messrs. R. Taylor, J. Pyke, J. M. Mapp, and J. Harwood.—J. P. Leeming, Secretary.

HULL C.B.S.

Second monthly show held Oddfellows' Hall, March 6th, Mr. T. Perkins judging. Three classes were provided for British birds, which brought together 38 exhibits, two Canary pair classes for champion members with 23 exhibits, and two Canary pair classes for novice members with 28 exhibits, making a grand total of 89. Points gained count for society's points cups, for most points gained at all shows during year. The following is the position of all parties, including this show:—Champion Section: Calam 59, Stamford 35, Precious 32, Brumby 16, Cliff 10, Prentice 9, Barwick 4. Novice Section: F. F. Potter 38, Douse 23, Frith 19, Longhorn 11, A. Clayton 11, Lightfoot 9, H. Sowden 8, Ridley 7, R. M. Clayton 6, Gresham 5, Smith 4, W. E. Sowden 4, Calvard 3, Hogg 3, Girling 3, Howe 2, Riley 1. It was very late when judging finished, and there was not much time left for the forty members present to look at the birds.

GOLDFINCH, ETC. (15): 1, Precious; 2, F. F. Potter; 3, Stamford; vhc, Brumby; hc, c, Gresham. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, Calam; 2, vhc, Precious; 3, Brumby; hc, Frith; c, Riley. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (10): 1, vhc, Brumby; 2, Precious; 3, Potter; hc, Gresham; c, Stamford. NOR. PAIRS, CHAMP. (12): 1, 3, Oliff; 2, vhc, hc, Calam; c, Stamford. YORKS. PAIRS, CHAMP. (11): 1, 2, hc, Precious; 3, Barwick; vhc, c, Stamford. NOR. PAIRS, NOVICE (12): 1, c, F. F. Potter; 2, hc, Douse; 3, Ridley; vhc, Calvard. YORKS. (16): 1, R. M. Clayton; 2, hc, A. Clayton; 3, W. E. Sowden; vhc, H. Sowden; c, Frith.—Ernest R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

WATFORD AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Pairs show held Conservative Hall, a splendid room for the purpose, March 4th. The entry was a record, there being 133. The quality was excellent. The hon. secretary, Mr. W. Quantrell, deserves great praise for the splendid arrangements made, and the members paid him a well-merited compliment by giving him a record entry. Messrs. R. Finlay, A. Tucker, A. S. Sears, and J. Groves rendered willing and valuable assistance as stewards, and things went so smoothly that judging was over, awards up, and catalogues out quite early in the afternoon. Special for best bird in show went to a magnificent Blackbird shown at its best by Mr. W. Quantrell, special for best Foreign, Mrs. Webb's beautiful Amazon Parrot. There was a long list of other specials, some 25 in number, and consequently the competition was very keen. A large number of fanciers and the general public visited the show Mr. Geo. Gardner judged.

CHAMP. NOR. (12): 1, spl, 3, hc, Fox; 2, Sears; vhc Groves; c Swain. C. and C.B. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Miss Hewat; 3, hc, Youens. YORKS (8): 1, 2, vhc, Willis; 3, bc, Sears; c, Swain. A.O.V.: 1, 2, R. J. Pretty. NOVICE NOR. (14): 1, spl, 2, Rackley; 3, hc, Campbell; vhc, Tucker; c, Leadham. C. AND C.-B. (5): 1, spl, 2, spl, Campbell; 3, vhc, hc, Charnock. YORKS (3): 1, spl, 3, Bealc; 2, Leedham. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Campbell. GOLDIE AND CAN. (6): 1, Quantrell; 2, Findley; 3, Leedham; vhc, Freeman; hc, Brandon; c, Groves. LINNET AND CAN. (1): 1, Swain. FINCH AND BULLIE HEN (2): 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Sears; 3, Willis. BRIT. OR HYB. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Sparrow; 2, Sears; 3, hc, Quantrell. GOLDIE (5): 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Groves; 3, Dumbleton; vhc, Wombwell; hc, Finlay. BULLIE (4): 1, spl, Quantrell; 2, Youens; 3, Freeman; vhc, Fiulay. LINNET (4): 1, 3, Quantrell; 2, Finlay; vhc, Sears. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Wombwell; 2, Finlay; 3, vhc, hc, c, Quantrell. CHAFFIE, ETC. (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Quantrell. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (1): 1, Finlay. HARDBILL HEN (2): 1, Finlay; 2, Quantrell. SOFTBILL SMALL (4): 1, spl, Wright; 2, Quantrell; 3, Freeman; vhc, Womhwell. LARGE (4): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Quantrell. FOR. SINGLE (3): 1, spl, 3, Mrs. Webb; 2, Quantrell. PAIRS (5): 1, 3, vhc, Mrs. Webb; 2, Wombwell; hc, Fox HYBRIDS (6): 1, spl, 3, c, Quantrell; 2, Wombwell; vhc, Dumbleton. SELL. (20s.) (4): 1, Sears; 2, Tucker; 3, Swain. (15s.) (8): 1, hc, R. J. Pretty; 2, Brandon; 3, Tucker; vhc, Wombwell; c, Sears. 10s. (5): 1, hc, Tucker; 2, Swain; 3, Sears; vhc, Brandon.

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FOREIGN BIRDS—continued.

GREEN Parrot and new cage, 25/-: Phillips, 28, Finborough-rd., South Kensington.

TALKING Green Yellow-fronted Amazon Parrot, 30/-: King, 35, Exley-st., Liverpool.

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OUTDOOR aviary bred, Pintail Grassfinches, strong and healthy, 6/- each, 2 for 10/6: Watts, Rowsley-avenue, Hendon, N.W.

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SALE, splendid African Grey Parrot, with red tail, and new brass-mounted cage, 30/-: Mrs. Wright, The Gadlys, Bagillt, North Wales.

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SELECTED Gouldian Finches, Black-headed, 16/6 pair; Red-headed, 21/- pair; Saffron Finches, 8/- pair: Pening, 12, Brunswick-rd., Leyton, Essex.

HANDSOME Yellow Budgerigars, 7/- pair; Green, 5/- pair; all nesting, outdoors; hen Cockatiel, 4/-: Miss Baker, Mount Sorrell. Stamp particulars.

WANTED pairs (must be from an outside aviary): White Javas, Diamond Sparrows, Whydahs, Longtail, Zebra Finches: Dean, Clifton-street, Wolverhampton.

HANDSOME young Amazon Parrot and cage, thoroughly acclimatised; making talker; comes out cage; £2, part exchange: Hawkes, 7, Regent-street, Wellinghorough.

ALL outdoor moulted Red-headed Finch, Nun, Helena Waxbill, cocks, pair Weavers, Bramble-finches, winners; Rollers from 10/6: Miss Thomas, Fairlight, Boscombe.

STOCK cages for small foreigners, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; show cages 1/9 each; wire fronts from 6d. each; state variety required for: Jordan, 16, St. Ann's Well-road, Nottingham.

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LEADBEATER'S Cockatoo, 1st National, etc.; perfect, £3, or nearest offer; would entertain exchange for other exhibition Foreign, show cage included: Leach, Westbank-place, Portobello, N.B.

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TWO pair prize-bred Magpies and pair exhibition Flying Homers, sell lot 35/-, or exchange cage birds, or offers: Morrison, 20, Parliament-st., Peterborough.

SIX cock grey Linnets, 3 hen Bullfinches, and 1 cock, 1 green Linnet, exchange for phonograph records: W. C. Hammond, Kirby Mills, Kirby Moorside.

COCKS, Goldfinch, Redpoll, Greenfinch, 10/- the lot; or exchange cock Norwich, all in Muling condition: W. Peake, Double-st., Spalding.

PRIZE Bramblefinch and show cage, winner large class, H.M., 7/6; exchange young cock Roller: Thomson, Academy-st., Larkhall.

GENUINE hand-reared cock Throstle, lovely songster, 20/-; also cock Blackbird, best songster living, 10/-; exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

TWO Linnets, finger tame, sing on table day or gaslight, with contest cages, exchange 10in. disc records; offers: Shuttleworth, 7, Derby-st., Leigh, Lancs.

EXCHANGE winning Yellow Bunting for large Cinnamon Norwich cock, also camera for pair Norwich; sell 15/- each: Brown, 22, Alma-road, Weymouth.

WHAT exchange in Norwich, two fine cock Bullfinches, splendid colour, nice pair young Goldfinches, and 2 hen Linnet Mules?: Solloway, Brynhowell, Llangollen.

ONE Buff Scotch Fancy cock, two buffs one yellow Border cocks, for exhibition British birds, on approval: Robert Johnston, Coronation-place, Tranent, Haddingtonshire.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mules for Norwich or Yorkshires, sell good Greenfinch Mule, make a good exhibition bird, only 10/6: Hall, 199, Liverpool-road, Patricroft, Manchester.

JAY, 2 years old, talks, mimics, whistles, strong healthy bird, sell 10/6, or exchange pair of Yorkshires, no rubbish: R. Scott, 67, Westminster-road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE cock Chaffinch, Corn Bunting, Redpoll, 2 hen Greenfinches, for Roller cock; what offers for child's pushcart, with shade: Noakes, Hairdresser, Newhaven, Sussex.

THREE hen Canaries, on hen Mule, 7/6 lot; two hen Bulies, cock Chaffinch, 3/6 lot, or exchange the lot for pair green Borders, or Norwich cock; offers: Rennie, East End, Prestonpans.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch and hen Canary, cock Greenfinch and Canary, 3 cock Linnet Mules, 1 hen, 2 feeders, for rook and rabbit rifle and a green art fly fishing rod: F. Paul, Ripley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE very large clear yellow Norwich cock, 1909, proved good stock bird last year, for good cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, proved Mulers; or sell 10/-: Lucas, Moat, Mark Beech, Cowden.

WILL give exhibition steady house-moulted Yellowhammer and cock yellow Budgerigar for buff Yorkshire cock; must be 7 inches long; mutual approval: Nicholson, 23, Bright-st., Skipton.

EXCHANGE another Linnet Mule, on full song, for Yorkshires (Pair); also a grand Irish terrier puppy, four months old; no reasonable offer refused; both for sale: L. Jones, Fairview, Kildare, Ireland.

GENUINE large cock Bullfinch, make good show bird, 4/-; or exchange aviary bred green hen Budgerigar, or offers in Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries; approval: A. Hook, Dairy Farm, Linfield, Sussex.

SALE, exchange, 2 cock Goldfinches, house-moulted, proved Mulers, cock Linnet, Norwich hen, Mulers, two breeding cages, 6 others, good condition; what offers?: J. W., 7, Garden-st., Llanbradach, Glam.

MR. HAWKES will exchange any of his exhibition British birds or Hybrids for Edison talking machine, Grey Parrot, or disc records. See British or Hybrid column: 390, Grove Green rd., Leytonstone.

EXCHANGE, four cock Goldfinches, two house-moulted Bullfinches, cock Redpoll, for large buff Norwich cock and yellow hen, Bullfinch type, 1910 birds; approval, yours first: Broxton, 132, Trench, Wellington, Salop.

TWO pair of Yorkshires, cock Linnet Mule, very steady, cage-moulted, cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, 2 cock Linnets, pair of Doves, 160 Cage Birds, 10 plates; offers for lot or separate: J. Sullivan, 38, Winifred-st., Rotherham.

HAND-reared Starling, 1910 bird, beauty, no plainer talker living, heard at owner's: 15/-; suit public-house or hairdresser's shop; also house moulted Chaffinch, 5/-; or exchange Thrush, show cage; yours first: Smith, 5, Oldbridge End, Jedburgh.

IF you want Greenfinches or Chaffinches, cocks or hens, aviary moulted, grand birds, try T. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife; exchange for Norwich hens, also pair Black-red Game Bantams, 1910 Birch, for Norwich cock, or Budgerigars.

TWO cock Greenfinches, 1 hen Linnet Mule, 1 hen Goldfinch, cage-moulted, for clear Yorkshire hen; 3 good clear yellow Norwich hens, exchange clear Yorkshire cock, full song, will give 4 for good bird: Major, 31, Bernard-rd., Wallington, Surrey.

HOUSE-moulted Goldfinch and large Norwich buff hen, 12/6; silver Lizards, cocks, 7/6 each; yellow buff Yorkshire hen, 4/-; all unflighted; 6 Norwich yellow (Norwich hen, 10/-, show cages and case, 15/-; exchange any above for good yellow Norwich hen, unflighted, or anything useful; yours first: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE 3 Roller hen Canaries for Roller cock; yours first: A. Sharpe, 14, Church-lane, Lincoln.

ROLLERS; 2 cocks, 4 hens; exchange phonograph and records; sell 30/-: Weedner, Cemetery-rd., Lye.

EXCHANGE, one buff Norwich cock for two Norwich hens: E. Blake, 24, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts.

CANARIES, two cocks, four hens, £1; exchange anything useful to a bootmaker: Moy, Bootmaker, Jarrow.

FOR sale, 2 hen Canaries, 1910, 1 light, 1 dark, good home wanted: Mrs. Grindle, Coldash Vicarage, Newbury.

SALE, three pairs good unflighted Norwich, 12/- pair; 30/- lot; approval, deposit: Scott, New Phœnix-yard, Morpeth.

EXCHANGE class Yorkshires and cages for new 10in. disc records, or useful offers: Hilton, 47, Brandwood-st., Bolton.

FOUR good Border hens, sell 15/-; or exchange good Buff Norwich cock: J. Wilson, 7, Mentone-avenue, Portobello.

THREE Norwich hens, good feeders, 5/- lot, or exchange cock Goldfinch in song: Halse, 10, Devonshire-rd., Chiswick.

WHAT offers in Norwich for green Borders? Cocks, hens, pairs. Mutual approval: Green, 36, Lord Nelson-st., Liverpool.

EXCHANGE four hen Canaries for two cock Goldfinches or one Scifert Roller cock: Watson, 8, Pawson's-place, Grantham.

EXCHANGE foul cinnamon buff Border hen and little cash for yellow Border cock: Holmes, 22, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

EXCHANGE, beautiful pair of Yorkshire Canaries for pair of good yellow Budgerigars, or sell 8/-: 18, Eastfield-rd., Andover.

FOUR Roller hens, best blood obtainable; exchange for good Roller cock or sell 4/- each: Rogers, 365, Caledonian-rd., London.

YELLOW Norwich cock, good type and feather, 12/-; exchange large buff Norwich hen: Kemp, 212, Girlington-rd., Bradford.

PAIR Rollers, sell 10/6; exchange house-moulted Linnets, cocks: 64, Cemetery-rd., Lye.

EXCHANGE two buff marked Border hens for yellow or marked Yorkshire cock: Rorke, Craigmark, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

EXCHANGE good buff Crested cock for good Norwich hen; sell 10/6; yours first: Greenaway, 7, Gladstone-rd., Tonbridge.

EXCHANGE long yellow Yorkshire cock for good Norwich cock; or sell 7/6: Houghton, 103, Robins-lane, Sutton, St. Helen's.

EXCHANGE good Norwich cock for 2 Norwich cinnamons, Seifert hens, or offers; yours first: E. Gibbs, Hangerberry, Lydbrook, Glos.

EXCHANGE Crested hen, good, for really good typical yellow Norwich hen, young; Norwich first: Goodall, Aberlour, Banffshire.

EXCHANGE 7 good hen Canaries, for 3 cocks, also Welsh Terrier dog, for chicks or rabbits; yours first: 19, Alfred-pl., Gravesend.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 10/-; buff ditto, 7/6; yellow hen, 3/6; Norwich cocks, 5/-: Fred Hollingworth, Whittington-Moor, Chesterfield.

WILL give, or sell 30/-, massive variegated Crested cock, good large crest, for five singing cocks; approval: 176, London-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Lancashire for real Irish linen handkerchiefs, collars, etc.; approval both ways: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

GRAND pair Norwich Canaries, 15/- pair; Hartz, 8/6; exchange talking Parrot, Pomeranian bitch, or offers: Sheldon, Builder, Tideswell.

TWO Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen Canaries, 7/-; exchange young Terrier bitch, good nose: Bourne, 85, Hot-lane, Burslem, Staffs.

TWO smart new gent's straw hats, best straw and finish; exchange good yellow ticked Norwich cock: Dollimore, 55, Fishpool-st., St. Alban's.

SPLENDID Yorkshire cock Canaries, Ogden's, exchange 2 good Roller cocks, singing, no choppers: Cotton, Broughton-st., Hebden Bridge.

LARGE variegated Lancashire Norwich hen, 5/-; Bullfinch hen, breeder, 2/6; exchange yellow Norwich cock: W. Dick, Stow, Midlothian.

EXCHANGE for Canaries (Norwich or Yorks) treadle lathe, 2ft. bed, 3in. centre; mutual approval: F. Copus, 7, Burman-st., Swansea.

TWO Norwich hens, 1910; 1 yellow, 1 buff, sell 6/-, or exchange for a large yellow plainhead hen: R. Collins, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch.

PURE clear Seifert Roller cocks, from 15/-; hens, 5/-; extra large Norwich hens, 7/6, 10/-; Sandiford's; useful exchange, drapery: Mead, St. Anne's.

PAIR smart Borders for Scotch Fancy hen; yellow Yorkshire cock for cycle type, 28 x 1¼: James Kennedy, 30, Drygate-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE or sell a few pair of Yorkshires, from 8/- pair, and upwards, or anything useful: B. Holmes, 95, Dalton-lane, Keighley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE pair good Yorkshires for yellow Norwich hen; must be good typical hen; yours first: Gilson, 62, Beech-avenue, Garden Village, Hull.

FOUR 1909 feeding hens, 6 1910 ditto, 18/- lot, or separate; useful exchange; clothes or poultry: Hooke, Lynford Villas, Highland-rd., Aldershot.

NOTICE: What offers in Canaries for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

GRAND Norwich, Barn's strain, yellow, buff, green, cocks 6/6, 15/-, hens 3/6, 5/-; breeding cages, metal seed drums, £8 lot: Smith, Jeweller, Kirton, Lindsey.

1909 NORWICH cock and hen, and large double-breeder, joiner made; best cash offers; splendid bargain; worth 17/6; A. Holmes, Cemetery, Whittlesea.

WILL exchange two unflighted yellow N.P. cocks, for typical buff cocks and buff hen (unflighted); offers: Woolley, Young-st., Haverton Hill, Middlesbro'.

TWO pairs of Borders, marks and clears, in exchange for winning British, or anything useful: Honston, junr., Netherburn-by-Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

EXCHANGE two good Crest-bred cocks for good Crested and Crest-bred hens; or sell: W. Young, Hill View, Station-rd., Lower Soundwell, Kingswood, Bristol.

PAIR large healthy Norwich, nesting, with breeding cage, 17/6; pair Yorkshires, with breeding cage, 15/-; cash or exchange: C. Punter, 5, Victoria-aven., Camberley.

FOR sale or exchange, 3 green Border cocks, stock birds, rung, Mr. Jowett's Crystal Palace prize strain, for foreigners: Jas. Hooke, Carpenter, Longthorpe, Peterborough.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshire cocks 7/6 to 21/-, exchange, wanted good Irish Terrier dog; no cards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

FOR sale or exchange, one Yorkshire cock and two hens; these birds bred 23 youngsters last season; any sort of offer considered: V. Hopkinson, Brierley, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

LOVELY pair Norwich Canaries, 1910, bargain, 10/6; one green Yorkshire cock, 7/6; yellow Norwich hen, 2/6; several cages for sale: Particulars of S. K. Fish, Gillingham, Dorset.

EXCHANGE 2 dozen cock Linnets for Canaries, cocks or hens; 150 German travelling cages, with drinkers, new, 25/-, or nearest offer: Smith, 5, North-st., Folkestone, Kent.

VARIEGATED Crest-bred cock, winner, 40/-; exchange for good buff Norwich cock or clear or lightly marked Crest-bred hen; mutual approval: Muscott, Tremont-rd., Llandrindod Wells.

BORDERS; exchange 2 yellow green cocks for yellow green and clear buff cocks, value 10/- each; 3 buff green hens, 7/6 the three; bargain: Allan, 47, Gilbert-st., Overnewton, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE for poultry, grand pair 1909 Yorkshires, yellow cock and buff variegated hen, also prize-bred Norwich for sale; seen after 6, 1 p.m. Saturdays: J. V., 34, Jamaica-st., Stepney, E.

VARIEGATED yellow Norwich cock, winner, 15/-; ticked Border cock, winner, 7/6; both full song; also light even marked cock Mule, winner, 30/-; or £2 lot; exchange: Robinson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

WHAT offers in Yorkshire hens, marked birds wanted, for buff Yorkshire cock, took 1st and spl. at Wimbledon show this season; no rubbish wanted; approval both ways; apply, W. Blaker, 13, Adelphi-rd., Epsom.

FOR sale, a splendid pair of high-class Yorkshire buffs, 15/-; cock alone worth money; also will exchange 48 Watson's Matchless soap wrappers for a pair of German Rollers: Povey, Hill-view, Cronton, nr. Prescot.

THREE buff cocks, 12/6; two buff cocks, 25/- each; one buff ticked, 15/-; overstocked; dirt cheap; exchange high grade cycle, field-glasses; offers; mutual approval: W. Beaumont, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; buff cock, yellow hen; also fancy costume, length, pattern sent; exchange Norwich, buffs, must be good; particulars letters; stamp, please: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

LARGE four-compartment breeding cage, with sliding partitions, seed hoppers, etc., 8/-; single breeders, 1/- each: Groom, 243, Kingsley-avenue, Kettering.

A BARGAIN: sale or exchange, 7 prize-bred Border hens, ready for nesting; honestly worth 3/- each; will take 11/- for lot to clear; or exchange a good yellow marked Norwich hen, on approval both ways: Snowdon, Sunter.

ONE monster variegated buff cock, unflighted, 12/6; two good clear buff hens, 1909 and 1910, 7/- each; one cinnamon yellow hen, unflighted, 6/-; or will exchange for case of cutlery: F. Stott, 41, Mills-st., Frechold, Rochdale.

TWO pairs Green Norwich Canaries, medium size, cold-room, 1910 birds, 10/6 per pair to clear; one large yellow cock, 8/6; part exchange two good Roller hens, or pair of yellow Budgerigars: Turner, 66, High-st., Maldon, Essex.

YELLOW Norwich hen, 10/-; buff Norwich hens, 7/6, 10/6 each; 2 cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each; Silver or Gold Lizards, cocks, 10/6 each; Yorkshire hens, 4/6 each; buff marked Yorkshire cock, 8/6; all unflighted; exchange any for good yellow Norwich hen (unflighted), or anything useful; yours first: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

Mainly Foreign.

HEN Rock-Thrush, 20/-, or will exchange for hen Painted Finch: Phillips, 26, Cromwell Grove, Hammersmith.

COCKATIELS, adult pair, aviary bred; exchange green Budgerigars, adults, or sell 12/-: Bailey, 38, Ivanhoe-st., Leicester.

GREEN Amazon Parrot, cage; started talking, splendid condition; exchange Mules, Canaries, offers; approval: Bignell, 170, Meyrick-rd., Battersea.

WILL exchange noted exhibition Yorkshire, Norwich, Hybrids, or British for talking African Grey Parrot. See respective columns: Hawkes, Leytonstone.

EXCHANGE pair of Yellow Weavers, one Combasson, also hen Budgerigar, for good Border Fancy cock: John Sneddon, junr., 9, West George-st., Coatbridge.

EXCHANGE pair adult healthy green Budgerigars for yellow variegated 1910 Norwich hen to value, or sell 7/-: A. Lear, 11, Goodrich-avenue, Caerphilly, near Cardiff.

Miscellaneous.

GOOD English buck; change a pair of Norwich Canaries: G. Swain, 12, Big Barn-lane, Mansfield.

BELGIAN hare buck, 6/-; will take three Bantam hens, or best offers: Hemsley, Cockfield, Durham.

ONE hundred cages, also bird room oil stove; exchange birds, anything: Broxup, 24, Pendle-st., Burnley.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Clerkenwell.

B.S.A. air rifle, cost 50/-, cash, or exchange Canaries; approval: Fearn, 118, Potter-st., Worksop, Notts.

EXCHANGE 2 single breeding cages (new) for cock Canary: J. Thain, Bank Top, Bedlington, Northumberland.

EXCHANGE squirrel in mahogany aviary, 25 by 15 by 26, for birds or poultry: King, 331, Edgware-road, W.

OVERCOAT, good condition, fit youth 15, exchange cock and hen Canaries, offers: Ellis, 5, Mount-st., Welshpool.

EXCHANGE cutlery for Canaries, state wants; no rubbish sent, none wanted: G. Boston, 71, Otley-st., Sheffield.

WILL exchange safety razor, 12 blades, pot, and brush, for anything useful: R. Heare, 123, Gresham-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE concertina by Lachenal, London, for singing Rollers, or sell 25/-; what offers: Bunker Saddler, Luton.

TWO pair of racing Homers, flown York, for four Norwich Canary hens; approval: Joseph Sewell, Turnford, Herts.

BIRD'S nest and case, brass lock, key, cost 30/-, as new, exchange birds: Keymer, Blackwall Reach, Gorleston-on-Sea.

WHITE Java cock, 3/6; 1 double, 2 single breeders, nearly new; 6,6 the 3; or will separate: H. Hudston, Bingley.

EXCHANGE pair of field-glasses in sling (no name) for Canaries; yours first; W. Stanbra, 22, Merton-rd., Enfield Town.

EXCHANGE a new overcoat, never worn, cost £2 5s., for Canaries, sell 25/-; offers: Wakefield, 38, Donald-st., Cardiff.

INSIDE gas enamel shop lamp, sell 8/6, tennis market, exchange Canaries or others: Pinner, 85 Lancaster-rd., Enfield.

EXCHANGE pom bitch pup, fawn, five months, for good talking Parrot, or sell 25/-: F. Collins, Kingston, Ringwood, Hants.

SELL or exchange silver watch and rifle, new; birds, offers anything useful: Evans, North-cottage, Merthyr, South Wales.

WHAT offers 3 Spaniel pups, 3 months, 750 foreign stamps, rare poultry, birds, anything: Henry, 140, Alice-st., High Shields.

BULL Terrier bitch; exchange pair good clear Norwich, stock; young hens for sale cheap: Spencer, 89, Gonsalva-rd., Battersea.

KINGSWELL phonograph, also 50 records, perfect condition, accept £2 or useful exchange entertained: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE phonograph in oak case, needs little repair, no horn, for large yellow Norwich cock: F. Hird, Helm, Windermere.

WHAT offers hen Canaries for superior suit length, any colour tweed or serge, or sell 25/-: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

THREE volumes Chums, good condition; exchange cock Starling, or sell 7/6; mutual approval: J. Guy, Marton Hall, Bridlington.

BRADBURY sewing machine, in good working order, 25/-; exchange 2 large Sib bred hens: Hassall, 13, Sant-st., Burslem.

PAIR Yorkshires 15/-, rolled gold watch 17/6 guitar zither 20/-, Sandow developers 10/-; exchange 18, Stephen-st., Warrington.

EXCHANGE Cassell's "Popular Gardening," 2 vols., bound, fully illustrated, for Canaries; what offers: Evans, Aspley Guise.

EXCHANGE all-wire hang-up cage (new), cost 8/6, for pair Norwich, or Rollers, birds first: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

MAILCART, cost £2, nearly new, sell £1; or exchange anything useful: A. Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

FOLDING push chair, in good condition; exchange Canaries, anything useful, or sell 6/6: Walter, 1, Henrietta-st., Bulwell, Notts.

EXCHANGE blue lounge suit, chest 36, inside leg 31, for yellow Yorkshire cock; bird first: Oxley, 16, Gresham-rd., Brixton, London.

PAIR Rollers or Budgerigars; exchange cycle cover, 28 by 1¾, wired; offers: Criddeford, Honiton.

EXCHANGE calabashpipe, silver mounted, nicely coloured, for muling cock Goldfinch and hen Canary: Jewell, 25, Well-st., Plymouth.

EXCHANGE good garden gun and cartridges for muling Goldfinch, or sell 7/6; yours first: Hulse, 12, Moors-lane, Winsford, Cheshire.

TWO coachman's overcoats, two pairs breeches, good condition; exchange Canaries, British: Dunning, 2, Chapel-terrace, Chester.

STRONG garden seat, 5ft. long, iron frame, sell 6,6; exchange birds, anything; letters please: Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

WHAT offers in Norwich Canaries for Pathe Cognet phonograph, 6 records, 25/-: Rhodes, 61, Young-st., Girlington, Bradford.

COCK Siskins, 2,6; yellow cock Budgerigar, 4/-; cock Bullfinch, 2/-; exchange common hen Canaries: Nock, Overend, Cradley, Staffs.

WANTED African Grey or Amazon Parrot, exchange cornet in case, guitar zither: Bentley, 1, Silver-crescent., Gunnersbury, W.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, a motor back lamp, Lucas King of the Road (brass); approval: Motor House, Mountpleasant-rd., Ealing.

EXCHANGE good pair meat carvers or six knives, ivorine handles, for cock or two good hen Canaries: Hinchcliffe, 36, Hunt-st., Sheffield.

PAIR of Light Brahma Bantams, winning strain 30/-, cost 50/-, or exchange Norwich or Crests: Yearby, 93, Jodrell-st., Nuneaton.

PRETTY little black Toy dog puppy, 5 months, exchange for Goldfinch Mule, or sell 7/6: Jones, 36, Belle Vue, Trecynon, Aberdare.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Mules, foreign birds, new breeders, show cages, loose fronts: Dignan, Cage Maker, Portwood Aviaries, Stockport.

EXCHANGE Welsh terrier pup, bitch, 5 months old, for pair Norwich or Yorkshires, or sell 15/-: Roberts, 6, Eryri-terrace, Carnarvon.

WHAT offers for 4dio Black Rosecomb Bantams, laying, for house-moulted Goldfinches or Mules; mutual approval: Parker, Holsworthy.

YOUNG Parrot and cage, 15/-; 6 Yorkshire Norwich singing Canaries, 7/6 each; exchange: A. Green, 17, Nottingham-place, Stepney.

LARGE Thrush cage, good condition, 4/6; 170 "Cage Birds" (clean); exchange good exhibition British; Woodhouse, Asline-rd., Sheffield.

THIRTEEN square yards inlaid linoleum, £1 18/6; exchange Norwich or Rollers; yours first: Smith, Freemantle House, Freemantle-rd., Lowestoft.

FRIENDS going abroad, offers, nice Black Pom. bitch, smart house guard, 15/-; what offers exchange: Morrison, 7, High-st., Aberlour.

PILE Bantam cock, 3 hens, 7/6; Duckwing cockerel 4/-; 4 Budgerigars, 10/-; male Persian cat, pedigree, 7/6: John MsDonald, Aberdour, Fife.

EXCHANGE lady's pet Dachound bitch, a real specimen for house, sell 30/-, or for household goods; offers: Miss Niblett, 129, High-st., Dudley.

SELL or exchange Crystal Palace aviary, glass all round, almost new, bargain 16/-, or offers: R. McKinnell and Son, 22, Mill-st., Dalbeattie.

EXCHANGE gramophone, 34 tunes, plays any discs, value £2, for Norwich or Yorkshire cocks: A. Barham, 35, Parma-crescent, Battersea, London.

BARGAIN, lady's black cape, caricul collar, twice worn, cost 25/-, for 2 1910 Norwich cocks; birds first: Sleigh, Redburn, Holywood, Co. Down.

FIRST-class glazier's diamond, 15/-; English accordeon, steel reeds, £1; approval, deposit; exchauge anything: Harvey, 6, Trinity-st., West Bromwich.

LARGE oak Crystal Palace aviary, perfect condition, sell for 10/6; or exchange for hen Canaries, birds first: Smith, 14, Park-rd., Aldeburgh-on-Sea.

HANDSOME Yorkshire bitch, 10 months, sell 15/-; pedigree unknown, or exchange, Yorkshire Canaries preferred: 37, Spring Bank, New Mills, Derbyshire.

BLACK Pom bitch, 8 months, over distemper, 8lbs. 25/-, exchange Grey Parrot or Norwich Canaries, must be good: Spencer, 23, Somerset-rd., Doncaster.

LADY'S cycle, good condition, new tyres, 50/-; gent's B.S.A., 60/-; exchange exhibition British, offers, anything: Akehurst, 53, Shaftesbury-rd., Brighton.

EXCHANGE fawn whippet bitch, fast and true, for Canaries, Border or Norwich, to value 30/-: For particulars apply McClue-Machan, Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

PAIR pure white prize-bred Fantails, Emery's strain; exchange Budgerigars or Canaries; sell 10/6; approval: Macdonald, 88, Shakespeare-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE pair white Jacobins, Milligan's strain, for Norwich or Yorkshire cock Canary, or offers, or sell 7/6; approval: Joseph Royles, 262, Beet-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives, 6 nickled forks, and hollow-ground razor for 2 cocks or 5 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

EDISON Gem phonograph, Ambrol attachment recorder, large horn, stand, 24 new records, £2; wanted 'cello: Torrington Cottage, West Hill, Sydenham.

HIGH CLASS boots, gents' from 10/6, ladies' from 7/6, gents' suits from 25/-; all latest styles; approval; exchange birds to value: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WHAT offers, Canaries preferred, in exchange for 14 volumes "Young England" and 124 volumes "St. Paul's," unbound: Jones: 56, Crofton-rd., Plaistow, London, E.

GENT'S good mackintosh, dark fawn, storm collar, etc., cost 32/- week ago; sell 25/-; exchange birds, poultry, lady's or girl's cycle: Cross, Cross Keys, Mon.

GENTLEMAN'S tricycle, pneumatic tyres, £5 10s.; cab body, splendid condition, suit garden, 45/-; seraphone organ, with music, 30/-: 14, Fishergate, Nottingham.

THREE cock Linnet Mules, Linnet song, also solid silver English Lever hunting watch, exchange, gramophone preferred: Walker, 16, Church-st., Whitby, Yorks.

SPLENDID table and white collie, Hamilton's strain, 30/-; pen Black Rosecomb bantams, Wright's, 15/-; or exchange: Burrage, Ravensburgh, Banstead-rd., Carshalton.

EXCHANGE new Edison Gem phonograph and horn, and 24 records in case, all complete, for talking African Grey Parrot: Clark, Grocer, 105, Woodside-lane, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 3 vols. of "The Family Physician," complete, condition as new, cost £3 3/-, sell for 30/-; offers: Wilkinson, 459, Liverpool-rd., Peel Green, Manchester.

SALE fine fawn Pug puppy, splendid pedigree 20/-, or exchange pair good Yorkshires or Norwich Canaries; birds first: apply: McRobbie, 51, Earl-st., Scotstown.

TWELVE Brown Leghorn chickens, nearly fortnight old, 10/6; pair handsome Yorkshire Canaries, nesting, 12/6; exchange live stock: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE pair Black-red Game Bantams, bred 1909, sell £1, or exchange cage birds; Wheaten hen, sell 7/6, or exchange; approval; yours first: Bradley, Somercotes, Alvcton.

EXCHANGE, Bradbury's hand sewing machine, in excellent condition, for British or Canaries: Gilding, 39, Shambles, York.

EXCHANGE Black Spaniel bitch, 7 months, perfect carrier, £2, exchange good Rollers, Norwich, pink-eyed hens preferred; approval: Coutts, Bonawe, Taynuilt, Argyllshire.

WANTED good Zonophone or Columbia disc machine, exchange Norwich hens, Crested cocks and hens; approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Basford, Nottingham.

WHITE Bull Terrier bitch, grand pedigree, 20/-; three months' puppy, 10/-; wanted cock Canaries, men's boots, overcoat, camera: Alexander, 229, Uxbridge-rd., West Ealing.

BREEDING cages, 3 three-compartment, 1 four-compartment, 1 two-compartment; large flight cage, egg mill, accessories, 3 large Norwich hens; offers: Childs, Victoria-st., Lynn.

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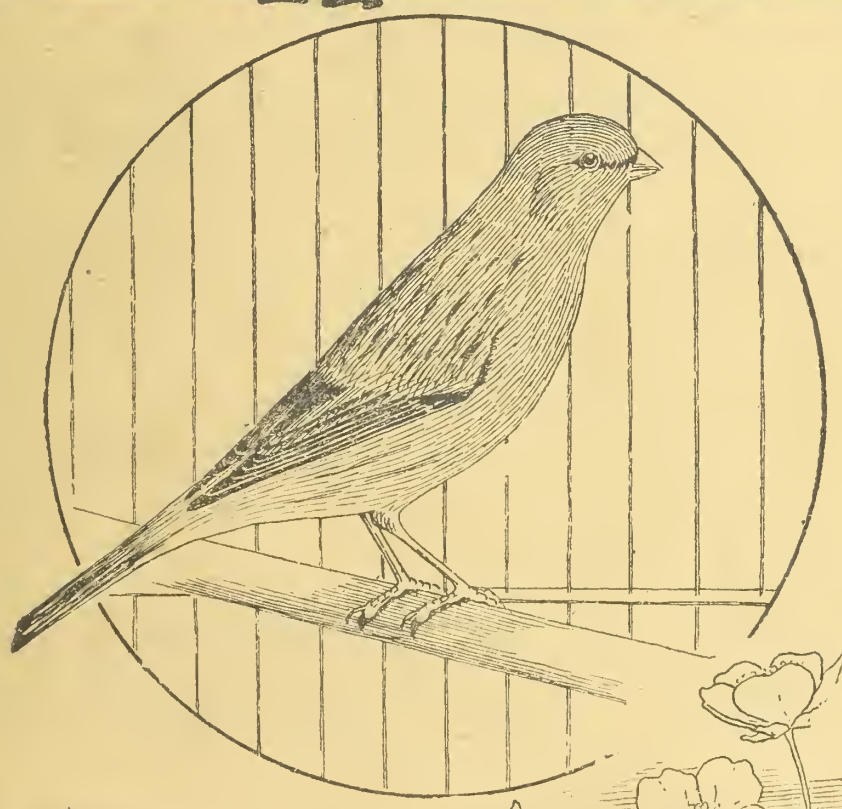
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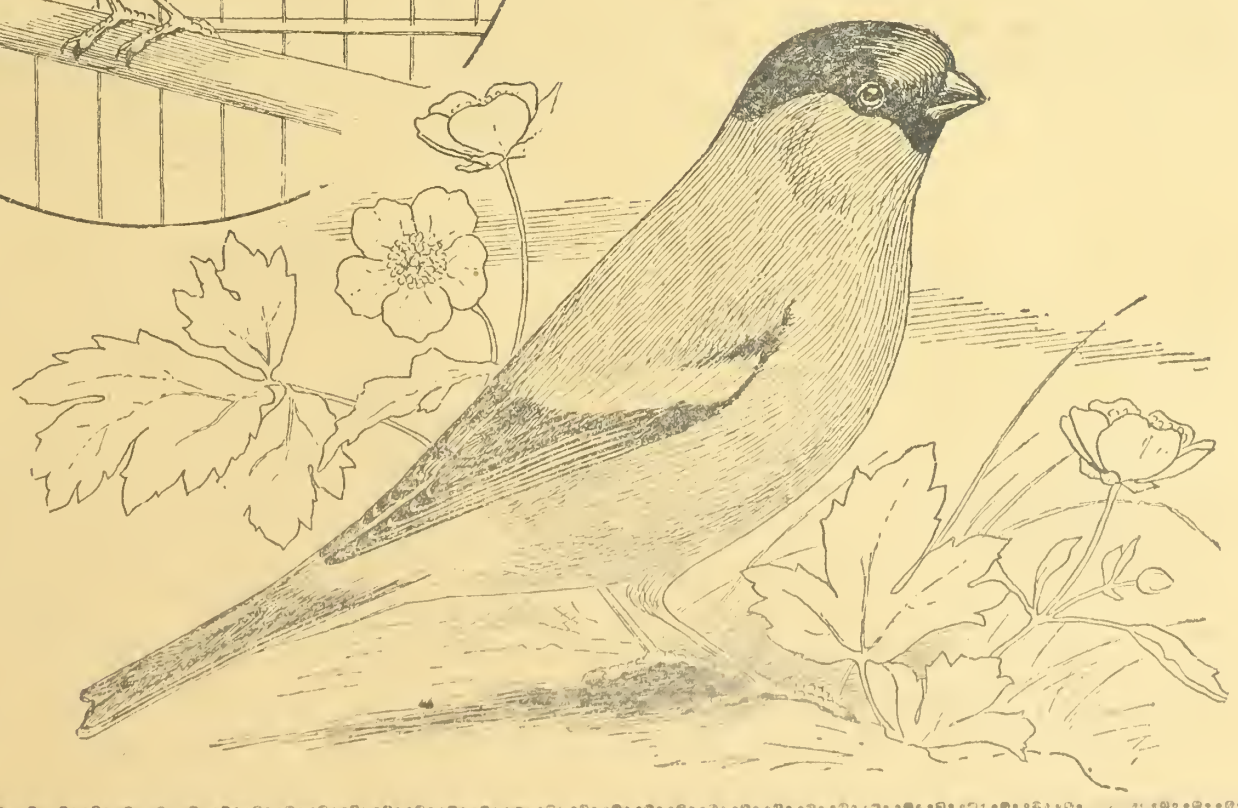
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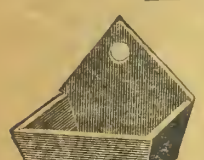
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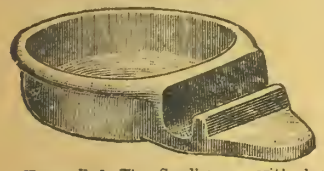
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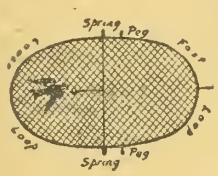
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WANTED Cinnamons: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.
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NORWICH, Yorkshires, Borders, Dutch Frills, all colours, pairs, singles, 3/6 to £10; cages, fronts; exchange; exportations a speciality: Williams, Taxidermist, Mountvernon-rd., Liverpool.

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Lancashires.

GRAND Plainhead cock 10/6, buff hen 6/-: J. Holmes, 12, Beech-st., Hulme, Manchester.

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LARGE massive Lancashire Plainheads, cocks and hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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SOME GRAND LANCASHIRES.

Yellow and Buff, Cocks and Hens, state requirements or list free.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

Lizards.

HECTOR Oliver, Glossop, can spare few good Lizards, related to his winners, pairs carefully matched; write for particulars.

FOR disposal, all my stock of Lizards, not having time to attend to more than one variety; approval willingly: W. Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

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W. P. BARNES,

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Norwich.

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TO clear, 13 pairs, cocks 7/-, hens 3/-, or offer for lot: Manning, 71, West-rd., West Ham.

GOOD, pure bred, from outdoor aviary, cocks 8/6, hens 3/-: Miss Hopton, Homend Ledbury.

FOR sale, a few Norwich Plainheads: James Richie, 40, Montrose-st., Brechin, Scotland.

NORWICH Canaries, 6/- pair, good birds: Lakin, Field-st., Albert-ter., Shepshed, Leicestershire.

GOOD pair Norwich Canaries, 8/- pair, 2 hens 5/- the two: Miss E. Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

NORWICH hen Canaries, cold-room hred, 2/6 each: Tipper, 110, Wycliffe-rd., Lavender Hill, London, S.W.

A. WARD, 10, St. Paul's, Norwich, has a few Sih.-bred hens from 3/6; good yellow Norwich from 5/- each.

ALEX. JUNNER, breeder and exhibitor, Elgin, must clear a few cocks and hens from 3/6 to 20/- each.

FOUR buff 4 buff variegated hens, all young birds, 2/6 each: Baldock, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent.

NORWICH cocks, in full song, 6/6; clears, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval: G. Lock, Phone Stores, Sutton, Surrey.

PLAINHEAD Norwich; a few good pairs from 12/6 to 18/6: James Winton, 7, North Lindsay-st., Dundee.

FOUR good Norwich hens for sale, or exchange anything useful: Perry, 69, Fisher-st., Canning Town, Essex.

BUFF cock, unflighted, winner, grand stock bird, 25/-; typical buff hen, 10/-: J. Livermore, 76, Dudley-st., Bedford.

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BEFORE pairing up, must sell clear yellow cock 10/-; yellow variegated hens from 5/-: Holt, Meigle st., Galashiels

EXCHANGE buff Norwich hen for yellow or ticked ditto, sell 5/-; approval: S. H., Great Bounds, Southborough, Kent.

AVIARY-bred Norwich, cocks 5/-, hens 2/-, pairs 6/6, hardy as Sparrows; approval: Wiffin, Balsham-rd., Linton, Cambs.

TEN pairs Norwich cocks, from 6/6, 10/-; hens from 5/- upwards, or sell in one lot: 7, Park-st., Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

EIGHT large young Norwich hens, 2/3 each, 15/- lot; grand cocks, full song, 6/-: Hewitt, Galgate, Barnard Castle.

GRAND Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens form, 3/6; approval, deposit: J. Jessop, 439, Springvale-rd., Sheffield.

TWO buff and 1 yellow, 1910, cocks, good type and strain, 12/- each, or exchange hens.—B., 8, Bream Buildings, London.

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GOOD yellow and buff cocks, 8/6, splendid singers; hens, 3/6, outdoor aviary: Miss Ibberson, 21, Wilbury Villas, Hove.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich for sale, cocks and hens, buffs and yellows, 7/0 each; approval: Reay, 49, Flower-st., Carlisle.

SEVERAL good hens, yellow and buff type and quality, ready for breeding, cheap: Harris, 9, Phelp-st, Walworth.

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SEVERAL good buff cocks, 12/6; unflighted hens 5/-, from my winning strain: Dixon, 14, Claremont-avenue, New Malden.

A few grand cocks for sale, yellows and buffs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; approval: Baker, Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

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A few good hens for sale, 1910, clean and healthy, warranted, 2/- each, cash or deposit: Cooper, 9, Holland-rd., Leicester.

YELLOWS, buffs, and variegated; pair, 6/-; cocks, 4/-; hens, 2/-; terms, deposit with Editor: A. Hewitt, Church Gate, Shepshed.

LARGE Norwich cocks, full song, yellow and buff, 7/6, 8/6; buff hens, 3/-, 3/6: Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red Lane, Coventry.

CLEAR 1909 buff cock, 2nd Invernese, 12/6; case, with six show cages 6-, with three 4-: Todd, Murray Place, Inverness.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have a few left for sale, Yellows and Buffs, cheap: Tweddle, Balaclava-st., Blackburn.

GRAND yellow Norwich hen, winner, 12/6; buff cock, 10/-, approval: James, 29, Margaret-terrace, Blaingwynfi, Port Talbot.

COCKS, unflighted, in full song, breeding condition, cold room, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6: Thompson, Holly Bush Cottage, Dereham, Bucks.

FOUR pairs large Norwich Canaries, 7/6 pair; two double breeding cages 5/- each, £2 lot: Tomlinson, 25, Ebor-st., York.

TYPICAL Norwich, few grand cocks left, splendid quality, 7/6 to 15/-; approval willingly: W. Cundiff, 139, High-st., Macclesfield.

MUST sell, grand pair Norwich, buff marked cock, yellow hen, £1, cock worth that; exchange Rollers: approval: Redgate, Heanor.

SIX pairs outdoor aviary bred Norwich, cocks, 4/-, 5/-; hens, 2/-; approval, deposit: Geo. Osborne, 48, Stockwellhead, Hinckley.

LARGE Norwich, clean Yellow Buff cocks, clean Buff hen, colour-fed, 10/- each, Mitchell's strain: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

FIFTEEN yellow and buff cocks, 1910, bred 8/-, 10/- each; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

TWO large typical pairs, 9/6, 11/6, ready to nesting; 1910 hens, 3/-, 3/6; healthy; approval: Poore, 43, Guildford-rd., Ilford.

NORWICH Canaries; early 1910; strong, good songsters; plain or Crested: also hens, Crested: 94, Dukes-avenue, Chiswick, London.

CHAMPION Norwich cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; inspection invited; approval, deposit: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

FOUR good strong healthy 1910, Norwich hens, grand type, quality, and colour, 3/- each; good breeding cage, 1/6: Adcock, Chatteris.

ONE large yellow cock, 15/-; two buff cocks, 10/-; two buff hens, 7/6; all 1910; approval: Stirling, 28, Leven-st., Pollokshields, Glasgow.

GRAND Norwich cocks 5/6, hens 3/6 upwards, buffs, yellows: Robinson, 121, Minor-st., Failsworth, Manchester (behind Houghton Arms).

TWO pairs good Plainheads, 12/6 pair, bargain; approval; 40 plates "Cages Birds," clean; offers: William Prattis, Lauriceston, Falkirk.

KELLY, Dean-rd, Kilbirnie, two yellow cocks, one buff, 12/6 and 15/- each; two buff hens and one yellow, 10/- and 12/6 each; approval.

SEVERAL good Norwich for sale, belonging to the late Mr. John Ferguson: Particulars from Mrs Ferguson, 818, Argyle-street, Glasgow.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6 5/-; hens 2/6, 3/-; pairs 7/-, 7/6; grand value approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

NOTICE, several grand Norwich, sure winners prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M. Keand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

HAVE two variegated yellow cocks, 20/-, 12/6 each, also few yellow hens, 6/6, 7/6 each; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivey-road, Northampton.

SEND for my illustrated price list of high-class Norwich, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair, carriage paid; on approval: L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXHIBITION Norwich, large buff cock 30/-, fine yellow 40/-, or exchange hens to value; cold room; cock Goldfinch, 5/-: Brain, Glastonbury.

NORWICH, 7 short flighted buff and yellow cocks, 12/- each; also few hens, from winners; inspection, exchange: 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

CANARIES, in prime condition, green, variegated, and clear, seen evenings, and all Saturday: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush, Road.

LARGE double breeding cage, in splendid condition, with pair yellow Norwich Canaries, 18/6; exchange: Charles Lctall, Whittlesea, Cambs.

THREE splendid clear Norwich hens, 3/- each; 1 fine cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/6 each; all 1010: Wood, 148, Palewell Park, East Sheen, S.W.

LARGE sound yellow Norwich cock, Frank Lawson's, exchange for large extra cobby buff unflighted hen or cock: Laidlow, Painter, Langholm.

FIVE good bred Norwich cock Canaries, together or separate. What offers in exchange? Not dogs: Leggatt, 6, Southdown-ave., Brighton, Sussex.

TO make room for breeding, can spare a few good birds, yellows or buffs; state wants, stamp reply; approval: Proctor, 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

HENS, typical buff Norwich, clears and variegated, size, substance, quality, 10/6 to 15/6, best blood; approval, stamp: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

NORWICH.—A few surplus unflighted birds, from winners, cheap; inspection invited; approval; state wants: S. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, S.W.

FEW good Norwich cocks, prize strain, from 8/6 upwards; also a few Greens, cheap; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

SIX young Canaries, 8 weeks old, 12/-; one large yellow Norwich cock, full song, 7/6; approval: Wilkinson, Breconhill, Butterknowle, Darlington.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks in full song 5/-, 6/-; Hens, 2/-, 3/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/- pair: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

NORWICH hens, 1910, good size, colour, grand feeding strain, mother would rear on seed alone, 5/-, seen any time: Young, 210, Commercial-rd., E.

BEARDALL and Walker can spare clear buff hen, 1st prize Hucknall Torkard, 1910, 50/-; also 2 pairs at 15/- pair; approval: address, Unwin-st., Huthwaite

UNFLIGHTED Buff cock, grizzle mk. on neck, brother to my winning clears at Falkirk, West of Scotland, etc., 40/-: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

TYPICAL buff cock, yellow var. hen, 1st pair class, 25/-; buff and var. yellow hen, unflighted, 12/- each, Baker's strain; approval: Moorman, Carlsbrooke, I.W.

TWO good yellow cocks, grand headed birds, 17/6, 20/-, exchange 1 for good buff hen; approval, deposit: Beswick, Hatherlow-la., Hazel-grove, Stockport.

J. B. Creighton, Morpeth, has a large stock of colour-fed Norwich Canaries for sale, will sell in one lot, or singly, must be cleared by end of month.

FEW Norwich for sale, prize strain, moderate prices, approval, deposit; can be seen after 6 p.m.; no yellow hens: J. Crawford, 251, St. Vincent-st., Glasgow.

GOING abroad; must sell five stock pairs from 25/-; also very large stock cocks, 15/-; yellow hens, 10/-: Noble, 50, Chester-st., Shieldfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

STOCK birds, direct from winners, healthy, typical young cocks from 7/-; few good birds, medium size, 5/6; hens from 3/-; own breeding; cold-room; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, North-avenue, Ramsgate.

HIGH CLASS Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6; pairs for breeding, 9/-, 10/-, 12/- pair; money returned if not approved; stamp reply: Stewart's, Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

FEW substantial buff cocks and hens to spare, positive bargains, bred from champion stock, breeding condition, 5/- to 12/6: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

MY cold aviary of 13 1909, 12 1910 fine Norwich Canaries, about 10 cocks, 15 hens, lot £4, or cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, must sell: Attwater, 22, Pelham-sq., Brighton.

BARGAIN, pair of prize-bred Norwich, fine type and quality, matched to breed winners, 27/6, genuine: Ernest Fairhurst, Storthes Hall Asylum, Kirkhurton.

NORWICH and Yorkshire hens to clear, 50 3/-, each, healthy condition, cold-room; cocks 7/-; approval: Kennedy, Breeder, 31, Munster-sq., Burton-rd., London.

GRAND lot of pure Norwich hens, now ready for nesting, yellow and buff, 4/-, 5/- each; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

HANDSOME pair Norwich, 1910, colour fed, excellent breeding strain, pink of condition, only 10/6; splendid double breeding cage, complete, 3/-: Adcock, Chatteris.

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GRAND typical Norwich yellow cocks, 8/6; buffs, 7/6; two large buff hens, 5/6 each; yellow 6/6; approval; cash or deposit: Harper, 14, Napier-ter., Walsoken, Wisbech.

HIGH-class Norwich Canaries, same as my well known winners, cocks 5/6, 0/6, 7/6, 10/-, 15/-; hens 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/-; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

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LARGE, typical Norwich, all cold-room bred, good, healthy stock, yellow and buff cocks, 7/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

TWO heavily variegated Norwich cocks, 10/6 each; 1 Crestbred hen, 4/-; two Yorkshire cross, splendid singing cocks, 5/- each; 2 good feeding hens, 2/6 each, cold-room bred: Clifford, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton.

GOOD Norwich, 1910 bred, in the pink, all related to my winners, show or stock birds, from 15/- to £5 pair; cold-room; seen any time; deposit, stamp reply: Eccles, Basket Maker, 32, Kay-st., Ardwick Green, Manchester.

TYPICAL unflighted Norwich, grand colour and quality, short flights, 3 yellow cocks, 15/-, 10/6, 7/6; 8 yellow and buff hens, 6/6 each, bred from winners; worth double; on approval: T. Yate, 5, Albany-rd., Reading.

BUFF cock 7/6, yellow green do. 7/6, large buff variegated hen 7/6, clear do. 5/-, variegated do. 3/6, clear yellow hen 4/6, yellow variegated 3/-; satisfaction or money returned: Alex. Harper, Kimberley House, Old Meldrum.

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PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, every bird feathered like silk; cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; matched pairs, ready to nest, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- pair; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester

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CHAMPION pair high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, plenty of size and substance, rare type and quality, certain to breed winners in championship classes only, 30/-, honestly worth £4; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

TEN pairs good, healthy Norwich, ready for breeding; Yellow Cin.-marked cock, clear Buff hen, 8/0; Yellow cock, Buff hen, 8/-; clear Buff cock, Yellow hen, slightly ticked, 8/6; others from 6/- a pair; approval, deposit: Foxon, Boot Dealer, New-buildings, Hinckley.

FOUR good Norwich buff hens, 5/6 each, 2 yellow hens, 9/6 each, 1 chubby buff green cock, grand shape, 25/-, all bred from the best blood; approval; at last Crystal Palace show I won the L. and P.O.S. champion challenge cup outright: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Lukes, London.

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OWING to business I am compelled to clear out, all winning Norwich stock, or show birds, all colour-fed breeding pairs, cocks or hens; state wants all on approval; deposit, particulars, stamp: G. Andrews, Mason House, Headless Cross, Redditch.

FEW pairs grand Norwich Plainheads, clear yellow cocks, clear buff hens, 10/- pair; large clear yellow hens, 5/- each; clear buffs, 4/-; 2 variegated Crested yellow hens, 5/6 each, 1910 birds, ready for nesting; approval, deposit: C Dickinson, Wells, Norfolk.

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COME and inspect my noted Yorkshires, at home all day; prices to suit anybody: Metcalfe, Yorkshire Aviaries, 63, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

FOR sale, through ill-health, 13 pairs of high-class Yorkshires, will take 6/6 a pair to take the lot: Wm. Crabtree, Hairdresser, Hebden Bridge.



Taylor's Champion Yorkshires.

All in the best of breeding condition, and giving the best of satisfaction both at home and abroad. Read following testimonials. From "General Hospital, Bridgetown, Barbadoes, B. West Indies (received here March 10, 1911).—Birds arrived in grand condition, and I am very pleased with them. They are very good value for the money, and my further orders I will trust with you.—G. Manning, Surgeon, to J. Taylor." "26, Lissant Street, Liverpool, March 12, 1911.—Yorkshire hen safe to hand, and very well pleased with her.—S. Heskin to J. Taylor." "218, Caerleon Road, Newport (Mon.), March 11, 1911.—I received the Yorkshire quite safe, and in the pink of health and condition, and highly pleased with same. Will recommend you to all my friends.—A. C. Ashworth to J. Taylor." "56, Tennant Street, Townhead, Glasgow, March 11, 1911.—Pair Yorkshires safely to hand, and are gems, and excellent value for so small a sum of money. Will show them to all my friends.—Jas. Creelman to J. Taylor." "20, Gideon Street, Bathgate, March 10, 1911.—Enclose P.O. for a pair of birds, as ordered. My friend who bought a 15/- pair from you, won 2nd prize with them in good company.—A. Kerr to J. Taylor."

Champion Yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; Buff cocks, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. All on full song, and seven inches long. Pairs, carefully matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. In clears, ticked, marked, cinnamon-marked, and clear pink-eyed. Colour fed or natural colour, and all cold-room bred and kept. Extra good Yellow and Buff hens at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Inspection invited at any time. Illustrated new price list post free. All sent on seven days approval at my risk to any part. Export orders a speciality. Travelling cages 3d. extra.

Easy Payment System, etc.

Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Send for new price list and full particulars, post free, and, remember, no extras charged, and same value guaranteed as if you were paying cash down. Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Sib. hens, feeding hens, and songsters. Champion Yorkshire songsters, which will sing by day or gaslight, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Sib. hens for dark or light muling, at 3/6, 4/6, 6/-, 7/6 each. All on 7 days' approval at my risk to any part of the country. Only and old address:—

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road,

Frizinghall, Bradford.

SEND for my illustrated price list of high-class Yorkshires at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair; carriage paid; on approval: L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

GIVING up owing to other business, good class Yorkshires to be cleared, cheap: Atkinson, 21, Ripon-st., Greenheys Lane, Manchester.

WANTED, typical evenly marked yellow cock, evenly marked buff hen, 1910 birds, approval; particulars: Miss Irving, Speldhurst, Kent.

FIVE good Yorkshire hens, 4/- each, 1910 birds, offers; exchange breeding cages, approval; yours first: Jebson, Commonend, Skelmanthorpe.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, I can now spare five pairs of Yorkshires, or will sell separately; approval: Murrell, Printer, Spalding.

FRED Morris, Haddon-rd., Didcot, 9 pairs Yorkshires, genuine birds, pairs 7/6 to £1; several winners, must clear; also several hens, 2/- each.

LEAVING the Fancy. High-class Yorkshires, pairs from 12/6, with breeding cage fitted up complete; approval: Welch, 95, Fox-rd., Walkley, Sheffield.

CINNAMON-marked and yellow-cinnamon Yorkshires; hens from 5/6, and cocks from 10/6: Mills, Elsmore, Westfood-avenue, Timperley, Cheshire.

HAVE three pairs for sale, 20/- and 25/- a pair, or separate; good length and quality; inspection invited: Monger, 3, Cranmer-avenue, West Ealing.

MUST clear, 10 Yorkshire hens, prize bred, show Hastings, Brighton, and Eastbourne open shows, what offers: Frank Slack, Milward-rd., Hastings.

THREE yellow cocks, 4 buff hens, splendid birds, 40/- the lot or offers; approval; deposit: Stringer, 193, Hulme Hall-lane, Miles Platting, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, clear and green variegated, cinnamon bred, 1909-10 cocks from 8/6, good strain, cold room: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

HAVE 5 buff cocks and 2 yellow hens, all first class stuff, 50/- the lot to clear, or separately: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Muuster-road, Fulham.

SEVEN-INCH cocks, type and quality, full song, stylish hens, reasonable, bred from winners, cold room; approval; stamp: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, can win, brother to my champion buff cock, £1, or exchange unflighted buff hen to value; yours first: Turner, 62, Peascod-st., Windsor.

SALE, 5 yellows Yorkshire hens, all reared young last year, hatched 1909, giving up Fancy, 5/6 each, first letter gets them: Simmons, East Harptree, Bristol.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, show or stock birds, from my winning strain; hens, 3/-, cocks 5/-; cash or deposit: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd, West Bowling, Bradford.

SURPLUS stock for sale, cin. marked, 8 cocks 6/6 each, 10 hens 3/- each, 9/- pair, or sell lot to best offer; all in breeding condition: Shaw, 52, Rook-st., Nelson, Lancashire.

I HAVE a few high-class Yorkshires for sale, ready for breeding, cocks, hens or pairs cheap, bred from my winners; approval: G. Simeson, 63, Beaconsfield, Acomb, York.

SELLING off, 14 pairs of Cinnamon-marked and clear pink-eyed Yorkshires left, cocks from 5/-; pairs from 7/6; good long birds: Dearden, Spring, Brighouse, Yorkshire.

GRAND prize strain yellow Yorkshire cock, buff hen, 10/6; yellow cock, 8/-; buff hen, 5/-; all 1910 birds: approval: H. Jackson, Station-rd., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

TWELVE hens, 5/- upwards, 5 cocks 10/- to 25/-; winners and grand stock birds amongst them; worth treble; room wanted; approval, stamp reply: Jones, 21, Worcester-rd., Walthamstow.



REMEMBER I INVITE YOU

to come on any day but Sunday to inspect my stock. I claim to have the largest stock in the country. Come and see them for yourself. If you cannot come, however, and are in need of birds or appliances for the birdroom, don't forget to send a P.C. for my free illustrated 1911 catalogue, and remember I send every bird absolutely at my risk on 7 days' approval, and guarantee satisfaction or cash returned in full. The following are a few prices:—

YORKSHIRE Cocks, splendid type and quality, and in full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each. Smart racy hens, ready for nesting, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/- each upwards, in clears, ticked or marked. See also my advertisement on page 268.

YORKSHIRE GREENS, some real gems, Clayton and Helliwell's strain, wonderful length, deep and rich in colour, and very tight feathered, same price as Yorkshires. Also few Cinnamons.

CHAMPION COBBY NORWICH.—See my advert. on page 268.

BORDER FANCIES.—Some real gems in all colours, including a few greens that have won at leading shows. Same price as Yorkshires.

SEIFERT ROLLERS.—I have some of the best; cocks or hens. Cocks, in full rolling song, with many changes, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Extra special Schoolmasters, trained to perfection, and a real treat to listen to, 25/-, 30/- each.

SIBERIAN GOLDFINCHES, guaranteed cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each.

SPLENDID SIB. HENS FOR MULING, Buffs or Yellows, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each.

Also Crests and Crest-breds, Goldfinch Mules, Linnet Mules, Scotch Fancies, etc., etc.

Every bird is on approval at my sole risk. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

Send a postcard for my 1911 free illustrated catalogue and advice to breeders.

If you want an exhibition bird, or good stock birds, likely to breed winners, all I ask is that you will send me particulars, and let me send you birds birds on approval, and compare all others.

It is a simple fact that I receive every week scores of letters similar to the following. The numerous visitors to my rooms have ample opportunity for proving this: "49, Avenue, Bentley, March 1, 1911.—I received bird safe, and am well pleased with it. I do not wonder at your birds taking prizes at the quality you send out. The buff that I received from you, and now this yellow, **I defy any man to get better stuff for the money.** They are here to be seen by anyone.—W. T. Swain to Joe Thomas." "Bontnewydd, 11/3/11.—Received bird safe, and very well pleased.—R. Roberts to J. Thomas." "Hanworth, 10/3/11.—Bird arrived safe, and is undoubtedly what I asked for—a real good one.—J. Dimes to J. Thomas." Etc, etc.

I guarantee equal satisfaction to you.

Easy payments arranged, if necessary, with any bona-fide fancier. Full particulars in catalogue.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder and Exhibitor, AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.

32 years same address.

FOUR pair of buff Yorkshires, long, slim birds, unflighted 10/- pair, £2 lot; Linnet and Canary bred Mules 9/-; must clear; also see Cinnamon Column: Sumner, 171, Kew-rd., Birkdale, Southport.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, few left, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-; 1910, cold room, 4 days' approval, cash or deposit; exchange, offers entertained, yours first: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London, W.

LENGTHY Yorkshires, all colours, very stylish birds, from 6/6, 8/6, cocks; hens, unrelated, winning strain, 3/6, 4/6; pairs 10/-, 12/- upwards; approval: Aviaries, 43, Scott's-road, Leytou, Essex.

HAVING selected breeding stock, have about 30 Yorkshire hens, clear pink eyed, green, and cinnamon-marked buffs, from 4/6; yellows from 5/6: J. W. Wharton, Heights, Hightown, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES; have few pairs of long, uptanding birds left; cinnamon marks, green marks, and clears, accept 12/- pair; these are working-men's price; approval: J. Sheard, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks.

MIDDLETON Bros., Fell-lane., Keighley, for Yorkshires; dealers supplies; reasonable price; lists free.

FINE clear yellow cock 6/6, also hen 3/6, typical high-class birds; bargains: F. Jasper, 81, Waterlow-rd., Dunstable.

GRAND, long, slim Yorkshire buff cock, 10/6, ditto 7/6, lovely slim yellow hen, 7/-, lovely buff hen 8/6, ditto 5/-, Bailey and Swanger's strain, bargains, must sell; approval, willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

G. E. Slade has a few selected pairs of Yorkshires ready for breeding at once, from 15/6 to £10 10/- pair; also a few Crests and Crest-breds for sale, reasonable, cold room bred: 61, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction.

FOR sale 2 Yorkshire cocks, 7in. long, 1 buff, 1 yellow, good sound stock birds, full song and ready for breeding, good feather and position, 15/- each; 3 days' approval, cash or deposit: Middleton Bros., Croft Thwaites, Keighley.

YORKSHIRES. A few more to dispose of cheap: 8 hens, 5 buffs, 3 yellows, 1 buff cock, 7in. long, good healthy birds, in breeding condition, £1 the lot, or nearest offers: Apply, W. Bailey, North Lodge, Thornbridge, Bakewell.

WHY pay fancy prices when you can get real good Yorkshires, full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; hens, 3/-, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; good sound birds, ready for breeding; 3 days' approval, cash or deposit: Middleton Bros., Croft Thwaites, Keighley.

COMPELLED to reduce from my stock, working from home next six months, Buff cock, winner, good Yellow hen, 20/-; slashing cock, Yellow hen, winner, 20/-. These are good and cheap; approval: John Cook, Roscvilla, Charlton, Boosbrck, Yorkshire.

FOUR handsome long typical young buff Yorkshire hens, 1 yellow, from winners, 5/6 each, lot 21/-; magnificent long slim typical lightly marked yellow Yorkshire cock, unflighted, parents cost over £8, if shown will win, 10/6, worth 21/-: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

GREAT sacrifice, compelled to clear immediately, having selected and reserved more than have room for mating; offer last 2 yellow, 2 buff Yorkshire cocks, which are of exceptional merit, 10/- each; 7 days' approval, cheap at £3 3s.: Hawkes, Grove Green-road, Leytonstone.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?



Well, there is all the difference between what I sell you for the same prices as others charge—in the quality; and, for the best, there is all the difference in price. But, approval and comparison is the test of all tests. Hence, I say, favour me by having on approval any of the following:—**Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; Pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Cages, 3d. extra. Greens.—I have a grand lot of these, in pairs, and cocks or hens; state requirements.**

W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH**

IF you want Yorkshires to breed winners and give satisfaction at reasonable prices buy from the breeder; cocks (full song), 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; approval: Berry, Coal Merchant, Ingrow, Keighley.

SIBERIAN hen Bullfinches, large as Larks, also cocks. I am the Direct Importer, and have the largest stock in the country. Birds sent per return; no waiting. Prices, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Send for lists: B. Hollins, The Zoo, Hull.

YORKSHIRES; rare chance for a beginner to secure some good birds at half their value; clear Buff cock, two yellow ticked hens, ticked yellow cock, and two clear Buff hens, all ready for immediate breeding, 30/- the lot: Yates, St. Catherines-rd., Bitterne Park, Southamptou.

CHAMPIONS, bred from winners, yellow Yorkshire cock, buff hen, 12/6; yellow marked cock, buff hen, 12/6; buff cock, yellow hen, 10/6; also buff hens, 3/6 each; Hartz Mountain Roller cock, 7/6; approval on receipt of P.O.: Fred Radley, Cumberworth-rd., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

YORKSHIRES, winning strain, best blood in the Fancy, for quick sale; have decided to clear cheap for coming breeding season. cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/6, grand opportunity for beginners to secure the right sort; inspection invited: Robinson, 238, Greame-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE hens of exceptional type and quality; having no more room for mating, am offering several at great sacrifice, to effect immediate sale; buffs and yellows, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each, cheap at 20/- upwards; these have been selected for my own use; 7 days' approval. Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, winners Darlington, Stockton, Middlesbro', Stanley, Derwent Valley, etc., cocks and hens, same blood, large upstanding, from 7/6, pairs properly mated 15/-, 16/6 upwards, exhibition specimens from 21/-; approval 4 days; 26 years' breeder and exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, colour fed, cocks 5/-, 5/6, 6/- upwards, hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/6 upwards, pairs properly mated that will breed winners 7/6, 8/6, 9/6 upwards, carriage paid; approval; also grand yellow cock, winner, 2nd, 15/-; buff cock, winner 1st prize, 12/6; yellow cock, winner 3rd prize, 10/-; buff cock, winner 2nd, 10/6; 1910 breds, full of quality; write: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

"YORKSHIRE Canaries: How to Breed, Manage, and Exhibit." By H. W. Battye, President of the Yorkshire Union. It deals fully with the Yorkshire Canary, and its sub-varieties, and should be in the hands of every breeder; it gives the fullest instruction upon pairing, breeding, moulting, exhibiting, and how to treat both in health and disease. Illustrated by Messrs. H. Norman and A. J. Simpson; price, post free, 1/2: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

NOTICE. It will pay you to give me a visit and see these. 50 pairs high-class Yorkshires at working men's prices; cold room bred, Nor. clears, variegated, and cinnamon marked, cocks, on song, 5/-, 5/6, and 6/6; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; a few specials for show or stock birds, cocks at 10/- each, hens 5/- each; inspection invited; can be seen any time; will send on 7 days approval, cash or deposit with Editor; travelling cages free: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Merseron-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

CHAMPION Yorkshires; chance of a lifetime: as we are removing from Morecambe shortly, we offer for sale one-half of our own breeding stock, which include some of the best stock birds living; never before has such a magnificent lot of Yorkshires been offered for sale by any breeder in the Fancy, as every bird has been selected for our own use and are reliable, and the birds that breed winners; come and see them and judge for yourselves. Our strain needs no puff, bounce, or bogus testimonials, but is the oldest and purest in the Fancy, and have bred and sold more winners these last 30 years than any other two exhibitors; all birds sent on approval; cash or deposit; stamp particulars: Messrs. Amblers, late of Bradford, 29, Sefton-rd., Morecambe.

POWICK'S TEN DAYS' APPROVAL.

Champion Yorkshires, full standard length, splendid feather, cold room, high condition, cocks, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6 each; pairs, nest at once, 12/6, 15/6, winners, 20/- each: Mr. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

OGDEN BROS.

Now that the show season is over we have a few of our winners for sale, real good bargains for anybody requiring to lay a foundation to build up a strain, as we have done one that has a world's record: three real clinking yellow stock hens, 55/- each, that we guarantee, worth double; properly matched pairs, any price between 15/6 and 60/- per pair; clears, green marked, or cinnamon marked; our winnings at Yorkshire Union shows this last four years exceed that of any other (see Crystal Palace report, 1911), 3 first, 2 seconds, 2 thirds, championship diploma for best Yorkshire in show; inspection invited, or send cash to Editor, and we will send on approval the best value in England: Dudley Hill, Bradford.



THOMAS'S WINNING YORKSHIRES

have earned a reputation by their consistent winning throughout the season at all the leading shows. The following facts, which can easily be verified, are sufficient evidence in support of this claim.

During this season I have won over 60 first prizes, 40 seconds, 40 thirds, 30 specials in hot competition, including all the leading shows. I have bred birds that secured premier honours at this year's Crystal Palace show. My customers also have had wonderful success on the show bench with birds bred from matched pairs supplied by me. Proof of this is filed, and open for the inspection of all.

At the present time I am in a position to put any fancier on the highway to success in breeding for the show bench. I have 30 pairs which I had reserved for my own breeding, and which I find I have not now room for. These are for sale at 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 50/-, to 100/- per pair.

I have also recently acquired the entire surplus stocks of certain well-known exhibitors in Yorkshire, who have bred some of the best Yorkshires living to-day. These are all caged off separately, and I can supply some real gems, with the right blood in them, from these reliable strains at following prices: Cocks or hens, yellows or buffs, in clears and ticks, also a few varicgated, at 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- each upwards; matched pairs, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- upwards. Full particulars supplied with birds. Strain and sex absolutely guaranteed. Every pair unrelated, and properly matched to produce the right stamp. This is a genuine opening for anyone to improve his stock. Special easy terms where necessary to bona-fide fanciers. Cages 3d. extra. Every bird on 7 days' approval. For other prices see my adverts. on pages 268 and 269.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder and Exhibitor, AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX

32 years same address.

HIRST'S

high-class Yorkshires, any of this season's winners for sale; well matched pairs, 15/-; single birds, 7/6 upwards; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

CHESHIRE'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

The same strains as the winners at all the leading shows; guarantced the best and cheapest obtainable; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; properly matched pairs from 8/-; on approval; cash or deposit: Ernest Chesbire, 26, Crawford-st, Bradford.

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE BREEDING PAIRS

at 10/6, 12/6, 15/- to 20/- are equal to those charged double and treble for, as supplied by self-styled champion Yorkshire exhibitors. The following letter received from a 20/- pair purchaser abundantly confirms the fact:—"Sir,—Birds arrived in splendid condition; am more than pleased with them; in fact they are equal, if not superior, in every respect to pair I paid £3 for to Mr. ——, whom doubtless you will know as one of your Yorkshire champion exhibitors. You are at liberty to make what use you think proper of this, provided you omit names, for obvious reasons which you will quite understand.—T.L." Having 30 to 40 pairs still unsold, amateurs and novices desiring to breed own winners need not now pay extravagant prices charged by professional exhibitors and dealers, but save money by placing their orders for season's breeders with a 30 years' continuous breeder of Yorkshire varieties only, and thus ensure proper style, type and quality, cheaply by comparison. Few surplus hens bred as best, but rather on small side, 3 for 10/- until sold. Season's reduced list sent on forwarding post card to Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

3s 6d. HENS. HENS. 3s. 6d.

Long racy hens, ready to nest at once, bred from the best strains in the Fancy, yellows, buffs, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; cocks from 5/6; approval: Clegg, Victoria Schoolhouse, Dewshury.

ONCE MORE

the breeding season is near. Are you prepared? Are all your stock birds ready, If not, let me help you by sending one of my pairs of winning Yorkshires; price 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- per pair: Arthur Harris, West Haddon, Rugby.

BINNS, BLACKPOOL

has a few good Yorkshires for sale, from his noted strain. I exhibit none but own breeding. See reports of great shows, Palace, Manchester, Scottish National, etc.

PAIRS FROM 16/- to 30/-. A few extra yellow hens from 7/6 each. 9, Albert Terrace.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front. A few winners for sale, also grand stock birds; cocks from 7/6; hens, 5/-; stamp for particulars: Manor House, Heighington, via Darlington.

NO WASTERS.

All typical selected stock birds, bred from the best strains in the country, to be sold cheap to clear, some splendid bargains; cocks from 10/6 to £5; hens from 6/- upwards; matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/6; state wants or send cash, or I guarantee you satisfaction.—W. Mullins, Balby-rd., Doncaster.

JOHN MACE.

Yorkshire Canarles, cocks 7/6, 8/6, hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; a large variety of foreign birds, just arrived; inspection invited: John Mace, Naturalist, Blonk-st., Sheffield; tele. 3,545.

A. E. PATTRICK

has a few good pairs left, cocks 7/-, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-, hens 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 9/-, 10/- upwards, some extra matched pairs from 20/- to 60/- per pair; all extra large birds; cash or deposit; 3 days' approval: 6, Essex-st., Southend-on-Sea.

SHACKLETON'S YORKS.

Having selected my breeding stock I find that I have reserved more than I need for own use; can spare a few real good pairs, also odd cocks or hens, at reasonable prices; stamped address, particulars: Melrose House, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

DYKES' YORKSHIRES



For length, type, and quality, read following testimonials, and, remember, originals, and thousands similar are open for your inspection at any time:—"19, Berry Street, Sittinghourne, March 13, 1911.—Buff Yorks. hen arrived safe, and gives every satisfaction, as all others have done you have sent me. Also pleased to tell you buff cock took second prize at our show on Saturday.—H. A. Olive to L. Dykes." "28, High Street, Cork, March 12, 1911.—The Yorkshire cock arrived in splendid condition. He is a real beauty, and I am very thankful to you for sending me such a beautiful bird at so low a price, and will recommend you to all my friends.—Edward Ryan to L. Dykes." "37, Bottom Green, Soutb Normanton, March 13, 1911.—Bird arrived safe, and very pleased with it. I have had three birds in all, and they give every satisfaction.—J. A. Shields to L. Dykes."

Champion Yellow Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; Buff cocks at 6/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, all on full loud song and seven inches long; fine racy Yellow hens at 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Buff hens at 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each, all in grand breeding condition; Pairs, properly matched to breed own winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; and a few extra good pairs, 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair. Clears, Ticked, Green-marked, and Cinn.-marked, colour fed or natural colour, and all cold-room hred. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Price list post free. All on a week's approval at my risk. Safe delivery guaranteed. Inspection invited at any time.

Easy payments arranged with bona-fide fanciers; and birds sent off at once, and no extras charged. Few selected songsters, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Who is the Champion Breeder and Exhibitor? My wins this season are: **72 firsts, 49 seconds, 49 thirds, 27 fourths, 40 specials two cups,** gold and silver medals, and others too numerous to mention. If you want the best blood in the Fancy, place your orders with the old reliable breeder who breeds his own winners, and can give you the best satisfaction. State wants; stamp reply.

L. DYKES, Reliable Aviaries, 70, Bolton Hall Road

BOLTON WOODS. BRADFORD

H. W. WALSH, HALIFAX.

I have some splendid Yorkshires for sale, bred from or related to my own winners, which, without exception, have been bred by myself, as I do not buy to exhibit; I can supply long, straight, upstanding birds of beautiful quality; cocks from 6/6 to 20/-, hens 3/6 to 15/-, pairs 8/6 to 30/-; seven days' approval with pleasure; cash or deposit: Cecil-street.

AMBLER'S YORKSHIRES. THE OLD BRADFORD FIRM

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Under the White Rose.

THE grand amalgamated dinner, prize distribution, and social, held on Saturday last at Bradford, under the auspices of the Yorkshire Union, the Y.C.C., the C.M.Y.C.C., the N.G.M.Y.C.C., the O.N.P.C., and the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. was a decided success. There was a record attendance, and everything passed off as smooth as possible. Mr. David Sutherland makes an ideal chairman for a gathering of this description, and in Mr. H. Hill they have a secretary second to none; they are, too, well backed-up by a strong committee composed of the secretaries and presidents and other officials of the various clubs interested.

PRIZES made a grand show, and were greatly admired by the visitors, many of whom had come a long way to see them, and to take part in the social gathering. They were one and all delighted at the reception given them. From all directions they came—Hull, London, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds, and in great numbers from the area covered by the Yorkshire Union.

TWO of our popular judges appeared to be enjoying themselves hugely during the dinner—and afterwards as well. Who were they? Seats had not to be left for long, before they were appropriated. I saw two Norwich, one British, and one Yorkshire trying to sit on three chairs, but the Norwich were too stout and the British too much like a Hawfinch in body for them to be comfortable.

JIM BAILEY'S "not-getting-out-at-Manningham" tale appeared to tickle the ladies immensely.

OPEN Norwich Plainhead Club held their general meeting during last Saturday afternoon at Bradford, and had a moderate attendance. Business was got through very quickly, though, sad to relate, they have not got all "subs" in yet, and are a little to the bad. But this would be wiped out if members would only attend to their duties. A collection was made on behalf of the club, and a nice little sum was realised—just to give the society a good start for next year.

OPEN Valley C.B.S. had a very practical lecture on wire cage front and seed box making, by Mr. Smith, of Cleckheaton, and as Mr. Smith is by trade a tinner, he was the proper person to give a few hints on that work, which to the uninitiated is a sore puzzle indeed. The solder in the hands of the novice has a bad habit of sticking where it should not stick, and of running where he doesn't want it to run. Many good wrinkles were given. The members turned up in excellent numbers, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

*A Clever Blackbird.

One day I caught a Blackbird and put it in a cage. I thought it was no good, so I asked my father to let it go. He got a hairpin, however, and fastened same on the door, and then came indoors. We watched Mr. Blackbird; he kept pulling at the hairpin, and he let the door down. He repeated this several times. So my father let him go. The bird flew round the garden several times, and then disappeared. We left the cage in the garden with the door open, and when we got up next morning Mr. Blackbird was in his cage.—Geo. Jenkinson, 18, Julian Street, Grimsby (age 13).

**A Sparrow's Coolness.

A passenger who was waiting for a train in one of the Underground Railway stations observed a Sparrow hopping upon the rails in search of crumbs. A train came into the station from the direction in which the passenger wished to travel, and he had leisure to watch the Sparrow. It allowed the engine to come within a few feet of it, and then, instead of flying away, it quickly hopped off the rail upon which it stood, and hopped into the space between the rails. There it lay until the train passed over it, when it jumped upon the rails again and resumed its search for crumbs.—Taken from "Chatterbox" by Master William Sharples, 16, Dixon Street, Waterhead, Oldham (age 14 years).

*An Obedient Parrot.

My father and a friend one day were arguing about a Parrot which we had. Father said the bird would do anything he told it, but the friend would not believe it. So they took the Parrot about two miles out in the country, and there, before its eyes, placed a five-pound note under a large stone. They then came home with the bird, so as to let it go in search of the note. After the bird had been gone an hour, they noticed it flying homeward without the note; but when it landed on my father's hand, it dropped five golden sovereigns into it. The bird had been to the bank and changed the note, and this ended the argument in my father's favour. (Told by a friend.)—Albert George, 10, Grafton Street, Rochdale, Lancs. (age 12).

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But it must not be thought that these 132 coloured plates are the only value of the work; an allowance must be made for a certain amount of modesty on the part of the author of the text, who, in the preface, ascribes to these plates the main reason for the publication of the book. As a matter of fact, Mr. A. Landsborough Thomson is to be congratulated on his careful and accurate handling of the text. Over two hundred species are dealt with, and these include nearly if not quite all the species which nest in our Isles in appreciable numbers, besides a few rarer birds of special interest. The purpose of the text is, it is stated, "to give in popular language an account of the natural history British breeding birds, considered as such." And this purpose has been admirably adhered to. The arrangement of the book is based on a scientific classification, and the system and nomenclature adopted are those followed in Howard Saunders's "Manual." A capital introduction to the work is contributed to by Mr. J. Arthur Thomson, and it has the added quality of complementing it in no mean manner.

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The chicks should be out on the fourteenth day from the day the fourth egg was laid. Now is the time to be careful. Don't get too excited or impatient wanting to hurry on the hatching process. If the eggs "pip" all right, the chances are vastly in favour of their hatching without your assistance far better than with it. Leave the hen quietly alone: she knows more about these matters than you. Excitement and worry are very bad for her at this time, and are apt to give her "stage fright," when she will simply ignore the existence of her tender offspring, and leave you to take over the whole business and manage as best you may.

Do not at once satiate her with a profuse supply of egg food. Give a small quantity freshly prepared twice on the first day, and afterwards three times daily if convenient, always aiming at giving just as much (and no more), as the pair manage to clear up a short time before the next supply is due; and see that the supply is perfectly fresh and sweet and served in a clean pan every time. The actual quantity given at each feed will depend upon the parents and the number of the brood, so that it must be gauged by observation during the first few days. As the brood increases in size day by day, the quantity will, of course, need to be increased. On the third or fourth day, according as the hen appears to be feeding well or only fairly, give a scrap of green food, and afterwards continue this supply (fresh, of course) two or three times daily. Again, let the increase be gradual, to avoid setting up undue looseness in the hen. A little summer rape should also be added to the seed diet, and if the hen does not take freely of the egg-food sprinkle it with maw. At the end of a week or ten days a further supply of cracked hemp will prove a valuable addition, particularly where a large brood has to be catered for.

THE YOUNG BROOD.

As long as the hen continues to feed the brood and treat them well no good will come of any efforts to improve upon her methods. Some hens will rear their young almost entirely upon seed; others upon green food; and yet others upon mostly seeds and green food. In either case if the young thrive upon their pabulum, whatever it is, do not pester the parents to try to make them feed upon something more in accord with your own ideas of the fitness of things. And there should also be no great desire to hurry the young away to do for themselves. A well fed brood may leave the nest any day after the twenty-first from hatching, but if the hen treats them well, I prefer to let them remain with her until they are at least a month old. By this time they will probably be able to husk rape seed themselves, and will get along nicely with the addition of egg food daily until it is seen that they are cracking Canary seed quite freely.

Put them in a moderate-sized cage at first, and give a supply of egg food daily—mixed rather dry—and a boxful of a mixture of nearly equal parts Canary and rape seeds. As soon as they are cracking the Canary seed freely gradually cut down the supply of egg food and withdraw the rape seed, bringing the birds on to a diet of Canary seed only as a staple, with a little rape seed given separately every second day, a little egg food twice a week on the alternating days, and a pinch of hemp on two other days. Plantain stalks, and similar seedy green foods, may be given in moderate quantity three times a week, but do not supply succulent green leaves until they are about two months old. Keep a piece of cuttle-fish in the cage, and have the floor strewn with clean gritty sand. See the birds have access to pure fresh water always for drinking, and offer the bath daily in warm weather. Given these simple requirements and absolute cleanliness throughout, the trouble of birds dying soon after leaving the parents will be almost unknown. They may, of course, be transferred to a large flight as soon as they are feeding well on Canary seed.

Should the hen be addicted to plucking and begin to maltreat the young as soon as the feathers are breaking through the quills, don't try to cure her. The chances are you will not succeed; and even if you did, the young will have to suffer much during the process. Look around for a suitable pair of better disposed parents with perhaps an unusually small

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BEAMISH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held club room, Bird Inn, Mar. 11th, Mr. Mark Crosby in chair. There was a good turn out of members. Mr. J. Hands was appointed judge for nest feather show, July 8th. We made two new members, Messrs. G. Weddle and J. Boyle, and added eight extra classes to our nest feather schedule.—W. Knowles, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

General meeting held Mar. 6th, there being a large attendance. After the geueral business a washing competition took place, special for best washed bird going to Mr. Buckley. A fancier friend has promised a gold medal for Mules or Hybrids bred during season 1911. Decided, that it go to the member gaining most points with young Mules or Hybrids at the July, Oct., 1911, and Jan., 1912, shows. Now is the time for the members to be looking to their birds, and I hope they will give the winner a good run for the medal.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

A cup and medal have been given by Mr. G. Ball for competition amongst novice members, the member gaining most points throughout year to hold cup for twelve months, any member winning it twice in succession to receive it as his own property. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Ball for providing the cup and medal. Cup obtained by our worthy chairman from Mr. Allman was allotted to the champion gaining most points throughout year. Mr. Dowie kindly promised to give a medal to winner on giving up cup. A vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Allman, Dowie, and Clews. Towl Bros., Secs.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held headquarters, March 4th, Mr. E. Westthorp in chair. There was a poor attendance to read balance sheet read, which showed 10s. 10½d. on the right side. Election of officers next Pres., Rev. W. B. Coney; Chairman, Mr. E. Westthorp; Vice-chairman, Mr. J. Powell; Treasurer, T. J. Colling; Secretary, J. A. Turnbull. Decided, to hold young stock show July 8th, and annual show January 6th, 1912. Also proposed, to hold open Linnet show for House Moulted birds at next monthly meeting, 10s. for 1st, 5s. for 2nd, 2s. 6d. for 3rd; 1s. for 4th; entry, 6d., to be paid at time of entrance; birds to be staged by 6 o'c. Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) has consented to judge. —J. A. Turnbull, Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S

Meeting held March 11th, Portland Arms, Jacksdale, when a fair number of members turned up. Mr. W. Holmes in chair. Chairman read correspondence from selected judges as to terms for judging first feather shows. Passed, to engage Mr. J. Adnitt to judge at Eastwood on June 3rd, Mr. E. Fox at Jacksdale, July 15. Judges voted on for open show, Oct. 28th; their replies will be placed on the agenda for next meeting. The judging and washing competition notified to take place did not come up to expectations owing to very few members taking part, only six entering in the judging competition. The winner was W. Turner; B. Simpson runner up—and a difficult lot to place they proved to be. The washing competition was void; there was not an entry made. Will those members who have not the new rule cards please apply for one or attend next meeting, April 8th, at Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7.15 p.m.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual general meeting, held rooms, High Street, Edinburgh, March 4th, president, Mr. Cochrane, in chair, before a good gathering of members. The balance sheet was submitted; though the balance was small, it was on the right side, and considered satisfactory, and was passed as correct, on the motion of Mr. Arrighi, seconded by Mr. Turner. Following office bearers elected for ensuing year: President, Mr. J. Turner; vice-president, Dr. Galloway, Messrs. C. Sykes, F. A. Watt, T. Erskine; committee, Messrs. Workman, Aitken, Goodfellow, A. W. Watson, W. R. Finnie, Hoyle, Livingstone, Bald, and Winter; auditors, Messrs. R. Craig and A. Cochrane; secretary and treasurer, John Allen, 5a Place, Leith. A new scheme was proposed by one of the members and heartily approved of, details of which were left in the hands of a sub-committee, to be submitted at an open meeting to be held for the purpose, April 1st, when I hope to see a large gathering of fanciers. If this scheme is accepted at the general meeting, it is anticipated that it will very much popularise the club, and will further assist the British Bird and Mule Fancy.—John Allen, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Horse and Jockey Hotel. Mr. Havenhand presided. Mr. Richinson, secretary, gave a most interesting paper on the breeding of the Norwich Canary. I was rather surprised to see such a small attendance, the subject being in such able hands. After a few introductory remarks he launched out on the operation of breeding. The first thing which claimed his attention was the breeding cage (30 by 15 by 11), with sliding wire partition nearly in the centre. A cage of this description has many good points; there is no fighting when the birds are pairing, which saves a lot of plucking of the young, and a good flight cage in the winter. Feeding: Spauish Canary staple food; maw seed, and gold of pleasure, mixed, one teaspoonful twice a week, a little summer rape on other days, and rape on other days, rape seed (soaked 12 hours and boiled 20 minutes), mixed with biscuit once a week. For green food he uses green shoots obtained by setting rape seed; and there is no fear of inflammation; he pairs up about the end of March, giving egg food at the beginning of March. He takes note of both birds and weather. When the first egg is laid he takes it away and places it in a numbered partition to be replaced when the third egg is laid. He removes the cock the same night, replaces the eggs, and lets the hen sit and bring up the young by herself. He supplies plain food during incubation, but on the night of the 13th day he places in cage yolk of egg and biscuit, and a small portion of crushed hemp seed. When the young birds are 14 days old, he puts in clean nest pan. At three weeks old keep a sharp look-out for plucking, and put the youngsters in the nursery end of the cage, and by the time the hen is ready for sitting again they are generally doing for themselves. You may now, he said, transfer them to the flight cage, to get them strong, and in good condition for the moult, which was a subject he told us he was not going to touch on. A general discussion followed on green food, during the summer, chickweed being the favourite. Cock birds not fertilising eggs—attributed to birds not being mature, and to climatic changes. It was stated that one thing which would bring the cocks into condition was iron in some form or other, green food, Parrish's Chemical Food, and tincture of steel. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Richinson for the very able manner in which he had handled his subject.—J. Hibberson, Correspondent.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

Meeting held March 7th, Mr. Bell occupying chair, owing to illness of our worthy president, Mr. Matthew. Members expressed the hope that Mr. M. will have a speedy recovery. Mr. Leckie promised a paper on "The Twite and Redpoll," for April meeting.—J. Bell, Secretary.

HEBDEN BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.F.A.

Annual general meeting held February 28th, when the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. H. Harrison; vice-president, Mr. T. Judson; treasurer, Mr. W. Simpson; secretary, Mr. A. Roberts. A pie supper was provided to which the members did full justice, the rest of the evening being spent in a sociable manner.

THURSO O.S.

Annual general meeting held committee rooms, Feb. 28th, Mr. W. Dunnet (chairman) in chair. Annual balance-sheet submitted and passed. Office-bearers and committee of management duly elected. The only change of importance to outside fanciers was that of secretary. Mr. Donald Shearer, grocer, Thurso, one of the original members, accepted office as hon. sec. Date of next show not fixed definitely, but will be announced shortly.

NOTTINGHAM AND DISTRICT (Permanent) O.S.

Meeting held Grapes Inn, Platt-st., March 11th, not many members turning up. The president, Mr. T. H. V. Hayter, in chair. Proposed by Mr. J. Walmsley, and seconded by Mr. Stopper, that date for first feather show be July 1; agreed to. Proposed by Mr. J. Wood, and seconded by Mr. T. H. V. Hayter, that open show be held October 21st, 1911; carried. This brought business to a close.—J. Bunn, Secretary.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

This young society continues to progress satisfactorily. At meeting held Mar. 6th, Mr. J. Rathbone (Wolstanton) and Mr. J. Butturs (Newcastle) were elected to membership. Re the cup recently presented to the association, it was decided that it be won outright by the member who gains most points with four nominated birds at the nest feather and annual shows. Young bird show fixed for June 22nd (Coronation Day), as this will be a general holiday. Local bird lovers will have an excellent opportunity of spending a pleasant hour with birdy friends and feathered pets.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

AYR AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held Good Templar Hall, New Bridge Street, 6th March, the president (Mr. J. Forbes) in chair. Secretary submitted balance-sheet for past year, and same was accepted. Agreed that annual show be held Academy Hall, Fort Street, October 28. Mr. C. C. Irvine intimated his resignation as secretary and treasurer, and same was reluctantly accepted. Election of office bearers: Hon. Pres., Mr. R. McKay; pres., Mr. J. Forbes; vice-president, Mr. C. C. Irvine; auditors, Messrs. R. Aitken and J. Stitt; secretary and treasurer, James Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street; committee Messrs. Cameron, Girvan, Brown, Kelly, Hunter, Boyd, Muir, W. McKay, Bell, Campbell, J. and T. French, Lyall, Aitken, and Lindsay. Seven new members were proposed and accepted. New members will be made welcome, and any fanciers desirous of joining may have full particulars from me. Ann. sub. 2s. 6d.—James Sloan, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Election of Officers for 1911.

Result of election of officers of the Norwich Plainbead Club for 1911:—President, T. H. Dent (33); vice-presideuts (4), W. Aitchison (36), E. Baker (34), J. Bexson (28), A. G. Davis (19); committee (16), T. Seed (45), W. Booth (33), B. Clegg (23), J. Trengove (43), J. Hayburst (32), G. W. F. Lythgoe (25), S. Cook (42), R. Braybrook (31), J. Gerrard (18), J. Raynes (42), E. Sutton (29), G. P. Fletcher (15), P. Wareing (34), J. W. Cleminson (28), H. Peak (12), R. Taylor (24); auditors (2), B. Clegg (45), G. W. F. Lythgoe (44); judges (14), J. Trengove (54), J. Robson (42), A. Wellings (31), J. A. Hirst (48), H. W. Battye (38), J. H. Payne (27), J. H. Roe (47), R. Taylor (37), Dr. Herd (27), W. Booth (46), J. C. Barnes (37), S. Cook (25), W. Vardy (43), A. G. Davis (32); secretary and treasurer (1), Jno. Hopkins (56). 57 papers sent in and counted.—Jno. Hopkins, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held beadquarters, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, March 7th, Mr. A. Lees, Hon. Vice-President, in chair. Lord Inverclyde and Peter Denny Esq., had it was announced, given handsome donations to the funds.. The Chairman introduced the lecturer, and in doing so said that these meetings the committee purposed should be held here on the first Tuesday of each month, at 8 p.m., when papers would be read by authorities on different subjects. The club was but in its infancy, and the committee would be pleased if all interested in cage birds within the eight mile radius would join. This club had no connection with any societies "gone before." On the first Tuesday of last month a very interesting meeting took place, when an exhibition of matched pairs was held. The discussion on the different pairs was carried on by the President, Secretary, and members, and was of a very interesting and instructive nature. The subject for the evening was "British Birds (Hardbills) and their Management," and he had pleasure in asking Mr. Hannah to oblige.

Mr. Hannah, who was received with applause, said: My remarks will take the form of a chat about the management of the most familiar of the hardbilled British birds. British birds are finding increased favour amongst bird breeders, and each year sees a substantial increase in the ranks of British bird fanciers. No doubt this is in a great measure due to the immeuse popularity of Mules and Hybrids and their continued success on the show bench to-day, which has certainly increased the value of British birds, more particularly in the case of Greenfinches and Bullfinch hens, those varieties being much dearer to buy, and good specimens more difficult to get than formerly. When deciding to go in for the keeping of British birds, the first thing to be considered is the choice of a place in which to keep birds.

The lecturerer advised strict attention to ventilation, and gave the design, size of cage, and exhibition points of each specics, dealing also with suitable seeds (which he exhibited) and the proportions to give, urging all to give as much natural feeding as possible. He finished up with colour feeding and the suitable varieties for said purpose. After numerous questions, to which Mr. Hannah had no difficulty in giving satisfactory replies, a hearty vote thanks was accorded him. Five new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. W. Taylor, P. Harkins, A. Adams, J. Laig, W. Harrison. At next meeting we are to have a lecture on breeding Canarics for exhibition.—A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, February 25, Mr. J. Muir, presiding. Judges for annual show considered; they will be finally settled on at next meeting, March 25. The members passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. W. Francis Sutton for the very able services rendered the association.—W. Clubb, Sec.

ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 11th, Mr. Rowley's, Stationrd., Mr. J. Miles presiding over a good attendance. Classification came in for discussion, when we decided to have 27 classes at annual show, Nov. 11th. We also elected two judges this year, so as to get the show opened earlier. We elected Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station), whom we had last year, and Mr. H. Seely (Choppington), one for the even numbers and the other the odd numbers. Three new members were proposed and accepted, viz., Messrs J. Willis, G. Trefry, and Furness. Next meeting April 22, when we will be pleased to hear of any fanciers wishing to join.—F. Barron, Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Members and friends met at the New Mechanics, East Street, March 10th, when a Smoker was arranged and a supper served in excellent style by Mr. J. Martin. Mr. W. L. Smith (vice-chairman) took the chair, and expressed himself in a manner calculated to cultivate a good feeling among the company. He wished success to the Shields C.B.S. The ball was set rolling by a song from Mr. Dains, who was encored, and had to oblige. Mr. Guttery followed with a comic song. Followiug this came the star turn—a presentatiou to our chairman, Mr. W. Thompson, for his continuous attention to his office. It took the form of a silver-mounted ebony walking stick, and framed photograph of a group of the members. Alderman J. Cullen made the presentation, and said he was very proud to have the honour. He was proud to be among men who looked after their feathered pets. Mr. Thompson feeliugly replied. He was, he said, taken by surprise, as he did not know what the meeting was for. Other songs were given by Messrs. Mason, Addison, and Reporter. A selection on the gramophone was given by Mr. J. Crass. Recitations were given hy Mr. W. Howden. Mr. Pino was pianist. A pleasant evening was spent by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King."—Jas. Barrass, Secretary.

DUNFERMLINE & W. OF FIFE O.S

Annual Social Gathering, held recently. The supper was purveyed in first-class style by Mr. Inglis. The Right Hon. Lord Bruce occupied the chair, supported by Dr. J. Ross (chairman of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, the trust being generous benefactors of the society), also Mr. T. Harrower (vice-president, accompanied hy Mr. A. Hynd, secretary, Mr. W. Black (Charlestown), secretary for the Horticultural Society there. After a few remarks hy the chairman, a very enjoyable programme was at the disposal of the company. The principal item was that of a presentation to Mr. P. Dudgeon, who so kindly took over the secretaryship when the society was in a fix owing to the very sudden death of the late Mr. J. Templeman. His Lordship, in making the presentation, said he hoped that Mr. Dudgeon's health and happiness would be long as the barometer (this was the article he received), that now stood set fair. Mr. Dudgeon suitably acknowledged the gift. The following gentlemen kindly contributed to the programme: Lord Bruce, Messrs. W. Brown, R. Campbell, A. Thomson, E. Pride, J. Boyle, J. Young, A. Kilpatrick, J. Rankine, W. Beveridge, and W. Black (Charlestown). Mr. T. Walters acted as elocutionist. Gramophone selections were rendered hy Mr. A. Burt and Mr. Dickinson acted as accompanist. The following toasts were proposed: "The King," hy Lord Bruce; "Impeeiug Forces," by Mr. W. Black; "Carnegie Dunfermline Trustees," by Mr. T. Harrower; "Patrons of the Society," by Mr. J. Young; "The Society," by Mr. P. Dudgeon; "The Chairman," by Mr. J. Hunter; "The Accompanist," by Lord Bruce. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought a very happy gathering to a close.—John Buchanan.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held heaquarters, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, March 8th, all members being present with the exception of our Chairman (Mr. Willmott) who, being at Nortbampton, was unable to get there in time; but he sent a very pleasing letter of apology. Chair occupied by Mr. J. Hughes. Three new names for membership submitted. Mr. Russell was introduced. Previous to this a nice muster of birds had been placed for judging, Yorkshires being very prominent; several nice Borders and British birds also were shown. These Mr. Russell had carefully gone through while the members transacted the business. The birds were now placed in order of merit down the centre tables, and Mr. Russell, taking his position at the head of affairs, received a most hearty reception. He then proceeded to take the birds, holding the pair, or single bird, up for inspection, drawing attention to their faults. He told how he had tried the Lancashire Plainhead as an ideal hen for size, himself breeding some splendid type and winners this way. Another question was the type of hen bird to obtain for this result. Questions were soon being put forth by all. The birds done with, all settled down to debate on the feeding of the old birds and the young, their serious complaints, and how to avoid them; the best way to make or give egg food. Here Mr. Russell again excelled in sound wisdom and judgment. Mr. R. has bred and exhibited some of the finest Crests that ever graced a show bench, viz., "The Queen of Crests" (which, I believe, was 1st no less than five times at the Crystal Palace), and he has sold birds for considerable money. His advice in the feeding of the young was carefully noted. He strongly advocated the removal of the cock bird in every case. It is the feeding, he said, that the young get in the feeding, that produce size and quality. Of first 14 days course, if the birds were typical, the use of oatmeal in the way suggested would be a great factor in the producing of such birds. Also, when the young were removed from the old bird, don't be hasty in the giving of seeds in any form. His custard and bread recipe, in his case, not once, but many times, had proved its great value to rear the young when away from the parents. In one case he sold a young bird, when all hope seemed gone of his ever rearing it, for £15. The correct way to make the milk sop we so often hear of opened the eyes of many of the listeners; and this was gone well into. And we should not forget the chief item, viz., linseed, and its wonderful power when old were lacking in feeding perbaps the second or third nest of young. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Russell by Mr. J. H. de Mailett, seconded by Mr. Wright. It had been a red-letter night, and the information and instruction could not have been gathered in a more pleasing way. We welcome intending members at next meeting, April 8th.—J. Sheppard.

SOUTHEND & S. COUNTIES O.S.

General monthly meeting held beadquarters, Mar. 8th, when Mr. A. E. Pattrick read an instructive paper on "Breeding Yorkshire Canaries," which was much appreciated. We are looking forward to the introduction of several new members. By-the-way, why are some of the old faces so long missing?—Wm. E. Lockwood, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, 7th Mar., Mr. Bracegirdle in chair. Secretary stated the pair show held 15th Feb., at Boot Inn, had been a very great success, birds (both Yorkshires and Norwich) being well shown and in good numbers. The judges, Messrs. Whitlow and Wright, gave every satisfaction, and there was a capital attendance of fanciers and friends. Prize money was then paid to winners. A vote of thanks to the judges for their services was passed. Mr. T. Wright has kindly given a cash special for nest feather show. A communication from the Cage Bird Union was read, and evoked some discussion.—J. Swindley, Hon. Sec.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Fourth annual meeting held Church House, March 6th, Mr. E. A. Walker presiding. The usual business over, the treasurer reported a satisfactory balance, notwithstanding a slight decrease in gate money at annual show. Following office-bearers elected:—President, The Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P.; vice-president and hon. solicitor, W. Kennedy, Esq.; chairman, Mr. E. A. Walker; Mr. T. Johnson, jun., was elected to the vice-chair in place of his brother; committee, all the members; hon. auditors, Messrs. R. Hunter and G. J. Johnson; hon. treas., Mr. W. Moss; and hon. sec., Mr. T. H. Tiffen. Rules were revised, and alterations accepted. A number of new members were admitted. Having left licensed premises for more suitable quarters, it is very gratifying to learn that a strong list of patrons has been secured, which is a good omen for our future. The vice-president and hon. solicitor having recently gone over to the "States of Matrimony," the members marked the occasion by presenting him with a handsome polished oak smoker's cabinet. Mr. Kennedy having thanked the members for their good wishes and beautiful present, said he would be pleased to render any assistance he could to further the interests of the society. July 8th was fixed for nest feather show, and 25th for annual show. A suggestion to include a few local pigeon classes at the latter show was favourably commented upon. Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens) was nominated cage bird judge, and since the meeting that gentleman has been engaged for both shows. Votes of thanks terminated meeting.—T. H. Tiffen, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH B. & M.C.

Adjourned annual general meeting for the election of officers for year held headquarters, "Feathers" Hotel, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, Feb. 22nd. Present: Messrs. J. Robson, A. Silver, J. Dewhurst, G. Thurling, T. R. Trower, W. A. Loft, H. J. Full-james, A. J. Marley, A. C. Askew, W. Page, W. A. Shepherd, W. H. Vale, and J. P. Carr. Committee elected following officers for year: Chairman, Mr. J. Robson; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Dewhurst; hon. solicitor, P. J. Nicholls, Esq.; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. R. Trower; hon. auditors, Mr. C. Cooper and Mr. A. Silver; joint hon. secretaries, Mr. A. Plumbridge and Mr. J. P. Carr. Mr. Lott was asked to take office as vice-chairman, but declined. Two new members of the committee, Messrs. W. A. Shepherd and W. Page, were accorded a hearty welcome. Committee meeting followed, Mr. J. Robson in the chair. Letters read from Messrs. Longden, Hurst, and Hopwood, which secretaries were instructed to answer. Carried, that Hybrid Cup be sent to Mr. Longden under conditions of Rule 13. Also unanimously carried, that a diploma be sent winners of club cups, a suitable design to be discussed at next meeting. Mr. J. W. Ford (Swansea) and Mr. A. Morris (Ilford) were elected members. Mr. Full-james presented to the club an entire new classification of all birds on the club's list. A portion of this new classification was gone through by the committee, but being a late hour the remainder was postponed until next meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr, Secs.

GRAVESEND AND DIST. F.S.

Annual general meeting held at Bat and Ball Hotel, Mr. Gates (chairman) presiding, supported by Messrs. Boorman, A. H. Terry, R. Terry, Lambert, Deare, Ibbotson, T. Smith, Lowman, Houlton, Johnson, Jewiss, Gardner, Fox, etc. Report of past season's work on the whole was very satisfactory, as the Society is now in a more flourishing condition. New members have been added, and the meetings of late have been of more interest. It is hoped this year will be a record one. After business a smoking concert was held in the large hall adjoining the hotel, Councillor Goldsmith taking the chair. A very enjoyable programme was gone through, songs being contributed by Messrs. Mitchell, Fox, R. Terry, Coates, Franks, Ibbottson, Gardner, Deare, etc. Councillor Goldsmith said it gave him great pleasure to be present, as it reminded him so much of the very enjoyable meetings he had attended when he was an active member. He wished they could get more support from the outside public as such societies as theirs run purely upon lines of good fellowship, and for no individual profit, were institutions that should have every encouragement. He thought every man who made a hobby of and had a love for dumb animals should have every encouragement. He trusted the coming year would prove a better and more satisfactory one in every way; they were certainly deserving of it. At the conclusion of his remarks Councillor Goldsmith presented a case of pipes to the Secretary (Mr. E. R. Fox), which had been subscribed for by the members. In responding, Mr. Fox said this presentation came to him as a great surprise, and was one that he would greatly treasure. He had endeavoured to do all that lay in his power to make the Society more and more successful, and he was pleased to say they looked like being so this year; but this had not been brought about by his efforts alone, but by the way in which all the members had worked together. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Councillor Goldsmith. A very enjoyable evening then came to a close.

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SHERIFFHILL AND DIST. F.S.

A meeting will he held on March 18th in the St. John's Parish Hall, Sheriffhill, to arrange when half-yearly show shall be, aleo to elect judges. Any bird fanciers within a five mile radius of tbe above hall should come up to our meeting on Saturday night, or write to Messrs. Hunter and Stockton, the secs., Kents Terrace, Sheriffhill, near Gateshead, who will be pleased to hear from any fancier, as we want some birdie men among us.—Hunter and Stockton.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Annual meeting, held March 11th, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Mr. Albert Hirst, in the chair. Business transacted: Auditors' report and balance sheet adopted, with a recommendation to committee to deal with defaulters re subscriptions; Mr. Percy Illingworth, M.P., again elected president, along with Messrs. Haigh, J. W. Ramsden, F. Carc, and Comyns Lewer, as vice-president; Mr. Albert Hirst elected chairman; Mr. O. Mitchell secretary and treasurer; Messrs. Simonette and Wilcock, auditors. Vote of thanks to all retiring officers. New members accepted: Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes (W. Wakefield). Resolved, that application he made to combination of specialist clubs to be admitted, in order to uphold cach otber's suspensions. Grant to secretary of £1 1s. for services rendered during past year. In order to clear deficit or balance the following gentlemen kindly contributed and the sum of £1 5s. 6d. was collected in quick time. Messrs. S. Dean, Jones (Bradford), Sykes (Huddersfield), Ridley, Calam and Pepper (Hull), Hirst (Accrington), McMillan (Leeds), Bagnall (Rotherham), Brunskill (Darlington), Spencer (Doncaster), Halliday (Shipley), Holmes (Keighley). A hearty vote of thanks was passed to contributors, which brought a most successful meeting to a close.—O. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B A.

Annual general meeting, held March 7th, in Duncan's, 71, London Street. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Mr. W. Hutchison (vice-president). Secretary's report and balance sheet, showing, unfortunately, a loss of £21 9s. 7½d. on the season, was unanimously adopted as correct. A discussion was opened, on the best means of clearing this deficit; it was eventually decided that we get up a subscription sale on the Art Union principle, tickets one penny each, or book of seven tickets 6d., which will give the purchaser admission to a show of Canaries and British Birds, to be held April 25th, in Mr. A. Muir's rooms, Saltmarket, Glasgow. Each ticket will participate in the free draw. The prizes will be "Seven Season Tickets," for the great exhibition, to be held in Glasgow, from May to November, 1911. Correspondence was read from various exhibitors who had kindly contributed the sum of £2 14s. towards clearing this deficit, and the meeting unanimously tendered their thanks to these gentlemen. Moved by Mr. E. Barron, seconded by Mr. J. Brown, that we adjourn meeting until April 18th for election of office bearers, date of show, classification, etc. All duplicates and unsold tickets for subscription sale must be forwarded to me or handed in by date of this meeting. Any fancier wishing books of tickets for sale on behalf of the club, can have same by sending me a postcard.—Fred Bowman, Sec., 5, Parkview, Tollcross, Glasgow.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held Headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, Mar. 7th, Mr. T. Down presiding. Meeting took form of a table show (for novices only) of matched pairs of Canaries for breeding, together with a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary by Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford). This meeting was by far the largest and most enthusiastic held in Sheffield for some years. Although the lecture was on the Yorkshire Canary, every branch of the fancy was represented. The lecture was a most enjoyable and instructive one. Friend Mundell was never in better form, his little tit bits amusing his audience greatly. Several old fanciers admitted they had learnt a wrinkle or two; so what is the extent of knowledge gained by the novice? Personally, I think, a very great deal, which I trust the breeding results will show. The lecturer gave his own practical experience; he said some fanciers differed from him, but his results had always given him every satisfaction, and for that reason he followed his suggestions to the letter. Of course, he did not say he was right and others wrong, but if those present followed his ideas they would not go far wrong. A number of questions were put in connection with pairing, breeding, etc., all of which were ably answered. We had another grand lot of recruits to add to our list of members—about 15 in all. A vote of thanks to the lecturer and chairman brought one of the most successful meetings of the Fancy held in Sheffield to a close. Next meeting April 4th, table show of British, 2 classes. Judge, Mr. E. F. Smith (Sheffield). — J. A. T. Woodall. Press Correspondent.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held March 7th, Mr. J. Taylor (president) in chair. The feature was the members' pair class, over which Mr. T. Fortnam officiated. He also gave his reason for the various placings, as well as giving the members the benefit of his experience in the Fancy. Result of competition: 1, Myers and Lightowler; 2, W. North; 3, G. Hudson; 4, Gelder; res, W. Gornall; vhc, Gelder; reserve vhc, Myers and Lightowler; hc, Wilman; c, Lowe. Mr. Fortnam then gave a short criticism of each pair, and also some good advice. He advised all to keep size in the cock bird, and always have the hen as fine in quality as possible. He did not mind a little extra feather on the cock's side, but always paired such birds to fine quality hens, of nice medium size. The lecturer then asked members to take a good look at the various pairs, and ask any questions, when he would be only too pleased to do his best in answering them. Needless to say, this was soon taken advantage of. The society is also indebted to Mr. Fortnam for the "Special" to be given at our F.F. Show, July 22nd. Mr. C. Horsley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer; this was seconded by Mr. H Taylor, and carried unanimously. Arrangements were made for social evening, March 28th, to which all fanciers are heartily invited. A good number of prizes have already been promised, and as the competitions for these do not start until June 10th, any fancier desirous of joining would do well to give his name in to any of our members. In addition to the usual list of specials a medal, value 10s. 6d. will be given, for 1st, a special of 5s. for 2nd, and a special of 2s. 6d. for 3rd most points, with commended birds. Winners of other prizes do not compete for these; therefore, those who do not happen to get in the money at various shows will still stand a good chance of securing one of these latter prizes. The subscription is 3s. per year; entry free on payment of 1s., which amount is reckoned as part subscription. Intending members, don't forget March 28th, 8 p.m., smoker and social evening, tobacco free to every fancier attending.—F. Gelder (Sec.).

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Result of Annual Ballot.

Vice-president: F. Armstrong, 146 votes (elected), W. Cruise 63, H. J. Chittenden 37, J. Chippendale 26, W. Wharton 19, J. H. Ackroyd 9; trustees, W. H. Shackleton 180 votes (elected), R. Halliday 134 (elected), O. Mitchell 118, F. Armstrong 84, A. Brown 49, G. W. Holroyd 29; secretary, (unopposed) H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford; auditors, R. Halliday, 176 (elected), F. Armstrong 152 (elected), R. Garnett 103, O. Mitchell 87, G. W. Holroyd 51, A. Price 27. Revision of rules: Proposed alterations: Rule 7, that no delegates' travelling expenses be paid, 139 for, 154 against. Rule 12 (1) No society shall appoint one of its own members as assistant judge at their own Union open show, 209 for, 99 against; (2) that those societies not holding an open show, and who do not pay a proportion of judges' fees, shall neither nominate, nor vote for Union judges; 168 for, 113 against; (3) that the words "and must publish all assistant judges' names in schedule, along with the classes they will judge," be deleted; 154 for, 117 against. Rule 16, that any society in the Union not holding an open winter show, shall fall to the last show the following year, or by paying their proportion of judges' fees, they shall keep the same date; 241 for, 44 against. Rule 24 (1) That no catalogues of shows be sent to any secretary of Union societies, except one with all awards, etc., marked, to the Union secretary; 174 for, 93 against; (2) that catalogues, not marked, be sent to the secretary of each society, and one with all awards, etc., marked, be sent to the Union secretary, etc.; 89 for, 140 against. Rule 40, that this rule be deleted; 174 for, 76 against. Rule 42 (1) That the novice class limit be £7 7s.; 90 for, 184 against; (2) that there shall be no price limit on the novice classes; 66 for, 195 against. Rule 45: That each society holding an open show, may print its schedule in the Yorkshire Union hand-book; 242 for, 45 against. Rule 46: That this rule be deleted; 90 for, 155 against. Rule 48 (1): That no regular reporter shall judge a Union show; 110 for, 83 against; (2) that this rule be deleted: 148 for, 64 against. Rule 51: That this rule be deleted; 108 for, 158 against. Rule 52 (1): That this rule shall be put into force, and the last six societies holding open shows shall come forward and take the six first feather shows; 96 for, 114 against; (2) that this rule be deleted; 152 for, 58 against. Rule 53: That the annual ballot shall be taken the last fortnight in February, and all rules shall come into force directly after ballot papers have been scrutinised; 194 for, 74 against. That the following be added after the words "no second or further claims to be made after 5 o'clock ou last day of show." But should there be two or more claimants in the claims office on the point of 5 o'clock, they shall all bave a claim. The surplus above catalogue price, etc.—show rule No. 10; 233 for, 47 against. Proposed new rules: 1. That the names of each society holding an open show, shall be separately placed in sealed envelopes and placed in a hat. Ten of these envelopes shall be withdrawn (the remainder to be destroyed), and the ten shall be kept sealed until the end of the show season. The points thus gained at tbese ten shows only shall be counted towards the novice gold medals, and such other Union trophies, as come into existence from this date forward shall be competed for under similar conditions; 169 for, 117 against. 2. That the champion and novice classes be judged first alternately at each open Union show throughout the season; 270 for, 33 against. 3. That no affiliated society shall hold a members' show during the hours an open show is in progress; 151 for, 138 against. 4. That no affiliated society shall hold a members' show during the hours an open show is in progress. Any society violating this rule to be fined £1 1s.; 140 for, 134 against. 5. That the annual ballot shall be taken as follows: A copy of the ballot paper shall be sent to the secretary of each affiliated society, and he shall bring it before the members of his own society and the members present shall vote upon the various subjects, and then return it to the proper quarter; 145 for, 138 against. 6. That each affiliated society shall pay their equal share of the judges' fees; 214 for, 80 against. 7. That the Yorkshire Union shall make a uniform rate of membership fees for all affiliated societies; 135 for, 149 against. 8. That there be a uniform entry fee and subscription adopted by all societies within a radius of five miles of Bradford Town Hall, and that any person paying less than the uniform rate shall not be entitled to the benefit of the Union. This rule to become operative on January 1st, 1912; 112 for, 143 against. Out of 1,143 ballot papers sent out, only 316 were returned, or an average of 31.66 per 100 members. This is one of the worst returns on record, and should be seriously considered on account of the expense and unnecessary labour attached to same. Far better results would be obtained, in my opinion, if only the officials were balloted for, and all alterations or proposed revision of rules should be left entirely in the hands of the Council of the Union. Each society would furnish its delegates with their proposed alterations, and in turn he could bring the same before the Council, and allow them to vote for or against its adoption. This would be far preferable to allowing propositions to be placed on the ballot papers which, if carried, are a menace to the prosperity and welfare of the Union. The Union will have to look to its laurels and set to in a businesslike manner to remove the existing evils attached to the annual ballot. Will all secretaries of Union societies who have not already done so, send in at once the railway petitions in order that they may be returned to the London Federation of C.B.S.—H. Hill, Sec.

LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Mason's Arms, March 11th, when Mr A. Jardine presided over a good attendance. Two new members were admitted. Election of judges: A number of well-known fanciers were chosen; their names will appear after secretary has come to terms with them. The Chairman then introduced Mr. Mackie (Gorgie). He felt sure the members would give him a good hearing. Mr. Mackie then claimed the attention of every one present for nearly an hour, and at the close answered a few questions to the satisfaction of the meeting, after which the President thanked Mr. Mackie for his very instructive paper. A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed and heartily responded to. Mr. Mackie acknowledged the vote, and a very pleasant hour was afterwards spent in song and story.—Walter B. Smart, Sec.

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England.

Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.)
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leads.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.)
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(G. Lawton, 159, Werrington Road, Stoke-on-Trent).
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(T. C. Crawhall, 121, St. George's Terr.).
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme).
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.)
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without).
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 33, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64 Stuart Road.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.)
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 57, Rodsley Avenue.)

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37 Adams-terr., Kelty).
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.)
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan St.).
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.).
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., A.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfc., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Mar. 21, 8. Cage Birds League; nest feather classification.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—Mar. 21, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.45. Table show of muling and hybrid pairs, including For. Finches, 2 classes, also 1 class for For. A.S.—J. R. Colville.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture on Greens, and Breeding for Colour, by Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham).—J. Spencer.

Armley, Wortley C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Station Road Mission, Armley, 7.—A. H. Craven.

Barrow C.B.A.—Mar. 22, Club Room, 7.30. Nomination fees for nest feather show close; also voting on annual open show.—W. C. Templeton.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Calderwood Arms, 7.30. Booking of hens, classification, and election of judges.—G. Harper.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 21, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Food preparing competition, all competitors to bring their own utensils; two money prizes, entry free; business, re Cinderella Club Show; members and friends invited.—H. Hill.

Bedlington C.B.S.—Mar. 18, headquarters, Turks Head.—T. Johson.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Mar. 21, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Brit. Bird Show; see balance sheet for classes, and night show of Yorks., for Novices, classes, 6. Mr. W. Young, judge; birds staged 8; good special for novices.—A. E. Lloyd.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Welbeck Inn, Soresby Street. Table show of Brit. (hens included), and Foreigners, staged 7.30. Also general meeting.—C. H. Naylor.

Crewe O.S.—Mar. 21, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Rules of cup, kindly presented by P. V. Williams, Esq.—E. Jaycott.

Chester-le-Street F.A.—Mar. 18, Butchers Arms, Middle Chase, 7. Drawing up rules, election of officers.—J. Hedley.

Darlington C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Half Moon Inn, 8.—H. Todd.

Dalziel O.A.—Mar. 18, Y.M.C.A., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7.—J. Mathieson.

Derby C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Derwent Hotel, 7. Show business.—W. Stevens.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Rd., 7.30. Table show of Brit. (confined to novices). Members allowed to compete: Those who have not won a first prize with cage birds, 4 classes. Judge, Mr. A. W. Watson; special for best, presented by Mr. G. Brown; medal for most points, by Mr. A. W. Watson.—J. I. Mackie.

East Ham C.B.S.—Mar. 23, headquarters, Hartley Avenue Schools,, 8. Questions and Answers. All welcome.—B. C. Smith.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Mar. 25, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. General business.—G. Fisher.

Green C.A.—Mar. 23, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, and other business; members requested to attend.—G. Green.

Great Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Mar. 25, Church Schools, 8.—H. Gornall.

Hirst Universal C.B.S.—Mar 25, Universal Social Club, 7. General business and lecture on Canary Management, by E. Floyd, Esq.; fanciers invited. R. Middleton.

High Wycombe F.S.—Mar. 17, Working Men's Club, 8. Quarterly shows, lectures, etc.—S. G. Pearce.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Mar. 21, headquarters, 6. Yorks. judge, model cards, joint club show for Fife and Dist.—A. Dickson.

Huddersfield O.S.—March 20. White Hart Hotel, 8. Monthly table show; hen classes.—F. J. Sykes.

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 22, headquarters, Saracens Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, Brit. all fanciers invited.—J.A.Tyler.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Drill Hall, 7. Show classification.—W. Whiteford.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Mar. 21, White Swan, 8.15. Table show; 3 classes.—J. E. Wood.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Mar. 25, Miners' Hall, 7. Replies from judges; election of office bearers. J. Pollock.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S. (Glam).—Mar 23, Danix Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. Answers to Questions strictly upon following subject: Successful Rearing of Young Birds; each member bring six questions each.—A. H. C. Legg.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30 Please attend, as I want to fix date of F.F. show.—J. Nichol.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Mar. 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Paper on Yorkshires.—H. Boothman.

Musselburgh O.S.—Mar. 25, Gray Horse, 7.30. Correspondence, etc.—W. Nisbet.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Mar. 22, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Annual meeting, cups and medals, presented, table show (4 classes). Silver medal for most points, by Mr. Taylor; silver medal for most entries, Mr. E. Atkinson. Judge, J. R. Slack.—J. Bertram.

Nelson C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Thornton's Restaurant, 8 Special, to reconsider date for F.F. show.—J. Gregson.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Mar. 25, Lockhart's Cafe Grainger Street, 8. Bal. sheet, etc.—N .R. Coomber

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Institute Hall, 7 Nest feather show and judges for same; new members welcome.—W. Forster.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Mar. 23, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House; subject, "Looking Ahead." Visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

Southall F.S.—Mar. 18, St. John's School, 7. Winners of points cups will be announced, etc.—A. E Argyle.

South Wales Roller C.C.—Mar. 18, Cricklehere Hotel, Llanelly, 8. Most important business.—J Welch.

Sale Open O.S.—Mar. 20, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Syllabus for present year, etc. J. Irlam.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Commercial Hotel, 8 —J. Lewis.

Stockport B.F.A.—Mar. 21, Boar's Head Hotel, 8 —W. Stafford.

Tunstall C.B.S.—Mar. 22, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Market Square, 8. Annual general meeting, report and balance sheet; election of officers, etc.—Evans and Brough.

Tong C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Hand and Shuttle Hotel, Tong Street, 7.30. Important business.—J. Smith.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Horse and Groom Inn, 8 Classification, etc.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—Mar. 18, Blue Bell Hotel 8. Lecture by Mr. P. Mason, "Pairing and Breeding the Yorkshire."—J. Cook.

Walkden C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Institute, 7.30. Novice Washing Competition. Judge, Mr. Gaskell. H. Howard.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Mar. 21, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. Extremely important; large attendance requested; prospective members specially invited. R. B. Gibb.

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Twitterings.

I received my copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL safely. They are really a remarkable sixpennyworth.—W. Clubb (Falkirk).

We regret to hear that Mountain Ash show, so far as the cage bird section is concerned, has been cancelled.

Our 48th annual show is to be held on November 4th, writes Mr. Geo. Mitchell, secretary of the Brechin C.B.S.

Will secretaries please note my new address, writes Mr. John Goodfellow; it is 12, Violet Terrace, Merchiston, Edinburgh.

I have received the CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL; it is a fine sixpennyworth of useful information.—J. Sheppard (Birmingham).

The Penzance show is, we hear, fixed for November 16th, when Mr. W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) will judge the cage bird section.

The address in my advertisement in your last issue, writes Mr. H. Mills, should have read: Elsinore, Westwood Avenue, Timperley, Cheshire.

Mr. Thos. Smith, the secretary of the Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby, asks us to call attention to his new address—10, Lochside St., Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

All meetings and members' shows of the Great Horton O.S. will be held on the fourth Saturday in the month this season, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the secretary.

I have been elected secretary to the Littleborough C.B.S., and all future communications should be sent to me, writes Mr. J. R. Mayers, 7, New Road, Littleborough.

Mr. J. H. Roe (Birmingham) has been engaged to judge the Oxford and District C.B.S. open show, to be held on October 26th, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, the hon. secretary.

The Sligo C.B.S have fixed November 1st and 2nd as the dates of their annual show, writes Mr. C. J. Mulligan, the secretary. Will secretaries please note, to prevent clashing?

Mr. William Griffiths, a noted breeder of Crests, of Springburn, Glasgow, has, writes Mr. Alex. McNicol (Glasgow), just returned from Canada, after a twelve months' absence.

I have been appointed secretary of the Hucknall Torkard C.B.S., and all communications should in future be sent to me, writes Mr. J. Nicholls, 43, Yorke Street, Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

I am compelled to give up the Fancy, writes Mr. R. H. Jones (Swansea), entirely owing to family reasons, so am obliged to advertise my Border Fancies and my cages, etc., the latter all my own make.

Kindly say that it is impossible for me to take on judging, writes Mr. W. B. Smart (Loanhead, N.B.), Saturday being the worst day in the week with a baker. I have been asked twice within a week, and a notice of this kind might prevent it.

I have again been elected secretary of the Leadgate and District C.B.S., writes Mr. J. A. Turnbull, No. 1, Percy Terrace, Consett. Mr. Jas. Stanger (Pelton Fell) has, I may say, consented to judge our open Linnet show on April 1st.

I have had CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1911, and must say I have enjoyed reading the contents of it. It is a well-got-up little book, and contains information that could not be got elsewhere for the price.—J. Maxwell, jun. (Queensferry, N.B.).

We have appointed all our judges for the annual show, to be held on December 16th, writes Mr. W. McLaren, the secretary of Broxburn and Dist. C.B.S. They are Messrs. John McLennan, G. Scaife, J. Thomson, J. Mason, and J. Strachan.

I hasten to extend to you my sincere thanks for the photograph of my birdroom reproduced in "Our Canaries," Part 10, writes Mr. F. Boxall (Chiswick). The picture is really perfection, and reflects great credit on your valuable monthly production.

Will British and foreign bird fanciers please note that Mr. J. Dewhurst has kindly consented to judge these classes at our open show on November 8th and 9th? writes Mr. W. C. Lockwood, hon. secretary of the Southend and Southern Counties O.S.

The Royal Tunbridge Wells and District F.A. are holding a members' show on March 22nd in the Friendly Societies' Hall, Camden Road, where it is hoped there will be a large attendance of the general public. The show opens at 6.30 p.m. There will be eight classes of cage birds.

The Bolton and Dist. O.S., writes Mr. P. Brierley, the secretary, have fixed June 17th and July 22nd for their F.F. shows, with Messrs. Brunskill and A. Hirst as judges. Also October 13th and 14th for the annual open show. Will secretaries please note to avoid clashing?

As a token of respect and an expression of our good wishes, the hat was passed round at our meeting held on March 7th, writes Mr. W. Elliott, hon. secretary of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., and a suitable present will be made to Mr. Emery, who is leaving England for Australia.

I am sorry to have to part with my stock (which I am advertising for sale in your columns this week), writes Mr. Arthur Noble (Newcastle-on-Tyne), owing to my going to Australia. I expected to "go strong" next season on the show bench, but my "bread and butter" takes me across the seas.

I have been elected secretary of the Malton Norton and Dist. F.S. in place of Mr. G. M. Horsley, who has resigned, writes Mr. James Wilson, 8, Wold Street, Norton, Malton, Yorks. We have fixed November 9th for our annual show, and Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) will judge the cage birds.

The Glasgow West End Cage Bird Club's membership card and syllabus for the 1911 season is a neat little four-page leaflet. Shows, lectures, exhibitions, etc., figure largely in the programme, and members anticipate having a good time of it. The secretary is Mr. W. Proudfoot, 145, Henderson Street, Glasgow.

Mr. B. C. Smith, show manager to the East Ham C.B.S., writes to say that the following gentlemen have been engaged to judge their shows this year:—First Feather (June 15th), Mr. J. Freer; Young Stock (July 29th), Mr. J. Robson; Annual (November 4th), Mr. H. Norman (who, by the way, is a vice-president of this new society). The membership still continues to increase.

Have received so many replies to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS that it is quite impossible for me to answer all of them; and they still keep pouring in by every post.—W. Dawson (Carnforth).

Allow me a word of praise for your advertising columns. From a 1s. advt. in "CAGE BIRDS" Issue for Feb. 18th, I sold 47 birds, sending north, south, east, and west.—G. S. Ellwood (Blaydon-on-Tyne).

Please thank all who replied to my small advt. in "CAGE BIRDS." I had over 30 letters and cards for my Roller hens—from all parts, including Scotland and Wales. I am unable to answer them all. H. Priest (Henley-on-Thames).

Miss McPherson (Pencaeran, Neath) **thanks the many correspondents who answered her advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," and wishes to state that there were too many for her to reply to individually. She cannot speak too highly of the excellency of "CAGE BIRDS" advertisement columns.**

Kindly thank all who answered my advert in "CAGE BIRDS" of Feb. 25, re two Norwich hens. I have had so many letters and p.c.'s that I could not possibly answer them all. But I have satisfactorily made a deal. I think "CAGE BIRDS" a splendid paper to advertise in.—Mr. Walmann (Cambridge)

We have secured the following gentlemen to act as judges at our open show on October 14th, writes Mr. Wm. Whiteford, secretary of the Lochgelly C.B.S.:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. Wm. Thornton (Edinburgh); for Yorkshires, Mr. J. Ford (Kelty); for Borders, Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling); for Crests and Crest-breds, Mr. G. F. Adamson (Kilmarnock); for Plainheads, Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); and for British, Mules and foreign, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh).

For our open show on November 4th, writes Mr. J. W. Lowes, secretary of the Stockton-on-Tees and Dis. C.B.S., we have booked five judges, so as to give exhibitors a good run for their money. We have elected Mr. Halliday (Bradford) for Yorkshires, Mr. S. Dixon (Bedlington Station) for Norwich and Crests, Mr. H. Tams (Longton) for open British and Foreign, Mr. T. Hill (Thornaby-on-Tees) for members' Canaries, and Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees) for members' British.

Messrs. J. Alexander Dobbie and Co., the well-known proprietors of the Vigorine Grit and the "Lavesine" feather cleaner, etc., of Waverley Works, Leith, N.B., are now giving the Fancy the benefit of their wide and long experience in the shape of the provision of bird seeds (canary, rape, hemp, teazle, etc.) of the finest quality; also cuttlefish bone, biscuit meals, milk powder, grains, etc. The prices are moderate, and readers contemplating dealing with this firm may rely upon getting value for their money and prompt attention to their orders.

Hawfinch Pushing Northwards.

It is reported that the Hawfinch has considerably extended its range northwards during the last few years, and that in some of the northern counties it is included among the birds that it is desirable to protect.

Ruthless Nature.

According to advices from the Caucasus (says the "Pall Mall Gazette") millions of singing birds, which used every winter to find a warm retreat on the southern slopes of the forest-clad mountains of the Caucasus, have suddenly been surprised by the intense cold and severe snowstorms whilst they were on their way from the north. The sides of the mighty mountains, the highest in Europe, and the shores of the Black Sea, are now strewn with small corpses of singing birds, especially Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Robin Redbreasts, Flycatchers, and other birds which in the summer mostly visit these shores.

A meeting of the new Stevenston and Dis. O.S. writes Mr. J. Lamb, the Secretary, will be held on March 21, at the Masonic Hall, at eight o'clock.

As unfortunately our negative of the group of members has proved unsuccessful, will all the members of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis, O.S. please turn up at "Lees Clock," Stamford Street, on Sunday, March 19th, at 10.30 a.m., writes Mr. J. R. Colville, the Secretary. Members know what is wanted, so please come.

In the advertisement last week of "Releivo" (the noted remedy for egg-binding), a regrettable printer's error occurred. It was stated that "Releivo" absolutely cures the worst cases in a few minutes "with steaming"; this should have been "without steaming"—an important difference!

A photograph of that well-known Staffordshire fancier and exhibitor, Mr. J. Pitchford (Stoke-on-Trent), of Messrs. Pitchford and Stocker, and secretary of the local cage-bird association, appeared in a recent issue of the "Staffordshire Sentinel," and accompanying it was an excellent account of Mr. Pitchford's career in the hobby, which has been a long, honourable, and successful one.

A very successful career on the show bench has been the lot of the fine clear yellow Norwich Plainhead belonging to Mr. C. H. Goodman, of Kempston, near Bedford, which was pourtrayed on our front page a fortnight ago. In addition to securing 1st and two special prizes at the Crystal Palace, it has won 1st and two specials at Luton, besides numerous other prizes during 1910 and 1911. Mr. Goodman writes: "I thank your artist, Mr. Norman, for the able drawing of my bird."

We have received a copy of the rule book for 1911 of the City and Suburban A.C.B., and note that the popular and very much alive hon. secretary, Mr. V. Wynn (22 Park Lane, W.) has had the cover done in purple and gold in commemoration of the Coronation Year. The society has arranged a most attractive list of lectures, washing, staging, cage making and painting, demonstrations, cricket matches, country outings, discussions, shows, etc., so that a thoroughly interesting season is assured. The secretary will be glad to hear from and enrol fanciers desirous of becoming members.

New W.P.B.A. for Lanark.

A new Wild Bird Protection Act has just come into force (February 21st), for the County of Lanark. Among the species protected are now included the Bullfinch, Crossbill, Dipper, Hawfinch, Jay, Martin, Raven, Sand Martin, Siskin, Swallow and Swift. Among the birds protected all the year round figure the Chough, Goldfinch, Kingfisher, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, and the Barn, Long-eared, Short-eared and Tawny Owls.

An Elderly Ringdove.

I have a Ring Dove that on May 4th next will have been 22 years in my house. He came from Alexandria, Egypt, and was said to be, and probably was, two years old at the time, having been in possession of a previous owner, Mr. Bogen, a teacher of navigation, a long time before he came to me. He is proud to be called "Jim,' and he bows like a courtier. Mr. Ramsden, the Crystal Palace Show manager,, thinks him good for a few years longer. The Dove has got over his moultings very easily since twelve years ago, when we began feeding on mortar from a wall; and we want him to live long enough to worry a house.—Cor. Willson (Grimsby).

Why is a Blackbird Black?

If a naturalist were asked, Why is a Blackbird black? he would be puzzled for an answer, says a writer in the "Dundee Advertiser." I read a paper the other day by a learned Professor on the question, Why is the negro black? and he answered it confidently by asserting that black pigment is necessarily developed as a protection against excessive light. The pigment of the Blackbird's plumage, we may take it, serves no such purpose as this, for though the bird delights in shady places, such as shrubberies, neither it, nor any other British bird not an Owl, can be troubled by the very moderate intensity of the sun in these climes. Nor can black be said to be a protective colour. In almost any conceivable situation frequented by the Blackbird and its brown and spotted relative, the Song Thrush, the Blackbird will be found to be the more conspicuous bird of the two. Supporters of the theory of sexual selection would say that the Blackbird is black because it has been so decreed by feminine Blackbird taste. As the sexes are markedly different in their colouration, the Blackbird comes well within a theory which deals chiefly, though not exclusively, with forms in which marked differences distinguish the two. But the whole hypothesis has fallen somewhat into disrepute, and cannot be confidently invoked in these days as answer to the question raised. Indeed we can no more say with precision why a Blackbird is black than we can say why a Mavis is not black.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Wellington (Salop).—March 25, Town Hall. Judge Mr. A. C. Brotherhood. 11 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Mule 2, Brit. 4, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close March 20, to G. Hitchman, 9, Tan Bank, Wellington, Shropshire.

ALMOST GONE.

The 1911 edition of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is nearly exhausted. Avoid disappointment by ordering at once. **Turn to page 271.**

The Breeding of the Norwich Plainhead.

By
A. W. CURTIS
(Fulham).

A lecture delivered on February 23rd before the members and friends of the Queen's Park (London) C.B.S.

No doubt you will think it a presumption on my part to attempt to add anything to what has already been said about the Norwich Plainhead, so many lectures have been delivered, and so many articles have appeared in our Fancy Press. My remarks are intended chiefly for the ears of the novices, and if any advice given does in any way assist these novices, I shall not regret having been persuaded to make an exhibition of myself.

To the novice just starting in the Fancy, I would advise that a visit be paid to a few rooms belonging to prominent breeders, this with the object of gaining knowledge, re the most suitable cages to buy or make. One fancier will tell you that such-and-such a sized cage is best for the Norwich, whilst another will be an advocate for a different size altogether. But a novice with an observant eye will, after inspecting various makes, very soon detect the disadvantages of some and the utility of others. Select a cage which, in your opinion, is the most comfortable for your birds during the breeding and moulting seasons; be sure to avoid a cage having perches fixed near the bottom and running at right angles to those above them. All perches should be removable, and all fronts removable, too, and those are best made of flat punched bars, for they are much easier to wash and keep clean than the old-fashioned wrapped wire fronts. Do not on any account select a cage having the narrow rail fixed immediately under the front edge of the cage top, for you cannot see what is going on behind it, and you will find it a very good harbour for dirt and red mite.

Points for the Drawboard.

Some fanciers are opposed to the drawboard, or sand-tray; I am not with them, as I am certainly in favour of it for sanitary reasons. For instance, sometimes when a hen is sitting she will have an attack of diarrhœa, when the cage bottom will become very much soiled; then it will be found much easier and safer to withdraw the sand tray, give it a good wash with disinfectant, and return it with fresh sawdust and sand to the cage than to wash out the bottom of the cage. I don't think many hens would stick to the nest during the latter operation.

Again, when we have a cage occupied by a sick bird, it will be found necessary to frequently cleanse the tray; therefore, I consider the sand tray a necessity.

In my opinion, many fanciers are too much inclined to economy with regard to space in breeding cages. This may be all very well if unavoidable, but I must here advise the novice where possible to use good roomy breeding cages. Those used by myself are what are known as two-compartment or double-breeders. The inside dimensions are as follows: Length, 2ft. 9in.; height, 1ft. 3in.; depth from back to front, 11in. I have two sliding divisions for the centre of each cage, one being a dark slide and the other one half wood and half wire. The latter slide I use when pairing up, keeping the wired part towards the top of the cage, so that the cock and hen can see, and also feed, one another through the wires.

When the young are shut off from the old ones, and not old enough to feed themselves, I reverse the slide, the wired portion being placed towards the bottom of the cage; this enables the old birds to feed their young from the bottom of the cage. With the slide in this position, the youngsters cannot annoy the hen by flying on the wires. The wood portion of the slide shields her when she may be sitting on another clutch of eggs.

The dark slide is for use when it is desired to convert breeders to form two separate compartments.

Double or Single?

Novices will find the cage referred to has many advantages over the single-breeder, as no nursery cages are required, and by allowing the young brood half the breeding cage until they are old enough to be transferred to the flight, you are giving them plenty of space for exercise, and this, in my opinion, plays a very important part in the birds' development and stamina. In a room with plenty of wall space I would advise one to make a flight cage twice the length of the breeder already referred to. This should be made convertible; or, in other words, should be so made that in the breeding season it can, with slide divisions, be divided off to form two double-breeders, or four single compartments. The inside dimensions of one I have in use are as follows: Length, 5ft. 8in.; height, 1ft. 6in.; depth from front to back, 11in. This will be found a very handy flight in which to fly your hens during the winter months.

There are one or two other very important items in connection with the breeding cage which should not be lost sight of, although, judging from what I have seen, even in the rooms of champions, one would think the matter not worthy of serious thought. I refer to the size of perch, also the proper position for the fixing of same. A perch should be made large enough for a hen to be able to steady herself upon; at the same time, it must not be so large that she cannot get a good grip of it. The perch used in my own cages, and one I have always found to answer the purpose very well, is from ½in. to ⅝in. in width by ⅝in to ¾in. in thickness. The top should be slightly rounded off, and the sharp arris just planed off the two bottom edges, so that you have a chamfer about ⅛in. across. The Southern Norwich Plainhead Club have adopted the use of such a perch for their show cages.

The position in which perches should be fixed will have to be governed by the width of the nest pans. The perches should be fixed 1in. clear of the pan on each side; that is to say, should the pan be 5in. in diameter, the perches should be fixed 7in. apart.

When fixing a perch, be sure to see it does not touch the back of the cage; you can allow the pin at the end to project far enough to hold it in position. At the same time, see that you have about ¼in. clearance between the end of the perch and the back of the cage; this will prevent a lodgment for red mite. A space of at least ¼in. should also be allowed between the under-side of perch and the top of the cross-bar at the front of the cage.

The nest pan should be hung so that the top edge of the same is about 1in. above the top of perches. This will be found a very convenient height for the old birds when standing on the perch to feed their young from it.

The wire bracket which carries your nest-pan should be hung to the back of the cage on a small brass cup hook. These brackets will be found much better and neater than either screws or nails.

Circumventing the Red Mite.

One other important item in connection with the breeding cage is that before commencing breeding operations it will be absolutely necessary to have it thoroughly cleansed and overhauled. See that every little hole and crevice is properly stopped, and the whole painted out with good lead and oils. If these suggestions are faithfully carried out, there will not be many incubators left for red mite. Where cages are hung on walls, do not allow the backs to touch the wall; to prevent this, at each of the two bottom corners of your cage turn in a screw to within ¼in. of the head. See that the nails from which your cage is hung are out far enough to allow your cage to hang ¼in. clear of the wall. The screws will keep the bottom away. This will allow ¼in. space for a current of air to pass through, and I have no hesitation in saying that you will not be troubled with many mites behind your cages.

It would take up too much time for me to go thoroughly into matters dealing with the construction of cages. I must, therefore, pass on to what may, or may not, be more interesting hints to the novice.

In my opinion, many novices with limited means start breeding birds before they are half ready. I know that when one is first attacked by the fever the consequences are seldom taken into consideration. It is something like love at first sight, and the happy home on the hire system. The raw recruit goes to the Palace Show with about £2 in his pocket, has a look round at the birds, and makes the acquaintance of a gentleman named Crow. Mr. Crow very soon introduces our friend the recruit to a friend of his named Robin. Mr. Crow has already learned that the recruit has come to the Palace with the idea of purchasing a pair of birds, and so takes him to a pair catalogued at 40s. Mr. Robin (the owner) adds his words of praise re the grand pair of pairs they are—guaranteed to breed winners, etc. The recruit is finally persuaded to claim them, lands home with his prize, to suddenly awaken to the fact that he is bankrupt and without even the price of a cage left. He borrows 5s. from a friend, buys what he considers an ideal breeding cage—one of those with a nice little bedroom in the top right-hand corner, and such a sweet little nursery directly under the bedroom. Then the trouble begins. Although blessed with thousands of red mite, not a single youngster comes to encourage his efforts, and the last news heard of him is he is retiring from the Fancy (see advertisement in the Fancy Press). "Owing to business pressure," he says, "all my stock and utensils are for sale." The "business pressure" may be for the repayment of the 5s. borrowed, and we can take it for granted that included in the advertiser's stock will be the red mite he has been so successful in breeding.

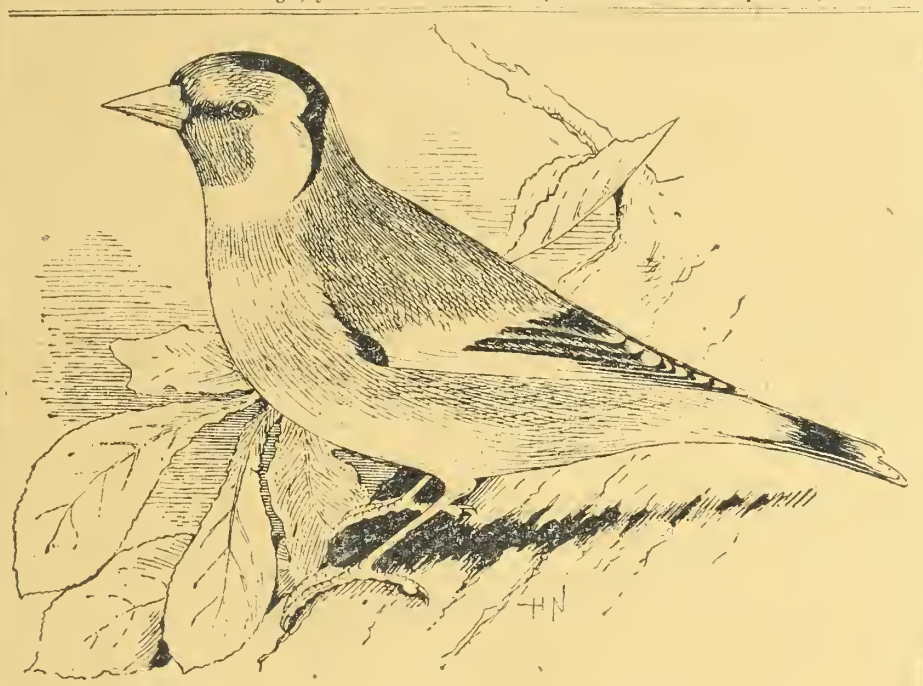
Now, we will take the thoughtful novice, also with limited means, and watch his mode of procedure. He makes it his first business to join a society as near home as possible, so as to avoid unnecessary expense in travelling. His next business will be to make himself sociable and agreeable to his fellow-members, to whom he might hint how delighted he would be to have the privilege of being allowed to look at their birds. This will give him the opportunity of acquiring that knowledge re cages, etc., already referred to. After some weeks of membership (during which time the novice has never missed a meeting, lecture, or members' show), we find him seriously thinking of getting his bird-room in order, ready to receive the birds that he is thinking of buying.

If at all handy with tools, he will proceed to lay out some of his pocket-money in purchasing boards, fronts, etc., and start to work making cages. This he will find a very interesting pastime, but not interesting enough to make him neglect his club meeting, or to make him lose sight of the fact that before his education or apprenticeship even as a novice is completed it will be necessary for him to visit a few open shows, and there take particular notice of the birds in the prize cards. The winners will give the novice an idea of the type of bird required, and will be a guide to him when selecting his breeding pairs.

We will take it for granted that by this time the thoughtful novice will have made his cages, and that all paint and enamel on same is thoroughly dry and hard, seed hoppers and drinkers properly fixed, perches in their proper positions, hooks in ready to receive nest-pan, brackets, a supply of seeds, nesting material, cuttlefish, etc., to hand.

We will also take it for granted that the thoughtful novice has already made up his mind as to the most likely place at which to obtain a pair or two of birds at a reasonable figure. If in doubt, he seeks the advice of an honourable fancier. The result will be that with ordinary luck the thoughtful novice will become a successful fancier and a credit to the fraternity. To become a successful breeder and exhibitor will take much longer than the novice imagines, and I am afraid that a large number are disappointed at the end of their first season if they have not succeeded in breeding a first prize winner. If some of them would only try to review their methods of the past season, they would very often find that they have been trying to travel at such a rate that they have run past themselves.

(To be continued.)



A NOTED SIBERIAN GOLDFINCH.

The property of Mr. A. J. Howie (Dunfermline). A well-known winner at the Scottish Shows, and 2nd at the Crystal Palace (1911).

Pairing to Produce Exhibition Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries

By J. C. Barnes (Sheffield),

(Concluded from page 221).

The Yorkshire.

Of late years, the Yorkshire has gained very considerable ground as regards popularity. At one time the Norwich Plainhead easily held pride of place as to the numbers bred and the entries at shows. Now it is practically a toss-up which of the two breeds takes precedence. In the North of England I can unhesitatingly say that the "long and slim" variety is easily top of the poll.

The Yorkshire is a grand and very attractive bird, and can rightly claim to be the "gentleman of Canarydom." The greatest essentials are position, quality and length. Colour counts very little; at the same time, don't overlook it, for remember that what decides superiority in the Norwich often decides the issue in the Yorkshires; so colour is of use to a certain extent.

In producing up-to-date specimens, always have as much length as you can possibly get on the cock's side, with long legs and as upright a position as possible; also good colour. The hens I like of extra good feather, standing straight up, showing a little breed (swagger), neat and narrow, and of medium length. The length comes from the male bird, and type and quality from the hen.

To Obtain Length.

To obtain length, the Lancashire Plainhead has played a very prominent part. I should not advise breeders on a small scale to be dabbling with the Lancashire, but those who go in extensively for the production of the bird should resort to it as occasion demands. There are at the present time any amount of suitable lengthy birds, "ready made," to be got at a reasonable price, and it is far better to purchase these than to be experimenting. You will save time by so doing.

Should any of my readers desire to try their luck as regards length production, procure a yellow Lancashire cock (known as a "washer" with the Lancashire breeders), a bird of good length, but lacking the amount of feather so much sought after in the "Giant of Canarydom," and deficient in "sulky" skull character, i.e., browing.

Run such a bird with the very best feathered and smartest typed hens (yellows for preference) you have at your disposal. The progeny from such crossing should be of extra good length, and the best of them should be retained for future breeding and matched up to the best advantage afterwards; or a season after, shall we say?

Obtaining "Swagger."

Now, as regards position and swagger, the Belgian is responsible for these. Here again I should advise small breeders not to tamper with the Belgian, as he is a very dangerous customer to run into one's stock. Extreme care has to be brought into play to use the "hunch back" successfully. He is, without doubt, the pioneer of thin necks so detrimental in many of the Yorkies at the present time. My advice to you, if you are short of "breed" in your stock, is to purchase a "ready-made" article. Such are to be got at a reasonable figure, and you will act wisely in so doing. To those who are experimentalists, and wish to try their hand at producing position and nerve (or swagger, breed, and so forth), get a good quality yellow Belgian hen as long as possible, and run her with the longest and best feathered buff cock you have. Keep the best of the progeny, those thickest in neck and of the best type. Shun those with extremely thin necks, by all means, for once you get thin necks into your stock, it is a job to rectify them. Use discretion when crossing with the Belgian.

Quality of Feather.

Quality is obtained by the method I have quoted as regards the Norwich; that is, by keeping the best feathered birds you breed, and by using variegation. Another very safe method is to use a little cinnamon marked blood. Procure a good yellow cinnamon marked cock, and run him with one or two of your best-positioned dark eyed buff hens. Take notice, I advise best-position buff hens. The cinnamon marks are not so good in position, quite, as the green marked variety; therefore, utilise the best positioned damsels. You must keep Yorkshires erect and "straight as gun-barrels," as the show reports say. By using the cinnamon marks you obtain magnificent quality, soft silky texture of feather, and good colour.

Length of leg is also of very great importance. Birds that are short, or low, on leg are of very little use to a good breeder. There must be plenty of daylight between the legs.

Fashionable Faults.

The most prominent faults that cling (more-or-less) to the Yorkshire are as follows: Thin necks, wings that cross at tips, guttered backs, drooping tails, stilty legs, and frilly breasts. Shun these as much as you can. The main drawbacks of the Norwich are small heads, coarse and flat heads, browing, "roach" backs, looseness around thighs, and length of barrel. Avoid these failings.

The Roller Canary: Its Breeding, Training and General Management : :

By
"Schoolmaster."

(Continued from page 194).

The following is the third instalment of this instructive article upon the sweet-voiced Roller Canary.

You will find that the red-mite pest will be your great trouble in a warm room. If your cages are not fitted with perches that have a metal trap fixed to one end, you can very easily make a trap perch. Take a piece of willow, dog rose, or elderberry (or if none of these are available, one of your ordinary perches will do), and bore a hole, say, ⅛in. in width and about 1in. deep down both the front and back of the perch. Here you have your trap, and if you have any red-mite in your cages, they will in the daytime harbour in the holes you have made inside your perches, and all you have to do to destroy them is to take the perch out of the cage and knock it over a fire; this is a simple but effective way of keep the number under.

If you are handy with tools, you can make for yourself flight and shutter cages before the breeding season arrives. The first of these you will require to use will be the flights, into which you will transfer your youngsters.

Joining a Club.

Should you desire to become a member of a Roller Club, choose the one nearest the locality where you reside. The ordinary club meetings are held once in each month, and are very useful and instructive, as birds are often brought to the meetings and their song described; judging competitions are held as well as members' shows. Attend as many of your club's meetings as you possibly can, and do your part in helping the officials to make your society a successful one.

Perhaps a little information to the uninitiated as to where the different societies are located will be beneficial. In the South we have the British Roller Canary Club. Coming Northwards there is not another until we get into South Staffordshire. Here the Midland Roller C.C. have their headquarters at Wolverhampton. Passing on through Staffordshire there is not another club until Manchester is reached. What are the fanciers in North Staffordshire doing, I wonder? This place, I know to be a little hot-bed of feather fanciers, and according to the pages of CAGE BIRDS those good-looking Potters (I say good looking, because they are credited with making their own mugs) have three cage bird societies within a space of six miles. Surely one of them is energetic enough to add a Roller section to their club? I should propose that different secretaries put this question before their members, and should it meet with their approval, publish a notice in CAGE BIRDS (with the Editor's permission) inviting local Roller fanciers to the next meeting. Having spent a number of years in the Potteries, I know there are plenty of fanciers of the German Canary in the district, and at the present time there are two fanciers, one at Goldenhill and another at Newcastle, both members of a recognised Roller society. The Provincial Roller C.C. have their headquarters in Manchester, with Bolton and Wigan, boasting one each, this giving Lancashire the lead with three clubs in one shire.

Passing on into Yorkshire, we have two—Leeds and Wakefield. Some years ago a contest was held at Llanelly, but the gallant little Welshman seems to be sleeping now. The same term may be applied to Scotland, as there is not one Roller club over the border.

The names and addresses of the secretaries of the above-named clubs can be found in "Cage Birds Annual."

Marking Rings.

Any member of a society that is recognised by the British Roller C.C. can purchase this club's rings through the secretary of his own club, and with his rung birds is eligible to compete in the B.R.C.C. points competition. Another new feature is to be added next show season, which commences in November. The Provincial Roller Club are giving their patronage to their members exhibiting at other shows in the form of specials. A hint to friend Percival (the Secretary of the Provincial Roller C.C.): in the majority of cases some small, useful household article would no doubt be as acceptable as a medal.

[Since the above was written two other Roller Societies have been formed, viz., the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.S., and the South Wales Roller C.C.; and the Oldham C.B.S. have, we are informed, decided to enrol as members, fanciers of the Roller Canary, and to hold a show for the benefit of these members.—Editor.]

It is a fact that the Roller is becoming very popular, and its clubs are showing balance sheets very much on the right side. It is a variety that is easy to breed, as the hens, on the whole, are remarkably prolific. You have not to consider, in mating, such things as flat heads, hollow necks, crossed wings, etc. No hand-washing or colour-feeding is necessary. Your aim is song, and it would be a revelation to a Norwich breeder, who has not had the experience, to visit a German breeder's training room; probably he would not see a single bird; yet at the same time he would hear many singing behind the closed doors of their shutter-cage, and singing in a style warranted not to make the head ache. The prejudice that exists about size and colour very soon dies when a fancier takes up this variety.

Preparing for the Breeding.

In the matter of preparing the birds for breeding, the Roller is the same as other varieties.

You will be able to judge when a hen wishes to go to nest: she will move rapidly over the perches, flapping her wings and uttering shrill calls. In her beak she will carry any loose bits of material that can be found in the cage; she will pluck out her own feathers for this purpose. At other times, generally the first thing in the morning, she will drop down on the perch, droop her wings and, raising her beak upwards, utter a rapid "se-se-se" nasal-like call.

When you notice these signs in one of your hens, start her off to nest at once, as a hen in this condition will often begin to lay eggs about the cage; and this will often throw a hen out of condition for the whole season. Put a wire slide in the middle of one of your breeding-cages, and place the cock on one side and the hen on the other. If your cock bird is in equally as good a condition as the hen, it will not be many days (in fact, hours in some instances) before they will become reconciled to each other. This you can judge by the actions of the birds themselves: the hen calls to the cock and he feeds her through the wires of the slide.

You can then remove the slide. Place a nest-pan between the perches—in such a position that the latter will come below the rim of the pan, yet come close up to its side to prevent it from rocking. A small handful of moss should be placed in the rack or cage bottom. A bath should be hung on one of the doors, or placed inside the cage. The former method of providing a bath is the best, as the water is kept cleaner, but in either position fresh clean bathing and drinking water should be provided daily the first thing of a morning for preference; and if convenient, the bath should be removed about mid-day, but it will do no harm, that is, to birds used to bathing, if it is left on all day and until the morning when the youngsters hatch.

Give a liberal supply of cuttlefish bone, in addition to the usual supply of gritty sand.

Holding Her Own.

The Roller hen will hold her own with any other variety in building and destroying her nest, if they can be called nests, as sometimes they will fill a nest-pan with material and leave a small hole in the centre, but, as is oftener the case, down one side. Young hens, in particular, seem to take a delight in spending their time in constructing a nest, and the next minute pulling it all out of the pan on to the cage bottom, only to repeat the process over again and again, until it is near the time for them to lay.

Often some of these unwise virgins are "caught napping," so that when the first egg arrives there is no nest. To guard against a contingency of this kind, it is better to provide the hen with a lined nest-pan, then the egg will not get damaged by rolling about in the bare pan. Old hens, or those that have "gone through the mill" before, do not generally give one this trouble, but whatever kind of a nest your hen makes, do not interfere with it until you sit her, for she will only pull it all to pieces again. And do not worry the hen by continually looking at the nest-pan to see if there is an egg, as the hens often sit for hours in the nest before laying.

An experienced eye can easily detect when there will be an egg on the following day; the hen will appear dull and listless, the abdomen will have a full and swollen appearance, and in nearly all cases will rest that night in the nest. Don't rush her off the nest the next morning, but place a small piece of green food in the wires of the next compartment—place it high up so that the hen can see it; this will have a tendency to cause her to leave the nest. Then shut her off from the nesting compartment by the wooden slide, and with a small tea spoon take out the egg and substitute an earthenware dummy one. Repeat this process each day until the morning of the fourth day; in the meantime make a proper nest in another nest-pan. Take care that the material is pressed in as solid as possible. Then on the morning of the day when the fourth egg is laid, put all the eggs together in this new nest.

(To be continued.)

The Lizard Canary & Its General Management.

A lecture delivered by H. Cooke before the Hanley and District C.B.S.

In his opening remarks Mr. Cooke said it afforded him very great pleasure to comply with the request, and as far as time, opportunity and ability would allow, he would do his best to do justice to the subject. Mr. Cooke also intimated that he would have preferred that some older fancier should deal with the subject, but he was not going to make any apology in introducing to them the Lizard Canary—a bird in his estimation unequalled in the Canary tribe. According to the verdict of many others who had had a lifelong experience, the Lizard Canary was a bird that was well worthy of the front rank. He very much regretted, he said, as a Lizard fancier he stood alone in the Staffordshire Potteries; but he assured us he was none the less proud of the Fancy, and nothing would give him more pleasure and encouragement than to hear of others taking up the Fancy—he would welcome them heartily, and would be willing to assist them all he could.

The lecturer added that he would be very pleased to answer any question that might arise out of the lecture, and with this he plunged into his subject.

About the Birdroom.

First of all, let me say a word or two about the birdroom. My birdroom does not get the full benefit of the sun; still, I generally get very fair breeding results. I have no need to cover any of the windows except a little when I am colour-feeding the birds. Where the birdroom is fully exposed to the glare of the sun, no matter how much ventilation there is, you cannot keep your birdroom at what I call a normal temperature without shielding about one-third of the window during the summer months. Plenty of fresh air without draughts upon your birds is very essential to health, and you must not forget to keep your birdroom free from damp through the winter months. Draughts and damp, remember, are two great enemies to the feathered tribe.

As regards cages, I strongly recommend a uniform size; that is, all of similar pattern, as well as accurate in sizes. The Lizard Canary should, if possible, be kept, in a separate cage during the moult, and also during the show season, as by having two or more birds in one cage they are liable to pluck each other.

Some fanciers prefer double-breeders, but for myself I prefer a single cage, about 18in. wide, by 16in. high, and of 11in. boards. I find these cages very suitable for breeding or moulting purposes. Of course, if you require a larger cage, you might have one or two made on the three-compartment principle, to correspond with three of the others when placed upon the rack, or hung upon the walls, as the case may be; then when the slides are drawn these cages come in very useful for flights for the stock birds during the winter months.

About the middle of March I start "cleaning down" by beginning the white-washing of the room, also what cages I have limed inside. Before replacing the cages, I give a coat of turpentine upon all the joints, and any other place where pests are likely to get; this is a great preventive of red mite. My cages that are painted I paint both inside and out—inside, light blue, and outside black.

When to Pair Up.

I generally pair up at the beginning of April, that is, providing the birds, of course, are in good condition—and by this time they should be in first-class form. The cock bird should be in full song, the hens moving smartly from perch to perch, flapping their wings—which is a sign that they are in a favourable condition. But until you see these signs by all means keep them separated, or you will be disappointed in the results. I know that there is a tendency to try and get young birds early, especially if you hear of others who have them. You at once begin to think you are a long way behind. But take my advice, have patience, and you will be well rewarded before the breeding season is over.

Start to give your birds egg-food about the middle of March—one teaspoonful to each bird every other day. Also, use hemp, rape, maw and inga seed, besides the best giant Spanish Canary. The inga seed prevents the hens to a great extent from becoming egg-bound. When pairing birds with the object of breeding youngsters suitable for the show-bench, think well of the standard you are aiming at, and remember that you have only one year in which you can show, as no Lizards are fit for the show-bench after their first year.

The Ideal Lizard Canary.

The following is a description of the Lizard Canary: Like all other Canaries, Lizards are of two varieties, namely, Jonques or Silvers, or Gold and Silver Spangled. These are divided into four classes, namely, Golden Spangled Clear Cap, Silver Spangled Clear Cap, Golden Spangled Broken Cap, and Silver Spangled Broken Cap.

The cap of a Lizard should be oval in shape, extending from the beak to the base of the skull. There should be no dark feathers on the top of the beak, and the cap should be cut off clean over the eyes, leaving a fine, dark line at the sides of the head, called the eye-lash. The skull should be wide and proportionately long, rather flat than otherwise on the top. The ground colour of a Gold Lizard is a golden bronze of a soft neutral tint. The Silver Lizard is a warm silver-grey in colour, and it is customary to colour-feed Lizards for the show-bench. This colour-feeding considerably alters the colour of the birds, giving them a much warmer tint, the gold turning into something of a chestnut colour, and the cap into a deep orange-red. Colour-feeding enriches the Silver Lizard very much, giving the bird a soft warm shade, and this is most distinct in the head. The effect on the body is a soft velvety grey, and the softer and more velvety the shade of ground colour appears the better the bird is considered. A green tinge in the ground colour of a Lizard is a serious blemish.

A broken cap or miss-capped Lizard is one that has dark feathers on the head, other than the fine lines over the eye forming the eye-lash. A bird whose cap runs down below the base of the skull is called over-capped.

The spanglings on a bird should commence well up in the neck, increasing in size to the wing coverts. Each row of spangles should be separate and distinct, perfectly lineable down the back. On the sides of the bird the rows of spangling should commence with the lacing on the butts, increasing in size to the central row down the back. The wings and tail feathers should be black, and the outer edges fringed with gold or silver, as the case may be.

The wings should meet at the tips. The size and shape of the bird are of importance. The breast should be round, full and wide, and the back broad and full. The lacing feathers on the wing butts should be of nice size, clear, and distinct, lying regular. The covert feathers on the wings should be the same, and the outer edges clearly defined. The work on the breast, sometimes called rowing or lacing, should be soft in colour, and lineable. The beak, legs, and feet should be dark.

You must bear in mind that what the cock bird is deficient in, as regards show points, you should try to balance by means of the hen. Correct matching tends to correct breeding; no other word spells success.

Like Produces Like.

In mating up, you should put gold to silver, and silver to gold. Someone may say, cannot we put two silvers together, so as to gain size, or two golds together to get more colour? This has been tried both ways, but without much success. You lose size with the golds this way, and the silvers come too rough in feather and very cloudy in spangling. I certainly advise the ordinary method of mating, which is, gold to silver, and silver to gold. Also try to keep the size up by using the largest birds for breeding with, for, after all, "Like produces like." I usually pair a clear-capped bird to a broken-cap. You might then have a long-capped bird. If such is the case, it is wisdom to pair it to a very heavy-broken cap, or even to a non-cap. That is a bird I admire, for, as a rule, you will find that non-caps have the best of spanglings.

I usually run one cock bird with two hens, and have had very fair results. He should be put in with the hen that seems in the best of condition. Keep him with her until she has laid her third egg, and then let him have two or three days in a cage by himself, before transferring him to the other hen. I always take the eggs away as laid, putting in a dummy; then on the night when the third egg has been laid I replace them. By doing this you will get the young hatched as nearly as possible at one time, in which case the young all have an equal chance of being fed. I only give the hen plain seed when she is sitting, but on the night before the eggs are due to hatch, I place in the cage a little egg-food in readiness for feeding.

You may perchance have a hen that is a bad feeder, for there are some that will not feed, no matter how you try to coax them into doing so. When a case of this sort arises you should transfer the young to other nests of young of about the same age, if you have any.

There is a lot of difference in the matter of feeding by hens. Some will take a lot of egg-food, some hemp, or rape seed, while others will feed mostly upon dandelion. But much depends upon the parents. Sometimes a hen will fall off feeding through the heat; in this case give her a little Epsom salts in the water.

Mr. Cooke at this point thanked his audience for their kind attention, and also tendered his best wishes for the future prosperity of the Society. A warm discussion followed, and the general opinion was that a most enjoyable evening had been spent, besides its being helpful and instructive to every fancier present.—G. LAWTON, Secretary.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE IS BOOMING.

£1,000 worth of Prizes to be distributed amongst its Members

SOME DETAILS OF OUR SCHEME.

That Cage Birds League is booming there can be no doubt. The number of letters received containing congratulations and applications for membership has been simply phenomenal, and when in the near future we are able to put forward the complete programme of the League, we have no doubt that it will be accorded the hearty support of the whole cage-bird keeping fraternity. And to promote Cage Birds League amongst bird-keepers generally and exhibitors and cultivators of prize cage birds, we have devised the following scheme.

Every exhibitor of cage birds must "catch a pal." That is to say, he must make it his business not only to join Cage Birds League, but to enlist a brother bird-keeper.

Every member of the League may, if he chooses, assign half the value of his annual subscription in special prizes to any society or show in which he takes a special interest. The other half will go towards the progressive and protective work of the League. By *catching a pal* from the ranks of outside birdkeepers, a member is thus enabled to materially help the special prize list of his particular society.

Cage Birds will underwrite or guarantee special prizes under this scheme to the value of £1,000. The practical result of this idea in a society whose membership totals some forty fanciers may be seen thus:—

The annual subscription to the Cage Birds League will be 1s. (cost of membership badge, 6d. extra)
Forty members of local society each join the League and donate 6d. to the special prize fund of their society £1
And each "catch a pal" for the League £1
Total value of Prizes for Local Society £2

A local birdkeeper may be disinclined to join a local bird society, but may like the idea of subscribing to Cage Birds League.

On the foregoing basis there would not only be Two Pounds' worth of prizes for the local society, but Two Pounds' worth of funds for the work of the League.

An independent paid Secretary will be appointed to Cage Birds League, and if necessary, clerical assistance will be given him to see that letters are promptly attended to and the work of the League discharged in a businesslike manner. An Advisory Committee of responsible fanciers will be selected to superintend the aggressive and defensive movements adopted by the League in the interests of birdkeepers.

The allocation and division of the special prizes due to each society will be left entirely to the League members in the society concerned. The prizes will be selected from £1,000 worth of real oil paintings and water-colours handsomely framed—constituting magnificent ornaments for the fancier's home.

To encourage secretaries and fanciers to enlist members in the new League, we shall offer the following

CASH PRIZES AMOUNTING IN ALL TO TWENTY POUNDS.

£5 cash to the individual fancier who, between the dates of March 10th, 1911, and March 11th, 1912, secures the greatest number of recruits to Cage Birds League.

£5 cash to the Society whose nominations to the League between March 10th, 1911, and March 11th, 1912, are the most numerous.

£3 cash to the individual fancier who nominates the second highest number of members to the League between the same dates.

£3 cash to the Society which nominates the second highest number of members to the League between the same dates.

And Four Cash Prizes of £1 each to societies whose total nominations to the League show the best average per member.

SOME ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITIONS.

But a League member who is not interested in show matters is not bound to contribute his quota to the development of the exhibiting interest. He may donate half his annual subscription to the League to any one of the following ideas:—

LITERATURE FUND.—For the dissemination amongst poor bird-keepers of useful literature calculated to enlighten them and improve the conditions under which their birds are kept in domestication.

DEFENCE FUND.—For the protection of bird-keepers by legal or other process from swindlers, or unjust attacks by moneyed faddists and sentimentalists. For the general protection of bird-keepers' interests.

Failing any specific instruction from a League member as to how his donation is to be expended, it will go towards the

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.—For the development and progressive work of the League, advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.

All expenditure under these heads will come under the control of the Advisory Board.

BADGES.

A neat and unobtrusive design for members' badges has been approved, and will be ready in about three weeks' time. These badges will be sold at sixpence each.

We hope members will wear their League badges at every possible opportunity. They will be found to be attractive yet subdued and refined in appearance, with no suggestion of "advertisement" (except of the C.B.L.), about them. The badge will serve as an introduction between bird-keepers—an outward and visible sign, so to speak, of the "bond of good-fellowship" it is the object of the League to establish—and to bring the fact of the existence of the League into wider notice. We are looking to the use of the badge as likely to greatly help the furtherance of the objects of Cage Birds League.

BRANCHES OF THE LEAGUE.

It is hoped from time to time to form in the different centres branches of the League, but this work must be left for the moment, until the main body is in a thoroughly sound financial and operative state.

The temporary Offices of Cage Birds League are at 154, Fleet Street, London.

I should like to become a member of your Cage Birds League, and I wish it and Cage Birds every success—J. O'Brien (Everton).

Sir,—I should like to see far more good-fellowship between fanciers. I don't know of anything more needed. I sincerely hope to see a large number of fanciers ready to form a union between bird-keepers through the country.—Alexr. Elrick (Fraserburgh).

In reference to your Cage Birds League, will it make any difference to me not being a fancier? I only have a few birds kept for a hobby, but I am a lover of all birds, and I have taken Cage Birds for many a year now, and I have Cage Birds Annual for six years past.—J. Willcock (London, N.).—All bird-keepers and lovers are welcome members.—Editor.

Sir,—In reading over your Cage Birds League scheme, it appears, to my mind, very commendable and comprehensive, and one that should have a very far-reaching tendency towards the welfare of fanciers and those who keep birds of any description. I sincerely hope that when once started it may advance rapidly towards the goal its originators are seeking to attain. We have had the Cage Bird Club, also the Cage Bird Union fiascos; let us hope the creation of a more simple scheme may, with judicious training, develop into a magnificent body of contented fellowship. One or two thoughts suggests themselves; possibly they may already have been decided upon. One is that a copy of the information and objects of the League, as contained in the issue of Cage Birds dated March 11th, may be printed in leaflet form, and supplied to the various secretaries throughout the United Kingdom, for their further distribution amongst members, who, in their turn, would place one wherever they see, or know, a bird is kept, introductory with the object of "catching a pal"; these leaflets could be supplied free, or at a small cost, per 1,000. I am bringing the matter before our members at our next meeting. With every good wish for its success.—W. O. Brooke, Sec. of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A.

Sir,—I think your intimation of starting a league of bird-keepers is a very good idea, as it is time for every bird-lover to combine to protect the hobby. I, for one, would be only too pleased to join a league. If a league or union were formed, and every one paid so much to enter, contributions to be paid weekly or monthly, we would all have a little protection to look forward to. Your badge of membership is a good idea, too, for, if worn as you propose, it would bring bird-keepers together more than at present is possible. I think it one of the best ideas, if not the best, ever put before bird-keepers.—"Linnet" (Middlesbrough).

Sir,—We see Cage Birds to the front again, as usual, with a new scheme, to protect our hobby. My brother and I wish you every success. These folk, and, of course, old maids included, who interfere, would rather cuddle and kiss the not too clean nose of a pet lapdog; they are welcome. "Is it cruel to keep birds in cages?" has been asked repeatedly. We say: No, not properly cared for, as all birds should be. We recently gave a few Greenfinches their liberty. The result was, the postman came and told us that a bird was wanting to get into our birdroom. A few minutes later two gentlemen told us that two of our birds had escaped and were trying to get back again; we went outside and saw the Greenies which we had given their liberty. We ask, if these birds had detested cage life, would they have wanted to go back to captivity? My brother and I, and hundreds who know something about birds, honestly believe that after birds have been caged a few days, they forget they have ever had their liberty. Success to Cage Birds League is our wish.—Keymer Bros. (Gorleston-on-Sea).

I hope you will get the support you deserve for Cage Birds League; it just fills the gap, and should "go," and be a great success.—F. G. Joiner (Portsmouth).

I want you to enrol me a member of Cage Birds League, for which I encloso 1s. subscription and 6d. for badge, to be sent when ready. It deserves every success.—C. Watts (Bow).

I have found your paper, Cage Birds, invaluable, and have taken it from the first. I like the idea of the Cage Birds League, and wish it and you every success.—A. Richards (Plymouth).



A "Cage Birds" Fancy Dress.

One of our readers, Mr. E. J. Hill, of Eastbourne, has designed the above novel and effective fancy costume for a roller skating carnival, the birds being cut from "CAGE BIRDS" coloured plates. The hat is in the form of a cage, with a bird inside; and Mr. Hill carried a "CAGE BIRDS" poster in his hands.

I congratulate you on Cage Birds League and its success, and will send on my subscription as soon as there is an intimation that you are prepared to enrol members.—H. Thorp (Lymm).

Sir,—I see that you are forming a Cage Birds League. It will be a good thing for all bird lovers, and I wish it every success. I have been a reader of Cage Birds for the last four years, and will do all I can for the League. I am not connected with any society in this district, but I am a member of the Kirkcaldy and Dysart Cage Bird Societies. I am glad to see by your last issue that the League is going to be a great success. I wish to become a member, and will forward my money next week.—John Laurie (Falkirk).

Sir,—At last the Press are beginning to move in this matter, and Cage Birds, in coming forward with and extending previous suggestions and inviting bird-keepers for their views on the subject, should be congratulated. I am pleased my proposals which I made through the National British Bird and Mule Club, and also my letter in your issue of November 19th, 1910, are beginning to bear fruit. The N.B.B. and M.C. proposed discussing the matter, after their annual meeting at Crystal Palace Show, but the hour being late, it was not policy to attempt the business, and it was postponed. The great question to-day is the "Bird-keeper and his hobby versus the Faddists," who, if you let them have their way, would largely cripple and practically destroy it. Therefore, to prevent this, it behoves the bird-keepers, all over Great Britain at least, to band themselves together and prevent such a catastrophe. Now, how and which is the best and easiest means to accomplish this object, at the least possible expense; also will the bird-keeper have enough enthusiasm in him to carry it to a successful issue? There are plenty of able and willing helpers who should be ready and capable of forming such a league. How shall it be begun? What shall be its objects? How shall it be financially carried on? All these matters should be fairly and carefully discussed before the league is launched on its career. Its objects, rules, etc., should be simple, plain, and to the point; long and tiresome rules would be its downfall. Call it the Bird-keepers' League. It should take in all bird-keepers as well as cage bird-keepers. You ask for suggestions; here is one: Call a conference of all London and suburban fanciers' associations; let each be represented by its president or chairman and secretary. Invite all newspapers, journals, etc., interested in bird life, the Royal Zoological Society, the Wild Bird Protection Association, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and any other society likely to be interested; and large seed, food, and cage providers, dealers, etc. Surely out of such an assembly of able men interested in bird-keeping it would be possible to bring the matter to a sound and successful issue. You would want a hard-working, energetic secretary. The president or chairman of every London and suburban bird-keepers' association would form a Central Committee, who could elect their secretary, treasurer, president, and any other officers. You would require solicitors and probably a small central office. You could have eight or ten local centres throughout Great Britain. All bird associations in county towns could be its local agents. The subscriptions need only be a small one, say, all societies 5s. year, all seed and food dealers 3s. 6d. year, and all members a 3d., 6d., or 1s. button; life members 10s. 6d. Donations could also be contributed to its funds. Silver and gold tokens to be worn on watch-chain, pin or brooch could also be provided. When formed, it should be soundly and heartily supported by all bird-keepers, fanciers, exhibitors, all bird clubs, seed and food providers, cage-makers, bird dealers, etc. Its branches in every town through the local bird club should bring it to the notice of the seed and food provider, and through him get the support of the principal small bird-keepers, who exist in large numbers, and who never read papers relating to birds; yet thousands of them are most enthusiastic lovers of our feathered pets. I have this illustrated in the petition the National British Bird and Mule Club are circulating amongst shopkeepers, some have got between 200 and 300 to sign, and perhaps not one fancier amongst them. Even if the League only banded together the members of all bird clubs and associations, it would be strong enough to combat many of the stringent regulations, which the bird hobby is being bound up with. Apathy has been the bird-keeper's and dealer's misfortune. Up to the present he has let all these laws and regulations creep up and bind down his hobby. Has he no enthusiasm left in him to now wake up and support this reasonable and sound project? Again, looking at it from a social point, it should cause good feeling and friendship amongst bird-keepers. Look what the cycling clubs did for cyclists. Bird-keepers themselves should form it, and run it themselves. No one paper should do so; no one man should do so. Now, will papers, societies, traders, fanciers, etc., drop petty and sometimes frivolous jealousy, work hard, assist and help in the one common object to form a sound and substantial league to promote good fellowship, help and assist one another in all objects appertaining to bird-keeping? Then and only then can such a league be an assured success. In conclusion, I might mention I offered the committee of the N.B.B. and M.C. to distribute the petition, which the sub-committee of that club will shortly ask the Home Secretary to receive, and also wait on the London County Council re alteration of Wild Bird Laws. In doing this myself, Mr. A. Silver, and Mr. Cook, and other traders got some 1,000 signatures at the Crystal Palace Show. We have left copies at some 1,500 seed and bird dealers' shops in London and suburbs, which means 40,000 signatures. We have also got some 150 wholesale and seed importing firms to support same. I am also sending one to every bird society in Great Britain, asking them to assist the N.B. and B.C., and get their members to sign. When one has been engaged in this hard canvassing for a month amongst merchants, traders, fanciers, etc., one begins to get some fair idea of the difficulties you have to contend with in trying to do something to help the bird-keeper.

T. R. Trower.

North London.

Sir,—I shall be very pleased to become a member of the Cage Birds League, and I wish it every success.—J. H. Alfred (Pontlattyn, near Cardiff).

Sir,—Each week shows that the Cage Bird League is an institution with great possibilities, and it will be of great benefit to the Fancy. The point made by Mr. Birch, of Skelmersdale, re writing to C.B.L. members for reference when dealing with a stranger in some distant part of the country is good. If it is possible to have a representative in every town, and a list published, which might be purchased from you at a small cost, I think it would be the means of preventing cases of fraud, like we have heard of from time to time. Can we send our subscription on at once, and is it intended to have forms of membership to sign? As soon as I know it is fairly started I intend to start recruiting to fill the League ranks. If you have forms I shall be pleased to receive some. With regard to the badge, I suppose we shall have further particulars later on. I can well understand the difficulties attached to the launching of such a scheme, and know patience must be exercised, but if issued in different forms it will give us a choice which to have. Again thanking you for the benefit you are conferring on the Fancy, I wish Cage Birds League every success, and Cage Birds increasing popularity.

F. Thomas (Ramsgate).

(Several of the above letters were received last week, but owing to pressure on space could not then be published.)

Questions and Answers.

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(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's** *first post at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—*If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.*

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Various.

Confederate.—(1) If you are breeding the Rollers specially for their song, or to train as songsters, and not merely as feeders for the better-class birds, it is not advisable to keep them in the same room as the Yorkshires. By doing so the song will certainly deteriorate and that of the young birds be corrupted. (2) Keep in an equable place and out of reach of draughts, and add to 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, to the water for a few days. Shake well together. (3) Rather too fine for my entire approval, and deficient in calcareous matter for laying hens and growing young. If you could collect it with a little coarser grain, and smash up a little old mortar and mix with it it would serve your purpose very nicely. (4) Colour is of little importance in a Roller. A clear bird would suit best, of the opposite colour to the cock. Thus, if he is a variegated yellow, get a clear buff hen, but if he is a variegated buff then get a clear yellow hen. About 2s. 6d. or 3s. 6d. would be the probable cost of the hen. (5) Freshly ground pyrethrum powder is best and cheapest. Any large chemist will supply it. But it is, after all, of extremely little use about birds and cages. (6) Should have been on a separate sheet for Mr. Weston. The cock is more decidedly green above, more yellowish-green below. Hen has a decidedly greyish tinge all over. (7) There is one on "The Roller Canary" in our Nutshell series, post free, 2½d. It will also be dealt with in "Our Canaries" in due course. (8) Part 7 of "Our Canaries" treats fully of egg binding. This is the biblical "few" is it not. Next, please!

Canaries Losing Sight.

J. C.—Your letter misses one or two important points which would have helped to elucidate the trouble. Is there any "watering" or other discharge from the eyes, and does the complaint appear to spread from one bird to another occupying the same cage? As you mention the nice "shelly" nature of the sand you are using, I am rather inclined to think it may be the cause of the eye trouble by being loaded with tiny sharp fragments of shell which adhere to the beak and feathers and perhaps get forced into the eyes when the birds are fluttering about after bathing, etc., and eventually set up inflammatory processes, or it may be contaminated with some chemical substances before you collect it. Discard this sand altogether for a time. Wash out cages with a 1 in 40 solution of Jeyes' Fluid. Scour perches with same, and afterwards keep them perfectly clean. Bathe the birds' eyes daily with a solution of boracic acid until better, and give the birds a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a time. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three days, and afterwards give 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a week or two. If the trouble has not disappeared in a month write again, referring to this reply, and give above particulars. Also say if you have painted or distempered the cages recently, and what they are done with.

Sea Sand (F. Dodd).—Yes, if sea sand is clean and of a suitable size it is excellent stuff for use in cages. So long as it is from a clean and uncontaminated part of the coast, there is no danger of its doing your birds any harm.

Norwich Not Singing (D. Davies).—See reply to "F. J. Langley" about cock not singing, and treat your bird the same. For green food give two leaves of dandelion daily, instead of what you are giving now. If this does not bring it in song, get someone who understands the business to look at it, and tell you whether it is a cock.

Not Sang Since Moult (E. P., Birmingham).—He is probably only waiting for the Spring to arrive before resuming song. It is not uncommon for some cocks to do this after their first few seasons. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar and also a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle, and a morsel of banana. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. This should suffice to bring him into song in the course of a week or two, assuming, of course, he is quite well, as you say, and that he is kept under healthful conditions.

Feathers in Flight (No Name).—Most of the feathers enclosed had the appearance of being moulted, and are quite sufficient to show that at least two of the hens are in moult, one probably a rich highly-fed buff, and a variegated pale buff. You should discover these birds, cage them separately, and treat them the same as advised to "E. Godry." If you fail to discover which are moulting by watching them, cage all up separately, or in couples, for a day or two, or, better still, treat all in the flight alike. Being all subject to the same conditions, it is quite likely that all are more or less "soft," in which case the treatment advised will benefit all.

Losing Feathers (E. Godry).—The hen will not necessarily be prevented breeding this year by losing a few head feathers now. Keep hen in a cosy and equable place, but not overheated—just away from the cold side. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a scrap of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of hemp, teazle, and millet, and a morsel of banana. Dissolve half a teaspoonful of crystals of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in one ounce of sherry, and give 20 drops of this in the water every second day until feathers cease dropping. Do not mate until the beginning of April in any case.

Boil on Wing (E. H.).—I suspect the trouble originated with an abnormal feather growth. In addition to the usual seed diet give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed twice a week for a month or so, and on each of the remaining days give a leaf of dandelion, spray of chickweed, or morsel of banana. If you could get it to take a mealworm daily for a time it would prove very beneficial. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and a pinch of Epsom salts twice a week for a month, and on two other days 20 drops of chemical food. When a "head" is formed, prick it with a clean needle, gently press out contents, wash clean, and then anoint daily, until healed, with lanocyllin or zinc ointment. If it begins to grow again, paint it daily with a feather dipped in tincture of iodine.

Outdoor Aviary (F. Thompson).—It is not possible to say how you can equalise the temperature in your aviary without having some knowledge of it, or at least a rough sketch showing its construction and position in relation to other buildings. Of one thing you may be certain, that with such conditions as you name at this season, you would be sure of disaster during the warm summer months. I suspect it is a wooden structure with single walls, and probably the best way to remedy the fluctuations would be to line it with matchboards, and fill in the space between the two walls with wool waste or sawdust, and making ingress for fresh air near the floor, and an outlet in the roof, so that a constant change of air could go on when the door was shut. The small size of the structure is one great cause of the fluctuations. If you will send me a rough sketch of the place, and say of what it is built, show places of door, and any ventilating space you may have, and windows, I will do my best to give you more definite advice next week.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Outdoor Aviary (A.J.B.).—(1) Laburnum is generally reputed to be poisonous to poultry and pigeons if they eat the seeds, but although I had a large tree growing in my garden to which both the poultry and pigeons had free access at all seasons, and standing within a few yards of the pigeon-house, I cannot speak from experience, only to say that no calamity ever happened, nor, so far as could be seen, any ill-effects. But whether these feathered creatures picked up the seeds of the laburnum or not I cannot say. Still, if your tree is of no particular value, I would say remove it and run no risks. Box, privet, holly, guelder rose, flowering thorns, and currants may all be used quite freely. Ornamental shrubs, as such, are of little or no use, as the birds will not allow them to make any headway. (2) If you mean for the aviary, you might dispense with nest pans, and hang about the wicker travelling cages used for Rollers with the short bars removed, or the hundred-size cigar boxes with half the lid sawn off and hung up endwise. Failing these, use the square Norwich nest boxes made of wood.

Almost Bald (No Nom-de-plume).—I doubt whether any treatment will be of much use until it coincides more nearly with the normal moulting season. Keep the bird in a comfortable temperature, and in addition to a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape, give a piece of bread about the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, slightly dusted with a mixture of two part flowers of sulphur to one part chlorate of potash, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Give this every third day for a month. On two other days each week give a pinch of maw seed and a morsel of banana, and on two other days a spray of chickweed, groundsel, or a leaf of dandelion. In the drinking water give ten drops of lemon juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and 20 drops of chemical food every second day for two or three weeks afterwards. Allow bird to bathe freely in fine weather. Anoint the bare places with carbolised vaseline three times a week for a fortnight.

Wastes its Seed (Matt. Grant).—In the first place, the sample of seed you sent which had not been in cage is a most unsuitable mixture as a regular diet for Canaries. It consists mainly of canary, with a fairly large proportion of millet, red and white, ditto of gold of pleasure, a small proportion of hemp, mere traces of rape, teazle, and inga, and a large proportion of dirt. See that the cage and perches are kept quite clean, and the floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw seed and a morsel of banana. Give a little green food four times a week. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day. This will set matters right.

Breeding in Aviary (John Wave).—I take it your idea is to turn the birds loose in the aviary. By doing so you will absolutely court failure. This aviary is simply a fairly large cage, and at its full capacity will accommodate at most seven birds with no allowance for breeding. If you turned in three hens and one cock, and put in five or six nesting boxes you might have a fair chance of doing something with them. This is the utmost you should attempt, and the young should be removed as soon as they are well able to do for themselves.

Sex and Breeding (F. J. Langley).—A 1910 cock, if in good health and condition, should have been in full song before now. Give it a morsel of sponge cake with a few drops of sherry on it, and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal part hemp, inga, and teazle. If it shows no signs of coming in song in, say, a week or so, I should doubt its being a cock. Certainly it is possible for a Norwich hen one year old to breed, and your hen will undoubtedly do so if in good condition if mated in two or three weeks from now.

Hen with Asthma (J. W. E.).—I suspect what you think is a little asthma is really the outcome of a chill or exposure to draught. Keep her in a fairly cosy place, not overheated, nor yet cold, as equable as possible and perfectly free from draughts. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw and a morsel of banana. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Sore Feet (A. McDonald).—I cannot quite understand why your bird should tremble so when pecking at its irritable legs, if, as you say, it is in the best of health. To cure the irritation, bathe the legs and feet daily in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of the acid dissolved in a tea-saucerful of hot water. After bathing for a few minutes, dry gently, and annoint them sparingly with Lanocyllin, or, if this is not available, zinc ointment, though the former is quite the thing you want. In a few days the legs should be quite cured. It might help them to dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, in the drinking water every second day for a week. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean. Read rule 7. Stamped envelope did not reach me.

Ailing Rollers (G. C.).—They have most likely been exposed to draughts or great fluctuations whilst flying loose in the room. Quite probably they may have exposed themselves to such conditions by roosting in places where they would be exposed to chills during the night, or perching about draughty windows by day. Cage them up now and see they are kept in a comfortable and equable, but not heated, place. Feed on a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give each half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a leaf of dandelion or morsel of banana, and twice a week also a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whiskey, six each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Will they Breed? (Dulwich).—It is not exactly "the whole truth and nothing but the truth" for anyone to say that a hen will not breed simply because it sings. Lots of hens, and especially Rollers, warble and twitter more or less, and also breed quite successfully. Still, on the whole, I prefer seeing hens "keep their proper place," and not assume too much the masculine characteristics. You have probably been keeping the birds too warm and feeding them too generously, which has brought them into condition much too early. In normal circumstances they should not have been mated yet, but as the hens are so forward you had better let matters take their course now. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape only. All other seeds give separately, a pinch now and again, and supply all such items as are advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners" for preparing birds for breeding, and give two leaves of dandelion daily. Beyond this you have only to exercise patience for a little while, and things will come right in due course.

Frequent Fits ("Fritz," Manchester).—The bird is evidently a typical epileptic subject, and it is extremely doubtful if you will do it any good at all. You ought to have said how you feed, and under what conditions it is kept. Give a staple diet of plain Canary seed only. Every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk, and on two other days a bit of banana. On each of the remaining days give a spray of chickweed or groundsel. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, in the next week give as much bromide of potassium as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day. Then repeat the two weeks in the same order. Report result in a month, and also say whether the bird has probably injured its skull some time by fluttering about the cage—that is, before the fits commenced.

Prolapsus (P. Muscott).—Unless the hen has laid an egg which has escaped your notice the cause of this trouble is most likely severe constipation. If necessary, give a few drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water, or a little crisp, young groundsel or chickweed to make the bowels act freely, but do not make them very relaxed. Keep the hen in a cage by herself, and quite quiet. For treatment, bathe the protruded part quite clean in a lukewarm solution of Jeyes' Fluid—about 1½ teaspoonful in half-pint of warm water. After bathing, dry gently, and carefully work back the protruded part within the vent, to as near its natural size as you can get it. Use no force; coax the part back rather than force it. Then insert a tiny piece of gall ointment in the vent. If the part is again extruded repeat the above treatment at once, and continue doing so until it retains its normal position. It would be best not to mate the bird this year.

Out of Condition (G. H. R.).—Adopt the treatment advised to "W. G. H." for the hen, and follow it in all respects as given in that reply.

Roller Hen Unwell (Puzzled).—Treat your bird in all respects the same as advised to "W. G. H." Also treat the one that droops its wings in the same way, except that you need give her the rhubarb and salts mixture for two consecutive days only, and then go on to the other mixture. Your cages are placed in as good a position as they could be in the room in question.

Septic Fever (J. Tilby).—Who told you the bird died of this complaint—a post-mortem examiner, or just a friend? If the latter, I should scarcely let it concern me. I do not think you have this complaint in your stock, but if you had, you certainly did wrong to remove the two birds to another room; that, in all probability, would only have infected the other room. It would have been better to let them remain where they were, and, of course, adopted stringent disinfecting measures. To provide against any contingency you should get the book on "Septic Fever," which our Manager would send you for 7d. post free. Meantime treat the birds for a fortnight as advised to "W. G. H." and write again if anything seems to be going wrong with the birds, giving details of your feeding and general treatment. This time you give no data whatever.

Yorkshire Dull (W. G. H.).—Feed on a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. After the first week give the bread and milk only twice a week, and add a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet, on the days when the bread and milk is withdrawn. Limit the diet to this until well. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of columba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Both samples of seed are of good all-round quality.

Wheezy Belgian (R. G. M.).—See that the bird is quite free from draughts and great fluctuations of temperature. Keep in a box cage in a quite comfortable, but not overheated, place—that is, keep it just away from the chilly cold side. Give a staple diet of plain canary only every second day. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana; give a leaf of dandelion or spray of chickweed four times a week. Limit the diet to this until better. Withhold bath for the present. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight afterwards. Mixture: Two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and ten grains of iodide of potassium. Any chemist will mix this for you.

Shutter Cages (M. L. S., Leicester).—What you refer to are generally called Roller singing cabinets or song boxes. You might have seen one illustrated in our advertisement columns the last week or two. They are usually made of metal, with folding doors and ventilating apertures, and sometimes with glass panels in the doors. Cages are made to fit into these boxes in which the birds are kept. The main object of the boxes is to prevent the birds getting too loud in song, and also to tone down a song which is already too high, and prevent the bird corrupting others, as when placed in the cabinet and the doors more or less closed as required, the volume of sound is considerably toned down, and the other birds in the same room do not hear the same objectionable "high notes." A cloth thrown over a cage would only produce the effect in a very minor degree, though it would be better than nothing. The S.W. aspect of room will not make it too light, and, other points being suited for the purpose, it should make a very good breeding room. The mice in out-door aviary might greatly disturb the birds, but would not, save in quite exceptional circumstances, eat them. And you might easily have cleared them out by using "Virus" say once a year. See Mr. Weston's column re British Birds.

Ventilation and Moulting (Constant Reader).—(1) I cannot very clearly understand your sketch in respect to its position in relation to other buildings, and you leave me in the dark as to what material the end containing the door and its opposite end are constructed with. If feasible to take a piece out of each of these ends six by eight inches in the angle nearest the highest point of roof and insert in these spaces small frames to fit them covered on each side with perforated zinc arranged so that the holes in the zinc are not in juxtaposition, these would make quite serviceable outlets for impure air. To prevent the violent inrush you mention through the space over the window, cover these spaces similarly on both sides with perforated zinc, and I think this will give you quite efficient ventilation without draught. If you get Part 10 of "Our Canaries" you will find a very good and clear illustration of the bird-room you refer to, which may help you to understand the article which appeared in CAGE BIRDS, to which you also refer. (2) See reply to "E. Godry" re hen moulting, and treat her as there advised. If there is no very striking difference in the temperature of the place to which you have removed the birds and the one they occupied before, I do not think you need be anxious about the other hens.

Squeaking and Wheezing (R. A. W. G.).—Are these noises constant or only occasional, or worse at night than during the day? The replies to these questions would have been useful. Make yourself quite sure that the bird is not exposed to occasional draughts; see that he is in a position where the temperature is fairly equable, not very warm by day and extremely cold at night; and that he does not hang near or over burning lights in the evenings. Stop your present mode of feeding and adopt the following for a month. Staple, a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days twice a week give a pinch of the seed mixture you have been using, and four times a week two leaves of dandelion. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Feeding Breeding Pair (L. W. E.).—You would have done better to have kept the birds apart until the end of this month. Now, however, you had better let matters take their course, if the hen shows any signs at all of beginning to nest. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a small teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and linseed. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cage all through the season. Continue the above diet until hen commences to lay, then gradually drop off the extras and give only the staple diet, with a little egg food once or twice a week, whilst sitting. For all the details and varying points that crop up, you cannot do better than get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

"Swollen Vent" (C. Power).—If you will kindly explain exactly what it is you mean by the term "swollen vent," I shall be pleased to try to help you.

Seeing Each Other (Geo. Grover).—I suppose you mean with regard to their song, and, if so, I can say that it makes no difference to either Linnet or Goldie whether the birds hang within sight or otherwise. They will sing either way.

Identity of Bird (W. F. Wilbee).—The body sent is that of a Marsh Tit—one of the commonest members of the Titmouse family, though not by any means common as a cage bird.

Mate for a Hen Goldfinch (Tre-pol).—There are several species which can be mated with a hen Goldie; you cannot very well better a cock Siskin or a cock Redpoll. If you wish to put her up with a Canary, try a young yellow Border Fancy cock. Such a bird would be inexpensive and very suitable. Or you could use a yellow Roller Canary cock.

About a Chaffinch (N.E.N.).—Your question is a very difficult one, for you give me no information to help me to arrive at an opinion. Does the bird seem in any way ill—is he "mopey" and dull? Or does he seem hoarse and to have lost his voice, owing to a cold? I may say, however, that such a note as you describe—a thin, rather plaintive, long-drawn note—is one peculiar to the Chaffinch in the breeding season.

A Tale of a Peacock (Contra).—There is not the slightest truth in the tale you mention. It is amazing, however, how many people can he found who accept this brilliant effort of some one's imagination as being a "marvellous ornithological fact." Don't you swallow it, anyway (excuse the joke).

Method of Mating (A. Hart).—Much the easiest and most certain method of breeding Linnet Mules is to pair a cock Linnet to a suitable hen Canary. A wild, newly-caught Linnet is not, of course, the kind of cock Linnet I advocate, but a steady bird in full, "fierce" song, and with a deep, slate-blue beak—house-moulted preferred. With regard to the feeding, note the reply given "W. D. Hull," and invest in the "Nutshell" booklet—it contains just the advice you want.

Loss of Linnets (W. D., Hull).—Your feeding, in my humble opinion, is to blame for the loss of your newly-caught Linnets. Your method would be quite all right for birds seasoned to cage life, but for newly-captured birds it is not adequate. You must invest 2½d. in the "Nutshell" booklet, which deals with the Linnet (published by CAGE BIRDS). In it you will find full details of the correct feeding and treatment of such birds as you bought. I hope they were strong and healthy when you got them; no system of feeding, of course, is of much avail with weakly birds.

A Trio (Kingston).—(1) This large cage would hold a dozen birds nicely. But you would not be likely to get breeding results. (2) You could keep any of the common, small Finches with the Bullies. If you go to the limit in numbers, however, I advise you to have only cock birds in the cage. Only have one Chaffinch and one Bramblefinch. (3) This is answered in reply No. 1. The hen Canary would no doubt try to nest, but the other birds would be practically certain to ruin her attempts at bringing up a family. If you turned in, say, four hen Canaries with two cock Linnets, one cock Goldfinch and one cock Greenfinch (steady birds), then you might get some young successfully reared. If any of the cock birds turn "savage," remove them. The cock Greenie might possibly offend in this way.

All Four Off-colour (W. E. Jones).—It seems very odd that all four Larks should go off-colour at the same time. Are you sure they have had nothing in the food line which could have upset them—no possibility of the food having gone sour or bad? I suppose you give them some variety in the way of food, and see that their cages and themselves are quite free from insects? The latter can be very troublesome to Larks. However, I feel inclined to advise you to change their food (I hope you don't give this in wooden boxes, which are quite impossible to keep sweet and clean), and wash out all the food and water vessels in a fairly strong solution of permanganate of potash. For one day, stir into three tablespoonfuls of drinking water a teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn. For several days afterwards dissolve in the water fresh daily as much crystals of citrate of iron and quinine as will cover a shilling.

In an Aviary (Maryda).—I don't want to discourage you, but take my advice and don't build too high your hopes of getting Mules and Hybrids in your aviary with a mixed lot of birds. Under such circumstances breeding becomes a very uncertain matter, as the birds are prone to interfere with each others arrangements, and hen Britishers do not often successfully bring up their "babies." The fewer pairs you put in, the better your chances. Six pairs I should put down as being the limit. Add a cock Siskin and cock Redpoll to your two Linnets and Goldies, and let the hens be two medium-sized Bullies, one Chaffinch (she will be in the nature of an experiment), two Greenies, and two hen Canaries. I do not advise you to put in a hen Twite, as she would be sure to attract the cock Redpoll, or one of the Linnets, and any young from them would be of small value. As regards protection during inclement weather, your plan seems a sound one, though another six inches to the slope (fan) of the roof would be a decided improvement, and at least one board should run the whole length of the wire-netting front at top. I wish you luck.

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The Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid (S.H.).—Would this Hybrid be worth trying for? you ask. My answer is "Rather." If you succeed in rearing an acknowledged specimen, you will make both a name and money for yourself (that is, if you choose to sell). By "acknowledged" specimen, I mean an example which is accepted by the Fancy generally, and Hybrid experts in particular, as being a genuine Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid—in other words, an example which carries with it clear evidence of its parentage. Such a bird (a male) would carry all before it on the show bench. A Siskin-Bullfinch Hybrid has not been seen within my memory; and that extends back quite a goodly number of years now.

The Case of a Linnet (Thomas. Linnet).—I really don't see what else you can do; you have tried almost everything, apparently. These cases of birds obstinately refusing to moult are not easy to deal with, and sometimes every remedy and dodge one tries prove futile. I wish you had told me where you are keeping the bird. If he is in a cold room, move him at once into a hot living room and cover his cage over at night. This is quite one of the simplest and best means of getting a bird into moult.

A Goldfinch Mule (A. Clancy).—A Mule will copy the notes of any other bird (or some of them), but he does not substitute them for his own original song—he tacks them on thereto. If your bird has had a "soft" moult, that is an all-sufficient reason for his present niggardliness in the matter of song. He cannot be expected to sing stoutly and continuously until he has thrown off its effects. Give him a course of Parrish's Chemical Food (obtainable of any high-class chemist). In two tablespoonfuls of drinking water stir a small teaspoonful. Give this for two days (fresh daily); then every other day for at least a fortnight (plain water, of course, in between).

As Mate for a Hen Bullfinch (Norwich Crest).—I think you would be foolish to attempt to change the mate of the hen Bullfinch, seeing that the Norwich cock has been with her now several months, and that they agree so well together. My reasons for giving you this advice are as follows: The average hen Bullfinch is of a most peculiar disposition, and inclined to resent the "intrusion" of strange birds into her cage, even when the latter is a large one containing a number of species, and it is not the actual breeding season. At the latter period, when she is piping away and feeling even more "merry and bright" than usual, she can be very nasty indeed, and woe betide any stranger (particularly one of the male sex) the unwary owner introduces into her cage. If he be weak-hearted and nervous, he will get hunted around and thrashed unmercifully by a regular squeaking vixen, and if

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the owner does not mercifully intervene, the would-be lord and master will soon be reduced to a feathered bundle of physical wreckage! And cock Canaries are the easiest of victims. Unless they have been with hen Bullies regularly, they are scared at the mere sight of them. And when a poor fellow finds himself alone with a black lady, who promptly screeches at him and goes for him open-mouthed—well, there is a regular circus in next to no time. And a hen Bullie resents a change of mate (once she has become attached to some particular bird) worse, I think, than any damsel I know. So if your hen is an average sample, let well alone, and save the cock bird you designate "No. 1" from having a hot time

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Budgerigar Weak.

M. B. W.—These birds do drink a little, and I should put a little chemical food in the daily supply of water and leave it to take what it will of it. Continue to keep a little crumbled biscuit about, also crushed oats as well, as the regular seed diet. As soon as you can get it free from frost, supply flowering (seeding) grass ad. lib. I should give it the magnesia every fourth day unless the voidings become watery, then stop giving the laxative. I should not distress it by catching it oftener than each fourth day—you must leave it to get what chemical food it can in the ordinary way. It would be a good plan, as it takes a little biscuit, to soak this before crushing, in the chemical food, then when dry crush and supply to the bird as required. As soon as you can get it plenty of green seed it will quickly improve.

An Ailing Parrot.

C. M. B.—This bird is in a very bad way, and I am afraid you have applied to me too late; but there is still hope. Stop tea sop in any form, also the egg and table scraps, suet pudding, etc. It can have vegetables without gravy. It can also have plain biscuit and stale crusts of household bread moistened (not saturated) with chemical food and water in equal parts. The boiled maize is also wholesome, but it must be prepared fresh daily as it soon turns sour. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and the following seed mixture: Canary and millet seed two parts each, and hemp, maize, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds one part each—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. I take it that all the swellings are hard; if such be the case, they may all be lightly touched with tincture of iodine so long as the skin remains unbroken. The swelling on the feet should be fomented with hot water (not scalding), dried, and then touched with the iodine tincture—use a camel-hair brush, which must be well cleansed after use. The bird will benefit by being sprayed twice weekly with tepid water—use a fine sprayer and keep carefully out of draught till dry. Please report progress in a fortnight.

Cockatoo in Poor Condition.

Cycle.—Continue to give the chemical food and water four times daily; give the chemical food and water in equal parts. Also give it about a tablespoonful or rather more of boiled maize daily—it must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour—boil till soft, but the corn should remain whole; drain away all water, and dry by shaking in a cloth before supplying to the bird. A little boiled rice (boiled in water), supplied as dry as possible, should also be good for it, as a change about with the maize. Put ten to twelve drops of extract of malt over the boiled maize or rice. If you can induce the bird to take this soft corn, it will be a great help while it is in poor condition. Supply the ordinary diet as well; try this for a fortnight and let me know the result. Do not let it have more than the four daily drinks at present.

Budgerigar Not Breeding.

A. B.—Though your particulars are pretty, yet they give me but little to go upon. After carefully reading your note it appears to me that you have no husks in your aviary, and the hen cannot find a nest receptacle to her liking; if this supposition is correct, put up at once two husks for each pair of Budgies you have in the aviary, and things may then improve. I should certainly remove the cork bark; this is very different to ordinary wood, and is very unwholesome for such birds as nibble it. Catch this bird up and give her two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak from a quill and repeat the dose after a week's interval. For the next month keep their drinking water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food, and keep a piece of ripe apple in the aviary and give a leaf of fresh lettuce as often as possible. As you can procure flowering (seeding) grass free from frost, give this ad. lib. You would find our Nutshell booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our manager, very helpful.

Blue Tanagers, etc.,

F. Simpson.—Though I have had a pair of this species in my aviary for four or five years, yet I am unable to give you any distinctions as to plumage, but I was always able to pick my bird out by its snaky head and neck compared with that of the female. I have seen undoubted hens that rival the cocks in brilliancy, sleekness, and purity of coloration. A cock Maroon or Scarlet Tanager would, I think, agree with it in the cage. While I never say anything is impossible, yet I consider the event of Tanagers attempting to breed in your cage so improbable as to be not worth attempting to procure a mate for it. The Shamah is a good bird, a fine songster, full of character, soon becomes really tame and chummy, but it is very unsafe to put it with other species in a cage. For a bird of this character your cage is none too large for its sole possession. A Shamah, when it gets to know you, will follow you about like a dog.

Lavender-headed Lovebirds.

J. R. Barrett.—(1) The Lavender-headed or Madagascar Lovebird frequently nests very early in the year. I have heard of several nesting already this year. If your birds are showing signs of going to nest, supply with leaves and thin bark to line their nest with, but newly imported birds, or birds spending their first year in England are very erratic and attempts at nesting have been brought to my notice in practically every month in the year. (2) It is by no means an easy task to tell the sex of an odd Bronzewing Mannikin, nor yet to pick out a pair from a crowd save by their demeanour, the distinctions in their plumage are almost infinitesimal and these comparisons only apply to adult pairs. The distinctions are not great—the hen is a little smaller than the male, with a narrower head and more tapering beak (the upper mandible of the male is distinctly arched), the black of her upper surface is not so pure, the breast patch is a little smaller, as is also the metallic shoulder band, but these distinctions are only slight, and perhaps again her plumage is generally a little less glossy than that of the male.

A Sick Cordon Bleu.

A. M. M.—The bird is suffering from the effects of importation, and it is a species difficult to establish. I much fear you will lose one or both, but while "there's life there's hope." In addition to canary, white millet, and spray millet, give a slice of apple or banana, whichever it will take a little of. Also supply a little milk sop, made with boiling milk, crumbled sponge cake and ants' eggs, not too sloppy—the ants' "eggs" should be sorted out free from all dust, chips, etc., and only the clean "eggs" used. As other insects are almost unobtainable now, give it two or three small mealworms daily; that is, if it will take them. For one day only put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and as it will not take chemical food and water add two or three drops of brandy to the daily supply for a few days. If you can handle bird without distressing it too much, a drop of chemical food from a quill direct to the beak could be given twice daily. If it can be got to take freely from the milk sop there is hope for it, but it must be isolated from your other birds, as it is quite possible the trouble is infectious. The main thing for it is separation from its fellows, warmth and quiet. Please report progress. Glad to note the Singing Finch has recovered and is doing so well.

What Parrot? (C. M. D.).—Your bird is a female Red-sided (New Guinea) Eclectus Parrot, not yet in its full mature plumage. It should be dieted on seed mixture—Canary, white millet, hemp, paddy rice, dari, oats and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a tin in its cage. Also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuit, little sponge, or Madeira cake as a tit-bit, nuts, a little greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. If it will not bathe you must spray it, twice weekly, in the summer, and once a week in the winter. It can be kept in the verandah during the summer months, if you do not keep it in a draughty position.

Java Sparrows and Combassous (H. J.).—Grey Java Sparrows certainly do breed in captivity, but less freely than the White variety. They rear the young mostly on seed and green food, but I should certainly give a little soft food just before the young are due to hatch—any good mixture will suffice—or a mixture of crumbled sponge cake and ants' eggs, made crumbly moist with boiling water, will fully meet their needs. There was a fully detailed article on this species about five or six weeks ago in our pages. Combassous are shy breeders in this country, but there is no reason why they should not do so, save, perhaps, that they have not previously bred—that is, speaking without looking the matter up.

The Pekin Nightingale (Fred. Shore).—The Pekin Robin or Nightingale is a fine songster; a good one closely resembles the Blackcap in its vocal melody. It requires a diet of soft food, ripe fruit, and some live insects, mealworms, spiders, beetles, etc. It is very fond of a bath, and should have one daily. It is a hardy species, and if treated as above should thrive and do well if not subjected to draught, but it needs no coddling. See our Nutshell booklet, "The Pekin Nightingale, and How to Keep it," 2½d. post free from our manager.

A Squalling Grey Parrot (Parrot Lover).—It is fear that causes the squalling; this is evident from the fact that it is silent when alone. Be very quiet and as still (steady) as possible when feeding, cleaning, etc., also arrange a screen so as to half cover its cage till it has become more accustomed to you. As soon as it thoroughly knows you, the squalling should cease. If you are quiet and steady in attending to it, it will soon gain confidence. Do not permit any of your young folk to frolic about in its vicinity. I should keep a tin of seed mixture in its cage. You had better inform me, through the Editor, how you are feeding it, and if you know how it was fed before you got it. Our Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot, and How to Keep it," 2½d. post free, from our manager, will help you in treating your bird.

Lovebird Nearly Bare (Daffodil).—I presume your birds are really Budgerigars; if so, separate them. Give the bare one two drops of tasteless castor oil from a quill direct to the beak, and lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Give several doses of the castor oil with three or four days between each dose. Diet: Canary, white millet, spray millet, and crushed oats, also green food, grit, and cuttle bone. As soon as you can get it free from frost, supply liberally flowering (seeding) grass, as much as it will eat. If the bird will take any of it, keep a slice of ripe apple between the cage wires. If you send me details of your treatment and how long you have had them, I possibly can help you further. See our Nutshell booklet, "Budgerigars: How to Keep and Breed Them," 2½d. post free, from our manager.

Breeding Cutthroats in a Cage (F. Hobart).—Cutthroats will breed in a "Canary double-breeder," but one with a little more head room is better. No, take out the nest boxes and hang up a Hartz travelling cage in one corner, after removing the fittings and cutting away two of the bars, so that the birds can get in and out. Supply hay and long grass for nesting material, and do not pry into their domestic arrangements till the young leave the nest, when the nest should be taken down, the material burned, and the nest cage baked to destroy parasites, as this species is rather liable to annoy them when nesting in a cage. When they are feeding young, supply green food ad lib., also a few ants' eggs and a little soft food, consisting of crumbled sponge cake and ants' eggs made crumbly moist with boiling water.

What Bird? (E. V. C. D.).—I was over at the Museum and spent some time with one of the attendants, going through the skins of Serinus and its allies, but I was unable to fix the exact species of your birds, but they are some near species to the Green Singing Finch, and the treatment you

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are giving them should suffice to keep them fit and well. The trivial name "African Canarice," is so generally used, that it is no help in defining the species, but I have a friend residing in the district your birds come from, and I am asking him if he knows the exact species, but it will be six or seven weeks before I get his reply; when this comes to hand I will insert it in this column. If you rear young, I should be pleased to receive particulars.

Budgerigars and Finches (Novice).—There is only room for two pairs of birds the size of Budgerigars in your cage, and even then the young must be removed as soon as able to fend for themselves. What I really advise you to keep is one pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars, or in lieu of one pair of Budgerigars you could have Blue-wing Lovebirds. I really cannot take the responsibility of advising you to keep Finches in a cage, even in an aviary. One frequently picks up a Finch with wing or leg broken, when such a mixture are kept together. My advice is: Keep to Budgerigars. See our Nutshell booklet, "Budgerigars and How to Keep and Breed Them," 2½d. post free, from our Manager.

Yellow-naped Amazon (Constant Reader).—After spending some hours at the British Museum and going through the skins, there is not much doubt but what your bird is the Yellow or Golden-naped Amazon (Chrysotis palliata); this species is found in Mexico. I found a good deal of variation in the various skins, as to extent of the yellow areas, and I cannot doubt but that your bird is correctly named as above. If there is any material colour change after the moult I should be pleased to have a description. You will find the dietary for Amazons given to more than one correspondent in recent issues.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

S. Hirst.—Acute inflammation of the bowels, together with pneumonia, caused death of bird. The origin I do not think contagious, but induced by adverse weather changes.

Merrit.—Your bird was affected with "red mite," which accounted for the restlessness and continued uneasiness. The exciting cause of death was pneumonia. Examine your birds, and, if affected similarly with red mite, spray them occasionally with a solution of sulphurretted potash 1 drachm to the pint, using the solution warm. For the lung trouble, if occurring at any time, get your chemist to prescribe the following mixture: 1 drachm of aromatic spirits of ammonia, 1 drachm of sweet spirits of nitre, 2 drachms of simple syrup, and ½ drachm of concentrated infusion of gentian; twenty to thirty drops of the mixture to be given night and morning in the drinking water.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Scottish B.B. and M.C. (Paul Pry).—You will find that a report of the annual meeting appears in this issue.

The Use of Clap-Nets (W. T. Walton, F. Fishburn).—We will deal with your letters next week; thanks for writing us.

An Article (F. Litchfield).—We will see if we can get an article on the lines you suggest.

A London Society (C. Watts).—Thanks for your kindly letter. You will find a list of all the societies, with the secretaries' names and addresses, in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which has been posted along to you. The London societies commence on page 104.

A Testimonial (A. Lovelace).—We are glad to know that you had so satisfactory a deal, but regret that we cannot publish your letter. Why not send your testimonial direct to the party named, so that he can utilise it, if he chooses, in our advertisement columns?

A Fancy Dress (E. J. Hill).—Many thanks for the photograph, which we are trying to reproduce. Please don't speak of it as "a liberty"; we like readers to take liberties of this description with CAGE BIRDS.

Lecture and Sketches (J. I. Mackie).—We are extremely obliged to you, and will find a corner for your contribution in our next issue if possible.

A Removable Perch (E. J. Reynolds).—Sorry, but this perch has more than once been illustrated in our pages in the past.

Correspondence.

Teaching Canary Mules to Sing.

Sir,—Will any of your readers tell me how to teach my Linnet-Canary mules to sing? I have three mules, one Goldfinch and one Linnet, in a room to themselves. I would be very grateful if someone would tell me what bird I ought to buy to teach them. They are last year's birds. Lover of Birds.

The London and Counties O.A.

Sir,—Kindly permit me, in your valuable paper, to express my regret that through the negligence of the committee, also the non-attendance of the members of the above society, I, as secretary, and also our president, were reluctantly compelled to resign our respective offices. We have worked strenuously for the past two years to keep the society together, but, unfortunately, we have not received the support we should have done, consequently have had to close the society on March 8 last. I, as secretary, had to submit several of the members as defaulters to the London Federation as far back as November last, but, to my surprise, their names were not brought forward until March 3 last, which I consider a lack of energy on the part of someone.

W. Gilbert.

Her First Egg When 21 Years Old.

Sir,—At the village bakery of Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffs, now famous through Sir Oswald Mosley's wholemeal bread campaign, an African Grey Parrot, after twenty-one years' captivity, has laid two eggs this week. It was bought by the writer in Birmingham when quite a young bird, perhaps a year old, and has been in the possession of the proud owner twenty years. So, I take it, she has celebrated the attaining of her majority by doing her level best to propagate her species. It is none too common an occurrence for these birds to lay eggs, but surely not after the lapse of twenty years? I thought you would publish what might be of some interest to your numerous readers, and, as a reader of your valuable paper of many years' standing, permit me to wish you every success.

F. H. Rainsford,
President Derby C.B.S.

The Proposed New Society for Bellshill and District.

Sir,—In reply to "Bellshill Tyro" regarding the formation of a Cage Bird Society in this district, I venture to think that it would be unwise to attempt such a thing in this district as yet. There is no doubt there are a good many fanciers in this district, and with a little encouragement we could soon have a good number of exhibitors too. I think the neighbouring club, "Holytown and District O.A.," gives this encouragement. This club holds a very good club show annually, and has three cups for competition (one of the cups came to Bellshill last season), and at the end of last year finished up with a balance of £9 on hand. I think "Bellshill Tyro" and other fanciers of the district should throw in their lot with the "Holytown and District O.A.," and support it. I think it would be better, as we would then have a healthy and prosperous club, whereas to form another in this district we might have trouble to keep it in existence. A meeting of the above society takes place on March 21st in Masonic Hall, New Stevenston, and I would invite "Bellshill Tyro" and other fanciers to come and give their support.

Bellshill Member.

Siberian or Russian Goldfinches and their Management.

Sir,—In the hope that a few words on Siberian and Russian Goldfinches will be welcomed by the novice, I will try and tell them how I manage mine. Siberian or Russian Goldfinches, they are named, though which of the two places they come from it is very hard to say. Why do they call the largest Siberian? Because they are a little larger than others, and, being very fat, they look monsters when they first come in, being fed on their way to this country on inga or niger seed, which is very fattening; and, being in those small cages, they have not much exercise. The largest are then picked out and marked with "S.," to identify them as "Siberians." Now, you send for a Siberian Goldfinch; we will say you go for one, to a dealer; you find that he has from 300 to 400 birds on hand. You select the largest he has, and you are well satisfied. Or, should you send away for one to the dealer, he will no doubt, by your paying his top price, send you a large bird, and when the bird arrives he no doubt suits you. Now we will say that you have a good large bird. You start to feed him your way, and the consequence is the bird commences to go thick; or, in other words, goes soft. Then comes the death and funeral of Mr. Goldie. I might here say that there are nearly as many hen Goldies as cocks imported into this country—Russians, of course. Mind, if you go to select Goldfinch, choose one on which the red, or blaze, comes behind the eye. I am reminded of a fancier whose bird room I visited some three years ago. I saw in his room two very good-sized Russian hen Goldies paired up to two bonny yellow Norwich hens. He was so pleased with the idea of what he was expecting from them. But when I told him they were hen Goldies, he laughed at me, and made the remark that he had paid a big price for them. But I saw that friend at the back-end of the breeding season, and the first thing he said was the Goldies had laid eggs. The dealer was not at fault, for he chose them himself. Now, the way I feed mine, and get them on to their staple food, is as follows: 1lb. of hemp, ½lb. of linseed, ½lb. of inga, or niger seed, ½lb. of maw, and ½lb. of summer rape; add to this mixture ½lb. of good bold canary seed. Mix all together, and give inside the cage. A stock cage is the best for this kind of bird. This you will find illustrated in the Nutshell Booklet on the Goldfinch published by Cage Birds. This cage, I find, comes in grand for the foreign Goldies and Bullies, and they fairly enjoy themselves after being in those small wooden (wicker) cages for such a length of time. I crush plenty of white sunflower seed, and strew it on the bottom of the cage; and of this they are very fond. I place their water inside the cage. The water I use is boiled, and every other day I give in the drinking water a little sulphate of soda or a little Epsom salts. Before doing this I used to lose a lot of these birds. At first I don't use any sand, but I always see that they have a lump of cuttlefish bone placed in the wires of their cage. They will do justice to this, too; and it helps them to digest their food. After they have been in my hands a week, I strew a little sand on the cage bottom, adding more each week. A lot of these birds, I find, swallow their seeds in large pieces. While I am writing this I see one that is trying to throw his food back. Some of them will only eat linseed and sunflower; others only inga and sunflower; others hemp and sunflower, and some maw. So, by mixing as mentioned, they each choose what they like. I always see that each bird has a mealworm or two each day for the first week; after that time I give them one every other day for a fortnight. I mind, too, that these birds have a bath every day if they wish to take one. After they have been in the stock cage for a fortnight or three weeks I give them a run into a flight a yard long for another week, and then they are turned into a large aviary 12ft. by 6ft. high. It is pleasing to see these birds flying about chasing each other over small trees and on to the perches. When I turn them into the aviary I place their seed in small pots, such as shrimp pots, which answer well for the purpose; also sand and sunflower, which I give the same way. By this time I am well repaid for my trouble, as the birds are singing all day. We come next to the moult; I leave the birds in the aviary, or, if I have been using them for breeding with, I return them to the aviary for the moult. When I used to moult them in cages I had some trouble; nearly all of those I moulted in cages used to be troubled with their wings, and a kind of a lump formed in them. When this happened I pulled a feather or two out, and I have found them come out all right. I much prefer an aviary, because it gives the birds exercise. I may here state that I have had Russian Goldies go all off into a shiver in midsummer. What has been the cause I could never find out, seeing they came from such a cold climate. The birds I have had that had shaking fits did no further good that season as regards breeding. When I found out this condition I placed them in an outside aviary, and this proved a cure for them. When the dandelion begins to shoot out of Mother Earth I am always on the lookout to snatch it. When I go dandelion-hunting I have with me a small tin box, with a damp cloth inside, and when I come across any I take my box out of my pocket and carefully place the young tender leaves inside, and cover over with this damp cloth. This keeps the leaves fresh; otherwise they go soft. I have by me a number of small brown drinkers, that I collect out of the wooden cages, in which the birds are imported from Germany to this country. I place a piece of wire round each, so that I can hang it on the cage front (inside, of course), and fill it with water, placing the young leaves or roots of the dandelion in this; it keeps them fresh until the birds have done full justice to it. I also give the seeding heads, too, of the dandelion, and Mr. Goldie and Lady Bullie are quite pleased with my visit on this errand. W. Lloyd.

Prize Cards at the Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) Show.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Firth, I may say that I won 2nd and 4th at the late L.C.B.A. Show, and I only received a sort of mutilated tram ticket on my cages. I duly received my prize money, but no cards. I wrote to Mr. Mugford, and up to the present have not heard from him. Whether he received my letter or not, I cannot say. I always like to have prize-cards, so that I can show them to friends. Judging by "Cardos" letter, I thought there were no cards, but Mr. Firth's alters the aspect. Am I to take it that the secretary had not enough cards to go round? Exhibitor.

Fresh-caught Birds Dying.

Sir,—"Dublin Reader" seems to have suffered losses from fresh-caught birds dying, for which he hints the dealers are responsible. Such an accusation is disastrous to our trade. I think his own letter explains the trouble, where he says they are "nearly dead, though lively, when bought." It is all due to ignorance on his part of the proper feeding—not giving suitable food and proper attention. If he knew how to care for fresh-caught birds, he would have nothing to complain about. I hope readers in Dublin will pay little attention to his startling statement, which only shows up his knowledge of birds. I also hope the Cage Birds League, when established, will protect us from such accusations and trashy nonsense.

William Thompson.

Wild Ducks in a Magpie's Old Home.

Sir,—I am a constant reader of your most interesting paper Cage Birds, and have learned many things about birds, which I had never known. Although I have been interested in the hobby for thirty years, I have never had a greater surprise than in May, 1910, when, while fishing along a small river, I was startled to see Wild Duck fly out of what I knew to be a Magpie's old nest. I climbed up (only nine or ten feet), and, to my surprise, I found nine eggs comfortably lying in their usual bed of down. I took them home, set them under a hen, and, in about twelve days, nine young ducklings were hatched, all of which I reared, and they make lovely pets. I am now advertising a pair. I should like to know if the above is a strange happening to the numerous readers of "C.B."?

P. Cunningham.

A "Tip" for Amateur Cage Makers.

Sir,—I enclose a sketch which may be of benefit to some of your readers who are amateur cage makers, like myself, and forget to leave sufficient play for the front to lift up into the holes at the top and drop back into



same at bottom. Cut the bottom wires off flush, put the top wires into the holes made for them, and lift front into position, then place four or five pieces of wire, bent as shown in sketch, "A," over the puuch bar and woodwork of cage. W. Harker.

The Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.

Sir,—I wish to inform you that the above-named society is now going strong, and that all fanciers in this district would do well by joining at once. There are a lot of fanciers in the district who have given me their names, and I take this opportunity of letting them know that the society is making good progress, and that they are welcome at the Alexandra Hotel, on Saturday, March 18th, at 8.30. I may say, too, that Mr. W. Turner has been elected chairman, and the following fanciers form the committee: Messrs. W. Rix, R. Smith, G. France, and J. Woolhouse. The subscription is 6s. per year, with 1s. entrance fee. Now then, Parkgate fanciers, you want a society; come up and join us; you will be made welcome.

G. Watson, Secretary.
3, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, Rotherham.

The Lancashires and Lizards of To-day.

Sir,—I think it is nearly time that you had some restrictions as to what constituted a free advertisement. Take Mr. Fuller's letter re Lancashires and Lizards as a sample. It all amounts to puffing Glossop, and Glossop fanciers only, as breeders of Lizards especially. Last year or two it was Mr. Dewsnap, now it is Mr. Oliver who gets the "booming up." If he had to pay advertisement prices, I fancy we should not hear so much about the "best Lizard on earth." Take the Lancashires in the first case, the way Mr. Fuller jumbles these birds up is a marvel. He says Mr. Vickers won at Manchester with a grand Lancashire, bred from two Lancashires, a grand bird, etc. Later on comes the query: "I say breed from Lancashires, but where are we to get the Lancashires from?" Naturally, one would say from Mr. Vickers; or shall we say it, from Mr. Fuller himself, as nobody seems to have any birds of real merit, only himself? So, people, hurry and purchase the Glossop marvels. Now to come to Lizards. In my opinion, Mr. House judged these classes badly. Clear gold cock, the second prize, was a poor specimen, Mr. Hampshire saying himself it was a very poor one. There was one in this class passed as having a hole in cap, by far the best bird in the class, Mr. Levi Butterworth saying it could have won. Broken silver hens, Mr. Oliver's bird should have won, and in my opinion the third bird of Mr. Rukin's should have been second, but was very wild when I saw it. Mr. Ollerenshaw's bird was very lucky to get a card. I expect its being a mis-capped bird suited Charley. In gold hens, the general opinion of the winner was that it was a cock. In silver hens, Mr. House again blundered, as the winner had nothing to recommend it, unless being mis-capped was a recommendation. In my opinion, it was a tight thing between Mr. Dowsnap's clear silver and Mr. Rukin's broken silver. In broken cap gold cocks, there was more bad judging. I also had the pleasure of seeing the Lizards at the Palace, and there was room for improvement in the judging there. In the golds, Mr. Rukin should have been, without injustice, first with a clear cap gold (first Newcastle according to the catalogue), and second with a broken cap (first L.C.B.A.), and fourth with a broken cap. The one which stood first (Mr. Dewsnap's) should have been third. There was another of Mr. Rukin's without a card, but this bird, first at L.C.B.A., looked as though it had been in the wars, as it had some new feathers showing in the middle of its back. As to the silvers, the diploma winner of Mr. Rukin's was an easy first, and could have beaten Mr. Oliver's silver if it had been in full feather, and no injustice would have been done if the owner of the winner had been third with a clear cap silver. Mr. Fuller says Mr. Oliver's bird is the best Lizard in the world. Well, all I say to this is "Rubbish!" What of Mr. Dewsnap's silvers, Mr. Rukin's golds, and Mr. Hampshire's silvers that have been shown these last few years? Are they all dead? They were better birds by far than Mr. Oliver's, although I grant him the broken cap silver was a good bird. The silver of the year, in my humble opinion, was the diploma winner at the Palace belonging to Mr. Rukin. We could do with hearing more of Messrs. John Garner, John Swalwell, John Vickers, and Ben Buckley on Lancashires, and Messrs. John Dewsnap, John Rukin, John Hamer, Jos. Hampshire, E. and W. Whipp, and E. Lowe on Lizards, than all the effusions of Mr. Fuller. It would not spoil the Fancy if certain writers of bunkum were shown without heads for a while.

L. B.

Sir,—I was sorry to see by Mr. Fuller's letter that there was a lot of dissatisfaction at Rochdale, as I have known Rochdale fanciers and shows almost as long as I have known birds. The fanciers of Rochdale are amongst the best in the world, and there is not another show in England to compete with Rochdale, and I do not think that Mr. House's judgment, good or bad, would cause any dissatisfaction amongst the Rochdale fanciers. Perhaps a little disappointment amongst one or two of them, but if this was so, it has been forgotten long since. They do not usually cry over spilt milk. I think Rochdale fanciers know Mr. House's judgment, and they seem to like it, or they would not have him for years and years and years. If Mr. House does not know what a Lancashire or Lizard is, or know how to judge them, Mr. Fuller's views will never teach him anything. I was sorry to see that Mr. Fuller will not show under Mr. House. I thought he was a better sportsman than that. If he had a good bird, and it was best in the class, Mr. House would find it and be the first to congratulate even Mr. Fuller. I was proud to watch Mr. House judge birds at Rochdale. You can bet I watched him very keenly. He makes very few mistakes, and I do not forget the way he went over every bird. What was the cry some ten years ago? "We want Mr. House again, or our birds will be all Crests." I am sure he has always tried his best to keep the Lancashire up to standard. You have to thank Mr. House for a good many things amongst the Lancashire and Lizard fanciers. I was highly pleased to see Mr. Swalwell did very well at Manchester. He put Mr. J. Vicker's old Plainhead special for best bird in Lancashire classes. Mr. Compston said it was a real good bird, all a Lancashire (but Mr. Fuller said "nout"). You should let us know your views, Mr. Fuller, not Mr. Compston's (was it a good one, Ted?). At Rochdale Good Intent the same bird was commended under Mr. Hardy. The bird has not been shown since. The old Plainhead, perhaps, took the hump when it saw the Rochdale birds, for all the best do not go to Manchester show. The Rochdale fancier likes to have a little bit up his sleeve; he has plenty of other local shows to think about. But Mr. Hardy can tell a Lancashire, Mr. Fuller, and he can tell you how to breed them, and from two Lancashires. Try and get him to go over to Glossop or some other place near where you live; he will put you on the right track how to breed Lancashires from two Lancashires, providing you have the right stock birds, for you will never breed a racehorse from a donkey. The Scottish National Show has always been all right before. They do not put blind men to judge Lizards, even in Scotland. I was sorry to see that Mr. Rukin had been giving the advice to keep the birds at home. Why not advise the fanciers to show, and any little disappointment that there is, say, Never mind, better luck next time? Respecting certain birds, Mr. Fuller says a Crest has been there; I always thought that Mr. Fuller never tried to cross with the Crest. If he did not, how could he know the Crest had been there? You have to breed them before you can tell. You only guessed, Mr. Fuller. A flat-headed Lancashire Plainhead will never win unless it is extra big and good in body feather, but a fat-headed one will. It is the fat you want, not the flat head. I am pleased to know that they are making a lot of new members in the L. and L.F.A., and with a little better luck, I am hoping to be amongst the lads at the next Rochdale Town Hall Show, when it comes round again. I was sorry to see Mr. Rukin's gold Lizard was out of the cards at the Palace. Mr. Rukin will get to know why his bird was put down if he will send a stamped addressed postcard to the judge, as also will Mr. Oliver. Perhaps the birds were not in condition, or there were better birds in front of them. But in Mr. Fuller's view it is always the judge, and never the birds. Give the judge a chance, Teddy; he does his best, I don't care who he might be. In my opinion a good heavy-feathered Lancashire stock bird shown in Lancashire classes will always beat an overgrown Yorkshire with a little daisy on top of its head. I have written this to let my old pals know that I am, like Johnny Doolan's cat, still alive and howling. Alex. Donnelly.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red else.

An Appeal for an Oswestry Fancier.

Sir,—No doubt all fanciers have read in the columns of Cage Birds of the ill-luck of a brother fancier, Mr. H. E. Jordan, at Whittington, Salop, who lost all his stock of birds, including some typical Yorkshires, through some brown paper catching fire in his workshop during his absence. I may say this is a very sad loss to a working man. The stock has, I am given to understand, taken him some years to build up, and he is at present not in a financial position to get another start. May I appeal to brother fanciers for a small donation or birds to start him? The smallest donations will be thankfully received. I may state that he is a member of the Oswestry C.B.S., and one who came to the front to start this society last month, being a very keen fancier.

E. J. Evans,
Secretary, Oswestry C.B.S.,
9, Whittington Road, Oswestry.

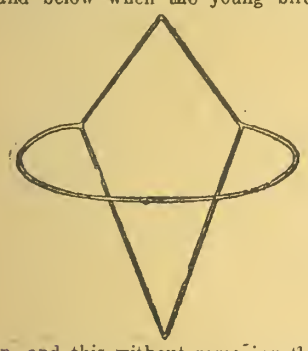
Climbing the Yorkshire Exhibition Ladder.

Sir,—Having read Mr. Taylor's letter in Cage Birds of March 11th, we do not intend having any further correspondence on the matter, seeing that he ruthlessly and shamelessly contradicts our statements at every point: (1) by saying that he never had a fellow-fancier going backwards and forwards to his house (poor, lonely man he must be, and no wonder!); (2) he confuses your readers with two hens sold to two different persons (only for a set purpose), also stating that the hen which won at the Palace 1906 was marked on opposite wing to the bird we bred. He also accuses us of being troubled with swelled heads about our success at the Palace. Perhaps Mr. Taylor would like to be troubled with the same kind of swelled-headedness. We think that he is troubled with one, but of a different kind, when he makes a statement about the markings. He must be well up in birdology to say that a bird is marked on the opposite wing to a bird that is marked on both wings! It is quite evident that he does not know how the bird was marked. In proof of this, readers have only to look at the reports in Cage Birds 1904 and 1905 for Halifax, Pudsey and Stanningley, Bradford West, and Salford and Pendleton Shows. Also, we were seeking no cheap advertisement from your paper when writing our first letter, only thanking you and the reporter at the Palace Show. We leave the matter at this, trusting that those fanciers who know us best will not think us as base and untruthful as Mr. Taylor makes us out to be.

Blackburn and Mitchell.

A Nest-pan Holder.

Sir,—I was much interested in Mr. Norman's description of nest boxes, holders, etc., in March 4th issue. I send you a small model of a holder which I have in use, which allows of having the perches above the nest pan in the first stage, and below when the young birds' eyes



are open, and this without removing the screw on which the holder rests, or lowering the perches. To set the hold above the perches put the short angle up on the screw. Reverse (the longer angle up), and the perches will be above the nest pans, thus getting the desired effect. I think this holder may be of use to some fanciers.

Arthur H. Cowell.

How to Use Nets.

Sir,—This is a most interesting correspondence to catchers. Mr. Pritchard is a "brick" to try to explain his methods to others. I think I now understand what he means—one of the reins of the pull line must pass through an iron ring which is at the end of a string 2ft. 6in. long, and this string is fastened at the other end to a 9in. peg driven into the ground. What is the effect of this? Obviously, when the pull line is used by a man standing, the rein which passes through the ring (or pulley, as he calls it) is held down to a height of 2ft. 6in. from the ground by this string. Suppose we erected a peg 2ft. high, and fastened to it a pulley string exactly like those through which railway signal wires pass, we could then pass one rein of the pull line through this pulley, and we would have the same result. I shall try this some day. Mr. Murray's nets are too long for Goldfinch catching. He should cut them down to 25½ft., and not set them too tight; that is, not strain the top strong line too much, only just enough to avoid a sag in the middle, when the nets close over each other. Goldfinches are much sharper than Linnets. Nets ought to come over easily with a pull from one hand. If they don't, they are not set well. I imagine Mr. Pritchard attaches a too narrow meaning to "trapping," which means nets and birdlime and every appliance for catching.

A Catcher.

More Early Birds.

Sir,—I had three Goldfinch mules hatched out on Friday, March 10th. All are doing well at present. I should like to know if I am first with Mules? I wish my old friend, Cage Birds, even greater success.

A Second Year Breeder.

Sir,—I have six young Canaries eight weeks old. By the time this is in print they will be nine weeks old.

W. Wilkinson.

Sir,—I wish to state that I had three young birds hatched by a Norwich hen on January 25th, and are well on seed now. Also I expect the second sitting hatched by the time this reaches you.

Hopkin George.

Sir,—I should like to know how I stand for record for early Mules, as I have a nest of three doing well, hatched February 10th?

W. Goldsmith.

Sir,—One of my Yorkshire Canaries laid her first egg on January 5th, sat on the 7th, and hatched on 21st two young, but, unfortunately, I lost them after five days. I sat the same hen on February 4th, with three eggs from a Linnet, and two hatched out (one egg clear) on February 18th. The young are doing well, picking hard seed, and the hen is ready to nest again. I should like to know if these are the first Mules this year?

R. Duke.

Sir,—I had two Goldfinch-Canary Mules hatch out on February 7th, and they are flying about the cage and feeding themselves. I have two more eggs down with the same pair of birds. I think Cage Birds is a splendid paper.

F. Wilkinson.

Sir,—I had a nest of Norwich Canaries hatched on January 10th, three bonny youngsters, which are doing well. Their parents have hatched the second nest of young, but only two are living. I have three pairs of Norwich sitting. I might say I have them in the kitchen.

J. W.

Early Breeding in Scotland.

Sir,—Several fanciers in Glasgow and district had birds so far forward at the end of February that they had to put in the nest boxes and let them go. Young may be hatched by the end of this week. The day is fairly long, but we will have cold snaps, and every care will have to be exercised in the rearing. A reliable foster pair should manage to successfully hatch and rear. Personally, I favour starting about the middle or end of April. Some of the best results have come from putting stocks into the breeding cages in the beginning of May. Mild weather is an important consideration, and breeders will soon be busy.

Note Taker.

The Edinburgh and District Cage Bird Society.

Sir,—I have been informed that misunderstandings exist in some quarters regarding the above society, and on behalf of the office-bearers and myself I take the opportunity, with your permission, of emphatically stating that the above society was not formed by a few fanciers who had severed their connection with, or had any antipathy whatsoever towards, one or any of the Edinburgh clubs. It is the object of the promoters and the society, which is now in full working order, to hold an annual show in the form of a Derby, in which all varieties of the Canary, British and Foreign Birds will be catered for, and an opportunity given to all fanciers, whether affiliated with any club or not, to become members, thereby enabling fanciers from all parts of the city and district to muster together. The society has already justified its existence by the fact that fanciers from Portobello, Eskbank, Loanhead, Leith, Newton Grange, and Edinburgh are included in the membership, which is now over fifty, and the society is still an infant, only two months old. Every consideration has been given in the arrangements and business to prevent any injustice being done to clubs of the city and district.

J. I. Mackie, Secretary.

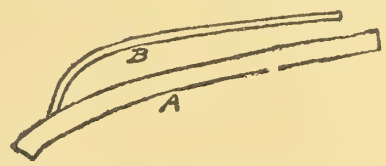
A Goldfinch Problem.

Sir,—I read with interest the remarks and good sound advice given in Cage Birds, and I thought that probably my experience of Goldfinch keeping might be of interest to some of your readers. I will deal mostly with fresh-caught birds, they being the most trouble to fanciers. Buy your bird about November or December, if possible; I never recommend buying birds that are not full-coloured; very little success have I had with them. Having bought the largest and brightest birds, put them in a large cage about 24 by 15 by 11ins. deep, three birds in each cage; give them the following mixture: Dutch hemp, 1 part, Canary 2 parts, teazel 1 part, niger and linseed ½ part of each. For a titbit or wild seed mixture, equal parts dandelion, maw, niger, lettuce, shepherd's purse and thistle. This is a grand mixture for all of the small Finch tribe. One word of warning: be careful of so-called wild seed mixtures sometimes advertised; they often do more harm than good, being put up by men inexperienced in the matter of attending to the wants of our birds. The Goldfinch should always be kept in a cold room. If you notice one of your birds looking at all queer, take him out; you will find he is getting thin. If you have a large flight, about four feet long, turn him in there with a house-moulted Goldie. Before doing so, put one drop of castor oil into his beak, and give him a teaspoonful of the above-named wild seed mixture daily; also hang on a bath. If taken in time, the bird will be well again very quickly. I am no believer in medicines for our birds except a pinch of Epsom salts occasionally, and for green food I know nothing better than dandelion leaves.

F. J. Wickham.

How to Solder with Resin.

Sir,—I have read with interest the letters on "How to Solder with Resin,' and can only say that "Linnet" will be more satisfied if he uses spirits of salts (i.e., spirits killed with block tin). The only way I know of to solder with resin is to warm your stick of solder with your blow lamp, and place the end in powdered resin. It will be noticed the solder picks up a little resin, and this is the way plumbers use it on lead pipe. The following



blow pipe for gas is the one I use, and I find it works out better than spirit lamps, as you have more control over the flame. Get a piece of brass tube, 10in. long, ⅛in. thick; drill a hole into it 1in. from the end, big enough to insert a piece of ¼in. tube. Thread the ¼in. tube, and bend both in the manner shown in very rough sketch. Fix A to a gas bracket by tubing (rubber or metallic). Fit a piece of rubber (as sold for feeding bottles) on B for blowing through with the mouth. The combination should work out in a pure bunsen flame.

Archibald Stinson.

The Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby.

Sir,—We take the liberty of reminding readers that the membership tickets are in circulation, and that the secretary will be pleased to let anyone have as many tickets as may be required. By this morning's post a very encouraging note came to hand, announcing that a fancier has succeeded in enlisting a fresh member, who has been out of the Scotch Fancy Canary for a period, but is now back into that section full of fervour. He has gathered together a capital stock. The show is on the last Saturday of September, and every member is allowed to exhibit eight Scotch Fancy Canaries for the moderate fee of 3s., which includes admission to the exhibition; this is wonderfully cheap, and should encourage every Scotch Fancy Canary breeder to join the ranks. The highest on record was 205; and we would like very much to exceed that in the Coronation year. When everyone is looking forward to great achievements, why not in Canarydom? The secretary is anxious to keep down the expense, and will be glad to have an early response from those to whom tickets were sent—the postage has been an item to be reckoned with. Mr. Wright, the president, has been associated with the Derby since the society's inception. Surely it will not be too much to accord him a record entry for year 1911?

Thomas Smith, Secretary and Treasurer,
10, Lochside Street, Crossmyloof,
Glasgow.

R. Wright, President.
Councillor James Hogg, Vice-President.

"Wake Up, Leyton!"

Sir,—May I trespass on your valuable space to ask the officials of the Leyton and District Association why we do not get any reports of monthly meetings now? Being one of the unfortunate members whose business will not allow me to get there very often, it is only through these reports that I am aware of what goes on. Surely, now that we have two secretaries and a very able assistant, it is not too much to ask to have a report once a month? Again, the annual meeting was held early in January, but up to now I have not had a manual for 1911. The cry used to be, "We lead, others follow"; well, I do hope that other societies will not follow them down the path they are drifting at present. Another favourite cry was, "We are unfederated"; well, I should advise them to get "unfettered" and move a bit faster.

"Alivo."

The Cage Bird Fancy in Devonshire.

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable journal, Cage Birds, to call attention to the Fancy in Devonshire? For one of the largest counties in England, it is not represented as it ought to be. There are only a very few towns that can boast of a cage bird society, and yet there are many in which a society could very well be formed. Tavistock, for instance, should be among the few. In 1909 a society was formed, and in December of that year a very successful local show was held, and proved a great attraction. But last year it seemed, for some reason or other, to have fallen through. Now, this ought never to have happened, as there are many fanciers in Tavistock who between them could run a very good society. Moreover, I have been informed that there is young blood in the district—novices, in fact, who will attempt some of our largest shows and get awards. If this is so, surely some steps ought to be taken to enliven things in Tavistock and other towns in Devon. I am sure my fellow-readers of Cage Birds will agree on this point with

"Devonian."

Loud Song from Skylarks.

Sir,—I see that one of your correspondents asks how to make Skylarks sing loud. I give my Canaries a hard-boiled egg once a week, mixed with arrowroot biscuit, and chopped finely. This strengthens their voice, and I suppose it would have the same effect on Skylarks.

Canary.

The Construction of Breeding Cages.

Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. Norman for his reply to my letter, and for his valuable practical article on "The Nursery Cage" in your last issue. I trust, however, you will allow me to protest against his opinion on sand trays. Mr. Norman no doubt keeps his own cages in perfect order, but cleanliness is, after food, the first essential, and I think that many scraped cages must be far from clean. No, sir, a loose, fairly deep, enamelled tray (metal for choice) is, I submit, an absolute necessity to the well-being of the bird; such a tray can be removed, *washed*, and replaced in a perfectly clean condition; and if a spare one is at hand, so much the better. They need not be expensive; three-ply nailed to a rail (one inch deep by a quarter thick) on all four sides, and *enamelled*, is sufficient. In my ideal cage, I am arranging the perches so that one does not cross under another. This will require the feeding perch to be broken up in lengths unless the food and water can be placed outside the ends of the cage.

Scrutineer.

Keeping Birds in Small Cages.

Sir,—"A Lover of Birds" seems to think it is cruel to keep birds in small cages, but how is it to be avoided? The small cages are bound to be used. For why? Because the foreign breeders and bird-catchers could not make the game pay if forced to use larger cages. Then, again, there are hundreds of men in this civilised country who keep bird shops; how, then, can they manage if large cages have to be used? Perhaps "Bird Lover" will say, Get larger shops; but where are they to be found? Large cages and large rents spell ruin to these men. I can find "Bird Lover" thousands of men, women, and children living under worse conditions than the birds in wicker cages. If it is cruel to keep birds in these cages, how is it the birds sing their best in them? I have seen German Canaries this season win large contests in cages you could put in your jacket pocket. I am quite satisfied that to get the best song from the Roller, and get him in perfect contest-singing condition, these small cages must be used. Mr. "Lover of Birds," I am as kind-hearted as you, and I like to see birds in large cages; but circumstances alter cases. Take, for instance, the Linnet keepers; how would they fare lugging big cages about? The thing is absurd. It is a question if there is a more popular bird than the Linnet amongst the wealth-producers of this country, and they keep them in small cages; and these are in better condition of health, feather, and song than birds in their natural haunts, as I will attempt to prove. The other Sunday I was invited to look at the Linnets of Statham Bros., and the birds I saw made me envious. Young Statham had just come from Warrington with first prize for quality singing, and the birds were on the table in small cages. Talk about Linnets, I saw about thirty altogether, and they are a credit to the lads. They were as tight and as smooth in feather as an ivory billiard ball, and "mad proud" in song. Although right under my very nose, they sang better than any I have heard on Chat Moor, and this is a noted place for good Linnets. One especially good bird was in song on the table, and he sang as if he was trying to burst himself. With his tail down and head-feathers up, his wing spread out like two fans, he was worth going a long way to see and hear. And these birds are all kept in small cages. Now, if "Bird Lover" is a sport, I will make him an offer! if he can find birds in their field plumage to beat these Linnets, I will buy him a £2 suit of clothes if he will buy me the same should he fail to do so. I wish success to Cage Birds League.

John Canning.

Sir,—It is a good thing to see this matter under discussion. It was one of the first things to attract my attention, but having only just "rejoined the regiment" (of fanciers) I did not feel quite at liberty to raise the question. As "V. M. Tozer" suggests, there ought to be a limit of least size of cage for each class of bird. I heard recently of eight birds (Canaries) being sent by rail in an ordinary wooden travelling cage, and my informant said that he once tried to put a live Jackdaw in one! However, being in London last week, I bought for information (and sixpence) a Linnet cage; it measures 6⅜ inches wide, 7⅜ inches high, and 4⅛ inches deep (back to front); these are outside measurements. I was offered a similar cage, slightly smaller, for fourpence. Yarrel says: "The whole length of a Linnet is about five inches and three-quarters," i.e., half as long again as the depth of the cage. In such cages I saw last week Linnets and Goldfinches living permanently. Comment is needless, and reform necessary. Perhaps the Cage Birds League could make regulations, and prosecute under R.S.P.C.A. bye-laws, if persuasion failed. As to bird shops, I visited several in London last week, and, to my way of thinking, I found their condition deplorable, as V. M. Tozer states. As a rule the advertisements were far more attractive than the shops. Horticultural and agricultural societies give prizes to the best kept gardens, etc. Could the Cage Birds League give a prize for the best kept (member's) shop?

Scrutineer.

In the Courts.

USER AND OWNER BOTH FINED.

Arthur Knowles, Sheringham, was summoned at Cromer Petty Sessions on March 6th, by Inspector Armstrong, of the R.S.P.C.A., for using nets for the purpose of taking Goldfinches, at Beeston, on February 3rd. Ernest W. Sadler was summoned for aiding and abetting. Both defendants pleaded not guilty.

Police-sergeant Hagger stated that he saw Knowles in a field at Beeston. He had some nets spread out and set, and when asked what he was catching, Knowles said "Linnets." Witness found three cages containing decoys, two being Linnets and the other a Goldfinch, and when defendant's attention was called to the latter bird, he said he brought that out by mistake. Witness seized the nets and decoys, and Knowles said, "That is hard lines; it is the first time I have been out." Later he said, "If I had got that Goldfinch out of the way I should have been alright." He also expressed sorrow at having committed the offence.

Inspector Armstrong said that he saw Knowles with regard to the case, and he told witness that the nets and birds belonged to Sadler, who lent them on the agreement that the proceeds from the sale of any birds caught should be divided between them. With Police-constable Piercy, the two then went to see Sadler, whom witness told what Knowles had said with regard to the ownership of the nets and birds; witness also reminded him that six weeks before he had cautioned him that it was illegal to catch Goldfinches. Sadler made no denial of Knowles' statement, but said that Knowles took them when he was not at home.

Knowles told the Bench that he did not use the nets with the intention of taking Goldfinches, whilst Sadler said he did not think that Knowles was going to use the nets illegally. Witness used the nets in destroying Sparrows on farms round Sheringham, whilst the Goldfinch was a bird used for breeding purposes; it took a prize at the recent Sheringham Show.

The Bench decided to convict, and fined each defendant, who had not been previously proceeded against, 1s., and 11s. costs each, or seven days' imprisonment. They also ordered the nets to be destroyed and the Goldfinch set at liberty.

A CASE OF ALLEGED CRUELTY DISMISSED.

At the Ormskirk monthly sessions, held March 3rd, Joseph Lewis, sawyer, was summoned by the R.S.P.C.A. for cruelty to four Linnets at Scarisbrick on February 5th. Mr. R. W. Brighouse prosecuted, and Mr. R. R. Glover defended.

From the statement of Mr. Brighouse it appeared that on Sunday morning, February 5th, Inspector Willcox, of the R.S.P.C.A., was on duty in Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick, and saw defendant in an adjoining field. He was operating with what is known as a "flirt stick," at the end of which a Green Linnet was secured by string, and some string went along the ground for about forty yards. Defendant was pulling and releasing the string, thus causing the Green Linnet to be "flirted" up and down in the air. This bird was used as a decoy for others flying about in the air, there being two large nets to close up and catch them, and between the nets were three Brown Linnets braced to strings and fastened to sticks, which also acted as decoy birds. It was cruelty to attach the birds to the sticks in the way they had been braced, and to attach the Green Linnet by string to the "flirt stick." The three Brown Linnets were taken away by the inspector, and two of them had since died.

Inspector Willcox said he saw the Green Linnet keep flirting in the air attached to the "flirt stick." He heard the bird call out, and watched the operation for a few moments. Witness told defendant he was causing unnecessary suffering to the birds, and he replied that he was very sorry if he had done anything wrong. There were two dead Linnets near the defendant's apparatus, and also two call birds in cages. Defendant refused his name for a long time, but afterwards asked for his birds and said he would not do it again. Defendant refused to go to Burscough Police Station, so that the birds could be examined, and witness took the three birds to Scarisbrick Police Station, where they were examined in the presence of P.C. Jolly. The birds were chafed under the wings and skin came off in small pieces from where they had been braced. The birds were thoroughly exhausted, and were suffering. To one of the braces some feathers were attached, and it was wet. On February 12th defendant came to his house and begged and prayed of him to withhold any summons, pleading sickness in his family. He came again on the 18th, but witness said he could not do anything.

Defendant said he was a snarer of birds, and he had trained the three Brown Linnets to entice other birds into the trap. He had also trained them to the use of the "flirt stick" and to draw the attention of other birds flying round the call birds. The net was a very light one, and was made of thread. It was impossible for the birds to hurt themselves the way they were braced. Green Linnets were of no use to him, and when he caught them he killed them, and admitted they were a nice dish. He caught eleven Brown Linnets (eight cocks and three hens) and three Green Linnets which were killed. He never braced a Green Linnet in his life, nor did he ever hear of anyone else doing so. He denied that a Green Linnet was tied to the "flirt stick," as was suggested by the inspector, and said he told him that he could not find any knots about the braces.

Mr. Glover contended that the prosecution must fail, as his client was being proceeded against under the wrong Act (the Wild Animals in Captivity and Protection Act, 1900). It was held that Linnets kept in captivity and trained to act as decoy birds were domestic animals and did not come within the purview of the Act mentioned.—Mr. Brighouse submitted that the Linnets were wild birds, and that there was no evidence that the birds were trained beyond the statement of the defendant himself.—After twenty minutes' retirement, the Bench intimated that the case would be dismissed.—In reply to Mr. Brighouse, the Chairman said the case was dismissed on technical grounds. They had upheld Mr. Glover's objection, but were prepared to state a case.

Mr. Glover asked for the return of the live Brown Linnet and the "flirt stick" and long line.—Mr. Brighouse submitted that the Bench had no jurisdiction in the matter.—The Chairman: We are not going to express an opinion.—Mr. Glover: Then I shall have to advise my client to take the matter before another tribunal to obtain recovery.

Jim Overend.

Reminiscences and Experiences of an Exhibitor of 40 Years Ago.

At the annual gathering of Yorkshire fanciers at Bradford, Mr. Jas. Overend (of Ravensthorpe) kept an audience of several hundreds in a continual roar of laughter with interesting stories of his experiences as an old-time fancier. Mr. Overend has kindly given our representative "Straight 'Un" an interview, and a first instalment of his reminiscences is appended.—EDITOR.

Mr. Overend, or, as he is more generally called, "Jim Overend," is probably the only fancier living in the West Riding who exhibited so far back as the year 1870. He has an unbroken record as a fancier of over forty years, and he is still as interested as he was at that time, being in possession of some forty or more birds. He is an old fancier and a lover of the cinnamon-marked bird, and, as the President of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. wished for someone else to present the prizes of the club in his place at the amalgamated social and prize distribution held on Saturday last at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. Overend was asked to officiate in that capacity, which he did; and he delighted the audience with his jovial and outspoken remarks in regard to the Fancy in the past. The fact of the splendid reception given to him, and the interest that would probably be taken in the recounting of some of his experiences by the present generation of the Fancy, led to an interview being arranged on the spot, and it is the hope of the writer that the following notes will give readers of CAGE BIRDS an insight into the difficulties that fanciers had to contend with in the early days of the Fancy.

"Jim" is Well Known.

Mr. Overend lives at Ravensthorpe, near Dewsbury, but if you think to call and see him at some time, you need not be troubled about the address, but do as I did—ask a policeman. And don't forget that you must ask for Jim Overend; they don't put handles on the names so much out there. The policeman said: "Yes, I do; come on, I'll show you where he lives," and he took me direct to the door. Arriving there, Mr. O. saw me coming, and came forward to meet me.

We were not long before we were chatting about the birds and making our way to the bird room, which is an outside structure, boasting plenty of size and being splendidly built with every convenience. It is a long building with windows all down one side, giving a splendid light, being nice and lofty and extra well ventilated, heated with hot water pipes (this not so much on account of the cold but to keep the place dry, outbuildings being apt to be slightly damp, which does not agree with Canaries); then there is a bath to wash in, cages, utensils, and perches; and the glasses can be kept up to the limit of cleanliness without the necessity of being taken into the house.

The cages are all down one side as you enter the double doors, one trellised and the other glass. You first come to some forty stock cages, nicely arranged in rows on nails, so as to be easy to lift down; and they are kept clear of the walls by wood battens. Then we come to the breeding cages, twenty of them—big, roomy places, and not made of wood, mind you, but built of bricks and plastered inside like houses. Between each compartment is a wall of single bricks, and to each is fixed a wood and wire front. Altogether they look fine. Each is like an aviary, quite big enough for a dozen birds.

Then at the top end are a few birds, foreigners, the property of Mrs. O.; and the good lady has also a share in the two splendid Peacocks that disport themselves in the outside aviaries, they being kept company by a few Britishers. I must not forget to add here that Mrs. Overend attends to all the wants of the birds, and is really a true fancier. Mr. O. simply peeps about and studies the birds over, especially just at this time of the year, the beginning of the breeding season.

The breeding cages were ready for having the birds put into them, and Mr. Overend told me that when once they were put together the birds had to stop there the whole season, no matter how they progressed; also that the young birds were not taken away, but left in until moulting time. How different this to most methods adopted by fanciers, who, as soon as they think the birds can eat all right, have them out to do for themselves. Of course, in cages like these there is a big advantage; the hen can get on sitting again, and the cock will attend to the youngsters and keep them quiet during the incubation of the second round.

As he stated at the meeting on Saturday evening last, Mr. Overend exhibited his first birds in the year 1870, and at that time all the shows were held on Saturdays and Sundays, and were generally held in public-houses. It was considered then to be a great honour to have won either the metal teapot or the copper kettle that was usually given as a special prize for the best bird in the show. (What would some of the "old stagers" have thought if they could have been at last Saturday's affair and seen the silver cups, etc., etc., that were on view?). Prizes were then on the sweepstake system, with an entry fee of one shilling, and as a rule the landlord of the house where the show was to be held would give anything up to £5 to add to the prize money—according, of course, to the size and drawing power of the show; and what he gave was usually equally divided amongst the classes provided. Thus, if a show of ten classes was run and the landlord gave £2 10s., each class would get 5s. added to its entry fees, the whole being split up into prizes on the sliding scale for first, second, third, etc. A charge of threepence per person was made for admission to the show, and a twopenny "refresher" was allowed each out of this, the judge usually being paid out of the remainder. (How much did he get?) Of course, at that time there were no societies to run shows; it was simply a matter of arrangement between fanciers and publicans, all arrangements being made on one or two Sunday evenings previous to the holding of the show; and it was that they might have the meetings and shows at their houses that the landlords gave so freely to the shows.

Classes at the Early Shows.

At the early shows the classes were usually on the following lines:—Class 1, Yellow Belgian; 2, Buff Belgian; 3, Lancashire Coppy Yellow; 4, ditto Buff; 5, Lancashire Plainhead Yellow; 6, ditto Buff; 7, Cinnamon Yellow; 8, ditto Buff (sometimes these were called "drab ones" or "duns"); 9, Lizards, gold cap; 10, ditto, silver (no broken caps allowed, all to be clear caps); 11, Even-marked Yellow; 12, ditto Buff. In the latter two classes, marks were the predominant feature; everything had to take a back seat to marks, and a five-pointed bird was always put in front of a four-pointed one. The six-marked bird, too, would "lick" the five-marked bird; therefore the six-pointed birds were most sought after. Only clear birds had to be shown in the Lancashire and Belgian classes. Ticks were not wanted, and were of no use whatever; and when anyone wanted a ticked bird he could have it for nothing. Afterwards two uneven-marked classes were included in some shows as a trial, and the results were good.

Another exhibit of the times was the cage of six, and the following birds were usually those of which it was composed: Belgian, yellow or buff, Even-marked Yellow, Even-marked Buff, (the two latter green marks), Even-marked Cinnamon, self or whole Cinnamon, and lastly Lizard. The lot had to be shown all in one cage of good size, with the perches all on one level. This was considered the champion class of the show, and whoever won was looked upon as we to-day look upon the Bailey, Shackleton, Sutcliffe and Son, Ogden Bros. troupe of to-day—with awe.

Borrowing at that time was rampant, and was considered quite legal. As a matter for reflection, the owners would be there and say, "This is my bird; I tell'd tha I'd beat tha to-day." It was done by all, and all knew it was done; and it was those who could borrow the most that did the most winning. Then, after the shows, the borrower sometimes did not know whom the birds belonged to, and the owners had to come to sort their own out.

(To be continued.)

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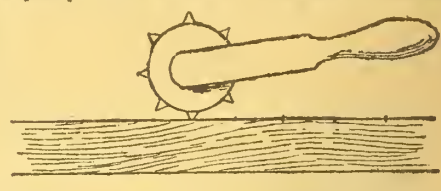
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Illustrated Ideas

No. 490.
Marking Cage Bars.

Sent by Mr. N. Sutton, 132, Pleck Road, Walsall.

I show in sketch my way of marking cage bars in preparation for drilling, without the use of a rule. I make it at a cost of less than a penny. The marker is of tin made from the

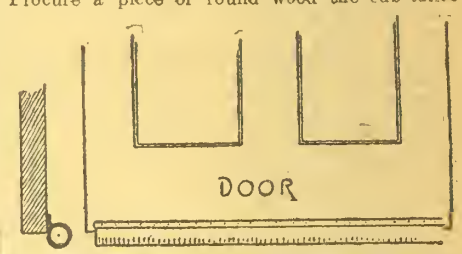


bottom of a meat tin. The handle is of hard wood, with a nail for rivet. I have found this very useful, and, as time is near for cage-making, this may be useful to others.—N. SUTTON.

No. 491.
To Prevent Draught.

Sent by Mr. S. T. Perrin, 26, Garfield Street, Kettering.

Most bird room doors are fitted badly, especially at the bottom, this causing the draughts so dreaded by bird fanciers. The following idea, if adopted, will be found to remedy this matter. Procure a piece of round wood the substance



of a broom handle; cut off to width of door; then cover with felt by tacking it round, leaving about one inch to spare. This piece should then be tacked to the bottom of the door, so that when the door opens the wood will draw after, along the floor. The illustration will give a better idea of what I mean.—S. T. PERRIN.

Wild Bird-Life.

Rooks' and Doves' Nests.

Up to the time of penning these notes the month of March has failed to maintain its reputation for rough, boisterous weather; therefore there has been little to prevent one getting out into the open. Although there is as yet no shelter beyond the evergreens and some of last summer's leaves are still clinging to the brambles, this fact will not prevent the more forward birds from making a start in their household affairs. While out to-day, the writer came across a Thrush's nest in a half-finished condition; it was placed in the hedge bordering a quiet by-road, and was partly screened from view by a fairly stout trunk against which it was placed. Dried grass was the material mostly used, and as a stray branch of ivy had been woven in with the coarser material, it considerably added to its beauty and freshness. As there are many foot passengers passing this way, particularly at week-ends, one is doubtful if the bird will manage to hatch her eggs or rear any young ones. On still days the Rooks are particularly busy adding fresh material to the old nests. They will collect quite a handful in their huge beaks, and manage to struggle to the tops of the tall trees with it. Occasionally they have a little difficulty in getting between the branches, but as a rule they fly high and approach the nest from above. It is astonishing how strong and tough these rough-looking nests are; but the interior is composed of finer materials and finished off with bits of turf, grass, etc., and this helps to bind the coarser twigs together; and as they are added to year after year, they become in time of huge bulk, very weighty, and securely fixed. The most open nests are those made by the Dove family. They are simply sticks laid one across the other, and many a time the writer has been able to see the snow-white eggs through the nest without getting up to it. But some of these affairs are exceedingly strong. One found last autumn, which had been blown from its position, was composed of twigs collected from the pines; it was quite flat, about a yard in width, and would bear throwing about without damage. This nest must have been added to year after year, which accounted for its size; and being made of twigs with a rough surface, they held together very securely; in addition to which the droppings from the young birds had cemented the whole into a compact mass.

Rearing a Cuckoo.

The birds that rear a young Cuckoo are generally so worn out and tired by their strenuous efforts to feed the greedy nestling that, although most of them are double-brooded, it is doubtful if they make another venture at nesting. The writer has seen a pair of Wagtails frequenting the vicinity of a farm looking, during the remainder of the summer, anything but bright and happy.

A RED-LETTER DAY FOR YORKSHIREMEN

The Grand Amalgamated Social and Prize Distribution a Huge Success.

The annual amalgamated prize distribution of the Yorkshire Union, the Yorkshire Canary Club, the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club, the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club, took place on Saturday last, March 11th, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, the headquarters of the clubs. The proceedings commenced at 4 o'clock with a dinner provided by the host, Mr. Mitchell, in his usual good style, about 170 sitting down to the excellent repast.

A Goodly Company.

Mr. D. Sunderland (the General Chairman) occupied the place of honour, and along with him were Mrs. Sunderland, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Mr. Pretty, Mr. Pearce (our London friends), Mr. Brunskill and Master Brunskill (Darlington) Mr. Bladon and Mr. Lythgoe (Manchester, late President and Secretary of the Cage Bird Union), Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Messrs. Calam, Pepper, Ridley (Hull), Wilson, Chambers, Macmillan, Norton, Pawson (Leeds), Bishop (Sheffield), Hirst (Accrington), and from the surrounding districts we noted Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Snead, Mr. and Mrs. F. Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. F. Self, Mr. and Mrs. E. Self, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Self, Mr and Mrs. Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. John Crowther. Mr. and Mrs. Bastow, Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Towers, Mr. and Mrs. Threppleton, Mr. and Mrs. Pickles, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Messrs. W. Cundell, H. W. Battye, Sykes, Brown, Chittenden, Raistrick, Smith, Wright, Hill, Hitching, Jackson, Craven, Cruise, Rushworth, Hall, Parkin, Drake, Crossley, Chapman, Musson, Haigh, Edmondson and Son, Greenwood, Spencer, Baines, Ingham, Pickles, Dykes, R. Sutcliffe and Son, Toulman, Fortnam, Walker, Wilkinson, Stables, Casey, Simonett, Price, Garnett, Greaves Walsh, Halliday, Cundall, Lane, Mitchell, Blakey, Morrison, Moss, Shackleton, Wellock, Gelder, Bromham, Hodgson, Inman, Fowle, Ogden Bros., Clegg, Ludbrook, Bailey, Thomas, Mitchell, Archer, Overend, and hundreds of others whose names we omitted to get, the room being packed to overflowing.

Mr. D. Sunderland set things going for the dinner with grace, after which a great quantity of eatable things were speedily put out of sight. The tables were then got away, and the room made ready for the evening's enjoyment. In the interval the prizes were inspected by an admiring crowd, many of them being ladies, who, no doubt, will be egging on their better halves to "have a go" for something next year. Articles useful and articles ornamental were there—sewing machine, blankets, eiderdowns, knives and forks and spoons, clocks, vases of various sizes and styles, medals, cups in both silver and pottery, overmantels, pictures; in fact, it was more like a shop, so numerous and varied were the prizes chosen. And they were well displayed.

The Ball Set Rolling.

Promptly at 6 o'clock the evening's entertainment commenced with a selection by the band, which was heartily applauded. Then Mr. Sunderland, the greatly esteemed Chairman for these gatherings, gave a short speech, in which he thanked the committee for the great honour they had done him by selecting him for that position for the fourth time in succession, and trusting to have a grand evening. He gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, old friends and new, especially mentioning Mr. and Mrs. Carl, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Bladon, Mr. Lythgoe, Mr. Brunskill, and others, and indeed, he infused the meeting with that sociability and good fellowship that is so necessary in a gathering of this description. He told the exhibitors to forget the last twelve months' struggles in the competitions, and congratulated those who had won; and he hoped it would stimulate others to press onwards and try and win something next year.

Next, a tenor song by Mr. M. Spieght, held the audience spellbound, and was greatly appreciated. Mr. Sunderland now called upon Mr. F. Hammond, President of the Yorkshire Union, to present the prizes given in connection with the competition of the Y.U.

Mr. Fred Hammond's Welcome.

Mr. Hammond mentioned at the outset that he had been warned about long speeches, and he would take care that he was not pulled up by the chairman for taking up too much of their valuable time, as he knew there were plenty of items, and that our musical friends had some good things in store for the audience. However, be gave to all present a right hearty Yorkshire welcome. It was, he said, a great pleasure to welcome the late President, and Secretary of the Cage Bird Union, as ever since these gatherings were inaugurated the C.B.U. had always been mentioned; he wished the Union had achieved greater success than it had done. However, they would see to-night a little Yorkshire enthusiasm, and he hoped he would see within 12 months from this time a Union in Lancashire as strong as ours. Mr. Hammond next mentioned the fact that at the end of the present financial year of the Y.U., he would be vacating the office he now held, and that it would practically close his career in regard to the Yorkshire Union, and that then he would be entirely out of office and only an ordinary member; but in future what experience he had had would be freely given if required for the old ship, to guide it into a safe harbour and haven of rest.

Mr. Hammond now called upon Mr. J. Bailey to come forward as the winner of the premier competition, the W. H. Shackleton trophy competition, this making the second time he had won it, and as the donor has also won it twice, a lively time is expected next year. He presented Mr. Bailey with the gold medal denoting his success. Also Mr. Bailey wins the H. W. Naylor Challenge Cup; Mr. Hammond was too full, he said, for words, as owing to the recent death of Mr. H. W. Naylor, the less said the better, and he would leave the sentiments for someone else who would doubtless be able to do more justice to his memory. Mr. Bailey further takes the Ramsden Cruet. As usual, Mr. B. did not make a speech; he says he would rather show for the prizes than make a speech on receiving them. But Jim caused loud and continued laughter by the remark that he would go through—he would not get out at Manningham.

Messrs. Ogden Bros. took the second medal in the W. H. Shackleton trophy competition, and the J. W. Ramsden medal. Third was secured by Mr. H. H. Towers, and the fourth by Mr. J. Thomas.

Now, says Mr. Hammond, we come to what we are pleased to call "the backbone of the Fancy"—the novice section—and we will see what will now be done in regard to what has been called "The blot on the Fancy," i.e., the limit of price in the novice section of the Y.U. shows; it is on the ballot paper, and it rests with the members to deal with it as they think best. Mr. Morrison has the honour to lead the way in the Yorkshire Novice Section, and takes top medal, and also secures Ramsden's prize and is followed by Messrs. Rigg, Whitwham, Walker, Kershaw, Hadwen, Brown and Son, Craven, Radley, Burdekin Bros., Imeson, Bryant, in the order named. Then in Norwich Mr. Heap comes out at the top of the poll, followed by Messrs. Sykes, Jackson, and Pawson. We have here 16 members who are "knocked out" of the Novice classes, and who next year will have to show amongst the top-sawyers; and Mr. Hammond expressed the wish that they would all be seen as exhibitors in the season to come, and not be launched into obscurity, but shine as bright in the open as in the novice.

Mr. Stafford now rendered the baritone song, "The Yeoman's Wedding," in his usual fine style, and we have no fear in calling him "The Birdy man's favourite."

Mr. Shackleton's Turn.

The National Green Marked Y.C.C. President, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, was now called upon by Mr. Sunderland to present the prizes of his club. Mr. Shackleton expressed his pleasure on behalf of the club at the progress the club had made, and even more the progress made by the bird the last two years. At the outset Mr. Shackleton made the remark that at the time of the formation of the club he said that if the green mark were offered the same facilities as the cinnamon marks and the clears, they would go up by leaps and bounds, both in the matter of value, and in regard to the bird itself; and he was pleased to see that his prophecy had been quite fulfilled as now, instead of the better birds being worth about £1 to £1 10s., prices of various values up to £12 had been paid for marked birds, and hens at that. Great credit was due to the Green Marked Club for this state of affairs. When he entered the Fancy he hoped, he said, to do much to further the interests and leave it in a better condition and more flourishing than when he entered it. He advised the younger generation not to be afraid of introducing the green blood into their stock, as by doing so there was much to gain and nothing to lose.

Mr. Shackleton then presented Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son with the first prize, and congratulated them on their sportsmanship, expressing great pleasure in handing to them the prize, and also in handing to them the Ramsden Cruet. Mr. Sutcliffe, Senr., thanked Mr. Shackleton, but explained that he could not make a speech. But he also was one of those who would not get out at Manningham if he had booked through for Bradford. Oh! Bob!! Mr. H. Sutcliffe, the junior member of the firm, also spoke a few words, and it is evident they are both stayers. Mr. Dykes took second prize (a shaving cabinet, presented by Mr. Armstrong, the energetic secretary of the club), and here we have another exhibitor who will have to be reckoned with in the future. He secured the Ramsden medal, in addition. Mr. Shackleton wins third prize himself, and the fourth was secured by Mr. J. Thomas, who receives a medal; Messrs. Ogden Bros. took the fifth place and secured a box of cigars presented by Mr. Broxup, Mr. H. H. Towers receiving a medal for sixth place.

Open Novice Competition: Mr. E. Clegg leading, and was presented with the Sandiford Cup, Mr. Casey taking the second prize. Junior Novices Competition found Mr. A. M. Craven in first place, Mr. Hadwen coming in for second. Extra special competed for at the Crystal Palace Show, and given for most points was won by Messrs. Ogden Bros.; the prize (a pair of pictures) was kindly given by Mr. R. B. Wright, of Liverpool.

Mr. A. Smith now gave a humorous song, entitled "Little by Little and Bit by Bit," which fairly brought down the house.

"Cage Birds" Prizes.

Cage Birds prizes for Yorkshiremen were then handed over to the respective winners by the chairman, Mr. D. Sunderland. Yorkshire Union Section, Champions: 1, Ogden Bros. (tea service); 2, W. H. Shackleton (blankets); 3, Charlesworth (½ dozen silver spoons). Amateurs: 1, J. Thomas (2 pair blankets); 2, H. Smith (cruet); 3, J. Horsfield (dress length). Yorkshire Canary Club, Champions: 1, Bailey (tea service); 2, Thornton and Bower (silver rose bowl); 3, J. Helliwell (cruet). Amateur: 1, Casey (coffee-pot); 2, C. E. Hall (pair vases); 3 H. Long (pair silver photo frames). Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., Champion: 1, H. H. Towers (overmantel); 2, Cooper (marble clock); 3, F. Allen (flower vases). Amateurs. 1, J. Smith (flower stand); 2, D. Thornton (clock); 3, H. Simonett (pair of silver flower vases). National Green Marked Y.C.C., Champions: 1, Dykes (fruit and flower stand); 2, Sutcliffe and Son (knives and forks); 3, F. Sutcliffe (set of carvers). Amateurs: 1, E. Clegg (onyx clock); 2, S. Grayshon (set of flower vases). Open Norwich Plainhead Club, Champions: 1, Humphries; 2, Greenwood and Pickles (set of knives forks and spoons); 3, Eyre and Taylor (cruet). Amateurs: 1, F. Hammond (dressing case); 2, Fortnam (silver teapot); 3, O. Mitchell (cut glass rose-bowl and biscuit jar); Y.C.C.B.B. and M.C., Champions: 1, Inman (pair vases); 2, Duncan (silver cigarette case); 3, Bousfield (miniature silver rose-bowl). Amateurs: 1, Archer (silver cup); 2, Lane (knives and forks); 3, Beattie (hot water jug). Mr. Sunderland heartily thanked Mr. Carl for his generosity in giving such splendid prizes, and in doing so voiced the sentiments of all the officials of all the clubs concerned, not to mention the winners of the beautiful prizes. Mr. Carl responded, stating that it was an honour to be amongst them and to receive such a hearty Yorkshire greeting. In regard to the prizes given, he did not consider it as generosity, but simply as the repayment of a debt of gratitude he owed to them for the splendid way they had supported him throughout, and it would give him great pleasure to repeat what he had done last year. Mr. Carl also tendered his best thanks to the committee and especially to Mr. Hammond for his work as secretary, and as Mr. Hammond had refused to accept anything for his out-of-pocket expenses and work entailed, he would have pleasure in presenting to Mrs. Hammond a silver purse, and to Mr. Hammond a silver card case as a token of esteem and respect in regard to work done—done conscientiously and well.

Mr. Hammond for once appeared too full to find words to express his feelings. He and his wife would, he said, treasure the gifts as tokens of esteem and respect.

Mr. H. Greaves next gave a violin solo in fine style, which was greatly appreciated, being listened to with rapt attention.

Messrs. Bladon & Lythgoe Contribute.

Mr. Sunderland asked Mr. Bladon to say a few words. Mr. Bladon said he was somewhat embarrassed, as he had not been in such close touch with things of this description, but it gave him great pleasure to be there, and he hoped it would not be the last time he would be amongst them. As a matter of fact, he did not know he was half so well known as he was in the Fancy. Many had spoken to him, and he desired to thank all for the kind reception he had received. He was, he said, glad to see the spirit of unanimity that prevailed over all, and hoped prosperity would still further crown the efforts of the Y.U. Mr. Bladon gave a wrinkle that the Y.U. might with advantage be extended to all northern parts; he also passed a remark as to getting out at Manningham. Does he, too, then know the meaning?

The chairman here also asked Mr. Lythgoe to say a few words. Mr. Lythgoe said it gave him much pleasure to be amongst them—quite a contrast to the last time. He spoke in reference to the Cage Bird Union, which, he stated, was not dead yet. It had been a success, though at the present it did not show a great amount of life; he also thought that if the Y.U. would take in the whole of the North, it would be a great success.

Mr. Jim Overend's "Staggerers."

The next item was the presentation of the prizes of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., and the society had, in consequence of their president's wish, got another gentleman to officiate for him. The choice made was a good one. Mr. Jim Overend was seen, and gladly consented to officiate, and as he is probably the oldest living exhibitor and fancier of the variety, it was simply giving honour where honour was due. At the outset Mr. Overend said there was one thing he must ask them: they must excuse his grammar. But be is a true Yorkshireman—he looks it, and talks it. He stated that he showed his first bird in the year 1870, and that this gave present-day fanciers a good hit of a start. Some called him an old man, but he had never felt it yet, though he would be going for his old age pension soon. The next statement was a staggerer: he had never showed an honest bird in his life, had been at both top and bottom, won scores of prizes that he ought not to have won, and not won many a time when he ought to have won. His advice to exhibitors was: never look at your own birds at a show; look at the others and see what you have to beat—you can see your own at home any time. When he started showing he found out that the first thing one had to do was to deceive the judge; for instance, he had all new cages, and they were always old ones that got the prizes, so he kicked them all over the bird room to make them like the other ones—bent and knocked out of shape. Then, even-marked birds were the rage, and nothing but marks counted; shape, quality, style, were nothing—the marks had to be there, and if they did not suit, they had to be made to suit, either by putting a bit on or by taking a bit off; it had to be done, so he tried it, and instead of getting 2nd and 3rd he got 1st. Then when going home his pals wanted to rest a bit; he said, no! they aren't half as heavy when you have won. Cages were not then packed in boxes as they were to-day, but were stitched up in canvas to travel to and from the shows. At last Mr. Overend took to even-marks as his speciality, and in a few years' time the older showers were bringing their birds to him to "do up." Of course, it was all open and above board; everybody knew that they were done, and it was talked about quite openly; it was simply a matter as to who could get the best raw stuff and make the best finished job of it. One experience he had was this: he once had a bird that could win anywhere if it had only one more feather in, and this occupied his thoughts so much that he could not get it out of his head. He woke up one morning at about three o'clock just as, in his dreams, he was putting the necessary feather in. Be sports! he said, try to win. You get too much of showing to lose. He was pleased to be there and to see the ladies. He had had three wives and made them all into fanciers, and no duffers at that.

Mr. Overend thinks that the Cinnamon Marks have not improved as they ought to have done; in fact, he says they are not as good as they were ten years ago. He was glad Mr. Shackleton had taken up the Green Marks; they were grand birds, and much to be admired. The remarks of Mr. Overend were followed with great interest by the company present.

The C.M.Y.C.C. Prizes.

Winner of champion section, Mr. H. H. Towers (sewing machine); he also wins Ramsden's cruet. Second, Messrs. Ogden Bros. (eiderdown); 3, Dykes (Sandiford's cup); 4, Bailey (knives and forks), and winner of the Mason breeders' prize (a clock). Open novice: 1, J. Smith (rose bowl); 2, E. Clegg (pair bronzes); 3, F. Hammond. Junior novice: 1, Burdekin Bros. (gold medal); 2, Kershaw (umbrella); 3, Brown and Son (cake stand).

Next Mr. Overend had a very pleasing duty to perform, viz., to present the late secretary, Mr. R. Garnett, with a gold chain and medal as a token of the regard and esteem the members had for him for the great services he had rendered the club during his holding of the position of secretary; it was subscribed for by the members and friends. Mr. Garnett responded, and was heartily cheered. Mr. Overend also passed a few remarks in regard to the Ramsden prizes, and asked all to win these prizes with birds that had been fed on Ramsden's feed, and not, as he had heard of, with birds that were not eligible to compete.

Messrs. Stafford and Speight sang the duet "Excelsior," and were heartily applauded; in fact, the musical programme was going fine throughout,

The O.N.P.C. Prizes.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club prizes were distributed by Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, the chairman. Winners as follows:—1, A. Humphries (clock); 2, J. Thomas (pair pictures painted and given by Mr. O. Mitchell, also the "Percy Illingworth cup" and medal, and Ramsden's special); 3, Pickering and Wright; whilst for fourth place Messrs. Eyre and Taylor and Pickering and Wright tie. Novice Competition: Macmillan takes first place and received silver cup; Mr. T. Fortnam secures 2nd place (silver cup, and also Ramsden's cruet); 3, W. Johnson (pair pictures); 4, F. Hammond (bound volume).

Mr. A. Smith was now called upon by Mr. Sunderland for another of his highly humourous songs, and again received his full quota of appreciation.

The Y.C.B.B. and M.C. Prizes.

Mr. D. Duncan, jun., presented the prize on behalf of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., of which body he is president. He spoke a few words on behalf of his favourite section, pleading for more support from the Union shows. He wanted more to ask for the patronage, so as to get the birds going in the Bradford district. Champion Section: 1, Inman (pair bronzes); 2, Stamp (set of carvers); 3, Duncan (pipe and case).

The song "Thora" was next given by Mr. Stafford, being admirably rendered, encores being enthusiastically called for; and he willingly obliged with the old favourite "Eilleen Alannah," and in the chorus all joined.

The Y.C.C. Competitions.

The chairman is also the president of the Y.C.C., so that Mr. Sunderland had the honour to present the prizes of the Club. In his opening remarks he suggested the amalgamation of all the specialist clubs catering for the Yorkshire bird. This, no doubt, will receive due attention from those concerned. Mr. J. Bailey is now the fortunate winner of the £6 6s. Ramsden cup, having this season won it outright, and he also wins a coal-vase and a teapot; 2, Ogden Bros., Sandiford's cup, £1 cash, and Ramsden teaspot; for 3rd and 4th place Messrs. Thomas and Thornton and Bower tie, and will have to divide a medal and some knives and forks between them. H. H. Towers wins one of Mr. Ramsden's medals, and takes 15/- in hard cash. In the open novice section Mr. Hall leads, and got for his prize a pair of hand-painted panels, and also Mr. Ramsden's cruet; 2, Mr. Smith (aluminium teapot); 3, Horsfield (lady's umbrella). Junior novices: 1, Rigg (silver cup, £2 2s.); 2, Whitwham (silver teapot); 3, Morrison (cruet); 4, Radley (overmantel).

We now had another song by Mr. M. Speight, "Good Night Beloved," for which he was loudly encored; he again got rousing cheers for his rendering of "Mary."

Mr. Sunderland next presented to Mr. W. Cruise the "Bradford East rose bowl," won by him at the last show of the Bradford East Society, for the best unflighted bird show by the breeder, the cup to be held for 12 months until won outright. Here Mr. S. made a special remark that the next show of the Bradford East Society will be the Cinderella show, and it is hoped all fanciers will assist to try and make it a success. The cause, of course, is good, and deserves good support. Mr. Sunderland proposed a vote of thanks to all the patrons—Mr. Carl, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Bailey, and others, too numerous to mention, and this was carried with loud applause.

Mr. Ramsden responded on behalf of himself and others interested, and congratulated the company on having such a chairman. As regarded the prizes he would be pleased to do again as he had done in the past, and as the £6 6s. cup had now been won outright by Mr. Bailey, he was pleased to inform them that at the time he had got two, and that the other had been waiting until such time as the other had been won. Both, he might say, were made by one of the oldest and best makers, and were what was called hand-beaten—the best to be obtained—though now Mr. R. would like to give the novices a chance for something good. Terms will be arranged with the secretary (Mr. Greaves).

We were next favoured with a piccolo solo by Mr. R. Hill, excellently rendered and well received. Mr. Sunderland called upon Mr. Brunskill, who expressed great pleasure at this, his first appearance, and hoped to be with us again in the future. The comic element was again called into play, Mr. Smith convulsing all with his songs, and he was encored right royally. His second item, "Well Caught," was very laughable.

Mr. Hammond proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Sunderland, and paid worthy tribute to that gentleman's virtues for the position, and stated that he is now the recognised chairman of these gatherings. He expressed the hope that he would continue in the position for many years to come. He also paid a deserved tribute to Mr. H. Hill for his great work as secretary, he being largely responsible for the evening's entertainment arrangements. Mr. F. Armstrong seconded the vote of thanks, and eulogised the two gentlemen, referring to them as "ideal" for the positions they occupied. Mr. Sunderland responded, and said he considered it a great honour to occupy that position. He would, he said, be no good without a good secretary and a good committee, and he had been favoured with having both. Mr. Hill also responded to the vote and said that when the work was as successful as it had been for this gathering, it was a pleasure to do it.

This concluded the business and the pleasure of the evening, and it must be noted as one of the most pleasant we have had, and one that will live long in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to be present. Prizes were now to be packed ready for carrying home, and this was done without damage or loss; and it was exactly on the stroke of 11 that "the last of the mohicans" passed out into the open air, after seven hours, or more, of a real happy time.



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The Shows.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Result of table show Mar. 2nd, Slatter's Rooms.
GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Clews. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Clews; 2, Ycaring. BULLFINCH CK: 1, Towl Bros. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Towl Bros.; -, Beaumont, jun.; 3, Ball. GOLDFINCH: 1, Towl Bros.; 2, Clews. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Towl Bros. Class 8 cancelled. Judge, Mr. W. H. Moore, sen.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE & DIS. O.S.

Third of a series of table shows for points special prizes held headquarters, P.S.A. Rooms, Mar. 7. Mr. H. Foden judged, and no grumbling was heard.
LINNET, ETC.: 1, 4, Dyson; 2, vhc, MacFarlane; 3, c, Barron; hc, Storey. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, c, MacFarlane; 2, Barron; 3, vhc, Dyson; hc, Bamford. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Barron; 2, MacFarlane; 3, Bamford. SOFTBILL: 1, Marsland.—J. R. Colville, Sec.

DONCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

Table show of pairs, also British (h.m. and f.m.). Entry very good, especially in Yorks. and British, there belug three very good classes. Mr. Wakefield (Doncaster) placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. In connection with the show we had a successful meeting—the largest since the formation of this society. We made three new members, and our membership now totals 30.
YORKS. (9): 1, Blanchon; 2, Stocks; 3, Trueman. NOR.: 1, 2, Trueman. HYBRID: 1, 2, Stocks. MULING: 1, Trueman; 2, Stocks. BRIT. H.M. (8): 1, Bescoby; 2, Lee; 3, Pogmore. BRIT., F.M. (12): 1 Bescoby; 2, Saxton; 3, Pogmore.—G. Bescoby, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Onward Hall, March 4. Mr. Robluson presided over a good attendance. After the usual business the last of the series of table shows was held for British birds and muling pairs. Sixteen entries faced Mr. Fairhurst (South Manchester) who acted as judge, and his awards were well received. Questions were asked on the awards, and Mr. Fairhurst proved himself equal to the occasion. He gave us a little of his past experience in Mule breeding, also the selecting of British birds and hens. A vote of thanks was given him for his kindness. Next meeting March 21. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) will lecture on "Greens, and Breeding for Colour."
MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Buckby; 3, Schofield; 4, Spencer; vhc, Simpson; hc, Belton; c, Fryer. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Smith; 4, Schofield.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held March 7, headquarters, Mr. Hathaway occupying chair. A good muster of members was present. Balance sheet submitted, and after hearing report was accepted with great satisfaction. Mr. Wood has resigned his position as joint secretary owing to pressure of business. Election of officers:—Mr. R. N. Robertson, president; chairman, D. Docherty; vice-chairman, H. Hathaway; auditors, L. Bond and J. England; committee, Ford, England, Ames, Mason, Lee, Bond, Oldham, Austice, Smith, Morris. Pair show was the best the society has had, both in quality and numbers. Messrs. Howkins and Lee judged.
CHAMP. PAIRS (12): 1, 2, 3, 4, Hathaway, clean sweep; vhc, hc, England; c, Wood. NOVICE PAIRS: 1, 2, Ames; 3, 4, Morris. A.O.V.: 1, Ford; 2, Wood; 3, Bond. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—W. Elliott, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

March show held Mar. 8th, Mission Room, Cheapside, when a fine show of British and Canaries faced the judges, Messrs. C. Pearson and P. Small.
GOLDFINCH: 1, Akehurst; 2, Cadman Bros.; 3, H. T. Gibb. CHAFFINCH: 1, 3, Cadman Bros.; 2, H. Akehurst; vhc, Absalon; hc, Sharpe. GREENFINCH: 1, Cadman Bros.; 2, Sparks; 3, Sharpe; vhc, Goble; hc, Absalon. LINNET: 1, Akeburst; 2, Jacobs; 3, Cadman Bros.; vhc, Goble. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Cadman Bros.; 2, Jacobs; 3, Roast; vbc, H. T. Gibb. YORKIE: 1, H. T. Gibb; 2, Pelling; 3, vhc, hc, Cadman Bros. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, H. T. Gibb; 2, vhc, Dean. Many members looked in during the evening and enjoyed the arrangements made. Mr. C. Pearson presented the club with a silver-plated teapot for competition at young stock shows, and was thanked for his interest in the welfare of the society. The judging competition points up to the March show are as follows: W. Cadman 113, S. Sparks 85, A. Goble 89, E. Cadman 82, F. Dandridge 72, G. Absalon 76, E. Brooks 39, R. Sharpe 35 E. Jacobs 24, A. Flook 31, H. Akeburst 59.—Will. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

TONBRIDGE AND DIST. F.S.

Members' show held March 8th, headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, High Street. There was a very nice collection of both Canaries and British; also a good attendance of members and friends, who assisted their hardworking and energetic secretary, Mr. F. Stonestreet, who had everything in perfect order and in time for the judging. The birds in all sections were a very even lot all round, and seeing most of the members are novices (some showing for the first time), they were a credit to them; they must take a great amount of interest in their hobby. Special mention must be made of a nice pair for Hybrid breeding, shown by Mr. W. Creed, being in exceptionally good trim. He told us he had several fertile eggs from this pair last season, but they did not hatch out. He is hoping for better luck this year. Mr. W. Creed won special for best cage bird. Mr. Hubble placed the awards which were well received.
YORKS. CK.: 1, W. Creed, very nice buff; 2, 3, Cross, beaten only in quality; vhc, French. HEN: 1, H. Creed, nice buff. NOR. CK.: 1, 3, hc, A. Davies, winner very nice buff in good feather, latter open on breast feather; 2, Smithers, very good yell., best in class, had been washing, which told against it; vhc, W. Creed; c, Richards. HEN: 1, spl, 2, W. Creed, former very smart typical yell., should be heard of again, 2nd larger buff; 3, Richards, variegated yell.; vhc, Smithers. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 3, Cross, former very good house-moulted Goldie, latter a Bullie hen, wee bit down in condition; 2, Smithers, cock Bullie, bit down in col. and condition; vhc, Dawes, black Bullie, showing good wing bars, markings almost white, which showed up well against the sooty black body. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, W. Creed, very good yellow Greenie, in the pink of condition; 2, hc, Cross, very good Chaffinch, well up in col.; 3, Richards, another good Chaffinch, beaten in col. only; vhc, Dawes; c, Cross. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Smithers, heavy variegated. C.-B. PAIRS (suitable for breeding): 1, hc, W. Creed, good pair for Hyb. breeding, Goldie and Bullie, both house-moulted, in wonderfully good trim, well shown; 2, 4, Smithers, Nor. pairs; 3, Richards, pair of Crests; vhc, Cross.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Annual pair show held Mar. 4th, Cbequers Hotel. There were 44 pairs shown. Mr. J. Corrall judged, and gave great satisfaction. Mr. A. Symonds, the secretary, had the arrangements well in band.
NOR., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Symonds and Son; 2, Roycroft; 3, Mann. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, Lucas; 2, Symonds and Son; 3, Roycroft. YORKS.: 1, Wright; 2, Saunders. CINN.: 1, Wright; 2, Saunders. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Payne. GREENFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Cooke; 2, Wright; 3, Lucas. A.O.V. FOR MULING: 1, Cooke; 2, Busby. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Saunders; 2, Lucas; 3, Cooke.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 2nd, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. T. Flemming (president) in chair. Dates of the season's shows were fixed, also halls in which they will be held. Nest feather show, July 8th, Wycliffe Hall; open all-England show, Dec. 9th, Montgomery Hall; and final members' show, Dec. 28th, Montgomery Hall. Several gentlemen were proposed as judges, and secretary was instructed to write them. On the motion of Mr. W. T. Furniss it was unanimously decided that we withdraw from the Cage Bird Union. Result of the muling and hybrid pair show:—
MULING PAIRS: 1, 2, Hobson; 3, Falding; 4, Crapper. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Falding; 2, Hobson; 3, Woolhouse. Next meeting, table show of British, and lecture on same by Mr. A. Hobson.—J. Woolhouse, Assistant-Sec.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful pair show held Mar. 9th, Temperance Hotel. The secretarial duties were admirably carried out by Messrs. R. Forster and T. M. Tate, under the superintendence of Mr. M. Swan, chairman of committee. There was a capital entry, especially in muling pairs (Canary and Finch)—some very promising pairs. Norwich pairs were very uniform in type and quality, as also were the Yorkshire and Border pairs. British pairs for hybrid breeding were not so strong in numbers, but there were some excellent exhibits. Mr. W. Miller won special for best pair (Nor.), closely followed by Messrs. Forster and Carns (Yorks.), who made amends by winning special for most points. There was a capital attendance. Mr. A. Dippie placed the awards.
NOR. PAIRS: 1, 3, Miller; 2, vhc, Forster and Carns; hc, c, Nesbit and Wright. YORKS.: 1, 3, Carns and Forster; 2, c, Moffat; hc, Nesbit and Wright. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Forster and Carns; c, Miller. MULING (Can. and Finch): 1, 2, Forster and Carns; 3, c, Tate; vhc, Staig; hc, Miller. HYB. PAIRS: 1, 2, 3, Forster and Carns.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Meeting and show of British birds held Clarendon Hall, Mar. 10th. There was an extra large turn-out of grand birds, the entries totalling 73. The judges were Messrs. A. Porteous and J. Lawrie, their awards giving every satisfaction. During judging the meeting was held in the side room, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a large attendance. A fine lot of business was got through in good time. One new member enrolled, viz., Mr. J. Wallace. Nomination of judges taken for first feather show and annual members' show. The meeting over, the members adjourned to the large hall to view the exhibits. The president at this point called the members to attention, and asked that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Messrs. Porteous and Lawrie; this was accorded enthusiastically. One thing very noticeable was the large number of visitors who patronised the show.
GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (2): 1, Henderson; 2, Seath. LINNET (12): 1, 5, Jamieson; 2, Wilson; 3, Dunlop; 4, Gibb; 6, Seath; 7, Henderson. SISKIN (5): 1, Henderson; 2, Wilson; 3, Bibby; 4, Smith; 5, Crawford. REDPOLL (14): 1, Seath; 2, Crawford; 3, Dunlop; 4, Bibby; 5, Gibb; 6, Hughes; 7, Jamieson. TWITE (5): 1, Henderson; 2, Jamieson; 3, Wilson; 4, Dunlop; 5, Seath. GREENFINCH (9): 1, Smith; 2, Adams; 3, Crawford; 4, 7, Gibb; 5, Henderson; 6, Dunlop. BULLFINCH HEN (BRIT.) (5): 1, Dunlop; 2, Proudfoot; 3, Henderson; 4, Seatb; 5, Hughes. A.O.V. BRIT. HEN (HARDBILL) (4): 1, Henderson; 2, Gibb; 3, Dunlop; 4, Seath. BRIT. (HARDBILL, FIELD-MOULTED) (12): 1, Hendson; 2, Seath; 3, 4, 7, Loan; 5, Proudfoot; 6, Gibb. FOR. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Adams; 2, 5, Wilson; 3, Gibb; 4, Henderson.—Wm. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

PENRHIWCEIBER.

Held March 8th, Workmans Hall, a most convenient and suitable hall. Cage birds were staged on the platform free from draughts in a very good light. Owing no doubt to the lateness of the season, our section was not so well represented as it might have been held earlier. A more extended classification, and judicious advertising in Cage Birds would, we feel sure, make our section a great success. The quality of the exhibits made up somewhat for the lack of entries. Mr. G. Cabill, the steward of section, had everything in apple-pie order, and did everything possible for the welfare of the exhibits. We regret to hear that Mr. H. S. Davies' Red Headed Gouldian Finch met with a mishap during transit, the cage being badly broken; but fortunately the bird seemed to have escaped injury. Mr. T. J. Evans made a very capable secretary, and was well supported by the Committee. Mr. E. J. Davies judged.
NOR. CK. (7): 1, withheld; 2, spl, Edwards, wing tkd. Yell., lovely type and quality, clear win; 3, Thomas, cl. Yell., loses a trifle in substance vhc, Dummett; hc, Price; c, Jones. HEN (4): 1, 3, withheld; 2, Dummett, mkd on neck, good type, quality and condition; vhc, Edwards; hc, Price; No. 2, W.C. YORKS CK. (5): 1st withheld; 2, 3, vhc, Cahill, very nice trio thigh and neck tkd Yell. leading, good type, lovely position, followed by cl. Yell., good upstanding bird; hc, Witton; c, Price. HEN (5): 2, 3, hc, 2 spls., Cahill, another grand team, leader cl. Buff, grand quality, straight as a rushlight, good head and neck; 3rd very typical Yell., well up on leg, very nervy; vhc, Witton; c, Price. A.O.V. (4): 2, vhc, Edwards, with a bonny grizzle mkd. Crest-bred, well lashed, good entrance, fine size; hc, c, Price. The committee would do well to alter this class to read A.O.V. Canary, and give an additional class for Hybrids. BRIT. HARDBILL (4): 2, Price, Bully, very steady, good size, shape and condition; vhc, Wilkins; hc, Thomas; c, Summerville. FOR. (3): 2, Thorne, well known Troupial in good fettle, some thought should have given way to vhc. Davies, King Parrot, a gem in the pink of condition; hc, Davies.

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LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

British Bird Show held Coustitutional Club, High Road, March 4th. A very fine collection of birds was staged, there being many fine specimens in the field-moulted classes. There was a good attendance. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. S. Clarke, Mr. C. H. Cooper judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.
HOUSE-MOULTED—GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Hellens; 2, Burbridge. LINNET: 1, 2, Hellens; 3, Burbridge. A.O.V.: 1, Hale. FIELD-MOULTED— GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Cooper. GREENFINCH: 1, Hellens; 2, Cooper. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Burbridge; 4, vhc, Hellens. HENS: 1, Hellens. NOVICE MOUSE-MOULTED—GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 4, Reed; 2, Webb; 3, Walker; vhc, Albany. GREENFINCH: 1, Walker; 2, Bartlett; 3, Pettett; 4, Reed; vhc, White. LINNET: 1 Walker; 2 Pettett; 3, Evans. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, Reed; 2, Walker; 4, White. HENS: 1, Hounslow; 2, Dalton. FOR.: 1, Reed; 2, Webb. NOVICE FIELD-MOULTED—GOLDFINCH: 1, Boreham; 2, Hounslow, 3, Albany. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Boreham; 2, Albany; 3, 3, Pettet. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Dalton; 2, Walker; 3, Pettet; 4, Boreham; vhc, Bennett; hc, Reed; c, Hounslow. HENS: 1, White.—Forse and Son, Hon.

OLD SHILDON (Workmen's Club) CAGE BIRD SOCIETY.

Table show of pairs suitable for breeding purposes, held Mar. 11, in a grand, large hall kindly lent by the committee of the institute. There was a capital entry, and the quality of the birds was extra good. The members should evidently breed something worth looking at, and should make a name for themselves. There was a good attendance, and many remarks were passed about the hall which I consider second to none in the county, and an ideal place for a bird show. This society, which is practically just started, is receiving good support from the exhibitors, and I think that before long it will be thought a good deal of. Mr. T. Boddy judged, and his awards proved highly satisfactory. Mr. J. Elwell, the secretary, was very busy among the fanciers.
NOR.: 1, 2, Cuthbertson; 3, vhc, Livesay; hc, Winn. YORKS.: 1, Parnaby; 2, 3, Elwell; vhc, Simpson; hc, c, Ridley. CRESTS: 1, 2, Hugill; 3, vhc, c, Richardson; c, Orton. MULE PAIRS: 1, Cuthbertson; 2, Parnaby; 3, hc, Lawson and Burlison; vhc, Livesey; c, Hugill. HYB. PAIR: 1, 2, Lawson and Burlison. SOFTBILL (SINGLE): 1, Lawson and Burlison; 2, 3, Parnaby. HARDBILLS: 1, Parnaby; 2, Cuthbertson; 3, Livesay; vhc, Lawson and Burlison.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Meeting held Mar. 8th, Club House, George Hotel. Mr. W. Cartwright (vice-chairman) presided, in the absence of Mr. H. C Carter (chairman). A recommendation from the committee re the conduct of a member was considered; agreed that the said member be expelled from the association on and from March 8th. Following classes arranged for a table show of field-moulted British next meeting night, April 5th: Linnet; Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll; Chaffinch or Bramblefinch; Greenfinch; Goldfinch or Bullfinch; A.O.S. British. Judge, Mr. P. H. Wilcock. Messrs. H. Cotton and Mr. Lawrence joined the association. After the business a table show was held. Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough) judged and gave every satisfaction.
MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Wilcock. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Wildsmitb and Hawkins; hc, Robinson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wildsmitb and Hawkins; 2, Wilcock; 3, Robinson; vhc, Lawson and Burlinson. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Wilcock; 2, vhc, c, Wildsmith and Hawkins; 3, Robinson; hc, Lawson and Burlinson. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL.: 1, Black; 2, Richmond. NOR. YELL.: 1, Black. BUFF: 1, Richmond; 2, Black. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Stephenson. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Betterill and Farrow; 3, Gregg. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, vhc, Hildon; 2, Gregg; 3, Bowers. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Maxfield; 3, Hildon.—R. S. Black, Hon. Sec.

TORBAY O.S. (Paignton).

First Pair Show held Lower Public Hall, Mar. 8. Nearly 100 birds were staged, and the members are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm; it was certainly a grand revival, and a good sign of a busy breeding season. It was a great pleasure to meet fanciers from neighbouring towns. There was a grand muster of British birds, probably a record; but the strongest classes were Norwich; British came next, with Yorkshires a good third. Mr. J. B. Dyer judged. At the committee meeting which followed, the annual ramble was fixed for May 3rd. A subscription was opened towards a cup to replace that won outright at last show. £1 was promised. Mr. A. N. Innes presided over a large attendance.
NOR., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, Nicks; 2, vhc, J. N. and J. Jeffery; 3, hc, Daw; c, Badcott. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 3, J. N. and J. Jeffery; 2, Nicks; vhc, hc, Daw; hc, c, Bastard. YORKS., YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Hodge; 2, Lamble; vhc, Innes. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Hodge; 3, Badcott; vbc, Lamble. YORKS., GREENS: 1, Innes; 2, Badcott. CAN. CK. AND BRIT. HEN: 1, Webber. GOLDFINCH CK. AND CAN. HEN: 1, Innes; 2, Lamble; 3, Nicks; vhc, hc, Webber; c, Mudge. LINNET CK. AND CAN. HEN: 1, Lamble; 2, Badcott; 3, Webber. A.O.V. BRIT. CK. AND CAN. HEN: 1, J. Jeffery; 2, Innes. BRIT. CK. AND HEN (two distinct species): 1, Webber; 2, Mudge; 3, Badcott; vbc, hc, Hyne. JUNIORS.—NOR.: 1, Will Jefferey; 2, Burridge. YORKS.: 1, Parnell. CAN. AND BRIT.: 1, Burridge. BRIT. CK. AND HEN: 1, Badcott.—J. N. Jeffery, Sec.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Annual pair show and British birds, held March 11th, beadquarters, City Hotel. There was a capital entry. Yorkshires were exceptionally good, and the competition was very keen. Norwich did not come up to expectations. Mr. Houghton took the prizes in both classes, also special for best matched pair in show. Mr. Stonelake won special for second best pair with Yorkshires. Muling and Hybrid pairs contained some grand birds, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Phillips gaining premier honours. The British made a nice show, Mr. Buckland securing special for best. Mr. W. H. Manley won points special. Mr. C. G. Telling judged.
MATCH PAIRS.—NOR.: 1, 2, Goughton. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Houghton. YORKS., YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 2, Stonelake; 3, Lovell; r, Garland; vhc, Buckland. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN: 1, Buckland; 2, 3, Stonelake; r, Garland; vhc, Lovell. CAN. AND WILD BIRD: 1, r, Fletcher; 2, Phillips; 3, Carter; vhc, Clark; hc, Manley. PAIRS FOR HY. BREEDING: 1, Phillips; 2, Fletcher; 3, Carter; r, Manley. MULES: 1, Buckland. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Buckland; 2, Manley; 3, Carter. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Carter; 3, Lovell. LINNET: 1, 2, Carter; 3, vhc, Clark; r, Manley. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Manley; 2, Phillips; 3, Carter. BUNTING: 1, Clark; 2, Manley. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, Lovell; 2, Manley; 3, Clark. HARDBILL, LARGE: 1, Manley.

Singing Contests.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club open race, held Mar. 12, when 6 pairs were bung (10 minutes' sing):—1, G. Roper, 4 scores 9; 2, D. Wilders, 4 scores 5; 3, T. Barnett, 4 scores 0; 4, Shaw, 3 scores 15; 5, G. Roper, 3 scores 15. Open race March 19. G. Roper winner of Mr. D. Jones's special prize.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Weekly Linnet contest held Prince Albert Hotel, where some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. Result: 1st and 2nd, Chippendale; 3rd Sellars. Judges, Messrs. J. Smitb and C. Lorriman.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Linnet sing held at Rock Inn, Mar. 12tb, when 22 birds competed before a large company. Result: 1st, Kirk; 2nd, Longfield; 3rd, Stafford.—A. Longfield, Sec.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. nsual weekly contest held March 11th, Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket. Result: 1st, Nelson; 2, Pullin; 3, Ross. Contest next Saturday, 4 p.m.—W. Ross.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-street, Attercliffe Common, March 11th, when 17 birds entered (3 minutes time singing). 1st, Thompson, 91sec.; 2nd, Bisby, 88sec.; 3rd, Brown, 79sec.; Shinwell, 61; Thompson, 58: Robinson, 57; Co.c. 47. March 12th, when 20 birds entered for three special prizes (three minutes' time singing), when Mr. Brown took 1st and 2nd with 83sec. and 75sec.; Driver, 66; Thompson, 55; Shinwell, 42. Contest every week-end. Wanted, new members to join Whitsuntide Club.—A. Brown, Sec.
Leeds Linnet F.A. quality singing contest King's Head, Shannon-street, Mar. 11th, when 20 birds faced the judges. 1st, H. Hayes; 2nd, J Green; 3rd, J. Bland; 4th, W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs J Naylor, J. Mclia, and W. Naylor. Also Mar 12th, when 25 birds entered. 1st, J. Varley; 2nd, C. Prince; 3rd, H. Hayes; 4th, W. Sissons. Judges Messrs J. Mclia. W. Naylor, and P. Padan.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.
Skinners' Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe-lane. Usual quality singing contest held Mar 12, when 11 birds competed. We had a large attendance, but only a small entry, and visitors were disappointed as only moderate singing was heard. Result: 1st, Green; 2, Ward; 3rd shared by Lunn and Butler. Judges, Messrs. C. Biss and E. Thirkell.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.
The Leeds Central Linnet and Canary Club has been started, and is composed entirely of novices—twelve up to the present have paid their subscriptions, which amount to 3d. per week each member. This, which, with the aid of donations and general fund, will enable us to have inter-sings with different clubs away. Our first match will be time and quality, March 19th, at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, off North Street, Leeds; open to members and intending members only, within three miles radius; commencing 1 o'clock. So will all novices who have birds bring them and try to help us? Those who have no birds can have one out of the club funds, and it will be deducted from his account at end of season. Also, seeing Mr. Green and Mr. F. Allen want to come to some terms re a quality Linnet singing match, Mr. A. Kendall will let them have the use of his room and will also give a substantial prize to winner.—Joe Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington L.S.A. open contest held Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, when 20 birds entered. The landlord gave a very suitable prize, and some fair singing was heard. Result 1, McFarlane, 98; 2, W. Leak, 92; 3, W. Brown, 82; 4, C. Corbett, 68. Timekeepers, Messrs. A. Parker and C. Corbett; minuteman, Mr. W. Randles.—C. Corbett, Sec.

WIGAN.

Globe Inn Linnet Club for quality and time open-to-all England Linnet contest, held Wigan Lane, Wigan, when we had a very good entry of 40 birds, and we had some very fine singing, both for quality and time. Prize winners for quality: J. W. Jones (Leigh), 1; G. Randels (Warrington), 2; R. Holcroft (Leigb), 3; W. H. Topping (Blackburn), 4. For time: J. Lowton (Standish), 1; J. Mather (Warrington), 2; J. Hilton (Leigh), 3; G. Randels (Warrington), 4. Judges for quality, Messrs. T. Gibbons (Leigh), and W. Milligan (Wigan); time judge, Mr. W. Barns (Wigan). This was our first venture in Wigan, and as the entry was a good one, we are about to run another on the first open date we have. We have 12 more contests to come off in the next 4 months, and all for good prizes; and many more if we care to take them on. I hope I shall see strange faces at our next contest, Globe Inn, Leigh, March 18th.—J McAllister, Sec.

HULL.

Weekly Linnet contest held headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook Street. Only ten birds were sung, the rainy weather keeping most fanciers away. 1st prize, Wakeling, very promising young bird; 2nd, North; 3rd, Broadbent. Judge, Mr. F. Allen; timekeeper, Mr. Thundercliffe. Entries close shortly for Easter Monday contest; fanciers please note, entries fee, 2s. 6d. per bird. In reply to Mr. Green, I will sing him on his own terms, if he will deposit £10 with the Editor of Cage Birds. Please write me, Mr. Green, the date you wish to sing.—F. Allen, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Workman's Club, Brandon Colliery, March 11th, when 20 birds entered. After some very good singing, a division was made between A. Bailes and S. Gibbs; judge, Mr. J. Stout. Will all fanciers who promised to give 2s. 6d. each towards Mr. J. Ridley's prize drawing, let me have it on or before March 20th, so I can get the prizes ready?—Geo. Reed, Sec.

I like the song of the Linnet (my favourite bird), writes a Middlesbrough fancier, and would like to see a club formed in this district for Linnet-singing. There used to be plenty of contests here, so why not again? There are plenty of Linnet-keepers hereabouts, and a lot of old Linnet men. I feel sure that if the club could only be started, it would soon be a success.

Sparrow Life.

The recent warm weather apparently awakened the House Sparrow to a sense of duty. He has suddenly become noisy and demonstrative. His coat is glossy and sleek, his black bib dense in colour and clean cut, and what is apparently more to his taste, there is occasionally a glorious free fight, in which every healthy cock bird takes part.

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BARGAINS.—Surplus stock, four Goldfinch Mules, three Norwich cocks, 1910, 5/- each: Eaton, 19, Elliston-rd., Redland, Bristol.

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WANTED to exchange house-moulted cock Goldie and cinnamon hen, for a house-moulted Lark; must be in full song; yours first; approval both ways: Hammond, 8, Haywards-place, Clerkenwell, London.

WANTED Roller cock; exchange pair of new Dunlop inner tubes, 28 by 1½; also exchange pair of indian clubs, 6 pounds pair, for cock Goldfinch, or pair of Bullfinches: J. Gratty, 53, James-st., Burslem.

WANTED, full-size bedstead, spring mattress, bed linen, anything useful for the home; exchange first-class Yorkshires, own cold-room breed; sell from 15/- pair; approval: Green, 11, Beaconsfield-terrace, Street, Somerset.

WANTED large Norwich, Lancashires, Crests, Greens, Cinnamons, also Rollers, will give good price for good birds; will deposit cash with Editor; send full particulars and stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED Bowden or Magnet front and back rim brakes (new), good punch-ball and set of gloves, trouser press, good make; exchange first-class pedigree Norwich cocks, 7/6 to 20/- each; hens, 5/- to 10/- each: Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

WANTED winning Hybrids, Grey Parrot, anything useful, in exchange ½-plate camera, cost £3 5s.; gramophone with 50 disc records, cost £6 15s.; Edison Standard and 70 records, cost £7; all equal new: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

PURCHASERS for large twice house-moulted Linnet, written guarantee, muler, 10/6; Song Thrush, good cage, full wild song, 12/6; jonque Goldfinch Mule, 1910, winner two 1sts, 10/6; clear buff unflighted Norwich cock, 12/6, good; inspection invited: Ashwood, 125, Chatteris-sq., New Kent-rd., London.

WANTED offers for Edison gem Phonograph, 14 records, telescope stand, 26in. horn, guaranteed perfect; also 8 good Yorkshire cocks for sale, 40/-; four of them worth the money; on three days' approval; cash or deposit: 93, Guildford-rd., Southend-on-Sea, L. Parish.

WANTED offers, stout Norwich hens, exchange pair high-class razors (fancy carved handles), in case, 10/6; give one (same make) in case, and 80 numbers "Cage Birds" for Yorkshires or Crests; approval both ways; birds first: Edward Hughes, 35, Donnison-st., Dunston-on-Tyne.

WANTED a few Canaries to start the hobby, will exchange to value of a violin and case, 25/-; gas stove, 15/-; silver English lever watch, capped, 30/-; also a gas stove for confectioner's shop, cost £12, will sell for £4 10s.; what offers? George Buckley, 44, Holden-st., Botany, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WANTED, £1, will give guaranteed muling Bullie-Greenie, do. Greenie, Bullie, Twite, H.M. untried cock Linnet hen, Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, 6 ned double breeders, 4 new hybrid breeders, 7 parts each Canaries, Hybrids, Wallace's Canary Book, seed mill, hoppers, seeds, etc., honestly worth £3 the lot: D. Davidson, Art Cottage, Yortrose, Rossshire.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply, by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

GUILLEMOT eggs, Razorbills, Rooks, Jackdaws, Jays, Gulls, Terns, 2d. each; will exchange: F. Peaples, 590, Tonge-moor, Bolton.

250,000 British and tropical butterflies, Hummingbirds, etc., for ornamental purposes, collections; lists: Ford, Naturalist, Irving-rd., Bournemouth.

ENTOMOLOGICAL apparatus, naturalists' requisites; illustrated catalogue free; Larvae Collector's Guide, 1/-: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

GRAND h.m. Siberian Goldfinch, yellow green hen Canary, 15/6: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury. (See Hybrids.)

EXCHANGE 2 cocks, 1 hen Bullfinch, 2 pair Linnets, for 3 Yorkshire hens; offers: Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Bullfinch for Norwich cock, or sell, 7/6: E. J. Newman, The Arcade, East Liss, Hants.

PEN Modern Black-reds, cock yhe Llanelly open, 2 good hens, 50/-; or exchange: Jones, Carpenter, Menheim-st., Llanelly.

BULLFINCHES, two grand pair, steady; what offers in Yorkshires or show cages, sell 5/6: Holmes, Ammanford, S. Wales.

TAME young English Owl, splendid plumage; what offers cash, or Yellow Budgerigars: Nash, Middle-hill, Englefield Green, Staines.

EXCHANGE 2 large hen Bullfinches and 1 good Goldfinch, for muling hen Canaries: Mogg, Leonard-villas, Weston-super-Mare

COCK Linnett, cock Chaffinch, house moulted, exchange cock Canary, in song; yours first: A. Wilsher, 32, Thornton-st., Hertford.

WILL give beautiful pair Bullies, three pairs, steady Greenies, for pair Rollers or double breeder: Gasworks, Cricklade, Wilts.

EXCHANGE Hawfinches, cocks and hens, or any other British birds for healthy hen Canaries: Kay, Carrill Grove, Levenshulme.

EXCHANGE hand-reared cock Blackbird, in full song, for Norwich cock or three hens: Brown, 42, Cavendish-st., Peterborough.

SALE or exchange, cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, bred mules, good breeders; or sell 7/6: F. Norton, Barham-rd., Linton, Cambs.

TWO large house-moulted cock Goldfinches, for unflighted Yorkshire cock, standard length, full song: Siddons, Moira, Ashby, Zouch.

EXCHANGE 3 H.M. Goldfinches, beauties, proved mulers, for Redcap cockerel and hens; or sell 18/-: J. Pitts, 31, John-st., Ilkeston.

GOOD house-moulted cock Goldfinch, in song, exchange for Roller cock, in song; approval: W. Cooze, Postman, Bridgwater, Somerset.

EXHIBITORS. Thrush, winner 2nd, and show cage, 13/6; or exchange poultry; offers: Dudley, 1, Spring-hill, Wellington, Salop.

FIRST class British Hardbills, exchange D.B. breech gun, left full choke, give cash additional: Fiddes, 6, India-street, Montrose.

TWICE house-moulted Linnet, 5/-; two Roller hens, 4/6; what offers (Yorkshires preferred); or sell 8/6: Eber Gill, 50, Castle-st., Skipton.

OFFERS in pair Crests for 2 Goldfinches, 1 Chaffinch, Canary reared, sell 15/-. Mulers: William Davies, Gormount, Llansant, Kidwelly.

WANTED good yellow Norwich cock, 1910, for stock, exchange selected British for muling: approval, particulars: Ratcliff, Greenhill, Grantham.

COCKS, Hawfinch, perfect markings, 2 Linnets, h.m., one has bred Mules, Goldfinch, Mealy Redpoll; exchange Canaries: 2, Wilks-pl., Hoxton, London.

TWO house-moulted cock Bullfinches, 1 cock Chaffinch, 6/-; or exchange 1910 yellow Norwich cock, full song: Fred Bool, The Gables, Montacute, Somerset.

THREE splendid tame hen Bullfinches, Muling Greenfinch, handsome Goldfinch, Goldfinch Mule, full song: Lang, 51, Church-rd., St. Leonards-on-Sea.

COCKS: Goldfinches, 2/6; Bullfinches, 1/6; beauties, caged weeks; large unflighted Norwich hens, 3/-, etc; offers: Durrant, Hartest, Bury, St. Edmunds.

EXCHANGE 1 cock Siskin and 3 cock Goldfinches for hand-reared cock Skylark, full song; yours first; approval: Manders, Fairfield, Llandeble, Carmarthenshire.

EXCHANGE H.M. cock Linnet, Redpoll, Greenfinch, and 68 various eggs for cock Goldfinch and hen Canary; nearest offers: Venn, Hungerford Villa, Cheltenham.

I will exchange Linnets, Greenfinches, Larks, for show, muling, or contest singing, for Canaries; approval both ways: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-street, Stockport.

FINE young yellow cock Canary, singing, 5/-; Hawfinch, young hen, house-moulted, 3/-; Bullfinch hen, house-moulted; offers anything: Stansall, 15, Gladstone-st., Mansfield, Notts.

EXCHANGE 2 hens, 1 cock, Bullfinches, 1 cock Linnet, 1 hen Canary, collection 66 different birds' eggs, 2 cycle gas lamps, for pairs of Canaries: Wild, Western-rd., Lymington, Hants.

FOUR hen Bullfinches, cock Greenfinch, cock Chaffinch, 5/-; Mealy Redpoll, paired white-legged hen Goldfinch, 3/6; exchange anything; approval: B. Young, Oulton Stores, Oulton Broad.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, light, winner; also Greenfinch Mule, lovely green, winner, grand songsters, 15/- each, or exchange yellow Yorkshire cock, winner, full length; approval: F. Spurgeon, 39, Primrose Hill, Chelmsford.

FINE cock Yellow Bunting, steady as a rock, won 1st prize Diss, 10 - or exchange cock Hawfinch, selected pair Mealy Redpolls, caught last year, only 5 - the 2; selected pair Reed Buntings, want good Twite or Hawfinch: Lowne, Naturalist, Yarmouth.

GOLDFINCHES, large Siberian cock Goldfinches, big square blaze, full song, 7/6, 10/6 each; large Russian cock Linnets, 2/-, 2/6 each; cock Greenfinches, big as Larks, 1/- each; exchange Canaries, Goldfinch Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

TWELVE hand-reared cock Goldfinches in grand condition, 5/- each; 2 house-moulted, proved mulers, 7/6; Greenfinch-Goldfinch Hybrid, 1910, fit for exhibition, £2 10/-; offers in Yorkshires, Norwich or Crests, no dealers; absolutely genuine: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes, N. Wales.

WINNING Magpie, 1st, spl, best Brit. East Ham, 15/-, including show cage, Canary-reared cock Bullfinch, 1st Ilford, 7/6, or exchange, either for two good yellow Norwich hens, or house-moulted cock Goldfinches; mutual approval: Morris and Adams, 30, Wingate-rd., Ilford.

HOUSE moulted Lark, full song, 10/-, extra large house-moulted Hawfinch, very steady, 7/6; large white-legged Goldfinch, father of 15 Mules last season, 10/-; Greenfinch cock and Bullfinch hen, 5/-; cock Thrush, in song, with cage, 7/6; exchange common Canaries for any of the above: Wood, 54, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

SYD. MOTHERSOLE.

I have some splendid Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, from 5/6 to 10/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 5/- each; splendid cock Goldfinches, sure mulers, 5/- to 10/-, or exchange puppies, any breed:—Humberstone-rd. Aviaries, Leicester.

WILL EXCHANGE

Thrushes, Blackbirds, Larks, in full loud song, sing indoors or out, also contest Linnets and muling Linnets for Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, and Linnet Mules, and foreign birds: Harry Allen, City Aviaries, Beckett-street, Leeds.

EXHIBITION cock Greenfinch mule, two house-moulted Greenfinch hens, mealy Redpoll cock; exchange two Yorkshire hens, or Crestbred hen; yours first: Cave, 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

Mainly Canaries.

EXHIBITION Norwich cocks for good large hens or exhibition Borders (see Norwich): Brain, Glastonbury.

EXCHANGE large green Crested hen for dark Roller hen, sell 3/6: Lewis, 20, Elizabeth-st., Middlesbrough.

REAL good dark Crested cock, 1910, 25/-, exchange 2 pairs Norwich for feeders: Crooken, 51, Stalkerleesrd., Sheffield.

GOOD yellow coppy hen, 22/-, exchange good Norwich or good Crestbred hen; approval: 18, Roydsst., Rochdale.

LARGE buff Yorkshire, 7in. long (Bate), sell 20/-; exchange yellow hens; offers: Perrins, Blyth Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

EXCHANGE Black Orpington cock, winner of many prizes, for Crest Norwich hens, for feeders: Clyne, Morcy-st., Wick.

CLEARING out, 7 hen Canaries, good feeders, ready to nest, 9/-: Linstead, 32, Brown's-rd., Surbiton Hill, Surrey.

FIVE 1910 Norwich hen Canaries, 2/6 each; 1910 cock Golden Pheasant, 10/-; offers: Howard, Station-rd., Burnham Market.

EXCHANGE small ironing stove for 4 Roller hen Canaries; hens first; approval: Fair, 73, Nithdale-rd., Plumstead, Kent.

FOUR cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hens, 5/- each, from outside aviary; offers; approval: Mustchin, Rusper, Horsham.

EXCHANGE 10 hen Canaries, cold room bred, 15/-, or gent's hunting Lever; yours first: P. Young, West Pinkerton, Dunbar.

FOR sale, 6 good hen Canaries and cock, 15/-, must clear, or nearest offer: E. Barker, Armoury-cott., Bongate, Helmsley.

FOUR Yorkshire cocks, 3 Norwich cocks, 4 hens, 50/-; exchange good 100-egg incubator; offers: Holah, Foggathorpe, Selby.

TWO var. Norwich hens, 3/6 each; two breeding cages, 3/-, nearly new, or exchange: F. Platt, 24a, Armada-st., Deptford.

PAIR of Crests and Yorkshires, 10/- a pair, or exchange for phonograph (perfect): Young, Confectioner, Whitby, Yorks.

WILL give good Yorkshire stock cock, value 20/-, for pair men's trousers, made to measure: Stewart, Albion-st., Whitehaven.

FOURTEEN breeding cages, 17 by 15 by 9, loose fronts, 2/6 each; wanted singing cocks: Wrigley, 80, Trinity-st., Oldham.

WILL exchange a yellow Yorkshire cock for Goldfinch Mule, on song, seen after 5.30.—Russell, 3, Allestree-rd., Fulham, S.W.

EXCHANGE two good yellow Norwich hens for large typical yellow cock: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

BARGAIN, pair prize-bred Crests, also pair prize-bred Norwich; exchange gold seal, cash till, offers: Wood, 6, Goodman-st., Leede.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire cocks for Rollers, sell 7/6 each; Linnet, good singer, 2/6; what offers: Platt, 12, Blackhorse-lane, Liverpool.

1909 NORWICH clear cock, variegated hen, 7/6 pair; Linnet, hen Canary, paired up, 3/-; exchange anything: Hutton, Baker, Holbeach.

GOOD buff Yorkshire cock 8/6, ditto hen, one variegated, 8/6, two; exchange songsters, offers: Denton, 40, Granville-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

FOUR cocks, six hen Canaries, outdoor bred, full song, ready to nest, 6/- pair, 27/- lot; old hens 2/6: Glover, Stanley-rd., Nuneaton.

LARGE Yorkshire cock and two hens, yellow and variegated, 16/-; or exchange good Rollers, or offers: G. Fethney, 89, Prince-st., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE two pair 1910 Borders for dark Crested hen, 1910; approval; yours first; sell 10/- pair: Jamieson, Ruthrieston-rd., Aberdeen.

SCOTCH Fancies, clear buff cock, pair cage moulted Siskins, exchange Norwich or Rollers; what offers? J. Balls, 142, Elthorne-rd., London, N.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE 2 common hen Canaries and good breeding cage for Crested cock, or anything useful: A. Smith, Crooks-lane, Studley, Warwickshire.

WHAT offers cash or exchange, for five good feeding hen Canaries; healthy, approval: Goldsmith, Wheelwright, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

EXCHANGE or sell a few pair of Yorkshires, from 8/- pair, and upwards, or anything useful: B. Holmes, 95, Dalton-lane, Keighley, Yorkshire.

CRESTBRED hen, exchange yellow hen Budgerigar, or a Border Fancy hen, dark green, in exchange for same: Geo. Cole, 45, New-st., West Bromwich.

NOTICE: What offers in Canaries for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock, unflighted, for yellow Border cock or yellow Norwich hen, for stock, on approval, or sell 15/-: A. Wellings, Prescot.

WILL exchange one pair of high-class Borders for Roller cock, schoolmaster preferred; no rubbish; on approval: Peters, 140, Randolph-st., Buckhaven.

SPLENDID 1910 yellow Yorkshire hen, 8/6; exchange cock Hawfinch, pair Nuthatches, to moult; offers: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock, unflighted, for yellow Norwich cock or yellow Norwich hen, for stock, or sell 15/-; approval: A. Wellings, Prescot.

PAIR of young Crests for sale, 30/-, or exchange for young Airedale dog, six months old, dog first; approval: Dobson and Son, 103, James-st., Blaydon.

FINE cock Canary-Bullie hybrid; exchange large unflighted yellow Norwich Canaries or sell £3; mutual approval: William Smith, 11, John-st., Dalbeattie.

GRAND pair of Yorkshires, pair of Norwich Plain heads, and double breeder; accept 35/- lot, or exchange: T. Weedall, 84, High-street, Winsford, Cheshire.

PAIR cinnamons, yellow cock, buff hen, 15 -; exchange good yellow or buff Scotch Fancy hen; yours first; approval, deposit: Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

FOR sale or exchange, 4 singing cock Canaries, 1 variegated large Crestbred hen, all cold room; what offers, no live stock; yours first: P. Young, West Pinkerton, Dunbar.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshire cocks, long, slim, upstanding, 7/6 to 21/-, useful exchange; no cards; seen by appointment, Nicholls 128, Gloucester-ter., Hyde Park, London.

HIGH-class Crest and Crest-bred, from 25/- to 60/- pair; a few odd hens from 15/- up to 50/-; approval or exchange for high-class dogs: Twine, Woodstock-st., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

EXCHANGE for good Parrot and cage, Roller Schoolmaster and cage, cock Chaffinch, 3 cock Greenfinches, all aviary-moulted birds, or offers: Thomas Cole, Butcher's lane, Cradley.

EXCHANGE half-bred Scotch Fancy cock for Lancashire hen, or sell 8/6: Ross Levingston, Bloom Cottage, Ballydougan, Portadown, Ireland.

WANTED to exchange, three good clear 1910 Norwich hens, healthy, for a good Norwich variegated cock, 1910: approval, both ways: Warner, Cyprus Cottages, Dennis Road, East Molesey.

WILL exchange pair Seifert Rollers, and 3 of their young ones, 2 cocks and 1 hen, also pair of green Budgerigars, for pair of good Crests; yours first, or sell £2: Cook, 57, Springfield-st., Preston.

WINNING buff Yorkshire cock, bought from Ogden Brothers, sell £1; or exchange large typical yellow unflighted Norwich hen to value, 25/-; hens first; approval both ways: Wm. Cockburn, 106, High-st East, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE to value, or sell, 2 Norwich cocks, sougsters, 6/- each; 1 yellow hen, 4/-; 1 yellow Yorkshire hen, 5/-; for nest lining, Charpie; New Hawfinch show cage, good Buff Yorkshire hen, or any offers: Monday, Glenville, Bapchild, Sittingbourne, Kent.

PAIR Yorkshires, yellow cock, ticked buff hen, 8/6; pair Borders, buff cock, yellow hen, smart, 8/6; Norwich cock, good songster, 5/6; Bullie hens, British and Siberian, h.m., 2/6 each, or 4/- the two; exchange any above for yellow Yorkshire cock, clear or self green: best offer for lot to clear: Hall, Church Cottage, Kirk Ella, Hull.

Mainly Foreign.

PAIR 1910 black Payney pouters, now nesting; exchange Budgerigars: Alfred Rutter, Kirbymoorside.

BORDERS, yellow cock 7/6, 2 buff hens 8/- (prize bred), exchange 10in. records; offers: Lee, 13, Mill-rd., Cambridge.

THREE pairs Budgerigars, breeding, 12/-; single pairs 4/6; exchange pairs for cock Bullfinches, or Siskins: Dell, Jeweller, Harlesden.

FOR sale or exchange, Californian Quails, also Green and Yellow Budgerigars, all from outdoor aviary: Apply, 192, Worple-rd., Wimbledon.

RED Rosella for sale, fit for showing, 30/-; exchange for cocks and hens, Rollers; approval both ways: T. Green, 22, Bull-st., West Bromwich.

BLACK-EARED Marmozett monkey, very small; go in a quart measure; tame, ladies' pet; exchange for good talking Parrot; or sell: Vernum, 16, Reporton, Fulham.

GOOD talking Cockatoo and cage, finger tame (men), wing damaged, no detriment; best offer, good Rollers; good Yorkshires; stamp particulars: Deller, Baker, Windsor.

YELLOW-fronted Amazon and cage, acclimatised, talking, exchange cold room songsters, or offers; stamp particulars; letters please.: Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

SALE or exchange for Canaries, any breed, Green Amazon Parrot and cage, very tame, comes out cage, started talking, 45/-; also violin and case, 18/-: Simpson, 36, Lancashire-hill, Stockport.

NOTICE, exchange for African grey or blue-fronted Amazon, talking Parrot, wild duck, and drake (Mallard's), lovely pets, tame, feed from hand, pinioned, will give some money: Cunningham, Kilmihill, Clare, Ireland.

EXCEPTIONALLY choice Amazon and Grey Parrot, also collection Foreign seed-eaters; exchange, nothing living; letters only, enclosing addressed envelope: Principal, Hopwood Lane Dispensary, Halifax, Yorkshire.

BUDGERIGARS, from outdoor aviary, pair of Greens 4/6; large Green hen 3/-, two pairs of yellows 7/6 a pair; genuine breeders, or exchange (small exhibition Foreigners preferred); approval: J. Stephenson, 159, Grange-rd., Middlesbrough.

Miscellaneous.

BITCH pole cat, ferret, exchange Norwich cock, sell 5/-: Dennis, Freckenham, Soham.

WHAT offers in Yorkshires or Mules for flute, value 7/6: W. Thomas, 34, Alexandra-rd., St. Albans, Herts.

WHAT offers for 2 cock Canaries (singing) and wall clock, 17in. x 26: Johns, 34, Perowne-st., Cambridge.

BEAUTIFUL red and gold floral teaset for cock Canaries: Simpson, 67, Devonshire-st., Globe-rd., Loudon.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, as new, exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Clerkenwell.

WILL exchange cornet, in good condition, for Norwich Canaries, good strain: F. C. Wood, Liberal Club, Dawlish.

EXCHANGE Parrot's cage, nearly new, for young hen Canary, must be sound: 41, Morning-lane, Mare-st., N.E.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire Terrier dog, four months, 15/: Canaries or anything useful: Boggis, Rayne-rd., Braintree.

MAGIC lantern, 4in. condenser, 2in. lense, 3 wick lamp: what offers in cash? Southcott, Taviton, Tavistock.

EXCHANGE zither harp, in case, value 30/-, for lady's bike or violin to value: Morris, Cilmery, Builth Wells.

SILVER watch or good pair Norwich for large yellow Norwich cock; yours first: Smale, 67, Western-rd. Brighton.

WHAT offers, good pair military jack boots and trees? S.G, size 8: Weygang, 7, Gildersome-st., Woolwich Common.

WHAT offers in cock Canaries for rifle for shooting rabbits, also 70 shots, sell 7/6: Cooper, 17, Patrick-rd., Greengate.

EXCHANGE mitre cutting machine, cost 18/6, for good Yorkshire Canaries: Rowe, Brunswick-rd., Shoreham, Sussex.

EXCHANGE Blue Dragoon cock, last year's bird, for small dog, or anything useful: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs.

EXCHANGE coachman's livery overcoat and trousers, dark blue, for 2 pairs Norwich: Dyer, High-st., Iron Acton, Bristol.

EXCHANGE knitting machine for high-class Yorkshires, sell 63/-: yours first; no rubbish: Annis, 42, Squires-lane, Finchley.

FROCK coat, silk lined, 34 chest, 30 waist, for Norwich; sell 12/6: Coachman, 22, Pembridge Mews, Bayswater, W.

£4 hand sewing machine, perfect worker, equal new, bargain, 30/-; exchange Canaries: Evans, 14, Rendle-st North Kensington.

OVERCOAT, pair trousers, jacket, and 3 waistcoats, suit working man, 7/6, or exchange Canaries: Legg, Laundry, Penge.

EXCHANGE, a splendid mandoline and case, cost 35/-, for foreign birds in pairs, any kind: Baker, Neptune-street, Tipton.

GRAND melodeon, 10/6; exchange pair Canarics or hens to value; birds first: C. Harvey, 39, Crown-st., Highfield, Southampton.

EXCHANGE three years' copies "Cage Birds," all clean, for cock Goldfinch and hen Canary; offers: Wright, Limpsfield, Surrey.

STATE wants in cutlery for Canaries; no rubbish sent, none wanted: G. Boston, 71, Otley-st., Sheffield.

SIX double breeders, 5/- each; exchange large yellow Norwich songster for each one: Johnson, 17, Pembroke-rd., Walthamstow.

FOX Terrier dog pup, three months, for Canaries, Yorkshire preferred, or breeding cage: Hickman, 18, Whitbread-aveune, Bedford.

GENUINE B.S.A. road racer, perfect condition, and all accessories, £2 10s.; exchange Canaries: G. Smith, The Nook, Berkhamsted.

VERTICAL steam engine, new, working order, cost 12/6, with working model; what offers birds: Copleston, 154, Ecclesall-rd., Sheffield.

GOOD matched pair chequer Dragoons (Johnstone's)—winners, and odd one, cash or exchange: Kirk, Waterloo-yard, Southwell, Notts.

CASSELL'S "Popular Gardening," 3 volumes, bound (new), for pair of good Norwich Canaries: William Briggs, 5, Sutherland-st., Paisley.

SEVENTEEN 4/6 volumes of Dickens' works, accept part payment and N.P. Canaries, or sell £3: F. Seaman, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

WANTED, cock Canaries, common fowls, anything useful, for 500 raspberry canes, or two pairs Green Budgerigars: Longbottom, Wisbech.

1910 Golden Pheasant cock, 12/6; silver watch 17/6; genuine; wanted, Canaries, Foreign birds: Green, Great Bowden, Market Harborough.

12 GREEN Yorkshires, 6 single breeders, 6 show cages, for D.B. Breech-loading gun, or anything useful: Davenport, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

EXCHANGE pair of gent's boots or suit lengths or dress lengths for one cock and three hen Canaries: Cummiug, 4, Richmond-terrace, Leeds.

GRAMOPHONE, cost £4 10s., 34 double and sinqle-sided disc records, sell £3; offers; exchange jewellery: Aldred, Stovell-avenue, Longsight.

SMART pair stitched boots, size 8, suit gardener, etc., 12/6; exchange hen Canaries, anything: Haynes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Wellingborough.

WHAT offers for pedigree Scotch terrier dog, puppy, 8 weeks, by Scotland's Surprise; Canaries preferred: Hudson, Westgate, Skipton.

EXCHANGE 6 iyorine handled knives and 6 teaspoons for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-road, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 35 10-inch Gramaphone and Columbia records and English concertina and case for good Rollers: Pearcey, 101, King-street, Dudley.

EXCHANGE prize show Homers and Magpie pigeons—also puneling ball, for Canaries, eycle, watch, anything useful: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

BELGIAN buck, winner 2 2nds, doe in kindle, winner, highest pedigrees, 7/6 each; exchange birds: Robinson, The Mill, North Anston, Sheffield.

BRASS cornet with case, 25/-; amber gold-mounted cigarette holder, with case, 10/6; exchange Canaries, offers: Hellier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea.

PRETTY 18-carat gold-cased chain bracelet, 10/6; approval: exchange Goldfinches, Mules, contest Linnets: Traveller, 25 Glendish-rd., Tottenham.

EXCHANGE small cross puppy and pair Rollers, Canaries, for Pomeranian dog pup; yours first: Motion, 1, Rodger-st., Cellardyke, Anstruther.

TICKA camera and view finder and outfit complete, new condition, what offers, cage birds preferred: Martin Measures, 1, Station-st., Crewe.

SELL or exchange Black Rosecomb Bantam cockerels, from 7/6; bred of winners, approval willingly: R. McKinnell and Son, 22, Mill-st., Dalbeattie.

GENT'S heavy solid silver watch, nearly new, cost 30/-, sell 22/6; or exchange for 4 pairs Norwich; no duds; offers: A. Bell, 48, Oak-st., Norwich.

VIOLIN and bow, 7/6; pair field glasses, 5/-; pair men's strong nailed boots, size 7, 8/6: offers: Bootmaker, 303, St. Ann's, Well-rd., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE 60-egg incubator, copper tank, complete, for Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, and breeding cage; sell 30/-: Watts, Morley Hill, Enfield.

GENT'S gun-metal keyless watch, maker Fatorina, Bradford, perfect, cost 25/-; exchange hen Canaries; approval: Sanford, Midland Station, Morecambe.

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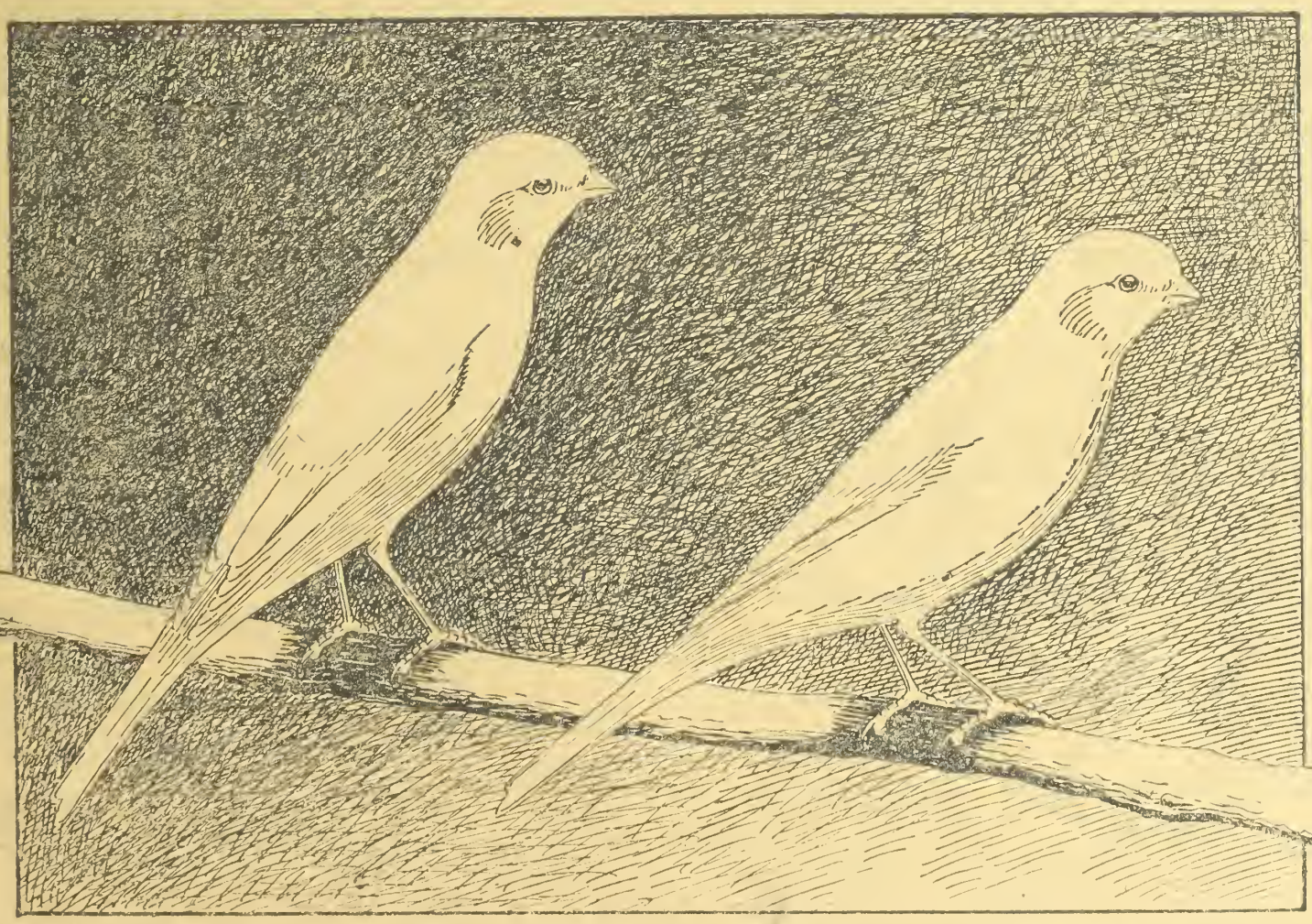
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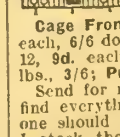
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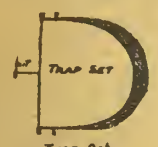
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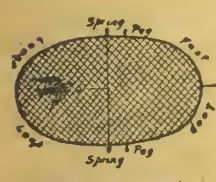
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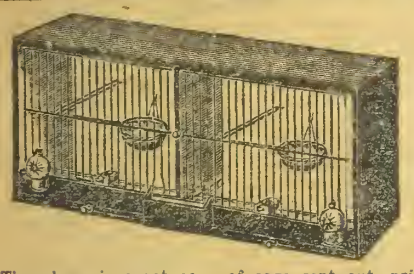
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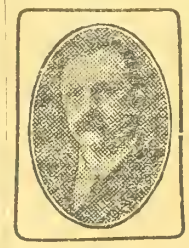
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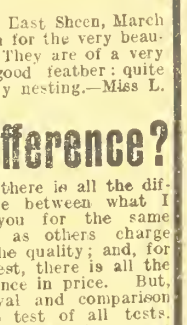
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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Temperance Hotel, 8. Table shows, election of judges for open show, etc.—R. Forster.

Barnsley C.B.S.—April 1, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for N.F. shows, etc.—F. C. Sims.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Apr. 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Final arrangements for "smoker"; prize money for next ann. show, etc. Members and others please note that at this meeting we are having a table show, A.V. matched pairs; birds to be judged by ballot.—G. Havver.

Barrington and Choppington S.C. C.B.S.—Mar. 25, 7. To enrol new members.—T. Griffiths.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Mar. 27, Wellington Inn, 8. Members please note change of meeting night.—F. Mitchell.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Smoker and social evening; fanciers heartily invited.—F. Gelder.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 25, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Young bird show; judges, etc.—J. Atkinson.

Choppington C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Railway Hotel, 7. Election of judges, classes for F.F. show, etc.—G. H. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 25, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Classification and judges; members' competition.—W. Morcmeut.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 27, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robsou entitled "Thoughts in my breeding room." Interested visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Consett F.S.—Mar. 25, Co-op. Room, 7.30. Committee meeting; important business in connection with ann. and members' shows.—R. R. Walker.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Mar. 26, 10.30. Business: F.F. show and Cage Birds League, etc.—D. Hann.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Hutton's, North Station Road, 7. Washing exhibition by Mr. W. Cullen.—R. T. Campbell.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Mar. 25, St. John's School, 7. Lecture on rearing and breeding Yorkshires, by Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton); fanciers and friends invited.—L. Booth.

East Ham F.S.—Apr. 6, "Earl of Wakefield," 8 p.m. Lecture by Mr. J. R. Robson, "How to become a successful breeder and exhibitor." Members please bring a friend.—H. Rutter.

Forfar C.B.S.—Apr. 1, Granite Bar, 7.—J. Fife.

Guisbro' C.B.S.—Apr. 1, Headquarters, 7. Election of secretary; F.F. show, etc.—H. Hood.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S. — Mr. Deakin's, Hague Street, Mr. Cartwright will give washing; good attendance required.—H. S. Waters.—(No date given.—Ed.)

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Mar. 25, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Table show of Brit. and For., Goldfinch, Linnet, and Greenfinch.—T. Drysdale.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.S.—Mar. 25, Anchor's Restaurant, 119, Cleethorpes Road (nr. Riby Square), Grimsby, 7.30. Adoption of rules; fixing date of show, etc. Some birds will be present. Paper by Mr. Yardley, "Roller notes and reflections in view of the approaching breeding season." Fanciers invited.—W. Yardley.

Glasgow, Queen's Park C.B.S.—Mar. 31, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8. New members welcome.—R. Heggie.

Grimsby O.S.—Mar. 30, Slatter's Rooms, 8.—Question night.—Towl Bros.

Great Horton O.S.—Mar. 25, Butcher's Arms, 8. Special business; also judging competition; ent. fee 3d.; judge, Mr. W. Ormonroyd.—J. Holroyd.

Greenock, Etc. O.S.—Apr. 5, Co-operative Halls, P.G., 7.30. Mr. Stewart's motion to hold next show in Greenock; fixing levy on members.—J. Forrester.

Heywood O.S.—Mar. 28, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Judge for F.F. show; cup rules, etc.; N.B.B. and M.C. petition.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate C.B.S.—30th Mar., Spencer Hall, 8. "Hints on Canary Breeding," by Mr. G. Gardner. Rule books and prize money.—C. W. Law.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Mar. 28, Sellos Dining Rooms, 7.30.—A. Roberts.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30.—D. John.

Lochore and Glencraig C.B.A. — Mar. 25, Mo-Menemy's Hall, 6.30. Classifications, etc.—D. Grant.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Arrangements of Brit. Goldfinch show and lecture.—R. Charleson.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—April 1, Sawbey Road, Council Schools, 7.30. Committee 8 p.m. Members' programme for year, etc. Members bring your friends.—G. T. Wall.

Lancaster C.B.S.—April 1, Corn Market Street Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Fixing classes for both shows, and selecting judge for Nov. show. Challenge bowl will be on view.—C. J. Cafferty.

Midland Roller C.C.—Mar. 30, Swan and Peacock, 8. Fixing show date, also interesting translation by Mr. Jacquemin, on "Separating Hens from Cocks."—T. J. Smith.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—A. Wake.

Morley C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Schedules and specials for 1911 show season.—A. Gledhill.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Mar. 30, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Crest judge, etc. Important.—J. E. Atkinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 28, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Nov. show business and deputation re joint F.F. shows.—J. Davey.

National Brit. B. and M.C.—Mar. 31, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Plumbridge and Carr.

Northowram C.B.S.—Mar. 27, Queen Victoria Inn.—S. Sykes.

Oldham C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting, selection of judge for F.F. show, also fixing of date for show. So, fanciers, let us have a good master.—Jos. Cope.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Mar. 25, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 5. Supper 6, to be followed by a social evening. Members and friends invited.—A. Percival.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Mar. 27, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. To discuss lectures, etc.—Full attendance please.—J. Critchley.

Rochdale O.C.—Mar. 27, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting.—R. Blincoe.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Mar. 25, College Inn, 7. Table show A.V., Brit., and general meeting.—B. Bailey.

Roohdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Mar. 29, Temperance Club, Load Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Stirling C.B.S.—April 1, Douglas Hotel, 8. Nomination of judges.—W. Bishop.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—Mar. 25, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5. Ann. gen. meeting.—J. Brown.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 1, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—April 1, headquarters, 7.30 Lecture on Breeding and Rearing of Norwich, by Mr. H. E. Wilkinson.—A. Jarvis.

Warrington C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. Usual business, 8, lecture on Mating and Breeding Yorks., by Mr. Metcalfe (Liverpool).—G. M. Nelson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Mar. 25, headquarters, 7.30 Judge for nest feather show.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Adjourned new rules.—W. G. Andrews.

Wigan C.B.S.—April 1, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30.—W. Ridge.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Mar. 25, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Ann. gen. meeting. Bal. sheet, etc., payment of delegates' expenses for past year. All delegates please attend.—H. Hill.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Members were entertained on March 16th to a very interesting lecture by Mr. H. Norman. There was a fairly large number present, and our president, Mr. G. Crabb, presided. Mr. Norman in his opening remarks said he thought "Bird life, within an hour of London Bridge" would be more interesting than the usual British bird lecture. He proposed taking his own village of Carshalton as his base, touching on the rarer birds found there, and in the surrounding country. A day in the country might be spent by anyone fond of birds, and much pleasure might be derived from a day so spent in noticing the habits and ways of the different birds one would come across. Some of the birds Mr. Norman spoke of were:—The Kingfisher, Moorhen, Wagtails, Woodpecker, Plover, Blackcap, Nightjar, Golden-Crested Wren. Mr. Norman related stories connected with some of these birds. Mr. Crabb made several remarks, as did also Messrs. Couzens and Day, and Mdme. Madewell. Everyone present declared this was one of the most interesting evenings the society had held. Everyone was so pleased that Mr. Norman was asked to visit us again during the year, which he said he would be pleased to do. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Norman and Mr. Crabb. Will members please note that on April 6 there will be a lecture on British birds, by Geo. Crabb, Esq., illustrated by limelight views, some 90 pictures in all. It is hoped members will try and be present, as a lecture of this kind means considerable trouble both to the lecturer and the secretary. This is an addition to the year's programme.—C. W. Law, Sec.

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The Breeding of the Norwich Plainhead.

By
A. W. CURTIS
(Fulham).

(Continued from page 275.)

Second instalment of this very helpful and interesting paper.

The novice has heard an old hand telling another fancier of a champion he once bred from two buffs. The novice, without seeking further information, rushes home and puts together two buffs totally unfit for double-buffing; the result of this injudicious pairing is the production of young with as much feather as one could desire to find on a Crest, with thigh feather so long and loose that it almost reaches the perch. Double-buffing may be all right, providing the proper material is used, but I cannot help thinking that the pairing of two buffs has been carried on too extensively of late years, and I am afraid the champions are the chief sinners in this direction.

If I thought the question had been thoroughly thrashed out, and that the majority were of the opinion that it was absolutely necessary to double-buff to keep up the standard of the Norwich variety, I would say: by all means proceed. My candid opinion is that if we double-buff we must double-yellow also, or in years hence we may find yellows more valuable than diamonds. Why is it one gets so many applications for yellow cocks and yellow hens, when a buff is seldom asked for? To my mind, the answer is quite plain. It is an acknowledged fact that by pairing yellow and buff we get a larger percentage of buffs; yet a great number of breeders are so far gone on double-buffing that they have no thought or consideration for the future; their one cry is to get size. I very much question if double-buffing can lay claim to the production of size to the extent some would have us believe it does. The fancier who double-buffs will occasionally get a bird a bit above the average in size, and he won't forget to tell you that double-buffing has produced it. Good big birds are also bred from pairs mated in the ordinary way, but no fuss is made over such a bird: it is taken as a matter of course, especially by the double-buffer.

Double-Buffing.

I have experimented with the pairing of two buffs, but have satisfied myself beforehand that the birds mated have been of that tight, silky texture of feather so desirable on a buff. So far as my experience has led me, I certainly cannot agree with those who would cram us with the idea that all big birds are bred from two buffs. Some will so far forget themselves that if they see a good big yellow on the show bench they can be heard muttering to themselves: "Bred from two buffs, I'll bet."

My advice to the novice with regard to double-buffing is to have nothing to do with it until you have become more experienced and able to judge for yourself whether or not it will be beneficial to your stud. I cannot help relating an incident that came under my notice at one of our open shows some three years ago. A novice had two birds entered in the open novice classes, where they stood cardless. The novice was asking a champion what, in his opinion, was wrong with them. The champion answered that he could not see much wrong with them, unless it was that they wanted a bit more size. Pretending to have another good look at them, he turned to the novice with the remark: "If they are cock and hen, you take my advice, and double-buff with them.' I can truthfully say that in all my experience I have never seen two birds more unsuitably matched for double-buffing. After his friend the champion had left him I pointed out to the owner bad points possessed by each bird, and in a very few words convinced him that to proceed on such lines would be jumping out of the frying-pan into the fire.

Now we come to another contentious question, that of double-yellowing. This method of pairing also has its drawbacks, but, in my opinion, the advantages derived quite overshadow its drawbacks, for by double-yellowing you are increasing colour pigment without sacrificing quality of feather. By double-yellowing you are breeding birds necessary to counteract too much buff blood.

One will sometimes find among his stock a yellow with feather more resembling the buff in texture. By this I mean that if you lay the bird on its back and try to blow away the breast feather, you will find that such a bird will carry an abundance of rather harsh feather; it is not so soft and silky to the touch as that found on a nice silky feathered yellow. This is the bird I like to select to double-yellow with; that is, if I can find a partner for him with the same texture of feather. If such a bird is not to be found, then, if possible, I would select a buff that has been bred from two yellows.

Double-Yellowing.

I know some fanciers would have us believe that breeding from two yellows we can expect nothing but wasters; but my experience has been quite the contrary, for the largest bird I ever bred was from two yellows, and the smallest from two buffs. The best bird I ever bred, taking type, quality, colour, and size all into consideration, was bred from two yellows, and that during my novice days.

But I would here, again, advise the novice not to start double-yellowing until he has been breeding and learning for a year or two. If it the end of that time he has confidence in himself, I would say by all means try it; but don't overdo it: be sure the birds you double-yellow with have good, full heads and necks, for it is here you may loose a little boldness. Also see that flights and tails are not too long, for here you may gain a bit.

Birds bred from double yellows matched to those bred from double buffs seem to me to throw feather of a superior quality to that found on those bred from ordinary matings. This is more noticeable on the buffs than on the yellows, for they appear, to my mind, to carry a greater depth of under-colour. A novice must not lose sight of the fact that buffs bred from double-buffs should always be paired to yellows. One will occasionally get a buff from two yellows, and I have heard of a yellow being bred from two buffs; but I have yet the pleasure to see one.

I have tried, without success, to breed a yellow from two buffs, both (cock and hen) that I tried the experiment with being bred from two yellows. The youngsters bred from these two buffs were gems for colour and quality, but were rather small owing no doubt to their parents being too closely related; but for the experiment I should never have thought of pairing two such birds, as they were both on the small side.

The birds a novice should select for stock purposes are those with good bold heads and necks. These are two very essential points which should never be lost sight of. A Norwich Plainhead with a good, bold, well-shaped head and a well-filled-in neck is almost sure to attract a judge's eye.

A lover of a good head could not help but notice the falling-off in head properties of some of the champion Norwich at the late Palace Show. Some of them had that rather long, narrow head, with the eye too near the top of the skull, or, to be more correct, perhaps I should say having no rise of skull above the eye. Since the Palace Show I have had the pleasure of a few minutes' chat with one of our most popular judges, and I happened to mention the fact to him; at the same time, I asked if he had noticed the falling-off referred to, and his answer was that one could not help but notice it.

Hard to Maintain.

I would here advise the novice to be sure and not start with stock birds having heads with the faults described, for once get bad head points in your strain and you will find them most difficult to get rid of. You will have all your work cut out to keep up good head properties even if you start with birds perfect in head and neck.

I trust the novice will not be led to believe that to have a good head and neck only, a bird is bound to win; there are other qualities which are necessary in the making of a good Norwich. You want the birds with that chubby body so often described, but difficult to maintain, for Norwich always appear to develop in the opposite way to what we would have them. You may have satisfied yourself that in matching a certain pair of birds you have selected two with nice short bodies, birds that you feel sure cannot breed you a long-bodied youngster; but pair them as you will, Nature still maintains her mastership, and you have to rest content with one or two long, thin-bodied birds, more resembling the Yorkshire than a Norwich.

With regard to flights and tail, I like to select a hen having them fairly short, for I find that a long-tailed hen seldom breeds a short-tailed youngster. Avoid the hen having drooping wings, for if you should have youngsters from her, you may not see the last of it. I do like to see good, well-carried wings on my stock birds.

Now, for stock pairs you should have good big birds. I say birds because some fanciers (and I have heard it trotted out by those of experience) would have us believe that by having a big cock bird, no matter how rough and ugly he may be, all his imperfections can be counteracted in the progeny if you pair him to a hen no matter how small so long as she is typical and of good quality. I venture to say that to follow such advice, one would be a long time reaching the top rung of the ladder. I feel confident that were those gentlemen who advocate such pairing offered a good big yellow hen or two, there would be such a race to see who could get there first to secure them.

(To be continued.)

Jottings from South Wales.

By TAFFY.

It was a foregone conclusion that Cardiff C.B.S. would withdraw from the Cage Bird Union this year. It was only after a great deal of persuasion on the part of Mr. Sampson that they held on last year. This makes two of the principal societies (Swansea and Cardiff) down South which have left the C.B.U. never to return under the present rules and system of the Union.

The dates fixed for the annual shows of Swansea and Cardiff this year are very close upon each other, Swansea fixing theirs for the second week in November, and Cardiff theirs for the third week. For several years Cardiff have taken the first week in December for their show date, giving the South Wales fanciers an opportunity to compete in both shows, but now their following Swansea the week after their date will affect the entries of both societies, for, a large number of the fanciers being working men, they cannot afford to enter their birds in both shows with only a few days between each.

The Llanelly Society are also contemplating running a show in November this year. They believe that by so doing they will have a better entry than they have had in previous years. If this is done, the show season so far as South Wales is concerned will be a very short one.

It is a pity the fanciers around Llanelly do not give a little more encouragement to the officials of their society by a larger attendance at the monthly meetings. It is very hard that the office-bearers should find the same few attending each meeting. I am certain that if the members would only rally to the meetings they would put fresh life into the society, and encourage those who have worked hard to keep the society together.

The Swansea Society has started the year in a progressive spirit, and from what I can gather they intend making it a record one. Several new members have been enrolled, and several more will be made at the next meeting.

What has become of the Welsh National Cage Bird Society, that a few years ago was alive and received such a splendid entry at their open show? It is a pity Wales has not a National show similar to those held in England and Scotland each year. It is not for the want of support that the late Welsh National is dead. Why do not the chief societies here try and come to some arrangement to hold one great National show every year, and let the show be a movable one; that is, Cardiff one year, Swansea the next, and Llanelly the following year? It only requires the combination and co-operation of the Cage Bird Societies to have this one great show every year; and it would prove a great financial success.

The new Border Fancy Canary Society that is being formed for the South will contain a large number of the Border fanciers from South Wales. This variety has become very popular here, and a large number of breeders are being continually added. One of the latest to keep the "little wee gem" is a well-known British bird exhibitor, who, after carrying away the chief honours in the British bird section, turns his hand to them. Will he be so successful in his new variety? Let us wait and see.

The Jay as a Cage Pet.

By
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In scientific language the Jay is known as *Garrulus glandarius*. "Glandarius" signifies of, or belonging to, acorns; the former means "chattering" or talkative—a leading characteristic of this bird, whose harsh cry is frequently heard amid the stillness of the woods. We seldom have an opportunity of observing it closely, except in confinement, but if taken young and properly trained, it becomes a very amusing pet, having a decided talent for mimicry. The nest is commonly built in a high tree, wood or hedge (generally a fair number of feet from the ground, but seldom near the top), mostly in the lower branches of the oak, hazel, and holly.

The nest is of an open shape, formed of twigs and sticks, and well lined with small roots, grasses, and horsehair; the Jay is a much neater builder than others of its family. The eggs are five or six in number, of a greenish or yellowish white, freckled all over with two shades of light brown, some having a greater degree of polish on them than others.

The Jay is an omnivorous feeder, and has a great partiality for acorns; also the eggs and young of game birds: hence he is shot without mercy by the gamekeepers. My two birds I took from the nest in a young oak tree close to the Butcher's Shambles or Robin Hood's Larder, in the Sherwood Forest, on the Duke of Portland's Estate.

The Jay in Confinement.

A pianoforte packing case I have transformed into an excellent cage for a Jay or Magpie, but, whatever the dimensions, the floor space should not be less than five square feet. Wood should be used for the top, bottom, back, and ends, and half-inch mesh wire netting should be used for the front. The roof should slope sufficiently towards the front to throw off the rain, and project four inches to keep the water from dripping inside the cage. Roofing felt is a very suitable covering, and all seams in the roof, at the back and ends, should be made as though non-existent. The open part of the front can easily be covered with tightly stretched wire netting, the door being made by fitting a wooden framework covered with wire netting.

A tin bottom is best if it is kept thickly covered with peat moss litter, or sea sand is the most suitable; and pigeon grit must be supplied in a tin. A couple of stout perches must be provided, oval in shape, from back to front of the cage. They should be removable for cleaning purposes. A curtain should be made to draw over the front of the cage at night and during inclement weather. Stout holland is the most suitable material for this purpose.

Food and water receptacles should be of glazed ware and kept sweet and clean. They should be made to fit securely with wire brackets, or the mischievous bird will upset them whenever they are refilled. The cage should be cleaned out once or twice a week. It is best to keep the Jay out of doors, where it will be perfectly happy, and save its owner much anxiety.

A Good Staple Food.

A good staple food is made by taking a small teacupful of Spratt's "Maxco" game meal, or of "Melox" or other good dog or puppy food, and a tablespoonful of "Fibrine," making it just crumbly moist by the addition of boiling water. A varied bill of fare is indispensable. Ring the changes on the following, adding same to the staple food: dried flies, ants' cocoons and hard-boiled eggs, boiled carrot, etc.; also the following tit-bits; shelled peas or hazel nuts, green peas, cold boiled potato, ripe fruit in season, chopped lettuce occasionally, a cubic inch of raw beef, nestling Sparrows, young mice, sterile eggs, young frogs, cockroaches, snails, gentles, and mealworms—in fact, any live insects which you can obtain.

If any scraps from the table are given, see that they are quite fresh, or diarrhœa may be induced. If the excrement is at all watery, and diarrhœa is suspected, give some prepared chalk—a teaspoonful to every two ounces of drinking water. Water should be withheld from the bird for an hour and a half, and then the chalky water, well stirred, should be given. When the droppings become more normal, give for a few days five drops of tincture of steel to every two ounces of water. A piece of old mortar or cuttlefish bone should always be in the cage, to keep the bird's bill in order; it is also beneficial to the system. The bath is most useful in keeping the feathers well preened; they are delicate to keep in perfect order—rainwater for bathing is to be preferred.

Choosing an Exhibition Bird.

When choosing an exhibition specimen attention should be paid to size, distinctness of all markings, and brightness of colours. You must first get the bird familiar by talking to it, encouraging it to take tit-bits from your fingers. But do not teach it to battle with your finger or stick, else when it appears on the show bench it will puff out its plumage and appear at a disadvantage before the judge.

The adult cock Jays are very handsome birds. The bill is blackish in colour, and strong; the feathers of the forehead are greyish-white, and each one has a black line down its centre. The back of the head and neck is pale plum or cinnamon; back, reddish grey; rump, white; tail, upper surface black, the outer feathers faintly barred at the base with blue; under-surface of tail, greyish; wings, greater flights black, edged with white, and each one has a broad white edge near its base; the lesser flight feathers are black and the wing-coverts are bright blue, regularly barred with black; eye, pupil brown, iris pale blue; a black mark, oval in shape, stretches down the cheeks from the base of the bill under each eye; throat, dirty white; chest, pale dove; sides of body, pale cinnamon; vent and under coverts of tail, white; feet and claws, flesh colour.

The crest is generally held erect. Adult specimens are, say, at the third moult a brighter shade of blue. From the exhibitor's standpoint, in a mixed class provided for large British birds at most shows, a large, well-coloured Jay put down in good condition is most certain to be in the prizes, sometimes competing unsuccessfully with the popular Chough.

The show cage should be of the box pattern with door in one end, the top sloped to prevent a shadow from falling on the bird. The wires should be 1½ inches apart. The interior of the cage should be coloured a light green and the exterior black. The two perches should be low down, about five inches from the floor and nine inches from each end. Food and water should be supplied in hooded glass dishes made to hang on to the front of the cage lower down than the perches. Suitable dimensions for the show cage are: Length, 30in.; depth, 13in.; height, 20in.

In conclusion, let me advise all who intend taking up this delightful and fascinating hobby of keeping, taming, and exhibiting large British birds to secure the best birds you can lay your hands on, and we will hope with patience and perseverance that your labours will be rewarded with many trophies.

First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

By Henry J. FULLJAMES.

It is now considerably more than a quarter of a century since, in a misguided moment, I accepted a birthday present consisting of a large wagon-cage stocked (overstocked, in fact) with small foreign Waxbills and Finches. At the time I looked upon my present as a most delightful one, but it was the cause of my contracting bird-fever to a degree, and in its course the complaint has found me in the possession of an alarming variety of species—from Avadavats to a Bird of Paradise, and the rarest of fruit-eating foreigners, and from Budgerigars to Queen Alexandra Parrakeets and a Black Cockatoo.

Over my experiences with some of the most expensive of these it were better, perhaps, to draw a veil, just mentioning, in passing, that the Bird of Paradise lived a fortnight, and the Black Cockatoo proved to be a confirmed feather-eater; suffice it to say that I have many times wished that I had never seen my first cage of foreigners, but still I would rather have my troubles and trials all over again than never to have had them at all, and I have no hesitation in making the statement that no more pleasurable hobby may be recommended than the keeping of foreign birds.

A Unique Field.

Canary breeding has its joys for thousands of fanciers, yet, after all, excepting in the matter of producing champions, it is the same thing over and over again; one year's work is the same as another. The breeding of Hybrids has its own individual fascinations, but these are mostly the struggling after the hitherto unaccomplished. The keeping of British birds has its limitations, for the species that may be kept in cages are numbered. In foreign birds, however, there is no end to the possibilities, and unlimited choice for the individual fancier. If his ambition be large enough, and his purse long enough, there are opportunities continually arising of becoming possessed of something that has never before been seen in this country. If he would make a profit out of his hobby, he may breed Java Sparrows, Cockatiels, or Budgerigars, as easily as Canaries, and with the hope in the case of the Budgerigars of one day establishing a strain of Albinos or Blues. If he would rest content with a collection of the commoner birds, many of which are quite as beautiful as those which are worth considerably more than their weight in gold, then there are birds which may be bought for a shilling or two, and which will afford him never-ending delight, whether he keeps a few in a cage as an ornament to a room, or whether his ambition extends in the direction of inducing them to breed.

Surely here are outlined alternatives which make one wonder why the keeping of foreign birds is not taken up even more extensively than it is. Perhaps if show committees were awake to the fact that gate money is all profit, and that to the *paying* public the most interesting part of any show is the foreign section, they would be less niggardly in their classification, and, by offering more inducements to the keepers of foreign birds, would multiply the number of exhibiting fanciers, add immensely to the attraction of bird shows for the general public, and reap their reward in a good "gate" which would more than recompense them for a few shillings lost in a small excess of prize-money over entrance fees.

But this is not what I started out to write. My purpose is to treat on the proper keeping and feeding of the cheaper foreign birds, either in cage or aviary, indoor or outdoor, and although, in these days of widespread information, I may not be able to say anything which has not before been said, and better said, perhaps some new readers of CAGE BIRDS may be novices in foreign bird-keeping, and may find something herein which may be helpful to them.

A Considerable Choice.

The amateur with limited aspirations, or with limited purse, will rest himself satisfied, at least for a time, with such birds as may be bought without undue expense. Even at this, there is quite a considerable choice, and there is a great variety of species from among which he may set himself up with, say, a dozen birds, singly or in pairs, for something less than a sovereign, not, of course, including the cage. The latter item is rather an important one, for a cage for a dozen small foreigners may either be of the well-known "Crystal Palace Aviary" type, an all-wire wagon cage, or a box cage. The box cage is immensely to be preferred, for more reasons than one. An all-wire cage, of whatever type it may be, is generally hung or placed in a window which is absolutely the worst place for a bird of any kind, especially for birds from tropical countries, such as are those now under consideration. In such a position the birds are subjected to a continual draught, and occasionally exposed to the rays of a scorching sun. Further, the seed husks from such a cage, wherever it may be placed, are scattered about the floor of the room, and the birds become a nuisance.

In a "Crystal Palace" cage there is not sufficient floor space as compared with its height When birds are kept in cages it is floor space which counts, and a cage of a certain superficial area would accommodate scarcely any more birds if its height were doubled or trebled, providing its ground space remained the same.

Box versus All-wire Cages.

All-wire wagon cages are generally of more proportionate dimensions, but they have the same objection of exposing the inmates to draughts. A box cage, on the contrary, at once calls for a position against a wall, on a sideboard, or in a recess, and its structure as well as its position, affords shelter from draughts, while, if the bottom rail be made sufficiently deep, seed husks and sand will not find their way to the floor. In size, it must be large enough to allow of plenty of exercise, for Waxbills and foreign Finches are essentially active little creatures, and *must* have room to use their wings.

The very least dimensions of a cage for a dozen of the smallest of foreign birds are: 3ft. long, 2ft. wide, and 2ft. high; 4ft. long is much better. It should be furnished with plenty of perches of varying thicknesses, so arranged that the birds on one perch cannot soil those on another by their droppings; the wires should be of fine gauge and close mesh, and the pot holes must be small; this last is important, for in most cages the pot holes are large enough to permit of a small bird getting through and being drowned in the water vessel; at one or both ends of the cage a seed trough should run from front to back, so that all the birds may feed at once if so inclined; plenty of sand on the bottom is a necessity—a good quantity of this does not necessarily mean extravagance, for if it is passed through a rather fine sieve when cleaning out the cage the seed husks and the soiled sand will remain in the sieve, and a handful of fresh sand added to the rest will make all fresh again.

Foreign birds delight in the bath, and will not keep healthy without it; the best way of offering it is to have a spare bottom drawer to carry a shallow zinc vessel, and to insert this for a while daily in place of the sand drawer; when the birds have taken their bath, and they will all want to do it at once, with much fuss and splashing, the whole may be removed, and the sand drawer replaced.

The Birds to Buy.

Now for the birds for our cage. "Mixed small foreigners" are sometimes advertised at so much per dozen, generally from nine to twelve shillings, but it is not at all advised that the beginner should start with such a collection. The birds so advertised are generally in a more or less dilapidated condition, and there are sure to be some that would not agree with the rest. Far better to make one's own selection. Species that are cheap, pretty, and peaceful are to be had in plenty. A selection of a dozen may, for instance, be made from the first list given below, either as single birds or in pairs, the latter being by far the more advisable, for if the birds are kept in pairs, many pretty little love scenes will be indulged in, to the happiness of the birds and the amusement of the owner. What, for instance, could be more comical than to watch a pair of Bengalese or Silverbills, the cock sidling up to the hen on a perch and entertaining her with a "song" that is almost inaudible to human ears, but evidently a pride to the "musician," and a delight to his mate?

It is perhaps necessary here to say that it would be useless to expect breeding from among a collection of birds kept in such comparatively close quarters, for they would interfere one with the other. Nevertheless, the cage must be provided with "nest boxes" of some kind or another, for it is characteristic of these tiny birds that whether kept in pairs or otherwise, they love to nestle together in their resting periods or at night; quite a variety of contrivances are now to be obtained for the purpose, cheap enough to be thrown away when they become soiled, and replaced by new ones.

Some of the Cheaper Species.

Among the cheaper foreign birds suitable for a mixed collection may be named Common Avadavats, Orange-cheeked, Golden-breasted, St. Helena, Grey and Zebra Waxbills, African and Indian Silverbills, Bengalese in three varieties (Fawn, and White, Brown and White, and All-White), Nutmeg Finches (Spice birds), Zebra Finches, Ribbon Finches (Cut-throats), Cordon Bleus, Mannikins of sorts (Black-headed, White-headed, and Three-coloured being the three cheaper kinds, and the Rufous-backed, Bronze-winged, and Magpie somewhat more expensive) African Fire Finches (not the Australian, the latter being more expensive and very pugnacious), Grey Java Sparrows, Green and Grey Singing Finches, Combassous, etc.

A lot which would cost in some instances considerably more may be selected from Green Avadavats, Cherry Finches, Parson Finches, Alario Finches, Bicheno (double-banded) Finches, Masked and Long-tailed Grass Finches, Parson Finches, Nonpareils and Pin-tailed Nonpareils, Diamond Sparrows, White-throated and Lavender Finches, Indigo Buntings, Weavers of sorts, Gouldian Finches (Black-faced and Red-faced), Cuba Finches, Dwarf (or Bih) Finches, White Java Sparrows, etc.

A collection which would include some of the rarest of all could be made up from the following; this would, however, be an expensive lot: Painted Finches, Olive Cuba Finches Melba Waxbills, Red-headed Finches, Pectoral Finches, Red-vented Finches, Aurora Finches (or Crimson-winged Waxbill), Wiener's Waxbills, Parrot Finches, Tri-coloured Parrot Finches Diuca Finches, Rufous-tailed Finches, Pileated Finches, Violet-eared Waxbills, Blue-breasted Waxbills, Dufresne's Waxhills, Black-cheeked Waxbills, Sydney Waxbills, etc. The owner of this little lot would be one to be envied.

A beautiful and rare collection would be one of Whydahs only, but many of these carry long tail coverts when in breeding plumage, and are best kept in a large flight or aviary.

A Simple Menu.

The food necessary for the keeping in health of a cageful of any of the delightful little creatures named above is of a very simple nature. That most appreciated of all is Spray or "Indian Millet" (so-called) in the ear, and the birds derive considerable exercise and amusement in the extraction of the tiny seeds. A mixture of white millet and Canary seed is all else they require as staple food. Grass in the ear will always be appreciated, and a tuft of seeding grass placed in the cage will soon have its appearance altered, or the ears of grass seed may be gathered and tied in a bundle. Most of the birds will also be delighted with a spray of rose growth or of some other plant infested with "green fly," but care must be taken that such sprays are not from poisonous plants. The aphides from a spray of laburnum, for instance, would probably kill off the whole of the inmates of the cage.

Green food of some kind is, of course, a necessity, and one of the best ways of providing this is to sow some Canary seed in shallow pans, and place these in the cage when the grass has grown about an inch. A piece of cuttlefish bone should always be hung in the cage, and a lump of rock salt is also beneficial. The Indigo Bunting the Nonpareils, the Weavers, and some of the others will be the better for a small mealworm or two or some well scoured gentles.

(To be continued.)

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). J.R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth.**—J. Nichol, Castle View.)
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.)
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme).
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.)
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.)
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without).
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 35, Rodsley Avenue.)

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 51, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street.
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.)
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan St.).
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.).
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaidy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dunmett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.)
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)
Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.**—T. Mayne, 35, Barnbill.)

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Wild Bird-Life.

March Notes.

We have had a week of most inclement weather, with frost, snow, rain, and high winds; and had it come earlier in the year the wild birds would have been considerably inconvenienced by it. But now they are all in such fine health and condition that it would take much more than a week of bad weather to affect them. It is when we get severe weather directly after the moult that wild birds suffer, and many perish. The moult is a trying time, and birds do not recover very rapidly from it. Bird song is a sure indication of their condition, and it is seldom we hear much music until the turn of the year. Here and there a Thrush, Blackbird, or Robin is setting, but the eggs will take no harm from the cold. The writer has seen the snow lying thickly upon a sitting Blackbird. The nest was partly sheltered from the storm by being placed against a rough trunk in the hedge, but still a good deal lodged against the nest, and partly covered the bird. The whole made a most perfect picture. But then one is not always able to depict these sights at the right time, and memory will not serve to get details. Sparrows are, it is well known, particularly precocious, yet out in the open fields there are still big flocks to be seen, and in spite of their precocity, one is inclined to wonder if all these birds nest in their first season. Flocks of various sizes are to be met with practically all the year round, and it is no uncommon sight to see quite a big gathering in the open fields when one would expect every adult bird to be busy over household duties. Of course, it is just possible that before the less forward birds begin the nest, the first batch of young ones has taken to wandering. We may possibly be able to clear up this point during the coming season The wary Plovers have returned to the uplands in all the glory of their nuptial dress. Very handsome they look, with the black gorgets, glossy green wings, and flowing crest. In watching these birds one requires particularly strong glasses, for they are so exceedingly shy just now that it is impossible to get within reasonable distance of them without expending a lot of time, and some stratagem.

A Family Likeness.

Birds' nests are a study in themselves; they are so beautifully constructed, and each family follows the same pattern year after year. This applies not only to our own country, but holds good all over the world. The nests of the Doves of America resemble those of our own birds. The American Robin and the English Blackbird both use mud in their nest. The Kinglet and Gold Crest build a suspended nest, although the wide Atlantic separates them. There are many other examples too numerous to mention.

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H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

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Strength of Birds' Beaks.

Although some birds are able to do considerable damage by means of their thick beaks, we do not as a rule think they can sustain any direct blow without injury. A wild bird in a room can easily kill itself by dashing against the window pane, yet a Kingfisher has been known to fly against a plank placed across a stream with such force as to become firmly fixed by the beak, and yet manage to survive the shock when released.

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Twitterings.

I have removed from Ilford to "Astræa," 88, York Road, Southend-on-Sea, writes Mr. W. W. Eastoe.

The Selkirkshire cage bird, etc., show will be held on November 25th next, writes Mr. G. D. Edge, the secretary.

The Tonbridge Show is fixed for December 5th and 6th for cage birds, etc., writes Mr. P. Stonestreet, the secretary.

Mr. F. J. Martin, of Battersea, has, we are informed, removed from Ingelow Road, to 54, Battersea Park Road, London, S.W.

Could any reader tell me where I could get the small Finch cages with sliding fronts? writes Mr. J. Precious, 316, Hawthorne Avenue, Hull.

We have taken over the duties of secretary of the Sowerby Bridge and District C.B.S., write Messrs. Sutcliffe and Walker, 48, Clifton Street, Sowerby Bridge.

The committee of the Larne and Dist. C.B.A. have decided to hold their annual show on December 7th and 8th next, writes Mr. Thomas Mayne, the secretary.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Crewe O.S., writes Mr. T. L. Hancocks. (Mr. E. Jaycott, of 329, West Street, Crewe, has been elected secretary, to whom all communications should be sent.

Our show dates are:—Young Stock, July 8th (judges, Messrs. J. Robson and A. Silver); annual, November 10th and 11th, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, secretary of the North London C.B.A.

I have changed my address from Clincart Road, Mount Florida, to 27, McLennan Street, Mount Florida, writes Mr. Robert Heggie, secretary of the Queen's Park (Glasgow) and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. J. Thornton has been elected to judge our nest feather show on July 1st; also to judge the annual show on Saturday, December 9th, writes Mr. F. E. Hawkes, secretary of the Bootle and Dist. C.B.S.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL I think a most interesting and instructive book, which no fancier should miss. The marvel is how you can publish such a work at the price of sixpence.—H. Orford (Manchester).

I have been appointed secretary of the Forres and Northern O.S., in place of Mr. G. S. Russell, writes Mr. W. Cumming, and in future all communications should be addressed to me at 28, North Road, Forres.

I have been appointed secretary of the Darwen and District C.B.S. in succession to the late Mr. J. O. Greenwood, writes Mr. W. T. Singleton, 31, Hindle Street, Darwen, and all communications should in future be sent to me.

We have received from Mr. T. C. Crawhall (St. George's Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne) a sample of the excellent felt nesting material which he is advertising in our columns, and which we can recommend for its intended purpose.

A general meeting of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club will be held in Rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, on April 1st, at four o'clock, writes Mr. John Allen, the secretary. Business, very important. A full attendance of members is requested.

Mr. H. Jones Robins, secretary of the Liskeard F.A., writes that he will be glad to hear from any fanciers who would like to guarantee any classes for their forthcoming open show on November 1st, and will be pleased to send them a copy of last year's schedule for reference.

The Woodside O.S. have appointed the following specialist judges for their annual show, to be held in the Burgh Hall, Woodside, Aberdeen, on Nov. 18th, writes Mr. Alex. Thomson, the secretary:—For Norwich, Mr. A. Marr (Arbroath), and for variety and wild bird classes, Mr. W. Mitchell (Perth).

I desire to thank all my numerous friends in the Fancy who made kindly enquiries after me during my serious illness, writes Mr. H. Sweetman, hon. treasurer of the North London C.B.A. I am pleased to say that I am now convalescent, and hope to have the pleasure of uniting with them all again before long.

The 1911 year book of the Bush Hill Park F.S. contains, besides a capital programme for the year, a list of the officers, the names and addresses of the members, the rules of the society, etc. The secretary is Mr. H. G. Mercer, 48, Poynter Road, Bush Hill Park, from whom particulars as to membership may be had.

We notice that Mr. Walter Swaysland, the well-known judge and bird-lover, of Brighton, is once again coming forward as a candidate for the Portslade Urban District Council, on which public body he has done good work in the past. We trust local readers will make a note of it. The election is fixed for March 27th.

I would advise all those wishing to join the Pendleton and Salford O.S. to do so at once, as our late secretary has made a grand programme out, including six shows, eight lectures by well-known fanciers, and a washing demonstration by that well-known Norwich fancier, Mr. W. N. Turner, writes Mr. Jas. Critchley, the hon. secretary.

In sending us a copy of the balance-sheet of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, to be presented at the meeting on March 25th (showing a balance to the good of £1 11s. 4d.), Mr. J. Brown, the secretary, writes: Although we are slightly down in membership compared with last year, we are still in a very good position, and hope to do better this year.

The challenge trophy for most points gained at the late Glasgow and District C.B.A. open show was won by the Glasgow and West of Scotland Club with a total of 109 points, writes Mr. Fred Bowman, the secretary. The silver rose bowl for runner-up was won by the Partick C.B.A. with a total of 95 points, Queen's Park being third with 78 points.

The North London C.B.A. have issued a capital little manual for 1911. The syllabus for the year comprises representative lectures, papers, demonstrations, shows, etc. A list of the members' names and addresses is included in the manual, and the rules of the association. The secretary is Mr. R. P. Harper, 26, Brighton Road, Stoke Newington, London, N.

We have received from Mr. F. Fox, secretary of the East Ham C.B.S., a copy of that society's handbook for 1911. It contains a list of the fixtures of the year (a very attractive one), the rules of the society, etc. The secretary's address is 12, Sherrard Road, Forest Gate, E., and the headquarters of the society the Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street, East Ham.

OBITUARY.

Mr. V. HORWOOD (Luton).

I regret to have to inform you of the sudden death of one of our members, Mr. V. Horwood, who passed away on March 13th, having been at business, I believe, on the Saturday, writes Mr. E. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec. of the Luton C.B.S. He will be much missed by us in Luton. There are a few of his birds still for disposal if any of your readers would like to take them off the hands of the widow. Information can be obtained of Mr. F. J. Webb, Frederick Street, or of myself.

Mr. J. CASEY (Bradford).

We regret to announce the death of our esteemed member of the Laisterdyke B.F.A., Mr. J. Casey, of 363, Sticker Lane, Dudley Hill, Bradford, writes Mr. J. E. Hudson, the Secretary. Always genial and straightforward, his death is regretted by all who came in contact with him. We are sure his many friends will join us in offering kindly sympathy to the widow and child.

I should like to mention that I am having an extraordinary rush for my boards and cage sets, writes Mr. H. Orford, the well-known cage specialist, of Manchester. Besides having had to start two more men this last week, we are working almost night and day. I hope this will serve as an explanation to those of my customers whose orders may be somewhat delayed. I may also mention that the success I have derived in my business is due almost entirely to advertising in your most valuable paper CAGE BIRDS.

The March issue of "Bird Notes" the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—contains an interesting article on the Loo-choo Robin by Mr. Hubert D. Astley, M.A., which is accompanied by a coloured illustration from an original by Mr. Astley himself. Mr. H. V. Johnson contributes some notes on the Pintailed Nonpareil, Mrs. A. Mahon writes on the breeding of Bulbuls, Shamas, and Pekin Robins, and Mr. J. Easton Scott, M.A., on "Freely imported species and their treatment." The British birds at the Crystal Palace Show form the subject of a contribution from Mr. G. E. Weston.

I regret to state, writes Mr. V. Wynn, hon. secretary of the City and Suburban A.C.B., that our esteemed member, Mr. C. Prior, will no longer be able to render us the magnificent service which he has done at all our meetings held for the last two years, in consequence of his removing into Hampshire. His loss will be severely felt by the members, and more especially by myself, as he was quite a "father" to me. His long years of exhibiting and his wide experience of the Fancy, coupled with his quick discernment in reading a man's character, were no small boon to me in my official capacity as secretary.

The following dates have been fixed for our annual show, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.:—April 4th, British Birds, judge, Mr. A. Silver; June 13th, Young Birds Show, judge, Mr. G. Gardner; Nov. 21st, annual Autumn Show, judge, Mr. J. Robson. Amongst other interesting fixtures for the year, Mr. J. W. Ramsden will open a discussion on colour feeding, in July; Mr. Robson will deliver in May a lecture entitled "Advice to Novices," and a washing exhibition will be given by Mr. F. J. Martin in September. I am very pleased to add that Mr. F. Hall, M.P. for Dulwich, has kindly consented to become patron of the society, sending a cheque to the funds.

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Mr. Law, the secretary of the Highgate, Hampstead and Dist. C.B.S. writes: We are to have a paper, entitled "Hints on Canary Breeding," by Mr. Geo. Gardner, at Spencer Hall, on March 30th, at 8 p.m. All are welcome. It is hoped members will note this. Rule books will be given out at this meeting, also prize money to those who were not at social to receive theirs.

Allow me to tender my thanks to Mr. W. Lloyd for his valuable information concerning the going "thick" of Goldfinches and its treatment, writes Mr. J. J. Bull (Grimsby). About the time of Mr. Lloyd's answer to "Hybrid" I had one myself that had gone "thick," and by following the advice given to "Hybrid," I managed to pull him through all right, and he is now a fine bird, and nicely on song. I have noticed that as a rule they are more or less subjected to this ailment at first, but once they get over it they never look back again. Previous to my seeing this article, I had lost one through the same complaint. It went off song, became "thick," and then was not long before he was at liberty once more.

The members of the Holywood and Dist. C.B.E. find it would be advisable for them to alter their annual (open to all Ireland) show date from the 17th and 18th November, 1911, to the 24th and 25th November, 1911, owing to the Crest, Norwich, and Yorkshire Society of Belfast holding their show on that date, of which we were unaware at our first decision. Our judge, Mr. W. Mundell, of Bradford, has kindly consented to change his booked date. We would take it as a great favour if other societies would please note our date, so as not only to avoid clashing, but save everyone else concerned a great deal of unnecessary inconvenience. Further information can be got from me.—F. Cole, Hon. Sec., 7, High Street, Holywood. Co. Down.

It was rather a pleasant surprise to me when I got my CAGE BIRDS of March 18th to find one of my birds occupying such an honoured position on the front page of our beloved weekly budget. There is no doubt she has earned her place of distinction by sheer merit, having won fifteen firsts and many other honours, all at leading shows. She was also one of the team that won for me the handsome silver cup given by the Green Canary Association for competition in Green Border Fancy classes for most points over ten patronised shows. I might say that Friday, March 17th, was rather a red letter day for me, as only an hour previous to my getting the above-named pleasant surprise the above-mentioned cup was handed in; it is a real beauty, and I would strongly advise all breeders of the wee green gems to forward their names for membership of the Green Canary Association to the esteemed secretary, Mr. Geo. Green, of 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool, and have a try to win one of those beautiful cups given by the club. The Green Borders are particular favourites of mine, and I would like to see them a bit more popular than they are at present, although, judging by the demand there has been for them this season, they are likely to be well to the fore this next show season. "Let them all come"; there is plenty of room for hundreds more, as most of the cage bird societies of any note are now putting four classes on for them. I will conclude by tendering my most sincere thanks to your very able artist, Mr. Norman, for his lifelike portrait of my champion hen, and I wish all readers of CAGE BIRDS a very successful breeding season, and trust that CAGE BIRDS may go on prospering and reap the reward it so richly deserves; this is the wish of a staunch supporter—James Johnston (Wallsend-on-Tyne).

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Nominations of officers for 1911-12 must be sent to the secretary not later than March 31st, forms for which will be found in the centre of the club's handbook.—John Greaves, secretary.

Early House Sparrows.

The precocious House Sparrow is determined that his species shall not die out in spite of Sparrow Clubs, for already young birds have been seen in a Surrey village looking as happy and chirpy as they do at midsummer.

A Presentation at Plymouth.

At the close of the last meeting of the Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth)—held March 21st—Mr. J. E. Rowe, as one of the oldest members, in a very witty and appropriate speech presented Mr. Dart with an illuminated address subscribed for by the members in recognition of his four years' chairmanship of the society. He said he was sure no one present could disagree with him when he assured them that Mr. Dart had won and still held the esteem of all the members of the W.C.O.S. The credit of collecting and suggesting this presentation really belonged to Mr. Hoar, who, unfortunately, was too modest to make the actual presentation; but he could assure the Chairman that the whole society had been practically unanimous in their desire to subscribe. In reply, Mr. Dart said he had not had the slightest inkling of anything being done to recogniso his services. He was far from sure he deserved it. As Chairman, he always tried to be fair and impartial to all, and he was quite convinced he had the goodwill of all the members even before receiving their kind appreciation. He thanked Mr. Hoar and all who had joined with him, and he should value the address as one of his most precious possessions. He had not had the best of luck with birds, but he felt proud of the fact that his efforts as chairman for the welfare of the good old W.C.O.S., however unworthy they may have been, were appreciated by its members.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Secretary.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

Promises of Support from all quarters: Numerous helpful letters received.

The announcement of the formation of Cage Birds League has evidently aroused intense and widespread interest amongst bird-keepers. Letters in large numbers continue to reach us from all parts of the British Isles, many of them containing helpful and appreciated suggestions (now under consideration), and all of them complimentary in tone, the possibilities for good in such a scheme as the League being recognised on every hand.

Members have already been enrolled in fair numbers, although the precise constitution of Cage Birds League has not yet been definitely settled—more on this point in the near future. We hope also to have the League badge ready for members in a few weeks' time. A pretty and appropriate design has been selected that will, we think, be approved by all.

We ask members of cage-bird societies to give our League scheme their earnest attention. It is not only the "regular" bird-keepers we wish to enlist—we want to get at and capture the sympathies of all bird-keepers and lovers of birds who are not "fanciers" in the accepted meaning of the term, and we are looking to the fanciers for help in attaining this end. How they may do this and at the same time benefit both the League and their own Society will be readily seen by a perusal of the details of our scheme printed on this page.

Sir,—I trust the Cage Birds League will meet with the support and success it deserves.—J. E. Atkinson, Secretary, Newcastle C.B.S.

Sir,—Kindly enrol me as a member of the Cage Birds League. I enclose a 1s. subscription, and an extra 6d. for the badge, to be forwarded to me when ready.—E. Deaton (Potter's Bar, Middlesex).

Sir,—I am very pleased to see you are forming a Cage Birds League. I think it will be one of the best things ever done for cage bird-keepers. I shall be pleased to join as soon as possible. I wish Cage Birds and the Cage Birds League every success. You may, I may add, rely on me as a worker for the League in our district.—Wm. Ralph (Haslingdene).

Sir,—I have read with interest your announcements re the Cage Birds League, and wish to congratulate you on your scheme, which I am sure will be of inestimable benefit to all bird fanciers. Your scheme, as detailed in Cage Birds, should induce cage bird societies to join, offering, as it does, half the subscription in prizes, to say nothing about other benefits which may be obtained, such as reduced railway charges, higher compensation for the loss of birds, and the protection of the interests of fanciers generally.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec. of the Sunderland C.B.A.

Sir,—I have been a reader of Cage Birds for this last six years. I notice you are forming a Cage Birds League. I think it is a capital idea, and would be a great boon to every fancier. I for one will become a member if you will let me know when your subscriptions are due, also your badges; and I think I will be able to get a few fanciers around here to become members, as I think there are about 40 members in our society (the Carlisle and District C.B.S.). I shall be happy to put it before our members at our general meeting and try to induce them to join it.—Chas. Cranston (late chairman of Carlisle and District C.B.S.).

Sir,—We noted with interest your announcement with regard to the Cage Birds League, also the very useful hints contained in your issue of March 4th, especially the letter by Mr. Claude St. John, with whose suggestions, as far as they go, we entirely agree. But we think it would be advantageous to the success of the League for it to be divided into two sections, the "Canary" and "British and Foreign" respectively. Our reason for this suggestion is that, in common with thousands of other Canary fanciers, we only take a passing interest in Britishers and their wants. Speaking plainly, the functions of that department of the League relating to defence and protection, against misrepresentation of the law under the Wild Birds Protection Act, does not interest us greatly. On the other hand, we are immensely interested in the question of railway facilities, losses, delays, etc., which questions are really only of secondary importance to British bird keepers, owing to the menacing attitude and unlimited resources (in comparison with the individual fancier) of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and kindred societies. In the event of its not being possible to divide the League into sections, as proposed above, we think that at least separate committees might be formed, composed of men who are, as far as possible, in complete agreement one with the other on the needed reforms which are most urgent in their respective sections of the cage bird Fancy. Of course, as founder, Cage Birds will be the official organ of the Cage Birds League. Speaking frankly, we think that a League (in which an influential paper like Cage Birds has a great and personal interest) has a long and successful career before it, providing fanciers only rally to the support of it, as they should, considering what advantages they will reap from such a League. We think a scheme such as this should be well supported from north, south, east, and west, then, and only then, can it really be a "Union of Friendship," with sufficient strength to combat and withstand the insidious dangers which are slowly, but surely, being directed against their hobby, as Mr. Claude St. John says in his letter.—W. and H. Gibbons (Shepherd's Bush, London, W.).

Sir,—I am one of those who think that the Cage Birds League is one of the best things brought forward. But I am sorry to say that there is no bird club at Creswell now, all the bird fanciers having lost all heart in keeping birds. But I wish to become one of the noble League fanciers. I shall forward my subscription on as soon as you are ready for it. I have been a reader of good old Cage Birds for seven years.—H. Kidd (Creswell, nr. Mansfield).

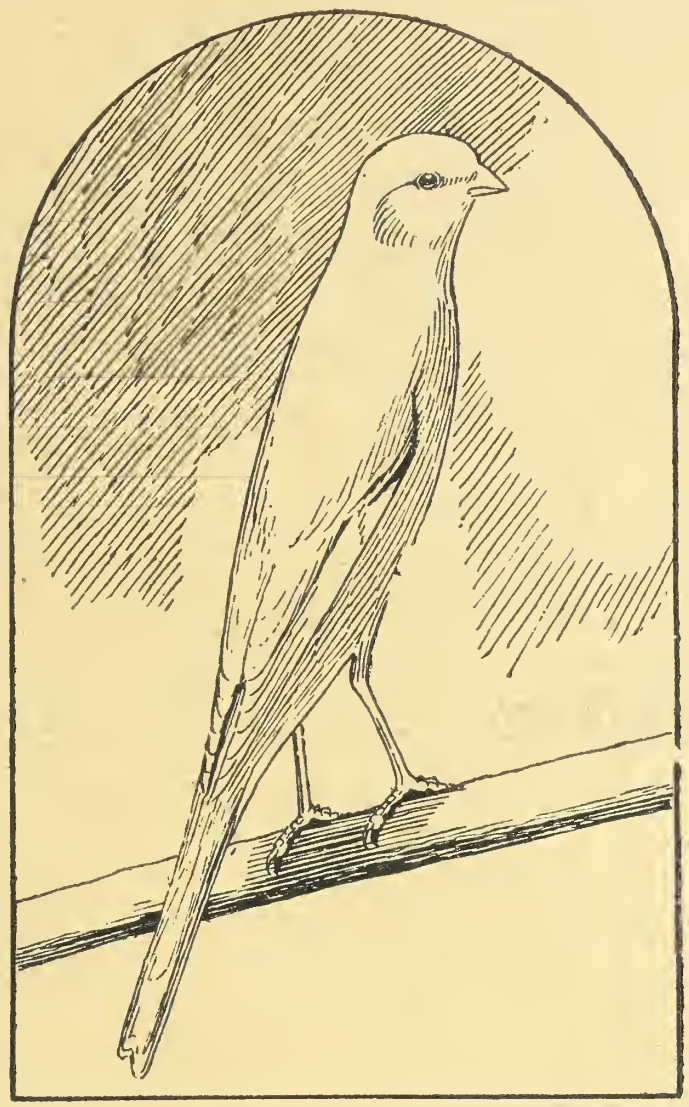
Sir,—The institution of "Cage Birds League" is an admirable action. We have your assistance and encouragement in the first place, then the Fancy is called upon to provide sinews of war, partly for their own battles, and partly for the maintenance of an institution of democratic government. It is evidently your desire that the mutual and collective energies of the Fancy and Cage Birds should be combined for further efforts towards the advancement of the various interests that concern all bird lovers.—Barker Clegg (Manchester).

Sir,—I think it is about time a league like the Cage Birds League was formed. It was with great pleasure I read of it in Cage Birds (good luck to "C.B."; it has helped me over many a stile). I am looking forward to joining the League in a week or two; and it won't be my fault if I don't get you a few more members. If you have anything for distribution in connection with the League I shall only be too pleased to have it, as there are a lot of fanciers in Leek. I wish the League and all who are connected with it success.—J. P. Pegg (Leek).

Sir,—Every lover of bird pets will welcome, as I do, the formation of Cage Birds League. It is quite time it was formed to defend the hobby and pleasures of "the man in the street" against the aggressive action of silly sentimentalists, or good-for-nothing busybodies of the well-to-do classes, who try to make war on the enjoyments of those who, having to work for a living, have no time or money to spare to protect their interest in birds. Such a League will be a wholesome checkmate upon intermeddling faddists, and will, no doubt, grow powerful enough before long to defend the poor man's hobby against the rich and idle man's affectations and fads. I should like to help in Dublin, with Dublin readers, in forming a local branch.—P. A. Hogan (Dublin).

Sir,—Allow me to congratulate you upon your scheme for the formation of a Cage Birds League. It is a most desirable step you have in view under the present day conditions. If a strong society were formed it would strengthen the bonds of good-fellowship and stop the tyranny of fanatics who are creeping round us trying to do away with the Fancy. Such fads are the ones who know nothing about birds and know not what they are talking about. I feel sure the majority of fanciers would be willing to join. I have heard great praise of it from the North, and shall do my very best to get every fancier around our district to join. The button or badge seems to be a very good idea, as one will see at once what the wearer belongs to, and many a good chat will come of it. With good wishes for the ever-welcome Cage Birds.—Jas. Barrass, Secretary, South Shields C.B.S.

Sir,—Being a reader of your most valuable paper, Cage Birds, and a lover of birds, I pass many an hour away in the hobby of breeding Canaries and Mules. I think that the proposed Cage Birds League is what is really necessary, not only for bird lovers and fanciers, but dealers, such as keep, for instance, Britishers. The one great view is, I feel sure, that there would be more unity amongst our bird lovers, and where there is unity, I mean to say, there is also strength; and we should be more attached to one another in many ways of interest. Supposing, Mr. Editor, as you say, we wear a badge of our League; the young fancier or novice would gain far more experience by getting to know his brother fancier (which, no doubt, he would come across in every-day life); and, what is more interesting than to be in company with a good bird fancier? To do this we must have rules and regulations, and also a contribution, yearly or quarterly, such as the rules may denote. I feel sure that not only myself, but all bird lovers and fanciers, would be only too pleased to contribute to the League, and abide by the rules; it would be an honourable institution for the safe keeping of our feathered pets. I wish Cage Birds and Cage Birds League every success, and trust all fanciers and bird breeders will have a good season.—F. W. Nethercleft (Fireman), Canning Town, E.



A NOVICE BIRD AT THE PALACE SHOW.

Yellow Yorkshire Cock, first prize in the Novice Section at the 1911 Crystal Palace Exhibition for Mr. T. Farnish, of Tong Park, Baildon.

SOME DETAILS OF "CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE."

£1,000 worth of Prizes to be distributed amongst its Members

Every bird-keeper and exhibitor of cage birds must "catch a pal." That is to say, he must make it his business not only to join Cage Birds League, but to enlist a brother bird-keeper.

Every member of the League may, if he chooses, assign half the value of his annual subscription in special prizes to any society or show in which he takes a special interest. The other half will go towards the progressive and protective work of the League. By *catching a pal* from the ranks of outside birdkeepers, a member is thus enabled to materially help the special prize list of his particular society.

Cage Birds will underwrite or guarantee special prizes under this scheme to the value of £1,000.

The practical result of this idea in a society whose membership total's some forty fanciers may be seen thus:—

The annual subscription to the Cage Birds League will be 1s. (cost of membership badge, 6d. extra)

Forty members of local society each join the League and donate 6d. to the special prize fund of their society	£1
And each "catch a pal" for the League	£1
Total value of Prizes for Local Society	£2

A local birdkeeper may be disinclined to join a local bird society, but may like the idea of subscribing to Cage Birds League.

On the foregoing basis there would not only be Two Pounds' worth of prizes for the local society, but Two Pounds' worth of funds for the work of the League.

An independent paid Secretary will be appointed to Cage Birds League, and if necessary, clerical assistance will be given him to see that letters are promptly attended to and the work of the League discharged in a businesslike manner. An Advisory Committee of responsible fanciers will be selected to superintend the aggressive and defensive movements adopted by the League in the interests of birdkeepers.

The allocation and division of the special prizes due to each society will be left entirely to the League members in the society concerned. The prizes will be selected from £1,000 worth of real oil paintings and water-colours handsomely framed—constituting magnificent ornaments for the fancier's home.

To encourage secretaries and fanciers to enlist members in the new League, we shall offer the following

CASH PRIZES AMOUNTING IN ALL TO TWENTY POUNDS.

£5 cash to the individual fancier who, between the dates of March 10th, 1911, and March 11th, 1912, secures the greatest number of recruits to Cage Birds League.

£5 cash to the Society whose nominations to the League between March 10th, 1911, and March 11th, 1912, are the most numerous.

£3 cash to the individual fancier who nominates the second highest number of members to the League between the same dates.

£3 cash to the Society which nominates the second highest number of members to the League between the same dates.

And Four Cash Prizes of **£1** each to societies whose total nominations to the League show the best average per member.

SOME ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITIONS.

But a League member who is not interested in show matters is not bound to contribute his quota to the development of the exhibiting interest. He may donate half his annual subscription to the League to any one of the following ideas:—

LITERATURE FUND.—For the dissemination amongst poor bird-keepers of useful literature calculated to enlighten them and improve the conditions under which their birds are kept in domestication.

DEFENCE FUND.—For the protection of bird-keepers by legal or other process from swindlers, or unjust attacks by moneyed faddists and sentimentalists. For the general protection of bird-keepers' interests.

Failing any specific instruction from a League member as to how his donation is to be expended, it will go towards the

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND. For the development and progressive work of the League, advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.

All expenditure under these heads will come under the control of the Advisory Board.

BADGES.

A neat and unobtrusive design for members' badges has been approved, and will be ready in about three weeks' time. These badges will be sold at sixpence each.

We hope members will wear their League badges at every possible opportunity. They will be found to be attractive yet subdued and refined in appearance, with no suggestion of "advertisement" (except of the C.B.L.), about them. The badge will serve as an introduction between bird-keepers—an outward and visible sign, so to speak, of the "bond of good-fellowship" it is the object of the League to establish—and to bring the fact of the existence of the League into wider notice.

BRANCHES OF THE LEAGUE.

It is hoped from time to time to form in the different centres branches of the League, but this work must be left for the moment, until the main body is in a thoroughly sound financial and operative state.

The temporary Offices of Cage Birds League are at 154, Fleet Street, Lond

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed the* **Editor,** "**Cage Birds,**" 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Swelling Under Wing.

C. W. E.—The swelling appears to be one of those tumours which eventually form nodules of caseous matter, and which in most cases may be quite safely excised with a little knowledge of the anatomy of the parts when they have reached the proper stage. Give bird a proper seed diet as you frequently see advised here, and in addition give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for two or three weeks, and on the alternate days a scrap of banana. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and dandelion juice, and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, and every third day in the following week give 10 drops of syrup of iodide of calcium in the water. If the skin is not sore with the bird pecking it, paint the swelling daily with tincture of iodine. This may cause it to be absorbed without operative treatment. If it does not, wait until it has formed a nodule, then carefully open the skin with a sterile instrument, remove, wash with a solution of Jeyes' Fluid (1 in 100), put in a suture if necessary, and anoint place daily until well with lanocyllin ointment.

Continually Moulting.

Muriel.—You should have said where the birds are kept, as I am strongly inclined to think they are exposed either to draughts or damp. Look into this point and remedy that first of all. Then give the Rollers a staple diet of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. In addition, give each half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw and a morsel of banana or raw carrot. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts and ten drops of lemon juice for two days, and then dissolve half a teaspoonful of crystals of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in one ounce of sherry, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards until the moulting ceases. Even if the birds are cocks, which I am a little inclined to doubt, they will not sing until the moulting is stopped. The screeches at the end of the song of the Norwich are what is called "chopping" a very serious fault in a songster, and you can do nothing at all to cure it, or rather, to break it of the habit. Supposing the two Rollers are cocks, they will almost certainly prove "choppers," and be ruined as songsters after such a tutor as the Norwich.

A Physical Wreck.

Æolus.—I think this is about the correct description of your bird, and expect it will simply go from bad to worse until it goes off altogether. The loss of the claw is probably due to constitutional causes and not accidental, and its inability to crack seed or quite close its beak is due to the same cause. Notwithstanding your opinion to the contrary, I believe this is so, and that you will eventually find the beak getting in a bad way unless the following treatment improves matters. Give it a supply of a mixture of equal parts Canary and summer rape, but in addition to this give a piece of bread the size of a small walnut soaked in cold milk and sprinkled with maw seed daily. Every second day for a fortnight slightly dust the bread and milk, with flowers of sulphur, and on the alternate days add two drops of cod liver oil emulsion. Give a leaf of dandelion, varied occasionally with a morsel of banana daily. Keep it in a comfortable temperature, neither very warm nor on the cold side, but let it be as equable as possible. Bathe the foot, or feet, daily in a fairly hot solution of boracic acid for a few minutes, then dry, and anoint with carbolised vaseline. In the drinking water give ten drops each of dandelion juice, and lemon juice, and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea, every second day for a week, and for a fortnight afterwards dissolve every second day a crystal of sulphate soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, in the drinking water, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Follow this treatment for a month and then report progress.

Clicking and Wheezing (Aviary Bird).—You must try to discover the cause—most probably cold draughts, or extremes of heat and cold, or, possibly, foul or impure air by hanging near or over burning lights in the evenings. Any or all of these causes must be quite removed. Keep in a cosy place, but not necessarily a very warm one. In addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a scrap of green food. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whisky, six each of spirits of sweet nitre and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. If it quite recovers so that no trace of the wheeziness is heard at night you might breed with her—otherwise it would be best to avoid doing so.

Pecking the Wires (Edina). — This pecking and worrying of the wires is quite a common habit with many young birds, and some older ones too, at this season. It is simply the excitement of the approaching breeding season that is upon them, and they adopt this harmless though sometimes annoying habit to "work off steam." It will pass off in a few weeks, or sooner, if you give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two or three days, and give a spray of green food daily. Nothing more is necessary.

Stopped Singing (Birdie). — Sorry, but I cannot tell why your bird should have stopped singing so suddenly without some data to go upon. As it seems in perfect health and is not moulting there cannot be anything seriously wrong with it. Have you introduced another bird to its society, or a cat to the household which frightens it? Also you might see if its cage is quite free from insect pests. Add ten drops of lemon juice and a pinch of Epsom salts to its water for two days and afterwards 20 drops of whisky and ten of glycerine for a few days, and give a small scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed and a leaf of dandelion daily for a week.

Reducing Fat (G. Thomas).—Stop all luxuries and give a diet of plain Canary seed only, with a liberal supply of green food daily for a fortnight. During the first week you might limit the supply of seed to a teaspoonful per day. Twice in each week, only, add half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, maw, gold of pleasure, and teazle. Every second day add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water. At the end of the fortnight give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid for a day or two, and if the hen is sufficiently reduced gradually go back to the usual diet, but be quite sparing with all soft foods and luxuries, or the trouble will quickly recur.

Voice very Hoarse (T. D., Dublin).—(1) The bird is almost certainly exposed to draughts. Look well into this, and see that it is kept in a comfortable, but not overheated, temperature, as equable as possible, and quite free from draughts. Also see it does not hang near or over burning lights in the evenings. Then treat it as advised to "J.W.W." elsewhere. Your previous treatment was a great deal too drastic. There is no fear of your other birds getting the complaint from this one, but if exposed to the same causes they are just as likely to fall victims as this one. (2) It is quite a common thing for cocks to cease singing and sit quiet as you say, whilst the hens are sitting, so I do not think you have any cause for anxiety about this bird.

Indoor Aviary (J. J. D.).—(1) No, you could not breed with more than one pair in your aviary unless you separated it into distinct and separate compartments. In the latter case you could keep one pair in each of the compartments, or a hen in each, and run one cock with them both, alternately. The only other method open to you is to turn two hens and one cock into the aviary as it stands, but this would probably produce less results than having a single pair. Address a query to our Mr. Weston, re British birds. (2) Yes, a Roller cock and a Border hen would breed some very nice songsters, but if good singing is your only object a Roller hen would be still better.

Becoming Bare (Scotch Fancy).—You do not say anything about the age of the birds, though I suspect they have at least begun to leave their youth behind them. Feed them a little more generously, and see they are kept in a fairly comfortable place, away from draughts and chills, yet not overheated. In addition to the plain canary seed as staple diet give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for the next two or three weeks give a piece of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar. Twice a week also give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, linseed, millet, maw, and yellow mustard, and on each of the remaining days a little green food, banana, or raw carrot. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week. Anoint the bare places three times a week with carbolised vaseline.

Not Singing (G. C. R.).—You do not say whether he is in apparently good health and condition. If he is, and the position is such as you describe, I should be inclined to doubt his being a cock. In addition to the staple diet, you are giving, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, sesame, and inga. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky and 10 of glycerine for a few days. If a fortnight of this treatment does not start him singing I fancy the introduction of an active singing cock and facilities for housekeeping would soon reveal the cause of this bird's non-singing.

Not Moulting (W. I.).—If the bird appears to be in good health, and active, the best thing you can do is nothing at all. You say absolutely nothing about the health or condition of the bird. It is quite possible it may have moulted very gradually, so that you have not noticed it, but even if it has not, you will do no good trying to enforce a moult at this season. Keep it in a comfortable place, free from draughts. Feed on a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer as staple. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk, or sponge cake; on two other days a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, and millet, and a half-part each maw, gold of pleasure, linseed, and yellow mustard. Give a little green food daily. Allow him to bathe freely in mild weather.

Pairing and Hand-rearing (H.J.—(1) It depends solely upon the general features of the birds whether you would do well to intermingle the pair of small Norwich with the pair of large birds. So far as mere size is concerned it would certainly be best to make up each pair with a large and a small bird. But before doing so you must see whether the pairs would match in colour, shape, markings, and that any pronounced failing in one bird was not also a weak point in the other. As I know nothing about these points you must see I cannot advise you more definitely. But this I would say, if the two small birds are both buff, and match each other in general features, and the large birds are yellow and buff, and match in most other respects, you would probably do best to leave the selection as it is. (2) To hand-rear Canaries, take the young from the parents at 14 days old, keep the nest in a snug place, and cover lightly with a piece of flannel, and feed every two hours from dawn to dusk with the ordinary egg food made into a soft paste by the addition of a little water. Now and again put the least dusting of powdered cuttlefish in the food, and each day add a little very finely chopped chickweed to several of the "meals." A penholder, or a thin strip of wood, trimmed to a spatula shape, makes the best feeding implement, and the food should be mixed just moist enough to pick up conveniently on the tip of this stick. It's a tedious job, but amply rewarded, as I know well from experience, when one wants a tame pet bird.

Pair of Norwich (Novice).—Am afraid you have started wrong this time. You have not only put the birds too early, but also before the cock is in anything like breeding condition, and as the hen is clearly very forward, this will incite her to commence nesting quite uselessly. If she has not begun nesting, when this appears, separate them for a week or ten days, and give the cock, in addition to his usual seed diet, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and four of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of two parts each hemp and inga and one part each of gold of pleasure and sesame. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days but afterwards 4

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drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, two days in every three for a week. Then, if he is in better condition, and has commenced to sing you may mate them again with better prospects of success.

Seed Samples (C. Frostick). — You have quite omitted to say what you want to know about the birds, or what mischief you think the seed did them. The canary seed is small, but nice and plump, and of very fair quality. Nothing about it to do your birds harm. The hemp contains a rather large proportion of small and unripened grains, but the remainder is quite sound and of good quality, so the birds would probably simply reject the unripened stuff. If you could riddle out this small stuff, it would make a very good sample. The inga is rather dusty and old, and of only moderate quality. The linseed is a very poor quality, and also appears to be infected with mites. I should reject it altogether. If there is anything wrong with the birds, write again and describe how they are. Meantime, it can do no harm to give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days. There is no charge for these replies. Glad to help any reader.

From Warmth to Cold (F. J. K.).—You must on no account remove your birds to a cold, unheated room from a heated one, in which they have been brought up, without very carefully "hardening them off," as a gardener would say. You must keep up your present conditions until, say, the middle of next month, when the average normal temperature will be more mild, and then gradually drop off all heat, only putting a little on occasionally if there comes a very cold day or two in spring, and finally dropping it altogether during the summer. Then when the breeding pairs are broken up you can draft them in to the other room, where the young may be taken when able to do for themselves, and moult them there, and let them remain permanently. Place the old birds in the cosiest part of the room, and see that all are quite free from damp and draughts. If you find any of the adults becoming wheezy, cover their cages over at night for the first winter, or remove to a slightly warmer room, and continue the gradual hardening process in their cases for another season. A certain proportion of these failures will most probably occur, and a few of the older birds you may not succeed in acclimatising at all.

In a Bad Way (G. N.).—The bird has had a severe chill in some way, and I almost fear you will not be able to save him. However, try what the following treatment will do for him. Keep him quite quiet, in a fairly warm place, but not too much overheated. Give plain Canary only as staple, and every second day give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and on the first two occasions slightly dusting it with flowers of sulphur. On the alternate days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed with a morsel of banana. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb, dandelion juice, and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron, half as big, in two teaspoonfuls of drinking water, and add six drops dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a fortnight. Do not give cold baths until bird is quite recovered. Do not interfere with the foot. It may very probably come right as the bird recovers, and if it does not I doubt the utility of any mechanical means of rectifying the trouble.

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A Report (G. K.).—Thanks for early report of progress. Glad to hear bird is responding so well to treatment, which is very hopeful of your saving him after all by the time you have gone through the full treatment.

Accommodation (A.B.C.).—You have now quite as many birds in the aviary as it will accommodate for any success in breeding to be hoped for. It would therefore be decidedly unwise to introduce any more birds of any kind.

Birds Dying (H. Phillimore).—It is quite impossible to tell cause of the birds dying, as you say, from the mere fact of their having done so. It may very probably be some derangement of the egg-producing organs due to the snap of cold weather, but the real cause could only be got at by sending a body to our Mr. Yates for a post mortem in case another dies. This might easily be the cheapest course in the end for you to adopt. Sorry I cannot reply more definitely on present data. Why not get the Nutshell booklet on "Ailments," which our manager would send you for 2½d. post free.

Pair of Norwich (Scotch Lad).—No. I cannot venture to explain the cause of the seam down the bird's breast without having seen it or knowing more of its general condition and plumage. It may be partly due to a collection of adipose tissue about the breast, or to the nature of the plumage. It is quite possible for such a bird to be a very good stock bird when suitably mated, provided only it is neither puffed out with superfluous fat, nor in an emaciated condition. From the general particulars you give I should imagine the pair are pretty well matched to counteract each other's failings. But if the cock is overloaded with fat, you should put him on a spare plain diet with plenty of green food for a week or two, or, on the other hand, if in a very low condition give a little bread and milk daily, with an occasional bit of banana, hemp, or mixed seeds for a short time.

Turning birds in Attic (no nom-de-plume).—Your query in the main concerns Mr. Weston's department. See in column for reply next week. Three cocks would be quite enough to put in with twelve hens—too many cocks only cause trouble. Put up about twenty nesting-places. Supply canary and rape in unlimited quantities in separate vessels, and give a mixture of two parts each hemp, millet, and inga, and one part each teazle, broken groats, linseed, and maw, in limited quantities three times a week. Give a little green food daily. When young are about give hemp daily, and also a supply of crushed plain biscuit, sponge cake, bread and milk, or ordinary egg food.

Sucking His Feathers (Daffodil). — See reply to "Edina." Same cause induces your bird to suck and pull at its feathers. Give it ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in its water every second day for a week, and a spray of green food daily. Feed on a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, and give a small piece of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week. There is nothing you can put on the feathers to prevent the habit that would not be as great a disfigurement as anything the bird makes of them. You might try anointing the skin at the root of the feathers with cold cream to allay the irritation caused by the pulling of the feathers, which may possibly help to stop it.

A Trio (Dot).—(1) Provided the scullery is well lighted, free from draughts, and damp, and yet sufficiently ventilated to avoid any "stuffiness" in warm weather, and is not being frequently disturbed or scared by many different persons in the course of ordinary daily occupation, it should answer very well as a place to breed a few Canaries in. But you must not overlook the great value of quietude and privacy during the time the birds are nesting and rearing young. (2) All other things being equal, facing the window would be the best position for the cage, or cages. Do not forget the weekly fire in choosing the position, as the cage should not be where it would get a high temperature for a few hours and then revert to cold again. (3) Of the two named, I prefer the Yorkshire, though there is but little to choose.

Effect of Removal (J. H. Read).—The removal of the bird was probably ill-timed, or the bird was previously in a too warm position, which made the change to the cold room too great to mate all at once. It should have coincided with a spell of nice mild weather, or otherwise have been delayed another month. See that she is now quite free from draughts, and in addition to the seed diet give a scrap of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a week. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards. If she quite recovers there is no reason why you should not mate her, but do not do so until she is quite well.

A Guzzling Pair (J. W. W.).—There seems not much puzzle about this pair. It seems clear their condition is mainly, if not solely, due to fluctuations of heat and cold in the kitchen, where they were probably too near the fire, or gaslight, or both, and your previous treatment failed simply because you did not remove the cause. Now, if you are satisfied they are not exposed to any draught, and are in a fairly bright position, you will find the following treatment more successful. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give each half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate give a pinch only of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and gold of pleasure. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days, and afterwards 20 drops whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and sweet spirits of nitre, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week after if necessary. Do not put them together until quite recovered and in condition even if you have to wait until the middle of April.

What is it? (A. E.).—"Unflighted" is a term applied to a yearling Canary which has not had its flights—that is, the large quill feathers of its wings—drawn at first moult. Young birds do not shed these feathers naturally until the second moult, and formerly it was a common practice to draw them out at the first moult, which was called "flighting" them. The practice is not very prevalent now, and hence the term "unflighted" to describe a bird not so treated. A "Sib hen" is a hen which has been inbred on consanguinous lines by mating together birds having blood relationship with each other for several generations. Therefore sib-breeding is synonymous with in-breeding, and the birds so bred are termed "sib" hens or cocks, as the case may be. "First feather" is a term used to denote a bird in its first, or infantile, plumage which it acquires in the nest. After its first moult it is no longer a first feather bird. First feather shows are, of course, shows for the exhibition of young birds prior to their first moult.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Identity of Bird (J. C. F.).—The bird you have obtained (caught in your neigbbourhood) must be a cock mealy Redpoll. This species bas been very common just recently. It can be tried for muling purposes, but so far as records go, up to the present, tbe Lesser Redpoll (a smaller edition, broadly speaking, of the Mealy) is the more reliable fertiliser of eggs in captivity. You will find very full information concerning the feeding and management in "Nutshell" booklet No. 22 (post free 2½d., from "Cage Birds" Office).

Breeding in Cages (Rocbdale).—I think your stock of cages a real good idea, and have no doubt that you will breed many mules (the birds willing) in its various compartments. The methods you outline are quite correct. I certainly should not leave tbe birds in the aviary. The Bullfinch, Chaffinch, and Bramblefinch are very doubtful breeders, if mated to Canary hens; if you utilise tbem, look upon it as in the nature of an experiment, that is to say, don't build hopes ou fertile eggs. If the latter come, and young are reared, tben you will be a fortunate man. Leave the pair of Goldfinches together in the aviary; maybe they will go to nest. If you get good eggs it would be best to transfer them to the care of a hen Canary.

In a Conservatory (H. J.).—I have beard of birds being successfully kept and bred from in a lean-to glasshouse (conservatory). But where the atmosphere is moist (owing to the presence of many plants), and the temperature very high during the sunny months, or fluctuating considerably, then the use of such a place is not conducive to successful bird-keeping. Your own place, however, seems to be well situated, and if you can avoid the above conditions you will no doubt find your birds tbrive therein.

A Pair of Mules (R. N.).—I have never heard of young being produced from the mating of cock and hen Mules, but cases are on record of young coming from a cock Mule paired to a hen Canary. It is a rare occurrence, however, up to the present, and even now is a disputed possibility by many bird-breeders, who will not have it that Mules can breed. Keep your eye on CAGE BIRDS for something interesting on this point next week.

Sex of Goldfinch (C. V. H.).—If your bird is a hen according to the rules for sexing laid down in the "Nutshell" booklet, then this, I think, settles the point. Why doubt it? The information given therein is very good and up-to-date. Here are some sexual differences: The beak of the hen is shorter (not so thickset); the black on the wing-butts (shoulder of the wing), at top of the head, and round the "muzzle" (base of beak), is a grayish ashen colour, instead of a deep jet black; the under blaze extends backwards only to the middle of tbe eye (or thereabouts)), and is small in area all over—in the cock it reaches to the far side of the eye, and in a good specimen beyond it.

Skylark's Clogged Feet (A. Y.).—Instead of sand on the cage floor, try granulated peat-moss that is broken up very finely. It is obtainable at corn-chandlers' stores — is largely used by poultry-keepers, etc. Give the bird a "dust-bath," frequently (half sand, half road-dust, with a liberal dash of insect-powder in it). It can be arranged to hang on the cage door.

A Linnet's Trouble (R. Barber).—Possibly you are not keeping the bird under proper conditions—you give me no information on the point, unfortunately—maybe in a hot living-room, which favours the production of red-mites, and these pests can soon put a bird "out of condition." You must exterminate the latter, if present. You cannot do wrong by giving the Linnet a course of tonic medicine. The best, in my experience, is compound syrup of hypophosphates, B.P. This is not Parrish's Chemical Food, but a much stronger, and quite different preparation, of the nature of Fellow's Syrup. Get one ounce from a high-class chemist, and stir half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily. Give for three days, then on alternate days (plain water in between), for a fortnight.

The Case of A Mule (J. Bush).—If the stomach does not look reddish and inflamed then I am of opinion there is nothing the matter with the bird, tbe explanation being that he has come into breeding condition, this accounting for the "sharp cry" he gives, and for the prominent appearance of its vent. You should give the egg-food and milk once or twice a week only, and mix some teazle and a little summer rape with the bird's canary-seed.

Greenfinch Mules (J. C. B.).—1. As a mate for a Greenfinch a cobby Norwich-type hen Canary cannot well be beaten. Either a buff or a yellow would produce good Mules for singing purposes. 2. Cock Greenfinch Mules are excellent songsters, loud and free. They should be "trained" under a good noted cock Canary, and if allowed to hear a Linnet or Goldfinch, will also acquire some of its notes, and thus get variety. 3. I have often successfnly bred Mules from steady Greenfinches, in field plumage—that is, not house-moulted.

A Nightingale (Anxious).—If you keep the bird snug and out of draughts you have nothing to worry over—the feather casting will soon cease. Moisten its food supply daily for 12 to 14 days with a little good malt extract, half to a teaspoonful, commencing with a small quantity and gradually increasing it. Gentles will keep for a long time buried in damp saud, and stored iu a cool, dark place.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Foreign with British.

Amateur.—It would have been much easier for me to have given you a useful reply if you had described size, aspect, etc., of your aviary. The essentials are room for flight, and a well-lighted and weather-proof shed. Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Red-billed and Napoleon Weavers, Golden-breasted and St. Helena Waxbills, Java Sparrows, Diamond Doves, Silverbills, Spice Birds, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Red-crested Cardinal; the above will all stand our winter out of doors. You can keep with them the following indigenous species, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Siskin, Redpoll, Linnet, and Twite. The following are dangerous in mixed series: Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Robin, and Tits. I cannot assist your choice further as I know nothing about your aviary.

Amazon with Growth.

T. W. Lenton.—As soon as you see this reply, well cleanse the wound and anoint with a little zinc ointment not sufficient for it to ruu in the eye, and continue this treatment till the wound is properly healed. If there should be any recurrence of tbe growth you had better repeat query at once with full details. It will be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely while the trouble lasts; a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful in the drinking water) twice weekly should keep them well regulated. On the intermediate days well colour tbe drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Confine it to the regulation diet; do not give slops and messes, and it will probably soon be all right again. The breaking off of the head of the growth, and the consequent exusion of the pus, should lead to the speedy disappearance of the growth. Please report progress.

Senegal Doves.

D. J. W.—(1) The cage is really too small for them, for they are good-sized birds. I take it they are newly-imported, and have not yet got over the hardships of the voyage to this country. Get the following, all in powder, and well mix them together, equal parts of each: Gentian, cinnamon, anise and ginger; lightly damp the seed mixture and then lightly dredge it with the above mixture. Also give two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia, one teaspoonful in the drinking water, with three days between each dose, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. These are largeish birds; add a little small maize and crushed oats to their seed menu. Crush some cuttle bone to the size of millet, and put a pinch daily, with the same quantity of grit, in the daily supply of seed mixture. (2) Yes, and freely once they get settled down. If you have not been keeping them in heat, turn them into the cold room at once. They will take no hurt if there is no draught, and the exercise will help the ailing bird. (3) Canary and millet, with green food, grit, cuttle bone, and water for drinking and bathing will suffice for the Bluewings. No species of Parrakeets are permanently safe with Finch-like birds, and you will certainly be running a risk if you so mix them; but as your aviary is large, casualties should be infrequent and few.

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An Ailing Parrot.

C. M. B.—It is really a case for a veterinary surgeon, and I certainly advise you to let one see it. This is certainly the best course to take. It will probably save the bird needless suffering, as if its case should be hopeless it had far better be destroyed, or a slight operation may mean a speedy recovery. If the bird can still crack and eat seed I certainly consider it best not to give either tea or milk sop. The former I should not give in any case. Moisten the bread or biscuit with tepid water, slightly sweetened. I do not make visits for the purpose of inspecting birds, but where I consider such to be necessary, always refer the correspondent to their local vet. Examine its mouth, and if the tongue is badly furred, or there are any white specks on it, then put a little boney and borax into the bird's mouth twice daily. It will keep the bird's mouth clear while you are making arrangements with the vet. It will, of course, be cheapest for you to take the bird over to the vet. than to get him to come and see it. If you still wish to attend to the bird yourself, you must try and get at the swelling under the neck. Bathe it if the bird will let you; then dry it, and while the skin is moist rub in a little iodide of potassium ointment daily. If the skin should be broken you must describe nature of the sore before I can advise you. Keep me posted as to progress.

The Golden Oriole.

G. A. Baker.—As your bird is evidently a newly-imported one it would be better to keep it in a room which was slightly heated, as just at this period of the year many of the nights are very cold indeed, and the bird before it gets acclimatised may take harm therefrom. When it has passed one summer in England and gradually become accustomed to our variable weather, the temperature of an unheated room will suffice for it all the year round. The food you name will suffice for it, but it would be the better for an increased proportion of ants' eggs. Diet: Soft food, ripe fruit, live insects, and milk sop; the latter will be good for it, at any rate at first; also a liberal supply of mealworms or other live food. It is just as important to vary the live food as it is the other portion of its dietary, and if you watch our advert. columns you will be able to get quite a variety during the course of the year; moreover, it is possible to obtain cockroaches, beetles, and spiders to a greater or lower degree all the year round, and these, varied with the mealworm, will carry you through the winter. Later you can give caterpillars, gentles, wasp grub, etc. Newly-arrived Orioles are often very wild at first and difficult to tame, or steady; if such is tbe case with your bird you must keep it where it will not be continually scared by too much company or movement in its vicinity. Otherwise the temperature of an ordinary living or sitting-room will suffice for it. It does birds of this class good to have a fly round the room occasionally, and they can usually be got back to the cage without difficulty by the tempting bait of a few mealworms.

Senegal Doves (Senegal).—Yes, they are free breeders, and will agree with small birds in an aviary. Description: Head, neck, and breast vinous; abdomen, vent, and under tail coverts white; back chestnut, with a lilacine sheen; lower back and rump lead-grey; the wings are an arrangement of black, brown-grey, lead-grey, and grey, in which the latter line predominates; the tail coverts of similar hues; bill blackish; feet crimson. The female is similarly clad, but is slightly inferior in size and richness of colouration. The colouration is soft and beautifully harmonised. Give the following seed mixture: two parts each canary and white millet and one part each crushed oats and small maize; well mix before supplying to the birds. Otherwise treat as advised to "D.J.W." in this issue, but do not give the drugs—tbese are only for an ailing bird. Doves appreciate a piece of rock salt in tbeir aviary.

Parrot with Sore Foot (Highams Park).—If the growth is sound—that is, skin not broken—well cleanse it with tepid water, dab dry, and then lightly touch with tincture of iodine so long as the skin remains sound. In the case of skin being broken well cleanse with hottish water, dab dry, and then anoint with a little zinc ointment, to be continued daily till the sore heals. In the event of it healing up, and the growth remaining, treat as above with tincture of iodine, and repeat query with full particulars. It is well while such troubles last to keep the bowels moving regularly by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and also some such tonic as Parrish's Chemical Food. (See reply to "T. W. Lenton" in this issue.)

Amazon with Growths on Tongue (R. West).—I am glad you consulted a vet., as it is impossible to properly diagnose such cases by correspondence, though when the case is a serious one, the treatment I recommended for your birds has wrought wonders in many cases, and with any Parrot having a furry mouth, honey and borax acts like a charm in many cases, and often checks serious trouble; but whenever any case does not yield to the treatment, or if the growth is very pronounced, a vet. should be consulted—this procedure often saves the bird needless suffering. I am glad to note tbe bird is progressing towards recovery, which I hope will be complete.

An Untameable Bishop (Wild Bishop).—For a time keep one half the cage permaneutly screened, as a retiring place for the bird. Bishops are fond of mealworms, and if you offered one of these two or three times a day, he probably will soon learn to take it from your fingers. Do not deprive bim of the worm if he will not take it; drop it into seed tin or cage. The other precautions are to be as steady and still as possible when in its vicinity, and do not let your young people romp about near its cage. He would be likely to get tamed quicker if you could knock together a box, with netting front, double the size of its present cage.

Lovebirds and Budgerigars (Amateur).—Get a pair of Blue-wing Lovebirds, more properly Passerine Parrakeets. These will not breed so freely as the Budgerigars, but they will make a pleasing variety and should bring off an occasional brood; value 7s. 6d. to 10s. per pair, according to number on market. Keep an eye on our advert. columns and you should soon procure a pair; but if you get them before May, keep them in a cage indoors, and do not turn them out of doors till first or second week in May, according to whether season is forward or late.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Squabbling (J. T. Lloyd).—We quite agree with you that mere "squabbling," whether over shows, or show reports, or anything else, is not calculated to do much good. At the same time, we are not prepared to debar fanciers from giving expression to their personal opinions in our correspondence columns when they wish to do so. Stick to the birds, avoid personalities, and then the free exchange of opinions cannot fail to be of benefit to bird-keepers and breeders.

Cuttings (J. T. Pegg, A. T., Miss Young, and others).—We are very much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings.

A Photograph (S. Sykes).—Thanks; we will see if we can utilise the photograph in an ordinary issue, but are afraid it is hardly clear enough.

In Transit (Norman).—In our opinion the whole case rests upon whether you can prove that the delay, which resulted in the death of the bird, was avoidable—28 hours certainly seems an unreasonable time en route. What view the County Court judge would take of it we cannot, of course, say, but we think the case good enough to consult a solicitor upon.

Breeding the Lizard Canary (H. S. Waters).—Thanks for the paper you have sent us, which we shall hope to publish in the near future.

Crest Breeding (F. Litchfield).—Right; we will have this point touched upon.

No Egg (H. A. S.).—We will certainly endeavour to deal with this matter; thanks for suggesting it.

A Greenfood Holder (G. Warrillow).—This is quite a common "dodge," we think, amongst bird keepers.

Suggestion for a Plate (P. Morris).—We are much obliged to you for writing us, and will give your suggestion consideration.

Stationery for Bird-keepers (P. Linley).—We publish special books of letter-paper (with suitable blocks of birds and wording) for use with carbon copying paper. Our publisher would be pleased to quote you terms if you wish it. We cannot do them free of charge, of course, but the price is cut to the absolute minimum.

Late Club Notices.

Amble C.B.S.—April 1, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6.—J. T. Crackett.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.C.—Mar. 30, 71, London Street, 8. Fixing hall for F.F. Show and show of British: Linnet, Mealy Redpoll or Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Bullfinch hen, A.O.V. Brit. Hen.—F. Taylor.

In the Courts.

A Metropolitan Case.

Frederick Green was summoned, at Thames Police Court on March 16, for knowingly and wilfully using a net for the purpose of taking wild birds. Police-constable 87K stated that at half-past six on the morning of the 3rd inst., he saw the defendant and another man in a field in East Ferry Road, Millwall, with two nets pegged out and three decoy birds. The other man said, "I did not know it was the close season." That man claimed the decoy birds, and Green said that they were only after Sparrows. The defendant was ordered to pay the costs of the summons.

The Persecuted Woodpigeon.

Wood Pigeons are birds whose lives are anything but quiet. Every man's hand is against them, and although they breed as a rule only twice each year, laying a pair of eggs on each occasion, their numbers do not appear to diminish. Probably the destruction of Hawks and Owls has something to do with their numbers.

Difference in Nesting Habits.

Rooks will nest in February and March, but the Crow and Jackdaw are comparatively late breeders. It is generally a month after the Rooks have commenced before these birds think of household affairs, although the Jackdaws are constantly seen at the old nesting site from the turn of the year onwards.

Grey Wagtails.

The Grey Wagtails still linger in some of their winter haunts, although the time has arrived for their departure to the upland moors and stream, where they nest year after year. These birds evidently pair for life, as they can be seen together at all times, both winter and summer.

A Thrush-like Vulture.

It is well known among bird-watchers that the Song Thrush breaks the shell of the house snail upon a stone, using the stone like an anvil. In Spain (the land of many rare birds) there is a Vulture which makes use of large rocks to smash the bones of large animals, so that it can get at the contents. This it manages by dropping them from a great height.

How Booth Produced Specimens.

In procuring specimens for his museum at Brighton, Booth had to resort to many stratagems to get some of the most wary birds. The Peregrines, for instance, were caught in the following manner: "The birds were so wary and the position of the nest so exposed in the bare face of the precipice of at least one hundred feet in height that it was impossible to get a shot at either of them; so, removing three of the young, I stumped the remaining one down, and set a couple of traps on each side of it." In this way he

Thrush Imitates the Bugle.

A Cardiff man (according to the "Western Mail") owns a Thrush with a history. The bird was caught in Windsor Great Park, and went with the Second Life Guards to the Boer War. It went right through the campaign, was away three years, and returned to Netley Hospital. This bird was highly mimetic. It lost its original song and piped imitations of the bugle calls. Eventually it could imitate nearly all the calls in use. The owner was offered £18 for the bird at Hounslow.

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Wellington (Salop) Show.

Sir,—Having read in our interesting and most forward fanciers' paper, Cage Birds, that the Wellington, Salop, C.B.S. is running a show on March 25th, 1911, may I call their attention to the fact that they have not yet paid last year's prize money? If they cannot pay up and be respected, how can they expect to successfully run another show? Salopian.

Mules at Bangor and Menai Bridge Shows.

Sir,—At Bangor members' show my first prize winning Goldfinch-Canary Mule was wrongly described as a Linnet Mule, and well commented on as being a good bird, as it is a light Mule, and its feathers are white. I would like to know if a Mule which is half light should be placed after Dark Mules in a class, as it took premier honours in Bangor, and did not get a card at Menai Bridge show. I am at a loss to know why Light Mules are bred, if they do not get in the cards. W. Aitken.

An Appeal for a Port Glasgow Fancier.

Sir,—Allow me to thank you for publishing letter in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, re an appeal on behalf of a brother fancier—Felix Grahame. I may say I have received several letters from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, which goes to show the great value of Cage Birds, and proves how eagerly it is read amongst fanciers. I have disposed of some sixty subscription books among the secretaries of different societies, but so far I can't say anything on the sales of same. May Cage Birds flourish is the wish of the fanciers of Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock.

G. Forrester,

Clue Brae Head, Port Glasgow.

New Cage Bird Society for Durham and District.

Sir,—We have started a new Cage Bird Society, to be named the Dubmire Workman's Club Cage Bird Society. President, — Hall, Esq.; vice-president, Mr. G. Grahame; chairman, Mr. J. Fenton; secretary, Mr. D. Hann; assistant secretary, Mr. Barrass Robinson; treasurer, Mr. J. Henderson. We will have our meetings on Sunday mornings, the last of every month. We hope to have a very good membership. We had a very nice meeting for the first one, and hope for a better next one, as we will have to consider our first feather show, etc. D. Hann.

8, Brickyard, Bankhead,
Fencehouses, Durham.

The Marking of Migratory Birds.

Aberdeen University Migration Inquiry.

Sir,—We should like to draw attention to the work of the "Aberdeen University Bird-Migration Inquiry." This aims at collecting more definite information on the subject of the migration of birds by means of the method of placing rings on the feet of a large number of birds in the hope of hearing of the subsequent movements of some proportion of them. To this end the rings are inscribed with the address "Aberdeen University," and a number (or number and letter combination) different in each case. The rings are placed on young birds found in the nest, or on any old ones that can be captured without injury. The rings are of aluminium and extremely light, and do not inconvenience the birds in any way. The co-operation of all who take any interest in Natural History questions is earnestly solicited in order to secure the best results:—1. It is particularly requested that all who may shoot, capture, or kill, or even hear of any of our marked birds, should let us know of the occurrence. As accurate particulars of date and locality as possible are desired, above all, the number (or number and letters) on the ring. Indeed, except where it has been possible to deliberate the bird uninjured, the ring itself should always be sent; or the ring and foot, or even the whole bird. We always refund postage if asked to do so. 2. We invite the co-operation in the actual work of marking of any who are specially interested, and have some knowledge of birds, and also time and opportunity for the work. The necessary rings, schedules, postage stamps, etc., are supplied by us without charge, and we undertake to let the marker know of each case of a bird marked by him being recovered, and to let him have copies of printed reports as far as possible. The following results obtained at an early stage of the work will serve to indicate what is to be expected from it; these are merely a few records which happen to be of considerable individual interest: (1) A Wigeon duckling (*Marecca penelope*), one of five marked in June, 1909, on Loch Brora, Sutherland, Scotland, was taken in a duck-decoy in Province Groningen, north-eastern Holland, on September 3rd, 1909. This bird was thus only three months old when it was found more than 500 miles from its birth-place. A second member of the brood was shot on the Trent near Redford, Lincolnshire, England, in January, 1911, having worn the ring for a year and a half. (2) An adult Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) caught and marked at a farm near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, in June, 1909, was recaught at the same farm in June, 1910. (3) Five Lapwings (*Vanellus vulgaris*) marked as chicks in the north-east of Scotland, in the summer of 1910, were shot respectively in Counties Tipperary, Roscommon, Cork, and Limerick, Ireland, and in southern Portugal, during the winter 1910-1911. (4) A Song-Thrush (*Turdus musicus*), one of a brood marked as chicks in the nest at Skene, Aberdeenshire, in early June, 1910, was shot near Leiria, Portugal, in early November of the same year. The two localities are about 1,250 English miles apart in direct overseas line, and this Thrush thus made a journey of probably more than 1,500 miles within the half-year of its life. (5) Seven Herring Gulls (*Larus argentatus*), out of over a hundred marked as chicks on the cliffs about twenty miles north of Aberdeen in the summer of 1910, were shot at the following localities down the east coast of Scotland and England in the following autumn and winter:—Aberdeen, Tayport, St. Andrews, Sunderland, Grimsby, Mablethorpe, and Hunstanton; and an eighth at Manchester. (6) A Guillemot (*Uria troile*) marked at a newly-hatched chick on the Aberdeenshire cliffs on July 11th, 1910, was shot on November 29th, 1910, a dozen miles north of Gothenburg, Sweden. This bird was thus 4½ months old when it was killed more than 500 miles due east of its birth-place.

J. Arthur Thomson,
Professor of Natural History.
A. Landsborough Thomson,
Secretary of the Inquiry.

Natural History Department, Aberdeen University, Scotland.

How to Solder with Resin.

Sir,—"Linnet" in your issue of Feb. 4th, asks of some fellow readers of Cage Birds, "How to solder with resin." Since then some have advised him to use "Fluxite," spirits of salts, buy a blowpipe, etc. Now if "Linnet" requires to use resin why run him into expense of the above-named articles? If "Linnet" uses spirts of salts (killed with zinc until the boiling of the spirits has finished, and not killed with block tin, as Mr. Archibald Stinson in Cage Birds of March 18th states), and, it is not properly cleaned off after use, he will find it disastrous, as the spirits are poisonous. If "Linnet" will purchase ¼lb. resin 1d., and ¼lb. tallow, 2d., making 3d. in all, it will last him months. First smear the part to be soldered with the tallow (as there is no salt in tallow), then add some powdered resin and use the soldering iron in the usual way; "Linnet" will succeed in solderiug with resin. He must understand he cannot solder zinc with resin. "Plumber."

The Breeding of Norwich Plainheads.

Sir,—No novice could be more pleased than myself for the valuable information contained in the two contributions relating to Norwich Plainhead and Yorkshire Canaries which have appeared in your recent issues from the pen of that well-known judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield. Would it be asking too much from the said gentleman to kindly let us know (also through your columns) the number of birds, and how marked, he would recommend a novice to commence with, in the formation of a stud. I am now thinking of the Norwich Plainhead, which is the variety I purpose going in for. Also how he would pair up the following season; also his method of pairing to produce suitable marked show birds, what are the best markings, and last, but not least, his detailed method of feeding each day from the nest onwards. Concerning the last item, we are told over and over again to feed on hemp, egg-food, etc., but no mention whatever as to the quantity to be used—and this, to my mind, is the rock on which we novices perish. A Grateful Novice.

Wake Up, Leyton!

Sir,—The members of the Leyton and District C.B.A. will indeed be amused by the letter signed "Alivo" in your last issue. The report of the last meeting will be found in the same issue, and the manuals were all in the members' hands previous to the letter appearing in print. We are enclosing a copy of the manual, and we think you will agree that we are not far behind other clubs in getting them out, especially when the amount of work is taken into consideration—canvassing for advertisements, etc.—by which we greatly reduce the cost of production. Taken as a whole, "Alivo's" letter is as ridiculous as it is contemptible. The same opinion is expressed by quite a dozen members (not all officials) whom we have met since the letter appeared in print. One and all, after a hearty laugh, have made some disparaging comments on the writer. It is hardly necessary to inform members, but we would like to inform the Fancy generally, that the Leyton and District C.B.A. is still progressing on the *upward* path. The membership still exceeds 100, although a number of names have been removed for non-payment of subscriptions. Perhaps "Alivo" comes under the latter category; in that case he will not have received a manual. In conclusion, we would just like to say that if any member has a grievance, either real or imaginary, our committee will always be pleased to give it their best consideration providing he addresses it to them in a proper manner. By doing so he will be acting more like a man should act. Any further effusions by "Alivo" will be ignored by

Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.
Leyton and Dist. C.B.A.

[The manual referred to in the above letter is a 24-page pamphlet containing, in addition to an excellent syllabus for 1911, a list of the members' names and addresses, the society's rules, etc. The booklet is tastefully produced.—Editor.]

Do Goldfinches Wilfully Waste Good Seed?

Sir,—I am no novice in keeping Goldfinches, but much as I love these handsome birds, I am sometimes sorely tempted to give up keeping them on account of the extravagant waste of seed, which seems to me inseparable from caging them. My mixture is mainly one of sound Canary, hemp, and teazle, but I find more than half of it uncracked on the floor. The birds pick up a seed, and it is ten to one on their throwing it on the floor instead of cracking it. I have tried glass bottles, and troughs with round holes here and there, without success. The seeds, whole and sound, often cover the cage bottoms, or the floor, in spite of every precaution. I feel pretty sick to see so much sound Canary seed swept up amongst other rubbish, and I feel sure it is no exaggeration for me to say that, out of a mixture weighing one hundredweight, less than half is eaten. Using a sieve and trying to gather it is not a success. I would like to hear the experience of others. Canaries will eat Canary seed. Goldfinches only do so in a last extremity, and the majority do not thrive on it, say what one will.

"Disgusted."

A New Cage Bird Society for Chester-le-Street.

Sir,—Notwithstanding the unfavourable climatic conditions, a large muster of fanciers and friends met in the Butchers' Arms, and formally inaugurated a Cage Bird Society for Chester-le-Street (radius 10 miles). An attempt was made to make it a Fur and Feather Society, but Biddle men were in the majority, and carried the day. The following were elected to the offices: Chairman, Mr. W. Forster; committee, Messrs. Bendalow, Davison, Tarn, Dobson, Hughes, and Ward. A paper on the Norwich Plainhead will be given at next meeting, April 15th, at 7p.m., by Mr. W. Forster. Discussion will be invited. Fanciers and friends are welcome. The subs. were fixed at 5s. per annum, and 1s. to join. Sixteen members were enrolled, and a good prospect of as many more next meeting. Any communication or inquiries to me.

J. Hedley, Hon. Secretary.
2, Hemel Street, Chester-le-Street.

Prize Cards at the Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) Show.

Sir,—In 1908 I won 1st, silver cup, special and vhc in Novice Roller Class; 1909, 2nd, 4th, and special; and 1910, in champion Young Bird Class, hc. On the two first occasions I wrote for the cards, but did not get them—just the gummed labels that were put on by the judge. I did not trouble to write for card at 1910 show, as I thought, like "Exhibitor," no cards were given, until Mr. Firth enlightened us. It seems a strange thiug that exhibitors do not get their cards, even after writing for them. I have never had to write for cards only when exhibiting here, as at all shows, including the Palace, they are sent with the birds at the close of the show. Like "Exhibitor," I like to have what I am entitled to, as when we sell our birds customers naturally want the cards birds have won. A. G. Pattison.

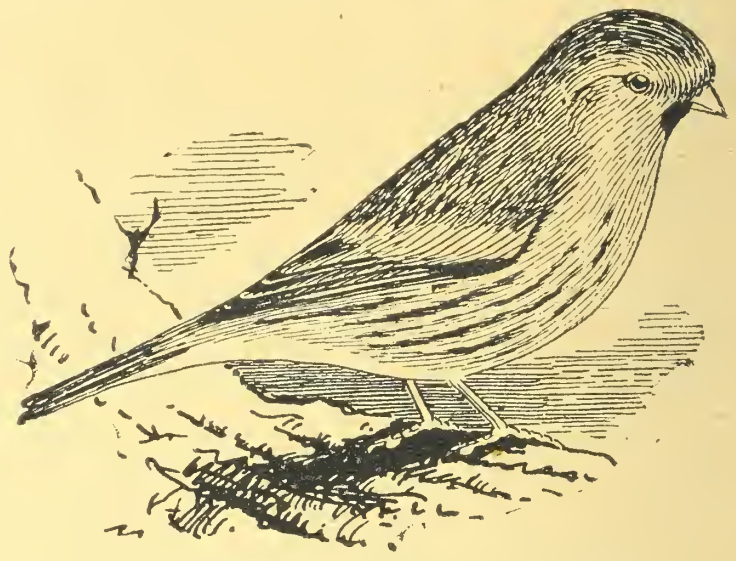
Sir,—Seeing that Mr. Andrew M. Firth is surprised to heard that "Cardos" has not received his prize cards, I should like to inform him that I also have not got any as yet. I showed four birds, and got 2nd and two 3rds, and a 4th with them. My prize money came all right, but no cards, only the "mutilated tram tickets." Then you see other exhibitors letting people know they have got both. If I am not mistaken, the 4th prize money in the half-classes was withheld, and a card was to be given. I hope these few lines will catch the eye of some of the L.C.B.A. members, who may try and give exhibitors more satisfaction for sending their birds at their own risk.

A. Hordern.

The Destruction of Rare Birds.

Sir,—During the latter part of the year just past two examples of the Hoopoe were obtained within a few days of each other—one at Elham, on the South Coast, and the other at Pitlochry, in the North of Scotland. The Elham offender was fined 2s. 6d. and £1 7s. costs, the bird being ordered to be forfeited. In the meantime, the owner of the Pitlochry Hoopoe remains in undisputed possession of his specimen, as it seems that in Perthshire the bird receives absolutely no protection during the six months ending March 1st, and no penalty attaches to its destruction. Such a state of things shows all too plainly that the existing protective measures are quite inadequate for the protection of the casual feathered visitor. Even when the offender is caught, red-handed, shooting a legally protected bird, and the charge is fully proved, as in the Elham case, he is not infrequently let off with the payment of a paltry fine and costs, which amount to much less than the market value of the dead bird. What is wanted is a general law protecting all rare and beautiful birds which visit our shores, and giving magistrates power to suspend the gun licence for some years in the case of a first conviction for killing any such protected species, and, on a second conviction, the revocation of the licence altogether.

Joseph Collinson.
Animals' Friend Society.



A WINNING LESSER REDPOLL.

First Prize at the last Crystal Palace Show for Messrs. Bell and Fisher (Frizington, Cumb.)

Loud Song from Skylarks.

A Hand-rearing "Tip."

Sir,—I noticed in your issue of March 11th a novice asks for information re the loud singing of Skylarks. I waited to see if there would be an answer in your last issue from an abler pen than mine, but seeing only a short note, I thought I would send my method along, trusting it will meet the needs of "A Novice" or any other reader. My method is as follows: Get two pounds of Trower's "Cecto" and to that add three 3d. packets of a good maker's packet of Lark food, Spratt's for preference. Use that as a staple food. Write to Mr. H. Allen, of Leeds, who advertises in Cage Birds, for one of the books, for after I had been doing as the book said for about a month there was a great difference in the song of my birds. I also give my birds Hemp, Canary, White Millet and Rape seeds—not all at once, but on separate days and in separate pots. I give all sorts of flies, caterpillars and grubs as I find them, and a fresh turf whenever the weather is dry and free from frost. The cages I use are 18 inches long and 16 inches high and 11 inches deep inside measurements, with a bow extending to within two inches of the whole length of the fronts and end, back three-ply wood. I make them myself, but buy the wire fronts. I noticed last year a number of queries addressed to your Mr. G. E. Weston (from whom I have got many a tip by studying his replies to others), re the hand-feeding of Larks. Here is a tip I picked up long ago, and I have never known it to fail: Get an old cock Lark, no matter whether he sings or not, or is tame or wild; put him in a large cage or a grocer's box with fine mesh wire in the front, and the first Lark nest you can find. When they are about a fortnight old (the young I mean, of course), bring them home and put them in with the old cock Lark, then leave him alone. Be sure to give him plenty of food, and he will do the rearing part. I have one which reared seven last year. I kept one of them, and he has turned out a fine young cock, and sings nearly as good as the old cock. The only thing is to keep them well supplied with food, or otherwise sand off the cage bottom or anything that is in the cage will go into the open beaks of the young ones; but do not try an old hen Lark, or she will kill the whole lot very quickly. I trust some reader will find this tip of some use to him during the coming season, and I wish Cage Birds and Cage Birds League every success.

E. Southwood.

The Lizard Canary.

Sir,—I note in Cage Birds of March 18th, a report of a lecture on the Lizard Canary, by Mr. H. Cooke, in which he uses the whole of the L. and L.F.A. standard when speaking of his ideal bird, but omits to give the source of his information, or to credit our Society. We are at all times pleased to see the merits of our favourites put in print, hut when anyone has to rely on outside assistance to make a lecture complete, the least he could do when using such information would he to give credit for same when using it. John Rukin.

Hon. Sec. L. and L.F.A.

New Cage Bird Society for Shepshed and District.

Sir,—A meeting was held on March 16th at Mr. Watson's, the Hall Croft, when it was unanimously carried that we form a cage bird society, and that it be called Shepshed and District Cage Bird Association. Membership is open to a radius of ten miles. Proposed and seconded that A. Edwards be secretary pro tem. A good number were enrolled as members, and two donations were given of 2s. 6d. each by Messrs. G. Smith and W. Watson, and several specials promised for the coming show season. Proposed and seconded that the next meeting he held on March 26th, at 7.30 p.m., at the same place. Business: Election of committee, etc. A hearty invitation is given to all fanciers. Full particulars can be had from me.

A. Edwards, Secretary.

Springfield Road, Shepshed.

The Cage Bird Fancy in Devonshire.

Sir,—I have read with interest the letter signed "Devonian" in your current issue, with a reference to the Cage Bird Society formed at Tavistock two years since. I always hesitate to reply to anonymously written letters, but as the writer is definite in naming "Tavistock" as one of the districts which ought to "run a very good society," I write to inform you of the "great interest taken by the local committee." At the annual meeting, convened last year, for the purpose of receiving the financial report, and the election of a committee for the year, the only persons who attended the meeting were the chairman, the hon. treasurer, and myself. "The great interest taken by novices" (I quote your correspondent's words) and of the committee may be appreciated when I say that the society has a good balance in hand. All prize monies won at the first show were paid out at or before seven o'clock on the day of the show, and the only question for the "novices" and committee to consider was the further carrying-on of the business of the society to secure a show which may have been held in December of last year. If "Devonian" is resident at or near Tavistock, he may aid the Fancy locally by calling upon me, when I shall he very glad to be relieved of the secretarial duties, which I am sure he will be delighted to take up. Wm. Hy. Parsons,

Hon. Secretary, Tavistock and Dist. C.B.S.

The Lancashires and Lizards of To-day.

Sir,—I am sure a great deal of good would be done if friend Fuller would explain his ideas to an audience of Lancashire fanciers. Perhaps if Mr. Fuller was asked by either the Rochdale or Oldham Society he would respond and give a lecture. Then we could get to know something of the Lancashire variety. I hope this matter will be taken up in the right spirit.

John Henry.

Sir,—I was surprised, and may say annoyed, on readmg my "C.B.," to find my name appearing in print, and in so prominent a manner, and whilst thanking my unknown critic for so kindly mentioning my birds so favourably, I at the same time wish he had left me out of the question altogether, as I don't believe in so much bolstering anyone's particular strain. Now, in regard to Mr. Fuller saying these hard things about the judging: it is quite a hobby of his, and nobody wonders when Teddy gets riding it, as his heart is in his hobby, right from the geegee down to the harness, etc., necessary to equip it. I think Mr. L. B. has got a bit mixed in his criticism of Rochdale Show, and is too severe on Mr. House's judging there, as, with the exception of the broken cap, silver cock and silver hen class, there was not much to grumble at—in Lizards, at any rate. Lancashires I can leave to others to thrash out for themselves. Re the Palace Show, he is again at fault in saying Mr. Dewsnap was first in Golds, as I was first, Mr. Dewsnap being second. However, no big harm has been done. In regard to Mr. Donnelly's letter, I can assure him that I can take a fair beating with anyone, and seldom grumble, even at mistakes or bad judging, when I am a victim. However, I will try and enlighten him in regard to my saying I was beginning to think it was time to keep our birds at home. This was not in connection with the judge at the Scottish National, hut in regard to complaints made by some of our members, and also owing to the officials of the above-named show promising to give us four classes, and then, at the last minute almost, giving us two only, without advising us of the alteration as regards the judge. Well, I contend it is as fair to one as to another, and far more exciting. Mr. Fuller's sentence referring to my best Gold being out of the cards; I can assure Mr. Donnelly that I don't need to send a postcard to the judge, as I think Mr. L. B., in referring to this bird, has given the reason; it had knocked a few feathers down middle of back, and this must have put him out of action; and, when telling Mr. Fuller, I told him I expected this was the reason. I think Friend Teddy also gives the reason of Mr. Oliver's Silver being so far down, as surely it is a big disadvantage to have a new tail in, much less winning without a head, another of Teddy's extravagant expressions. Mr. Donnelly is quite right in saying that Rochdale fanciers were not disappointed, as far as Lizards were concerned, as they had little or no Rochdale exhibitors showing, as of late years they seem to be an unknown quantity; and yet there are several breeders of Lizards in Rochdale. For my own part, though I have never done very much under Mr. House, I am quite satisfied he can judge a Lizard with anyone, when he likes, and I feel sure, in my mind, that some of his awards have been purely and simply mistakes, as I am confident some of his awards have not been his best judgment. I trust that the discussion may do some good.

John Rukin.

The Norwich Plainhead Club of Ireland.

Sir,—I would feel thankful if any of your Irish readers could inform me what has become of the above club. In your paper of last April a notice appears of this club being in a good position, and also to the effect that the cups would be offered for best exhibits in unflighted birds amongst its members at shows obtaining the club's patronage. The past show season is now gone, and on referring to all the show catalogues I can't find one show that had the club's patronage. Personally, being more inclined to show Norwich birds than the Yorkshire type, I would indeed be sorry if this club should fall through. Perhaps if the cups were offered to birds that had, say, a club ring, it would be preferable. Also a novice cup might do a lot of good to obtain more members. Any information will thankfully be received by the writer, Catch-my-Pal.

Two Useful Cramps when Cage-making.

Sir,—To the readers of Cage Birds who at times make their own cages, I thought the two cramps shown in the accompanying illustrations might prove useful. They are serviceable appliances for many jobs, and they are also very simple to make; and will be found specially effective for cramping wide boards together. The first cramp shown is the simpler of the two, and consists of two blocks of larch wood, and some cord. The blocks, which, by the way, should be about ¾in. square, and 6in. long, are placed one on each edge of the boards, as shown, and the cord is then wrapped round two or three times and tied. A small strip of wood is now placed between the strands of cord and twisted,

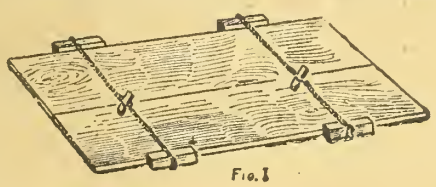
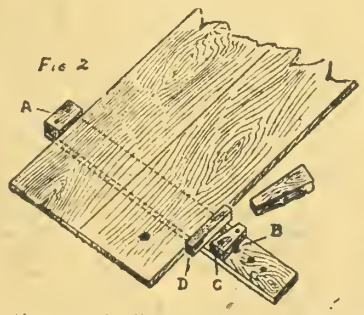


Fig. 1



which action gradually presses the boards closer together. In cramping thin boards together, a weight should be placed upon them before finally tightening the cords to obviate the risk of the boards buckling up. The second appliance can be made any length according to the number and width of the pieces it is required to cramp together; but a convenient size is about 2ft. 6in. long. Any odd length of stuff will serve the purpose, providing it is planed flat on the top face. At one end of a board, say 6in. wide and ¾in. thick, screw on a piece of stuff 2in. wide, as shown at A, Fig. 2, and at the other end another piece tapered, as shown, is fixed that may be adjusted to any distance hy the movable pins, B, which fit in holes made equidistant along the board. When the wood to be cramped is placed on the board, as in Fig. 2, the block C is pinned in the hole nearest the edge of the pieces to be cramped, and the wedge is then driven home. It is advisable when cramping up to use a packing piece, D, in order to prevent the edge of the wood being damaged by the wedge. Two of these appliances should be used when cramping up stuff that is more than 1ft. 3in in length.

E. G. W. Cunnington.

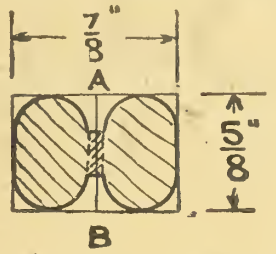
FAST DISAPPEARING.

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A Quick and Effective Method of Making Perches.

Sir,—Cage Birds' readers will now be busy cleaning and fitting up breeding cages for the coming season. Making perches is not a very difficult task to the small breeder, but when some considerable number are required some standard should be used to get a uniform section. You can obtain the timber, ¾in. by



¾in. in running feet. Using a joiner's ¾in. heading plane, take off the edges as shown in sketch. After sawing down the line "A B" and sandpapering over, your perches are ready. This method is both quick and effective.

P. Linley.

Proposed United Nest Feather Show.

Festival for Birmingham and District.

Sir,—I would like to draw the attention of all fanciers and members of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., West Bromwich C.B.S., South Birmingham O.S., and, if possible, Wolverhampton C.B.S., to an effort being made for a United Nest Feather Show to be held in the evening of June 22nd (Coronation Day), and ask the secretaries of each society to give the matter their best attention. Perhaps they will place such an idea and the following scheme for holding same, at the earliest possible date before their members. To give thought for discussion, I should propose as follows: To invite all the secretaries together to form and co-operate for the best possible result, after the members of each society have agreed upon same to he carried through. To obtain a levy equal to 30s. per club; this, we would say for argument, would realise £6 for the four clubs, or £4 10s. for three, which same would pay for judges' fees and special cash prizes only, the same to be allotted by a committee of four, including the secretary from each club. Special meetings to be held for this show as would be satisfactory to all. That the entranee fee be at the rate of 6d. per bird, each society guaranteeing not less than 10s. for 20 birds to be entered, shown or not. The prize money to be allotted, not on a sliding scale, but fixed at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, with cards from 1st to 3rd. That it be held at the City of Birmingham's rooms, that society heing the senior one, and allow them 10 per cent. on total receipts for expenses, viz., judges' refreshments, cleaning of rooms, fixing staging and use of same. That all birds be on staging at 6.30 o'clock, with one hour allowed for judges to allot awards; open to all 7.30 or 8 p.m. That the chairmen of each society act as show managers and umpires, as needed in complaints or disputes. Then, failing a United Show at one room, perhaps it would be possihle to hold one Nest Feather Show at each society's rooms—two in June and one or two in July, under similar conditions. I trust interest will be shown in my effort to bring together a record gathering for a record year.

J. Sheppard,

Sec. of South Birmingham O.S.

The Proposed Lancashire Union.

Sir,—In reading your excellent and entertaining report of the splendid gathering of societies in the Yorkshire district, one paragraph particularly arrested my attention. I refer to a part of Mr. Hammond's speech, in which he said "that at the end of a twelvemonth he hoped to see a Union as strong as their own in Lancashire." And why not? There ought to have been such a Union in Lancashire this many a year. Perhaps now that it has been suggested from outside we may get one. The advantages to be derived from such an institution are innumerable; to name a few—the value of hoth show and stock birds would appreciate, it would promote healthy and friendly competition, and would prevent the clashing of shows if worked on the same lines as the Yorkshire Union. It perhaps would not be quite so easy of arrangement as the Yorkshire union, owing to the more numerous varieties which are kept and exhibited, but even that difficulty could be surmounted, given a few men with brains (and, in spite of "Bird o' Freedom," there are a few such in Lancashire) at the helm. In my opinion, Mr. Lythgoe's suggestion, "That the Yorkshire Union take the wholo of the North under its wing," would never catch on. I think they would be very foolish to adopt any suggestion which would interfere with the present splendid working of their Union. No! there are enough societies in Lancashire and that part of Cheshire in close touch with Manchester to form a Union which would become in time even as strong as the Yorkshire Union. There are no fewer than 24 strong societies in the district, in addition to a host of smaller societies, who, although unable to hold an open show of their own, would yet have an inducement to join such a Union. This union of societies need not be antagonistic to, nor is it being sugested by me to supersede the Cage Bird Union, which, as Mr. Lythgoe said in his speech, is not dead yet, hut even so optimistic a fancier as himself must admit that it is in need of artificial respiration. What the complaint is, Goodness only knows; it certainly is not troubled with congestion, and will be troubled with that complaint even less now that they have adopted the suicidal policy proposed by the Liverpool O.S., i.e., the deletion of Rule 22. If I may be allowed to digress even a little farther, I would like here to point out to the Liverpool Society that they held last year the best show ever held in Liverpool, and created a record for the United Kingdom, so far as I remember, with the splendid average entry of 18.55 per class, and no classes cancelled. This remarkable feat was achieved under the C.B.U. rules, and under the hated Rule 22. Will they beat it next year without the Union? But to revert to the original subject. I hope some of the leading lights in this district will give us their views on this subject (not the C.B.U.) in your next issue. If the idea meets with favour, I don't see why the Union could not be got in working order before next October. Now then, secretaries, waken up, and don't all write at once. Optimist.

The Pegging of Chaffinches.

Sir,—Seeing that Mr. E. Grantham is asking through your valuable paper of March 11 how to peg Chaffinches, I will endeavour to give him my experience. First, he must have a stout-singing Chaffinch that will sing freely tied up in a black handkerchief in a cage—one that does two or three changes of song for preference, and will do battle with any wild Chaffinch he may meet on the road. Then he requires a dummy cock Chaffinch set up so as to show the whites of the wings well, a case of bird-limed twigs, made of whalebone, with a strong needle and a piece of lead hound on one end so as to be able to stick it in anywhere, and weight it. When he has these things he is ready for a day's pegging. When he gets into the country with his Chaffinch singing, the wild ones will soon show themselves hy darting about in an excited manner, and "pinking" or singing in answer to his own bird. When he has found one showing the above-named signs, he must get his dummy stuck up quick at the butt of a tree or in a hank close hy; then stick a limed twig so as to be straight up or across the back of the dummy about 2 inches away. Then stand the Chaffinch a few feet away, and if the wild Chaffinch is fit, he will soon strike at the dummy and get caught on the limed twig. If he does not strike at first, hut still darts about excitedly, you can shift the dummy into several different positions to try him. In most cases, when the hird is fit, one set will be enough to catch him. But some are very fussy how they have the dummy before they strike, and some will not strike at all, though they show every sign of it. I know of some districts where you could take a good hird and pass dozens of wild Chaffinches singing, but could not catch one. I know also of others where you could catch them as fast as you tried.

A. Woodruff.

Marking Canaries, and the Making of Egg Food.

Sir,—I thought some chemist would have replied to your correspondent re the liquid he asked about for marking Canaries, or I would have done so sooner. I cannot lay hands on the report which mentioned the solution in question, hut if my memory serves me aright, it was a chemical solution owing its staining properties to the action of one chemical upon another. I have a hazy recollection of thinking at the time that it was very similar to some of the bichromate solutions used in photography, and I am rather sceptical of its utility for marking the feathers of Canaries. Your correspondent would find a strong solution of violet aniline quite serviceable for his purpose. This seems to be the ink used to mark birds for dealers' trade purposes, and is sufficiently durable to remain legible for several months. If anything more permanent were needed, though, of course, twelve months is the limit of usefulness for any such method of marking on account of the moult taking place, I should imagine a good marking ink, as used for marking linen, etc.—one that requires no heating to fix it—would be all that could be desired. Whilst writing, I should like to refer to the recent report of the egg-food making competiton, at the City and Suburban A.C.B. It will be noticed that two competitors used Standard bread for making the egg-food. Just now, whilst Standard bread is booming, this was only what one might expect, so intimately do fact and fashion affect every phase of our existence, but in this case I believe the fashion must and will be wholly beneficial to the health and stamina of the birds reared with its aid. I have for many years at intervals suggested the wisdom of employing what has formerly been known as wholemeal bread in preparing food for rearing young and lately repeated the idea in the chapter on feeding in "Our Canaries." But wholemeal bread, as it was termed, never caught the popular fancy or got the boom which appears to be running on Standard bread, consequently it was not so readily available in the fancier's household as it may be for some time to come. I am convinced that provided a proper Standard bread is procured, and not merely a dark, so-called Standard, it would be wholly to the fancier's interest to use it in preference to the ordinary white breads of to-day, or biscuits. Claude St. John.

The Cage Bird Union.

A Secretary Appointed Pro. Tem.

Sir,—Will you kindly announce that the Secretary (pro. tem.) of the Cage Bird Union is Mr. S. Hadwin? Several other gentlemen were nominated for this office, but were unwilling to stand for election. Mr. J. Tyler Leicester) and Mr. G. J. Warley (Brixton) were the only nominees for president and treasurer. Replies to my last circular letter to societies, and all communications re the Union, should be addressed to Mr. S. Hadwin, 137, Copperas Hill, Liverpool.

Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, late Sec. C.B.U.

A Mule from a Foreign Bird.

Sir,—Perhaps readers would like to hear that I have got two young birds out of a nest of four eggs (hatched on the 11th inst) from a South African Blackhead (cock) and a hen Canary. The cock bird is a splendid songster, and has beautiful plumage. I am not certain of its name, but the description is as follows: Jet black head and neck, brown wings and tail, white belly from neck, with black marks forming V from tail. I might say it is the third nest I have had from this pair, but I have never had any eggs fertile until this year. This is the second nest this year; in the previous nest I had one young, but they killed it. Would any reader tell me whether I have the bird's right name?

A. Wright.

The Exhibiting of Borrowed Birds in Ireland.

Sir,—I have read in the correspondence columns about the exhibition of borrowed birds in Ireland, and with much of what your Northern correspondents write I am in accord. That this pernicious system prevails, and that, too, to a great extent, is known to most of us, but those who indulge in it and thus sacrifice this personal honour for the honour (?) of winning a card, cover up their tracks so carefully that it is absolutely impossible to bring their guilt home to them. There is only one way in which this wholesale swindling can be successfully combated, viz., by the universal adoption in Ireland of the closed ring and the systematic keeping by the specialist clubs of a register of all closed rung birds. For a club to have a rule which states that birds (Canaries) exhibited must have been bred by the exhibitor is nonsensical, and it is more nonsensical to add to it that, if necessary, an exhibitor must make a declaration to the effect that the bird was bred by him, for under existing conditions there is nothing to prevent a man from purchasing a good closed rung bird out of a selling class, cut the ring off, and then enter it and win with it as his own breeding at a later show. And, as for "declarations," well, I think it will be acknowledged that a man who does that would swear the cross off an ass's back. Stringent measures will have to be adopted to checkmate these unscrupulous exhibitors, some of whom one would never suspect of such dishonesty. By all means let the use of closed rings become general, and a register be kept by the specialist bodies of all rings issued, and all birds sold and exchanged. Let every close rung bird's number be printed in the show catalogues, and then will cease the showing of borrowed close rung birds and of close rung birds purchased a day or two before the show "on approval," on the "if-it-doesn't-win-send-it-back" principle.

J. P. Rooney.

Climbing the Yorkshire Exhibition Ladder.

Sir,—In reply to Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell's letter, allow me to point out to them that sarcasm does not overcome the truth. When I sent you my last letter for publication, Mr. Editor, I also sent you the gentleman's letter (which I had filed) for your inspection as proof of my statements, which perhaps you will substantiate. Who told Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell that I confused your readers? Are they the only readers of your valuable paper? They seem to have put the cap on as being the "confused" parties, as they have made nothing but confused statements in all their letters without yet having given your readers one word of proof. They state that their bird was marked on both wings, of which I was quite aware when I wrote my last letter; and having set them a bait, they, like a foolish fish, came up and swallowed it, and thus acknowledged to all your readers that their bird never won at the Palace Show, as the bird that did win was only marked on one wing! Now, Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell, seeing that you have not yet denied any of my statements, perhaps you will be able to convince the readers if you can deny (with proof) the following: Can you deny the gentleman coming to my house in November, 1903, and buying the hen which I bred, and which won at the Crystal Palace Show in February, 1906 (not 1905, as you stated)? Do you deny writing to the gentleman (unknown to me) in February, 1906, after the Palace Show, telling him you had bred the hen and sold her to me, and at the same time asking all particulars about the hen and what honours she had won before the Palace Show? Can you deny that the gentleman wrote you back telling you when he bought the hen from me, and also giving you all particulars and markings of the hen? Can you deny that the gentleman showed the hen at Manchester Show, October 28 and 29, 1904, while at the same time your bird had not left your possession, as you showed it at Halifax November 4 and 5, 1904? Can you deny that your bird did not come into my possession till November 23, 1904? Can you deny my statement of Mr. J. Broadley and Mr. Hewson coming to my house in December, 1905, and buying the hen which came from you, as you have had every opportunity of writing to them? Now, if Messrs. Blackburn and Mitchell (after the statements they have made) have any manliness left in them, they will answer the above questions instead of beating about the bush and trying to evade the truth.

W. Taylor.

[We have perused the letters to which Mr. Taylor refers.—Editor.]

The Problem of Markings.

Sir,—As I have been much interested in Mr. Norman's plate and Mr. House's description of ticked birds, in the issue of Feb. 18, there are a few points I am not clear on. But as a novice I am sure I shall be forgiven if I have come to a wrong conclusion, i.e., that such birds must have only one of the technical marks laid down by the Yorkshire Club's rule, together with any other ticks or marks on the body; or dark or Cinnamon ticks and marks without any technical points; or one technical point only—such birds I understand are of the ticked variety. The unevenly marked, two technical points, and one body tick or mark, I understand. But the question is, what do the following come under? (1) Two or more technical points, with two or more body tick or marks; or (2) two or more of the same technical points, with two or more body ticks or marks. Neither Mr. Gardner nor Mr. Weston states whether the bird discussed by them had two of the same technical points or two of either of the said technical points, or if there were any body marks or ticks. I suppose I must wait and see what will constitute an even-marked bird, whether it is 2, 4, 6, or 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 technical points on a clear body, as I do not know. But as a novice I am anxious to know these details before the show season, and so many eminent judges read your valuable paper that I am sure someone will put me right.

Arthur H. Cowell.

The Yorkshire Club's definitions read (1) An evenly marked bird must be four-pointed (both eyes, both wings), or six-pointed (both eyes, both wings, both sides of tail; (2) an unevenly marked may have two, three, or five technical marks on eyes, wings, or tail, separately, or in addition to any other variegation on its body. A bird with four or six marks, if variegated on the head or body, is also considered an unevenly marked bird; (3) a ticked bird is one with dark feather on thighs, rump, or any part of an otherwise clear body; it may also have a mark on one eye, wing or tail, but not more than one such technical mark separately or in addition to any other variegation on its body. These definitions should enable Mr. Cowell to decide the points he mentions. In the two cases he cites the birds are unevenly-marked. He is quite right in stating that a ticked bird can have only one technical mark. The Mule recently under discussion was two-pointed (evenly marked on both wings); if it were marked on the body it could not be two-pointed. A three or five-pointed bird cannot possibly be "evenly-marked."—Editor.

(Several letters unavoidably held over).

How I Treat my Canaries during the Breeding Season.

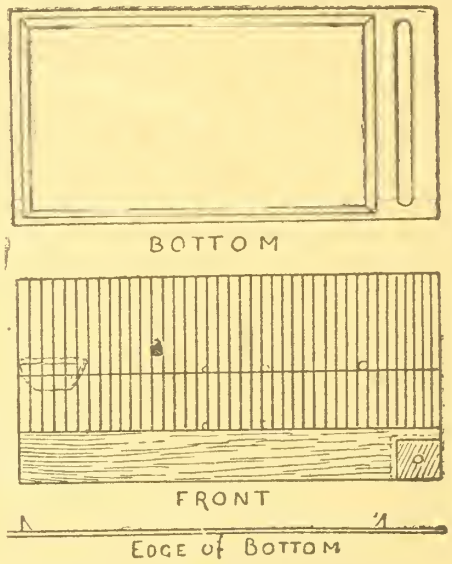
By J. I. MACKIE. (Edinburgh).

A Lecture delivered before the members and friends of the Loanhead and District C.B.S. on March 11th.

Mr. Chairman and brother fanciers,—Needless to say, I am delighted to be present to-night and to give you my mode of procedure during the breeding season. At the same time, I cannot understand what tempted your worthy secretary to ask me, as I feel sure he might have selected a more influential and popular breeder than I. However, if I can assist you or pass along any suggestions worthy of your consideration and trial, I shall feel amply rewarded.

Cages and Accessories Considered.

So much appears in the Fancy Press and otherwise nowadays that lecturers and writers of articles feel, as I have felt, that it is difficult to know how to proceed and how to serve up anything quite new and original. I have, however, decided to depart for a moment from my text or title and deal with the matter of the cages and accessories of the bird-room.



Details of Mr. Mackie's All-wire Cage.

During the winter evenings I am either overhauling old cages or making new ones, as I consider it essential to have all in perfect readiness for breeding operations to begin: I do not consider it at all advisable to be messing about the bird-room, doing repairs, etc., when breeding has been begun; a certain amount of quietness is undoubtedly desirable at such a period. I may, too, at this point state that I do not believe in having many visitors to the bird-room when the breeding is in full swing.

I have brought with me one of my cages, so that I may convey to your minds more clearly how it is made and the various advantages it possesses. I am not, it should be noted, criticising other cages which fanciers may use with equally as good results. As you will observe, it is an all-wire cage, with a sliding door at each end and one in front, the seed box cover and bottom being movable. I use the double-holed nest board. The size of the breeding cage over all is 22 inches long, 10 inches wide, and 11 inches high; it is simplicity itself. I know the ideas introduced in the cage are by no means original, for I have personally traced the idea back for three generations in one family of fanciers, with probably several minor alterations.

I have several reasons for using and recommending this cage to you. It is very easily cleaned, and offers no encouragement to our friends (?) the red mites. I have, I may add, successfully reared all varieties of the Border Fancy, also Norwich and Mules, in these cages, my total last season being somewhere about 80.

So much, then, for the cages. Having them all in order, I affix, by means of a piece of cage wire, a piece of cardboard to the end of the cage; this answers a double purpose: it divides each cage, and does for writing the proceedings on of the pair which occupy the cage for the season. As time permits, I transfer the particulars off these various cardboards into my register, which is kept for future reference. I have also a piece of cuttle fish bone tied on a wire at the back of the cage, at a height which the birds can comfortably get at, and sufficient to do the whole season. I also tie a piece of string to the top of the cage near the front; I unravel the end, which I find keeps the hens in amusement, and is also a preventative of plucking their young.

Introducing the Birds.

All cages in readiness, I put the hen, about the last week in March, in the cage allotted to her, having previously cut her tail, also the loose feather at vent, which gives her more freedom, and insures cleanliness in her plumage. I place the hen's partner at the end of the breeding cage in his own cage, which is 14 inches by 7 inches by 10 inches in size; in this position they become better acquainted, and will soon be observed feeding, and talking love. I allow this to go on for several days, or even longer, until I observe the hen wishing to nest, and crying for her partner. I then introduce him, and as a rule they usually agree well.

I make an allowance of half a teaspoonful of egg-food per bird every day, which is composed of three crushed Osborne biscuits and one hard-boiled egg. I endeavour as far as possible to have several pairs set up at one time, so that in the event of any casualties or disappointments, I can depend on one or other of the pairs. I remove the eggs as laid and substitute dummies, setting the hen on the evening of the day on which she lays her third egg, taking care to enter particulars on cardboard. I also mark on the face of the cage with chalk the date the young are due, this being constantly and conspiciously before me. I am not then so much indebted to my memory.

Humouring the Hens.

I allow the cock bird to remain with the hen while she is sitting her first round, feeding only on plain canary seed; unless, of course, I wish to run him with another hen. Some hens don't care about their partner being taken away, and, like human beings, have to be somewhat humoured. I have usually found, however, that she takes to her duties better in the morning, having to go to the nest to deposit her fourth egg. Again, we find that some cocks are rather forward and are continually molesting the hen, and consequently have to suffer separation. These irregularities do crop up, and have to be dealt with according to circumstances.

On the thirteenth morning I supply egg food—just a small quantity to begin with. Thereafter I usually supply egg food four times daily—at 5.30 o'clock a.m., nine o'clock a.m., one o'clock p.m., and six o'clock p.m.

Dandelion is my favourite green food. I start supplying the hens with same after the young are three or four days old. I also give plenty of crushed hemp seed separately, and a sprinkling of rape seed in the egg food at midday, and a sprinkling of maw seed in the evening egg food. I never give green food after midday. When the young are about ten days old, I give them a new nest, well sprinkled with Keating's powder.

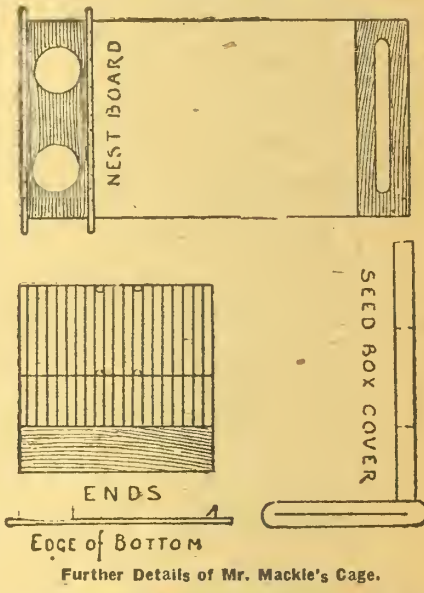
About this time the nest board gets somewhat dirty with the youngsters' droppings. I usually clean the board every evening—just lifting with a knife the dirt which is lying around the nest. I sometimes find the hen is somewhat out of sorts when the young are about a week old; I have, however, found that a slight spray and a drink of salts do a lot of good.

I let the young remain with the hen until she has laid the third egg of her second round, when I remove the cock with the young, allowing him to remain with them until the young of the second round are several days old; by this time the first brood are usually doing for themselves.

The third round is carried on in the same fashion, with the exception that I endeavour to get the hen to rear the last young herself. Three nests per hen is my allotted number from each; in fact, sometimes less, according to the condition of the hen.

While I have mentioned dandelion as my favourite food, I only use it when it is young and tender; thereafter I have recourse to lettuce; the same applies here with leaves only about two or four inches long, as I find my birds feed and eat off these with great avidity. I also give chickweed and mouse ear—the nice seeding stuff. I never supply green food to the young after they have left their parents.

I have never been unfortunate enough to have an egg-bound hen, but I believe in the use of olive oil, applied to the beak and vent in such emergencies, having found this treatment successful in the case of a hen belonging to a fancier of my acquaintance.



Further Details of Mr. Mackie's Cage.

I never give niger seed to my birds. I once tried it, and I had the impression that my birds were the worse for it. I have also found that fanciers who use it have egg-bound hens galore. It is stated by some that niger seed is a preventative of egg-binding; my impression, however, is that if the seed is used, the utmost discretion should be exercised in its use. Personally, I get my "better half" to keep all the egg shells used for household purposes; these are put in a tin and placed in the oven and thoroughly dried; they are then easily broken up, which I serve up to birds among their sand regularly every week.

Here is a hint which I got from a friend, which may be passed along; by placing a ring (a curtain ring will do) below the salvage edge of the nests before putting the nest into the board, it allows the droppings of the young to go clear of the nest on to the board; they are then more easily cleared, and it keeps the nest much fresher.

I understand that you are all expert nest-makers out here, but I may be allowed to suggest to you that the addition of a weak solution of Jeyes' Fluid and glue may be added with success to the water in which you soak the felt previous to putting it in the block.

I usually wash out my cages thoroughly once a week, adding Jeyes' Fluid to the water, thus insuring strict cleanliness and a refreshing smell; in fact, I know a fancier who supplies it regularly in the drinking water of his birds. It will be found to keep the water pure and free from germs. But the greatest care will need to be taken in the matter of the quantity mixed with the water; a much safer antiseptic to use with drinking water or washing drinkers is permanganate of potash, or Condy's Fluid, which gives no smell and keeps the water fresh, which otherwise is liable to become contaminated with dirt where a large stock is kept. I use these two drugs myself in large quantities.

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By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

No. 1: The Bearded Tit.

No doubt some amongst the many thousands of readers of Cage Birds may wonder why these articles are to begin again. Do you remember the story of Dr. Vaughan and flogging? Something was said about flogging in public schools. Dr. Vaughan was once flogging a young nobleman, who, not being used to such rough treatment, presently got up and asked the headmaster how many cuts he was going to give. Vaughan replied in his most mellifluous voice: "That is for me to decide, Lord F., kneel down again." Apply this little fable to yourselves. The Editor has asked me to write an article weekly for Cage Birds. It is for him to decide; for me to obey. The number of cuts is to rest with him—I beg your pardon, the number of articles.

I am going to begin with a very interesting little bird, the Bearded Tit. These birds are only to be obtained at one time of the year—the autumn—when they are fairly cheap; coming over from the Continent in considerable numbers. The price is usually about fifteen shillings a pair, though I have seen them offered as low as ten shillings; but this will be for ragged and pecked about specimens. Usually they get their tails both frayed and broken, so that the first thing I do is to pull out the stumps and begin afresh. It only takes about six weeks to grow a beautiful new tail, and I don't like to see a bird going about with a stump.

Last year I got hold of a particularly perfect pair; indeed, the cock was the finest specimen I ever saw, and in perfect show form. The hen was a little pecked about and deficient in flights, but otherwise quite healthy. She could not fly, however, so I arranged a lot of branches in her house, rising gradually from the floor, so that she could scramble up them and so get out of danger of mice and draughts. In a month she got her new flights and could fly as well as the cock.

Regular Love Birds.

These birds are very affectionate, and are always to be seen sitting side by side, preening each other's heads in the most affectionate and embarrassing way to a mere human onlooker. They always remind me of a pair of very newly engaged lovers!

Bearded Tits, in fact, have never nested successfully in captivity, but I determined that I would try and make them. It is always my ambition to do what somebody else has never done. I made the aviary as attractive as possible from a Bearded Tit's point of view, and even succeeded in getting some tall bulrushes which I arranged in, what I thought, a most scientific manner along one side of the sleeping house. Now, I thought to myself, if that doesn't attract you, nothing will.

The Tits seemed deeply interested in my plans, and the moment I cleared out they were creeping and climbing all up and down the rushes, like a couple of mice. This went on for a long time, but nothing came of it. I determined to try another plan. I fixed up an ordinary German Canary cage and covered it with twigs and made a hay nest in it. I did not think much of my handiwork, but in the bird world it is always the unlooked for that happens. It was so in this case. The Tits took to the makeshift at once, and were hardly ever out of it, sitting side by side like a couple of small owls.

One day I saw a regular hunt going on, the cock pursuing the hen all over the place; twisting and turning and doubling in the most wonderful manner. It was evidently the lady that was leading him on. I thought at once of the old, old story of the young lady who was told to write an essay on the Fall of Man and commenced in these words: "Man was born and lived in innocence, but he"—at this point she was suddenly called into another room. Dean Swift coming in, found the MS. and added the words—"ere long fell in with woman, and she—." It was so here, man had fallen in with the woman, and the result was the same as usual—she was leading him on. Woman, you know, as the schoolboy said to the examiner, was made a little after man, and she has been after him ever since.

For a few days the chase continued; and then things began to settle down. I saw the cock carrying bits of hay about, and any feathers he could find, and about a week later I noticed him sitting close near the cage, and the head of the hen just visible within. Of course, if I had been curious I should have frightened her off and had a peep, but not being a fool, I did nothing of the sort, but refrained my soul in patience. If you meddle with nests you are always sorry for it—afterwards. A Roman Catholic priest on the Congo once told a legend he laughed much over, of how a fellow priest had enterprisingly settled himself one night in the middle of a Bilbi village with intent to devote the remainder of his life to quietly but thoroughly converting it. Next morning, when he rose up, he found himself alone; the people having taken all their portable possessions and vanished, to build another village elsewhere. The worthy Father spent some time in chevying his flock about the forest, but in vain, and he returned home disgusted, deciding that the Creator had for some wise purpose dedicated the Bubis to the devil.

I have often seen the story illustrated in the birdroom; the zealous owner, like the priest chevies his flock about, and then wonders why they desert their nests. I don't!

Joy Unrestrained.

About ten days after I first saw the hen on the nest, I happened one morning to go into the aviary to feed, and I noticed the hen was off feeding. I slipped quietly across and took a hasty look. The cage was about on a level with my eyes, and to my intense joy I saw there were three or four eggs laid. I knew this must be about the complement, so I carefully watched to see if she was going to sit. Alas, I soon found she was not. She hardly ever went near the cage, though the cock sat and called her diligently. I knew that I must quickly do something or the eggs would be ruined. My only hope was to find a nest.

I went out into the garden and had a good look round, and after a time I was fortunate enough to find a Green Linnet's nest in a big thorn bush. The next thing was to get a ladder and see what it contained. This was soon done, and to my joy I found three newly laid eggs, not yet begun to be incubated. I quickly returned to the birdroom and took the Tit's eggs and carried them as quickly as possible to the Linnet's nest, and deposited them therein. I came back in the evening, and to my great joy I found the owner on the nest.

My only fear now was that some stray cat would climb up and find the nest. Fortunately this did not happen, but at the end of ten days I began to get uneasy. Supposing the Greenfinch did hatch but did not feed right, all my work would be ruined. After hours of agonising indecision, I determined to take the eggs and transfer them to a Hedge Sparrow's nest I had found. I did so, and fortunately the owner did not object, but went on setting as if nothing had happened, in spite of the difference in the eggs.

On the right morning I went and looked. As I came near the bird had slipped off the nest, and to my joy I saw two ugly bluish little birds in the nest, like an unshaved chin, and holding up great goggle heads, on a very thin and weedy neck. Again my fear was cats, as the nest was in a low bramble bush, but once more the gods were propitious. For about four days the little beggars lived. I can't say they thrived, for although I tried to think so I saw that they remained horribly thin and cadaverous. Evidently the hen did not feed them, or she did not give them the right sort of food. Hour after hour they grew visibly weaker, the heads waggled more and more feebly, and at last when I went at night they had ceased to waggle, and at the bottom of the nest lay two leaden coloured little corpses.

All Blinds Drawn.

Gloom, deep and sepulchral, as of Phlegethon, settled down on my spirit. I tried to think I had not done wrong in taking those eggs. Things might have been so different if I had left them with the Linnet. I suppose the only wonder was they had lived so long. The dinner that killed the Duke of Wellington was a cold pie and salad. I picked out the corpses gingerly with a pair of pincers and held them up to view. They were not exactly inviting—dreadfully emaciated. The saying of John Fisher, journeyman carpenter, came back to me, who, when he saw the bust of Voltaire in the Cambridge Library, said, "Kinder sickly like, isn't he?"

And now for a brief description of the Bearded Tit. The body colour is a delicate fawn, merging to yellowish white beneath; the wing coverts are tinged with black, as are the tail feathers, and the under coverts are quite black. The beak is yellow and the throat and neck nearly white, which shows off to great advantage the beautiful black moustache. The total length of the bird is, I should say, about six inches, of which the tail occupies four. The hen has no moustache, and her tints are far less distinct and delicate.

Bearded Tits do well in a cage of fair size and of the box pattern, but I think it is cruel to keep such active little things in a cage at all—an aviary, to my mind, is the only place for them. I have often thought that if I were very rich I would contruct a big outdoor aviary with a pond and growing reeds, and then I have little doubt that my friends would sit and rear their young successfully on the minute aquatic insects they would be able to catch and which always hover over water. As I never shall be rich, I don't suppose my plan will come off, but I give it away to some more fortunate brother.

Bearded Tits do well on any ordinary good soft mixture, but they are very fond of mealworms, and some of these must be supplied daily if you wish to keep them in form. They will eat maggots, but, as the American hunter said of "crow," they don't hanker after it. They are exceedingly fond of bathing, and in hot weather are taking baths more or less all day.

They are rather fond of hemp seed and eat it like all Tits, but I am not sure if it is very good for them.

I have found that my Bearded Tits usually die suddenly, I expect of fits. They make lovely corpses, as the old farmer's wife said of her Rouen drake when he died. To some even this may be a consideration. For my own part, I do not care for stuffed specimens, so I always give them decent burial.



THE PURPLE-CAPPED LORY.

A love'y and interesting member of the Parrot family exhibited at the Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) Show by Mr. T Miller (London, S.W.), where it was very highly commended.

The Linnet in Captivity

By J. H. O'NEILE.

Linnets are nice Britishers, though admittedly not so bright or handsome as Master Goldie, my favourite. I had the honour of being second at the Palace with one in a class of 42. They are, I think, more delicately constituted than the Goldie, but when they get over the first touch of house sickness they go on well in confinement, and if it were for their song only they would be well worth keeping.

Treatment of Fresh-caught Birds.

When I get fresh-caught Linnets I treat them the same as the Goldies. That is to say, I give hemp, Canary, teazel, flax, cracked sunflower, etc.; and a good supply of clean sand, which they enjoy very much. Only I give them in addition cabbage, gold of pleasure and plantain, charlock, etc.

When I notice any of them taken sick I at once give in the drinking water as much Epsom Salts as you would lift twice on the blade of a penknife—a threepenny or sixpenny piece is the usual measure, but the knife is sometimes more handy.

Breeding.

In breeding with the Linnet I have found no trouble with them. I refer more especially to breaking the eggs. The Linnet is a much more docile bird than the Goldie, and mates readily with the Canary. The young are also easily reared, and make what many consider the best songster to be had, either trained under the Linnet or Canary.

In moulting for show, I induce the Linnet to bathe. If you fail in this you will require to spray the bird. When moulting the birds for show the only extra I give in addition to the seeds and screenings (the latter may always be had of farmers, who will be only too glad to get rid of them), is a plentiful supply of the weed known as "rat's tails"; this has the tendency to enhance the colour of Linnets, and is, I believe, the best means of getting Linnets the sound brown colour so much looked for when on the show bench.

A Splendid Seed.

Flax seed I also find is splendid for the Linnet. It is the flax that gives the finishing touch in the shape of a nice glossy coat. I always give my Linnets a good supply of this.

I use the same stock cage for Linnets as for Goldies, and find they do well in them. This consists of a cage made on the breeding-cage principle, but 18 inches long, 12 inches high and 9 inches wide. This gives the birds plenty of room and allows you to have two perches a third can be made on the trough. My breeding cages, I may say, are of pine-wood, and are 12 inches high, 11 inches from back to front, and 24 inches long, being finished inside with enamel.

The Sexes.

Now, as to the sexes: The cock Linnet is a much bolder bird than the hen, better marked (though not in all cases) on the breast; and if he is an over-year bird, if you turn up the breast feather, you will see a red hue that is not in the hen. The hen is, if anything, not so full in the head and brows as the cock, and shows no sign of the red referred to. If in doubt, hold over until they sing. Any friend would lend you a singing Linnet, and if you have good healthy cocks in your stock you will soon pick out the cocks from the hens.

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Club Reports.

ANNFIELD PLAIN & DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held March 14, and was a success. New members are "rolling in." Fanciers please note, yearly subscription 4s. per member.—T. Robinson, Sec.

SELSTON AND DISTRICT F.S.

Meeting held March 11th, Schoolroom, when it was decided to call a general meeting March 27th, to be held in the Schoolroom at 7 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to attend. Special business.—F. Maltby, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

A most successful whist drive was held on March 16 in aid of our new staging fund. It resulted in a nice sum for that object. Winners: 1st prize (case of fish eaters), P. W. Jeffries; 2nd prize (case of carvers), W. Penton; best half-time score (case of Apostle spoons), H. Neighbour.—R. P. Harper.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters March 11th. Decided: To purchase four trophies for coming season's competition—medal for runner-up in each section, silver medal for novice Yorks. most points in the V.H.C., H.C. and C. Cards kindly given by Mr. Walker, also 10s. 6d. special given by Mr. Moore for novice Border sections, all the trophies and medals to be won outright this season. Annual subscription, 2s. 6d. —G. Harwood, Hon. Sec.

ILFORD F. AND F.S.

Meeting held White Horse Hotel, 14th March, Mr. J. Smith in chair. New members elected: Messrs. H. Finch (Romford), A. Brown (Seven Kings), and R. Seckler (Goodmayes). Mr. S. Mason (Ilford) was unanimously appointed Assistant Secretary. At first monthly show (April 11) a special feature will be three classes provided for eggs, with good prizes for winners; it is hoped members will heartily support this show with entries and make it a success.—J. H. Priestman, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

A lecture was given by Mr. Rouse, of Heywood, on March 1, on "British Birds and their Eggs," before a very good attendance of members and friends. After the lecturer had finished a good number of questions were asked and answered in a very straight-forward manner. A most interesting meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the lecturer for his kindness in coming. Fanciers, don't forget April 5, when a lecture will be given on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. E. Faulkner, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of that variety.—E. Hartley, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Members and friends met headquarters, March 7th, when Mr. H. E. Tringham gave a most interesting lecture, entitled, "The Breeding and Preparing of Canaries for Exhibition." Mr. F. Cole occupied chair. Mr. Tringham was greeted with applause. He treated his subject in his own breezy style, giving much useful information, and raising many smiles to the faces of his audience. At the close the questions came thick and fast, keeping him busy until a late hour. Everyone felt he had spent a most profitable and enjoyable evening. Mr. Tringham was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks, to which he briefly replied.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held headquarters, Linacre Hotel, Linacre Lane. Following are office hearers for the ensuing year: President, Ald. Peter Ashcroft; Vice-Presidents, J. Lobb, Esq., W. B. Rimmer, Esq., E. Regan, Esq., H. Williamson, Esq.; Chairman, R. Nickson, Esq.; Vice-Chairman, G. Kincla, Esq.; Treasurer, L. Hamilton, Esq.; Auditors, J. Hunt, Esq., W. Knowles, Esq.; Secretary, F. E. Hawkes; Assist. Secretary, Mr. N. Bond; Committee, Messrs. Larkin, McNulty, Lobb, Rimmer, Knowles, McLean, Kincla, Latham, Bracken, Fossett. If any fancier wishes to join, I would be pleased to give any information: all communications should be addressed to me, F. Hawkes, 39, Lloyd Street, Everton, Liverpool. Next meeting, April 4th. Yearly subscription, 3s.—F. E. Hawkes, Sec.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

A very good attendance of members and friends heard Mr. P. Mason lecture on the pairing and breeding of the Yorkshire Canary at headquarters, Blue Bell Hotel, March 18th. The first subject was: How to keep the hens in condition; then, what kind of birds to breed with for mark breeding. The lecture was very interesting to all present. The subject was thrown open for discussion. Several questions were asked, especially by novices, who were eager to learn. Mr. Mason dealt with the questions in first-class style, and gave satisfaction to all. The Chairman (Mr. W. B. Atkinson) called upon Mr. R. Garnett to propose a vote of thanks. Mr. G. congratulated Mr. Mason on being the first member to have the courage to lecture to his own society. Mr. W. Rushworth seconded the vote. Mr. Grange, secretary of Manningham C.B.A., responded. Mr. Mason replied that he was glad to see so many present, and thanked them for their kind attention.—J. Cook, Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Annual general meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 11th March, Mr. Noble occupying chair before a good attendance of members. Balance sheet next submitted, showing a small balance on right side. This was, however, under the circumstances considered satisfactory and passed accordingly. Club gold and silver medals were then distributed by President to the successful exhibitors present, when each received hearty congratulations, with expressions of "more to follow." A motion (in writing) was forwarded from Mr. Cairns (Edinburgh), asking the meeting to consider the advisability of improving in some way the present club drinker tin, this being backed up by a similar suggestion from Mr. W. McNaughton (Larbert). A discussion followed, in which several of the members expressed their opinion as to the drawbacks of the present drinker; unanimously agreed, that members be asked to send on to Secretary suggestions or designs to be considered at first Committee meeting some time in May. Mr. Campbell moved, supported by Mr. Cram, that the minute in relation to "Club Novice" be rescinded and the following substituted: "A novice shall mean a person who has never won a first prize in open competition previous to Club's A.G.M. (March, 1911)." This ultimately became the finding of the meeting. The following gentlemen were duly proposed and elected to membership, viz.: Messrs. R. Lambie (Whitburn), J. Shanks, Jr. (Coatbridge), and D. Barrie (Croy). This being all the business, a cordial vote of thanks to Chairman concluded meeting. New members are now being enrolled, and I trust all interested in the Crested Canary will join us in furthering the interests of the variety north of the Tweed.—John Young, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held March 14th, Y.M.C.A. A good attendance. Decided, to hold F. F. Show July 1st, and the Rev. R. P. Hudson, M.A., our President, be asked to judge. Mr Jeffreys promised 5s. special for best Mule or Hybrid bred 1911. Members can be enrolled at any of the meetings held second Tuesday in each month; entrance fee 1s. and 6d. per month after.—H. Jameson, Sec. and Treas.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held headquarters, Wharfe Hotel, March 11th. Secretary's report and balance sheet passed as read. Following officers chosen for ensuing year: President, E. Stobart; Vice-Presidents: E. Crossley and J. Robertshaw; Committee, C. Pickles, W. Highley, P. Sunderland, F. Townsend, J. Lumb and J. Robertshaw; Treasurer, H. Crossley; Stewards, A. Sutcliffe and W. Wild; Secretaries, Sutcliffe and Walker, 48, Clifton Street, Sowerby Bridge. —Sutcliffe and Walker. Secs.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Church Hall, Hamstley, March 18, Mr. G. Barkas in chair. There was a fair turn out of members. Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead) was engaged to judge the Canary classes at open show, Oct. 28. Decided to hold a first feather show, June 24, and to have same classes as last year, the sec. to write a few judges for terms, which will be dealt with next meeting, April 1. We enrolled a new member (Mr. H. Nicholson, Westwood), and will be very pleased to enrol a few more at April meeting. We are sorry our hon. sec., Mr. Lindsay, could not attend meeting owing to an operation which he has undergone, but we are pleased to hear he is on the mending side.—Wm. March, Asst. Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

At meeting held March 15th a presentation was made by the President (Mr. G. Peters) to Mr. J. Shaddock, who was secretary during 1910. It took the shape of a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed. Mr. Peters remarked the pleasure it gave him to make Mr. Shaddock a small acknowledgment for his good temper and geniality during the past year, and the way in which he had conducted the business of the Society. Mr. Shaddock in accepting the beautiful present, said that he hardly knew what he had done to deserve it, adding that he had received pleasure in the business of the Society. At some future time, when not pressed so much by his business, he would, if asked, be delighted to take up the duties of secretary again. —A. J. Barratt, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHOUSE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Mar. 14, Wellington Inn, President, Mr. H. Stake, in chair. A good number of members were present. Balance sheet read and passed unanimously, showing the society to be in a good position financially, despite the heavy loss at the last open show. Decided, to hold meetings at Wellington Inn the next twelve months; also to alter meeting night to Monday in place of Tuesday. Election of officers: President, A. Dearden; vice-presidents, J. Tattersall and J. E. Hargreaves; secretary, F. Mitchell; assist. secretary, J. B. Saunders; treasurer, H. Kaye; auditors, N. Sykes, and Sykes, and A. Gill. A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, proposed by Mr. C Morrison, seconded by Mr. A. Dearden, and responded to by the late president, bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.—F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Annual social, whist drive, and dance, held Mar. 9, when a large company of members and friends spent a very enjoyable evening. We started with a whist drive till 9.30, and the fortunate winners of 1st prizes happened to be Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, father and mother of one of the committee—a most remarkable coincidence. Mrs. T. Robson won the lady's sealed prize, and Mr. Gill the gentleman's sealed prize. Mr. J. Atkinson presented the prizes, 1st gent's being a handsome umbrella, 1st lady's a silk blouse; gent's sealed, an aero muffler; lady's sealed, an umbrella. After supper we had dancing till 1 o'clock, which came only too soon. The music by Mr. Saunders was of the sort which cannot be resisted: Messrs. Reed and Partner gave a very fine banjo duet, which was greatly appreciated. Messrs. Taylor, Potts, Bertram, Petterson, and Atkinson were M.C's. and carried all arrangements through in a very able manner.—J. E. Atkinson, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

General meeting held Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Oldham, March 4th a good number of members being present, Mr. J. Garner in chair. Officers for 1911: President, Mr. J. Garner; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. N. Stansfield, J. Hampshire, E. Fuller, J. Vickers, W. Adams, and W. Bacon; Treasurer, Mr. J. Swalwell; Committee: Messrs. W. Ridgard, B. Salway, A. E. Bosworth, C. E. Bosworth, A. Wellings, W. Whiff, A. Wellings, jun., W. Lawton, H. Oliver, E. T. Turner, J. Dewsnap, Jos. Oldham, J. Laycock, T. White, E. Thompson, W. P. Barnes, W. Lee, G. Fitton, E. Ollerenshaw, A. Hordern, J. Lee, and A. Martin; Hon. Sec., John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall, Lancs.; Auditors, Messrs. W. Whipp and Jos. Oldham. It was confirmed that Messrs. W. Whipp, Shaw, W. Shaw, aid G. Thompson (Hyde), and A. Wellings, jun. (Prescot) become members. Mr. F. Hamer was also proposed as a member. There is still room for more. Owing to balance sheet not being quite complete, it was decided to have a special meeting at Glossop, April 1st, Messrs. Fuller and Oliver to make all arrangements. Owing to the Treasurer (Mr. J. Swalwell) going holiday-making to America early in April, the presentation of prizes will be later than usual; all arrangements for same will be made at Glossop. Hearty wishes to Mr. Swalwell for a safe and enjoyable holiday. Vote of thanks given Mr. Garner, as chairman, concluded meeting. Ramsden's special: J. Rukin 3 points, J. Dewsnap 2, V. J. Hampshire 1.—J. Rukin, Sec.



MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 13th, headquarters, Earl Grey Hotel, when a good muster of members turned up. Mr. Summers in chair. Decided, to hold F.F. show June 24; classification: 2 Nor., 2 Bord., 2 Yorks., 1 Brit. Judge, Mr. Bowell. Next meeting April 29th, when Mr. Clark will give a lecture on Canary Hybrid Culture; the original wild Canary.—Jas. Nichol, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe, March 18th, Mr. W. F. Swan presiding over good attendance. A letter and petition form received from the Hon. Secs. of the National British Bird and Mule Club was read; agreed, to sign petition, the members expressing their sympathy with its objects. I shall be glad to receive suggestions from members with a view to making our meetings more instructive and entertaining, and to promote the interests of our Association. A hearty invitation is given to fanciers in the town to join; entrance fee 1s., annual sub. 5s.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND

Meeting of Council, held Mar. 13th, Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay, Mr. W. Sheridan presiding. Present, Messrs. Fry, Lynch, McDonnell, Callaghan, Holley, Rooney, and the Hon. Sec. It was brought to the notice of the Council that the society's dates of annual show clashed with Banbridge, i.e., 9th and 10th November, so it was decided to revert to the old dates of last year, Nov. 2nd and 3rd. The election of chairman resulted in Mr. Holley being elected unanimously. Mr. Holley acted as vice-chairman last session, therefore his election came as a precedent, the office of chairman existing only for one season. Six new members were elected.—D. Carrall, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting, March 13th, at the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Mr. A. C. Burn in the chair. Letters were read from Messrs. F. Oldaker, J. W. Ramsden, Mrs. Symonds W. Quantrell and Sec. London Federation. Messrs. J. Lethbridge, A. J. Durrant, and S. Palmer were nominated, and Mr. H. Armstrong was elected a member. A letter of thanks was directed to Mr. F. A. Tebbs for gift of a handsome silver plated teapot, for the Novice Canary section. This teapot elicited very favourable comment, as it was handed round for inspection. Mr. Sanders (delegate to the London Federation), gave a report of Council meeting, and it was carried that the said report be adopted. Instructions were given to the two Federation delegates to bring forward at their next meeting various matters of general importance, which the C. and S. members had previously discussed. The following London Federation officers were elected: Chairman, F. Boxall; trustees, A. C. Burn and J. Dewhurst; auditors, H. W. Cook and W. Mugford; assistant secretary, J. C. Birch; secretary, P. Adamthwaite. A discussion on "Anomalies of Nationality," opened by Mr. C. Prior, then took place, followed by Messrs. G. Crabb, W. Page, C. Botting, A. W. Curtis, and W. Copeland (not time for others to take part). A letter was read from Mr. Frostick, expressing his regret at being absent, and sending his views upon this important subject. The chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn) then rose to bid farewell to Mr. C. Prior upon his leaving London for Hampshire. Tracing Mr. Prior's career from the time he joined till the present day, Mr. Burn then travelled over his public career on the show bench, and followed this by a reference to the incalculable assistance he had rendered to the secretary, finishing up with dramatic intensity by giving an outline of his gift of oratory, charm of manner, buoyant spirits, and, above all, his extreme modesty. The chairman (Mr. A. C. Burn), created a profound impression by his sincere and masterly speech, considered the finest speech ever delivered from the chair upon such an occasion. Mr. Prior, with suppressed emotion, replied with his usual modesty and charm. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

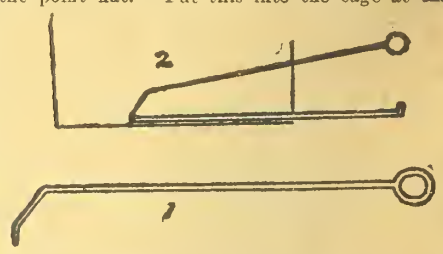
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A lecture on the Yorkshire Canary was given on Mar. 14, by Mr. H. Foden. He explained that though often asked he could not summon up courage to give lecture, but as he is leaving us to go to Canada, he felt compelled to do so. Go to a well-known and successful breeder for your birds; give him a free hand to select pairs to the price you are able to pay, or, if choosing on your own, get birds with plenty of length, well up on legs, tight in feather, good round head. The old style was best, viz., yellow cock and buff hen, or vice versa. The cock has influence over offspring. Cannot agree with new idea that hen is everything. Best birds bred from typical yellow cock and hens which had not successfully bred exhibition birds, though paired to good partners. Offspring winners of many firsts and other awards. April, or at least last week in March, soon enough getting ready; egg food twice a week. Hens, inga twice a week; good seed mixture twice a week; 1lb. Gold of Pleasure, ¼ maw, ¼ teazel, 1 German rape, ¼ hemp, 1 linseed, 1 inga; little green food; no hemp. loose for Yorks. If getting fat give Epsom salts in water, one dose, and a course of treacle and water in drinker. Likes double breeder, 36in. long, 16in. high, 10in. deep. Plenty of grit and shell (oyster). Put hen in compartment she is to nest in. Expect first egg 7 to 14 days. Remover eggs to evening of 3rd day. Dust nest well with insect powder. Book date to hatch —13 to 14 days. On 12th day put eggs in lukewarm water; on 13th day give a little egg food—not particular, biscuit or bread; thinks biscuit is best for Yorks. Mix food: egg through mill first, then biscuit, then together. Good tip: add 1 teaspoonful ground rice. Young hatched—yolk egg and biscuit. 2nd day watercress or dandelion, dry. Six weeks put in flight. Watch promising birds, and get to training. Hang on show cage, training to position; most important. Must stand up at once for judge. He promised to give a lecture about first Tuesday in April on Moulting, Washing, and Staging. Use plenty of cuttlefish. Does not like egg-shells (fowls). "Tails" Yorkshires when half through moult; advantages—2nd stronger; 1st frayed, 2nd neat; also adds to length. If small cock, large hen, and vice versa. Does not like double-buffs, filled up, coarse feathers, rough on thigh. Double yellow, snipy head, thin neck. Believes in two separate strains, giving good cocks from one, and good hens from other, with size, and pairs 1 and 2, and vice versa. Mix colour food 2 to start, up to 4, with one of Canary seed mixed with coloured food; takes seed box off. Tonic during moult: 1 gill port, 4lb. honey, 3d. common citrate of iron, dissolve honey in hot water, add port and citrate, and simmer till compounded. Bottle, and will keep long time. Put in drinker to port colour, or 2 tablespoons to colour food. Fixing colour: sulphate of iron. Frills may be taken out, but best breed them out. Rum and saffron good for "stuck in moult." Trim feathers round vent when pairing. Vote of thanks moved by J. Whitehead, seconded by J. McFarlane.—J. R. Colville, Sec.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 492.
To Pull Out Sand-drawers.
Sent by Mr. A. Finlayson, 173, Dundas Street, Grangemouth.

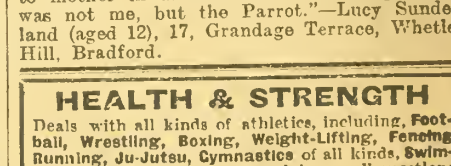
Here is an idea which I think will be of great value to fanciers for pulling out sand-drawers. Get a stout piece of wire 2ft. 6in. long and bend with pliers (as in Fig. 1), filing the point flat. Put this into the cage at the



end, and catch drawer (as in Fig. 2), which comes out quite easily, and saves many a cage from being spoilt by having no end on drawer. You can also clean out anything that is left after drawer is out without causing any fright to the birds. A trial of this will show its true value.—Alex. Finlayson.

No. 493.
A Nest-board Convenience.
Sent by Mr. W. Liddell Tonkin, 7, Fore Street, Bodmin.

I am fitting new nest boards to my breeding cages, and thought this idea might interest some of the readers of Cage Birds. The hole is cut 1in. diam.—bigger than the nest pan. A ring of cage wire is then fitted by three hooks into the board, the wire ring being just



the size to take the pan; the advantage being that a space of ¼in. is left between the nest pan and the board, so that all the excreta from the young birds will fall to the bottom of the cage, and can be cleaned out in the ordinary way, instead of being allowed to lodge on the board, and to become a harbour for red mite, etc.—W. Liddell Tonkin.

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A pair of Blackbirds built a nest on the ledge of a lamp post at a railway station. Trains stopped beside it every day, and the lamp was lit every night, and although the nest was in full view of all the passengers the birds showed no fear whatever.—May MacKenna (age 13), Railway Street, Strabane, Ireland.

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At times we waken in your heart
A thrill of soft emotion;
And into world-worn spirits dart
An impulse of devotion.

[Sent in by Mary Ford, "Daphne," Elmi Avenue, Eastbourne.] Age 13.

*A Parrot Story.

Some time ago a gentleman friend and my father were in the midst of an exciting birdy conversation. We have an amusing Parrot who is a very good talker. My mother and I both sat listening to the conversation. I noticed Polly intently listening too. The gentlemen at last grew exhausted and paused awhile for breath, when Polly shouted out in a loud voice, "Liars"! Mr. Greaves turned round to mother in amazement but she replied "It was not me, but the Parrot."—Lucy Sunderland (aged 12), 17, Grandage Terrace, Whetley Hill, Bradford.

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The Shows.

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Highly successful first members' show, held March 11th, New Inn. Everything proved satisfactory as regards staging and judging, just on thirty birds being staged all in splendid condition. Show opened by Mr. R. N. Prentis. Mr. W. Jarrett kindly judged. Messrs. Monday, Whatford, and Attwood, efficiently carried out the duties of stewards. About 30 birds were staged. Five new members were enrolled on March 14.

NOR.: 1, 2, Whatford; 3, vhc, hc, Attwood; c, Broadbridge. YORKS.: 1, 3, Mouday; 2, vhc, c, Olive; hc, Tidy. BRIT.: 1, Monday (Bullfinch); 2, Apps (Goldfinch); 3, Burley (Goldfinch); vhc, Churchill (Linnet); hc, E. Smith (Chaffinch); c, Tidy (Goldfinch). It was heard by a fancier that the show was staged and managed better than a good many annual shows that he went to during last season.—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Successful members' show held March 13th, headquarters, All Saints' Church Room. 53 birds were staged, and some excellent specimens were on view. Silver cup and nickel silver teapot offered for competition were on view and greatly admired. The show-room was crowded with members and their friends. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Wright judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. PAIRS (CHAMP.): 1 and 2, Wright; 3, Moffatt. NOVICE: 1 and 3, Cass; 2, Zimmerman. YORKS. PAIRS (CHAMP.): 1 and 3, S. Campling; 2, Simeson. NOVICE: 1 and 2, O'Rielly; 3, Moffatt. A.O.V. CAN., PAIRS: 1, Wright; 2, Thompson. SELL.: 1, Wright. PAIR FOR MULING: 1, Chittenden; 2, Moffatt; 3, Cass. LINNET: 1, Moffatt; 2 and 3, Zimmerman. GOLDFINCH: 1, Zimmerman; 2, O'Rielly; 3, Richardson. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Chittenden; 2 and 3, Shorney. MULE or HYB.: 1 and 2, Shorney; 3, Chittenden. FOR.: 1, 2 and 3, Zimmerman.—H. Thompson, Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Very interesting and successful British Bird Show held, and usual monthly meeting, March 16th, Baptist Schoolrooms, Earp Street. Judge, Mr. James Bretherton (Liverpool). After usual business and the cards placed. Mr. Bretherton invited questions concerning any of the birds, an opportunity immediately siezed upon. I have no doubt that in the preparation of our pets for the forthcoming breeding and show season, our members will take advantage of the many useful hints so freely given by so able and experienced a British bird enthusiast. Mr. D. Griffiths, in a few appropriate words, thanked Mr. Bretherton for his services, Mr. Bretherton suitably responding.

GOLDFINCH: 1, A. Mullock; 2, H. Mullock; 3, Bryant. LINNET: 1, H. Mullock; 2, James; 3, Low. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, H. Mullock; 3, James. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Greene; 2, H. Mullock; 3, Jones. MULING PAIR: 1, 2, Halstead; 3, Bryant.—A. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec.

LUTON C.B.S.

Two Pair Shows have been held; one for Canaries, Feb. 27th. There were three classes. Mr. Bennett judged Norwich and Yorks., Mr. Martin Crests.

NOR.: 1 and vhc, F. Martin; 2, Broomfield and Rose; 3 and hc, Horwood; c, Cherry. YORKS.: 1, J. G. Webb; 2, vhc, and hc, Cherry; 3, C. Codd. CRESTS: 1, hc, and c, Bennett; 2, 3, and vhc, Bloomfield and Rose.

Second Pair Show held March 13th—for Mule Breeding Pairs. There were 20 entries, and if birds being on good terms with one another means anything, there ought to be some good Mules produced in Luton this year. Mr. Thring judged.

CAN. CROSS: 1 and 2, Bloomfield and Rose; 1, nice Goldfinch with Lancashire hen easily gets place; 2, yell. Siskin with Nor. hen; 3, A. C. Ball; another Siskin with yell. Nor. hen; 4, Jackson, Linnet and Can; vhc, Morris: C, F. J. Webb. BRIT. CROSS: 1, 3, and vhc, Bloomfield and Rose; 1, Goldfinch, Greenfinch; 3, Redpoll, Bullfinch; 2 and 4, Ball, 2, good Greenfinch with Bullfinch, runs 1 very close. BRIT. SINGLE: 1, 2 and 4, Morris, 1, good Bullfinch, fine cap and bib, ought to be heard of again; 3, Bloomfield and Rose, Chiffchaff; vhc, and c, Starke; hc, Cherry, Ortolan, Bunting would have done better, but a bit out of condition.—H. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHEND AND S.C.O.S.

Annual members' Pair and British Bird Show held Mar. 1st, Blue Boar Hotel, when quite a choice collection of birds were on view. Points gained count for the novice trophy presented by the late Secretary. Mr. Gotton led in this competition, also taking special for best pair of Yorks. Mr. Askew best pair of Nor. Mr. Cundy best muling pair; and Mr. Jeffries best British. The new Sec., Mr. Lockwood, had everything in good order, and must be complimented on the management of his first show. Mr. W. Franks judged and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, spl, 3, vhc, hc, c, Potton, splendid team, winners really good pair, variegd. yell. ck. of rare length and position, very breedy hen, just a nice match, good type and quality of feather, 3rd non-fed cock of equal length, inclined to frill at times, hen very similar to first, though hardly the length; 2, Cundy, clears, good position, cock crosses wings at times, excellent col. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Cundy, cinn. mkd. ck., great length, well drawn, good pair of legs, hen neat yell., A1 for type, very evenly balanced pair; 2, hc, Potton, nice, clears; 3, Cunnington, another good pair. NOR. YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, 3, Askew, 1st slashing pair of clears, good beads, neck, and wings, rare quality and col., wins well, 3rd clears again, not quite the substance of winner; 2, vhc, Cunnington, variegd. ck. and cl. hen, very nice pair. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Askew. MULING PAIRS: 1, Cundy, good Linnet and buff Nor. hen; 2, 3, both good, Greenies paired to yell. Nor. hens, two useful pairs; vhc, hc, Quilter; c, Askew. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Cundy, ck. Bullie, Nor hen. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Jeffries, leader Leigh gem, open show winner, good size and col., nice square-cut blaze, finished off with a rare polish, wins easy, 3rd equal in size and blaze, not quite the finish of winner; 2, Quilter, very nice Finch. BULLFINCH: 1, Askew, good size and cap, dense breast col., steady; 2, Potton, lacking only in col. LINNET: 1, Morrants, good size and col., rare defined marking; 2, Jeffrie, field-moulted, should moult out good, rather wild; 3, Cundy, nice bird, had injured leg and did not show to best advantage, otherwise might have been first. REDPOLL: 1, Morrants, beauty of good size, cap and bib and markings, easily 2nd best British; 2, Askew, another good one, not quite size of winner; 3, Jeffries, monster, biggest 'Poll seen in this district for some time. GREENFINCH: 1, Morrants, very good bird, will improve with a moult; 2, Jeffries

Under the White Rose.

BIRD life seems to be very scarce at present; at least, in some places. I had a few hours out a recent week-end through districts that are generally teeming with bird life, but a few Robins were all the reward for my journey. Others had evidently gone on foraging expeditions.

WITH the advent of the milder weather we are in the throes of Spring cleaning. Cages are looking bad for wear. The whitewash and the paint brushes will have to have their turn to prepare the cages for the breeding season, which will now very soon be upon us. My word, how time does fly! To me it seems very little time since the last breeding season finished. What hopes the Spring brings to everybody, but more particularly to the breeder—something to look forward to, and, when over, something to look back upon.

LEEDS C.B.S. have handed to me their syllabus for 1911. In addition, it contains a list of the members' names and addresses. This feature is very useful, as many a time when you are out and you think there is a fancier about, if you have the address you can give him a look-up. A fancier is always welcome to a fancier's home. There is a good list of members' shows and lectures, etc., and a capital array of specials for the members' shows. Altogether the society appears to be making excellent headway. They have close on seventy members, and they usually have some rattling good entries at members' shows. I also note that the date of their annual open show is October 15th, with Messrs. Bailey and Roe as judges.

"Straight 'Un."

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

British and Foreign Bird Show held headquarters, Public Library, Stoke Newington, March 15th, when about 70 exhibits faced the judge. As usual, the exhibits were staged down one side of the room, and proved yet another record for this Association. The hall was crowded the whole evening which was very gratifying to the officials, and proves how popular these evening shows have become; they result in nominations being handed in at each meeting. Mr. A. Silver judged.

GOLDIE, ETC. (10): 1, 2, Mortlock; 3, Penton; res, Marley; vhc, Sadler; hc, c, Williams. GREENIE (8): 1, 2, res, Marley; 3, vhc, Williams; hc, Sadler; c, Bell. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Marley; 3, res, Williams; vhc, Mortlock. REDPOLL (8): 1 2, res, Marley; 3, Sadler; vhc, Williams; hc, Gilbert. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Marley; 3, Williams; res, Bell; hc, Dodsey. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, 2, 3, res, vhc, Marley; hc, London. HENS (6): 1, 2, 3, Marley; res Williams; vhc, London. FOR. SMALL (8): 1, 3, res, vhc, Williams; 2, Mortlock; c, Sadler. LARGE (5): 1, Hammond; 2, Salter; 3, Dodsey; res, Sadler; vhc, Bell.—R. P. Harper, Sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

In addition to ordinary monthly meeting, we held a British show. The show, although rather small, was in all respects very successful, the majority of the birds being staged in lovely condition. We have obtained three new members in one week, viz., Messrs. Fromont, Lewcock, and Gunnell, all well-known members. Mr. Hill judged to the satisfaction of everyone. An outing has been arranged for 7th May at Hildenboro'. Mr. Robson has kindly consented to give us a lecture on "How to become a successful Canary breeder," and Mr. A. Silver a lecture in the near future; so I hope we shall gain considerably moro members. Mr. Hill in his remarks congratulated the Society on the quality of the birds staged, also stating that most of the birds were a credit to their respective owners.

LINNET, ETC.: 1, Pope, lovely shape, good col.; 2, 3, hc, Barton, 2nd Linnet, similar type, nice bird; 3rd Redpoll, typical in shape; vhc, Nash, Linnet; c, Deane, Linnet. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Lewcock, 1st ck. Bullie, splendid in all respects, 2nd hen Bullie, runs winner close; 3, Alwin, Goldie, nice bird; vhc, Pope, Goldfinch. GREENIE: 1, Pope, nice specimen, good col.; 2, Alwin, fine bird. A.O.S.: 1, Pope, Linnet Mule, grand shape and position, feather shines likes satin; 2, Lewcock, Hawfinch, ideal specimen, very good second. SELL.: 1, Culham; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Pope. Barton and Hearn, Joint Hon. Secs.

BATHGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting and members' show held Working Men's Club, 18th March, when about 100 birds were staged. The following judged, and their awards were well received, no grumbling being heard: Messrs. E. Cain, J. Murray, J. Russell and J. Nicolson.

CAN. (BUFF): 1, Cruickshanks; 2, Spence; 3, Brown. YELL.: 1 and 3, Cruickshanks; 2 and 4, Brown. CL., ETC., MULE OR HYB.: 1 and 2, Fleming. DARK MULE: 1, 3 and 4, J. McLean; 2, Bald; 5, Rielly. BULLFINCH, C: 1, Sharp. HEN: 1, McLean and Nicol; 2, Murray; 3, Cruickshanks; 4, Sharp; 5, Steven. SISKIN: 1, Sharp; 2, Fullerton; 3, Bald; 4, Showler. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Sharp; 2, Showler; 3, Fullerton. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Steven. F.M.: 1, Bald; 2, McLean. GREENFINCH (NON FED): 1, Bald; 2, Spence; 3, Stevens; 4, McLean and Nicol. F.M.: 1 and 3, Bald; 2, Flood; 4, Sharp; 5, McLean and Nicol. HEN: 1, Showler; 2, McLean and Nicol; 3, Cruickshanks. MEALY REDPOLL, F.M.: 1, Haldane; 2, 3, 4, Strachan; 5, Ratcliffe; 6, Flood; 7, Cruickshanks. LESSER REDPOLL, F.M.: 1, Flood; 2 and 4, Fullerton; 3 and 5, Haldane; 6, Strachan; 7, Radcliffe. BUNTING: 1, Flood; 2, Bald; 3 and 4, Strachan. CHAFFINCH: 1, 2, 3, 4, Strachan. BRAMBLEFINCH: 1 and 2, Bald; 3, Fullerton, TWITE: 1, 2, 3, Haldane; 4, and 5, Strachan. HEN, BRIT.: 1 and 4, McLean and Nicol; 2, Strachan; 3, Bald. GIFT: 1, Smith. EXTRA STOCK: 1, Fleming; 2, Sharp. GOLDFINCH, FOR.: 1 and 5, Sharp; 2 and 4, Cruickshanks; 3, Steven. Winners of Specials: Special for best Brit. staged by a novice, J. Murray, Junr.: Field Moulted, R. Bald; Most Points in Redpoll and Twite Section, G. Haldane, 27 points; runner-up, J. Strachan, 20 points.—A. Nicol, Sec.

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SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Linnet contest held Londonderry Arms, March 18th, when 56 birds competed, some very good singing being heard before a good company. Result: 1, Robinson (Monkwearmouth); 2 and 3, Walker (Seaham Harbour). Judge, Mr. G. Robson; Timekeeper, Mr. Wilkinson.—John Watson, Secretary, 39, Stavordale Street, Dawdon, near Seaham Harbour.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club Open Race, held March 19th, when five pairs were hung (10 minutes singing). 1, T. Barnett, 4 score 18; 2, G. Roper, 3 score 14; 3, G. Roper, 3 score 7; 4, J. Baker, 2 score 16; 5, H. Beacham, 2 score 5. Mr. J. Barnett was elected a member. On March 25th, Open Race, Mr. D. Jones giving special prize for highest score in members.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet Singing Contest held St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, March 19th, when 18 birds competed, some very good singing being heard. Result: 1, Weaver; 2, Key; 3, Littlewood; 4, Brown. Mr. C. Jackson kindly judged. Timekeeper, Mr. F. Littlewood.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Weekly Linnet Singing Contest held Prince Albert Hotel, March 19th, when some very good singing was heard. Result: 1 and 2, Chippendale; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. E. Wood and P. Madden.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

Boldon Linnet Club held a contest 18th March, Black Horse, where 28 birds faced judge, Mr. R. Bailey. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Hall. There was some good singing. 1 and 2, T. Hall; 3, F. Furlong. We shall be pleased to get more members from Jarrow and district.—A. Tucker.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet Contest held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, Mar. 11th, when 34 birds sang. The singing was the best we have had this season. Result: 1, Potter; 2, Barnett; 3, W. Nelson. Also March 18th we had 41 birds, but owing to the day being very dull we did not get such good time out of the birds. Nevertheless, there were only 5 seconds separated the first 4 birds. Result: 1, A. Towler; 2, shared between Dobson, Potter and Piper.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Melford Street, Attercliffe Common, March 18th, when 16 birds entered for 3 special prizes (2 minutes time singing). 1, Williamson, 64; Thompson, 54; Jack, 40; Thompson, 39; Shimwell, 37 secs. March 19th, when 16 birds entered for 3 special prizes. 1, Thompson, 70; Cole, 55; Cole, 54; Cole, 53; Wadd, 46; Shimwell, 39 secs. Contest every week-end.—A. Brown, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Linnet sing held Rock Inn, March 19th; 26 birds competed for three prizes. Result: 1, Piper; 2, Dobson; 3, J. Kirk. General meeting, Mar. 26th headquarters, p.m.—A. Longfield.

GLASGOW.

City of Glasgow Linnet S.C. weekly contest held Mar. 18th, premises of Mr. Muir, Saltmarket. Result: 1, Pullin; 2, McMillan; 3, Nelson. Contest March 25, 4 p.m. Special meeting in above premises next Saturday at 6 p.m. every member requested to be present.—W. Ross.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest held King's Head, Mar. 18. 1, J. Hollingsworth; 2 and 3 shared by C. Prince and W. Farrow. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and J. Melin. Also Mar. 19, when 23 birds entered for four good prizes given by Mr. Tillotson. Visitors from Sheffield, Rotbwell, Normington, etc. Some very good singing was done, birds not counting that could win any other time. 1 and 2 shared by T. Stead and W. Sissons; 3, Mr. Sissons; 4, J. Varley. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, and J. Melia.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Central Linnet and C.C.—The novice time-singing match caused some amusement by one member bringing a bird without a drinking glass; another member brought a bird that kept disappearing to bottom of cage. On the whole I think this club will turn out a success as six new members joined last week and a very pleasant evening was spent. We have now 18 paid-up members. This club is composed entirely of novices, sub. 3d. a week, to enable us to have inter-sings with clubs away from home. Contest March 26th, commence 1 o'c.—Joe Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

Skinners Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, quality singing contest, Mar. 19th, when 14 birds competed. Result 1, C. Ward; 2, C. Biss; 3, shared by J. Green and A. Charlesworth. Judges, Messrs. J. Simmons and T. Summers.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club for quality and time open-to-all-England Linnet Singing Contest, March 18th, headquarters, when we had a record entry of 56 birds; they came from all parts of Lancashire, and I was very pleased to see some strange faces, also some of the old faces, but I am sorry to say that there were faces that I should like to have seen. I can say with confidence we give better and more prizes for our contests than any other club in and around us. We gave four prizes for quality and four for time. Quality winners were: 1, W. Barnes (Wigan); 2, G. Randels (Warrington); 3, J. W. Jones (Leigh); and 4, T. Statham (Leigh). For time: 1, Woodward (Westhoughton), 66; 2, W. H. Topping (Blackburn), 63; 3, J. Mater (Warrington), 61; 4, D. Banks (Howe Bridge), 60. Judges for quality, Messrs. W. H. Topping, W. Barnes and J. W. Jones; for time, Messrs. J. Ellison, and J. Poole (Leigh). Timekeeper, Mr. J. Yates (Leigh). Birdman, Mr. J. March. I hope to be able to say in our next report that the contest we are running at the Union Arms, Tyldesley, on Mar. 25th, beat all previous records.—J. McAllister, Sec.

HULL.

Weekly Linnet Singing Contest, held headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook Street, where 16 good birds were entered. 1 (timepiece), Norton; 2 (pair of vases), Keating; 3 (ditto), Broadbent. Judge, Mr. F. Allen; timekeeper, Mr. Booker. Three good prizes will be given next week; entrance, 3d. per bird.—F. Allen, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Standish Linnet Club: We had a meeting on March 18th to form this club, and we were very successful, getting 23 members. New members are cordially invited to join. On the 15th April we are having an open contest for time and quality, at the Hare and Hounds, Standish.—Geo. Milligan, Sec., 32 Stanley Street, Wigan.

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FOREIGN BIRDS—continued.

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Budgerigars, finest possible, outdoor bred, selected matched breeding pairs, 6/-; yellows, 8/- pair; over 1,000 foreign birds, from clean, well-kept aviaries, from 1/6 pair; price list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

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Mr. W. R. Temple has for disposal a few beautiful specimens, mostly last year's birds, and bred in the aviaries here. £2 each; for those wanting pairs Mr. Temple will do his best to pick them, but can in no case guarantee a true pair; also a few pairs of Gouldians (black and red), Ruficaudas, and Painted Finches; the whole of these were in the aviaries last year: W. R. Temple, Esq., Ormonde, Datchet, Bucks.

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WANTED.

WANTED, square brass Parrot cage, good condition: Ernest Butler, Banbury.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Parrots: Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

WANTED, all kinds of British; state lowest price: C. Palmer, 352, Upper-st., Islington.

WANTED, old golf balls, best prices given, or exchange cages: Gold House, Forres, N.B.

WANTED, surplus stock Canaries to suit dealer: Gladwell, Bird Stores, Bank-st., Gravesend.

WANTED Canaries, for new rod, suitable for salmon or trout: Dent, 11, Short-st., New Shildon.

WANTED good singing cock Canary in exchange for 2 fine Yorkshire hens, or cash: H. Piggott, Wantage.

WANTED unflighted buff green Norwich hen, of good size and quality: Stephen, 16, Maria-st., Kirkcaldy.

ACCLIMATISED green and green Parrots; send price and particulars to: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

WANTED, Canaries and few cages, will give good exchange, cocks preferred: H. B., 71, Woodfield-rd., Ealing, W.

EARLY nest of Canaries or Mules for training under Nightingale: C. Harrison, The Retreat, Tiverton, Devon.

WANTED, 2 or 3 good Norwich; will exchange 5 ducks and drake, coming on lay; offers: Botell, Whyteleafe.

WANTED, 2 or 3 Roller hens (St. Andreasberg) for silver watch, or cash: 46, Platt-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

I will give 1/6 each for hen Canaries, all kinds of birds, bought cheap: Sparkes, 22, Bedford-rd., West Ealing.

WANTED, on approval, cheap, good buff 1910 Yorkshire cock: W. Lomax, 10, Peacock-avenue, Bolton-rd., Pendleton.

WANTED 50 large bitches, heavy in whelp, or just whelped, cash; tip-top price hire given: Hooper Bros., Dudley.

WANTED, pairs of Siskins for outdoor aviary; state price; address: Dr. Dodd, Maybrook, Wimborne, Dorset.

WANTED 2 cinnamon marked Yorkshire cocks, also hen, cheap, on approval: Priest, York-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

WANTED, any quantity of Goldfinch Mules, Linnet Mules, and Canaries: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each; hen Canaries 1/3: Perkins, 25, Kingston-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED British field or house-moulted, state cheapest prices: J. King, Bird Dealer, 164, Kelvinhaugh-st., Glasgow.

WANTED singing cock Canaries, exchange new 10in. disc records, latest titles; birds first: Ranken, Cross-st., Didsbury.

WANTED, offers Canaries for Scotch blankets, or sell, 25/-; also lever watch: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

WANTED, cock Canary in song, or good Norwich hen: exchange acclimatised foreign birds: Horne, Stanley-rd., Herne Bay.

WANTED, Canaries for cash, or exchange good Scotch woollen blankets, sell 25/-: Leckie, 12, Graime-st., City, Glasgow.

WANTED, hen mules, hen Canaries, and hen Goldfinches: Mrs. Anderson, 19, King and Queen-st., Walworth-rd., London.

WANTED Linnets, Goldies, Bullies, Larks, hen Mules, talking Parrot, prompt cash: Broxup, Naturalist, Pendle-st., Burnley.

CANARIES of any sort wanted; exchange valuable pedigree dogs: letters only: Mrs. W., 28, St. Alphonso's-rd., Clapham.

WANTED, a few good picked British birds; approval; no rubbish entertained: J. Bowers, Grapes Inn, Platt-st., Nottingham.

WANTED, revolver: exchange two Canaries, Roller, 2 Norwich cocks, or sell 20/-: Cooper, 70, Sceptre-st., Stepney, London.

WANTED Canaries, Parrots, birds, pigeons, poultry, dogs, rats, mice, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED pair green Borders, also hen (cash); approval; also B.S.A. airgun; approval: Hoddinott, Butts Green, Romney, Hants.

WANTED, in exchange for Steward's singing Canaries, double-side discs; letters only; send for price lists: Walter Steward, 31, Sutton-rd., Plaistow, E.

WANTED, cock and hens, Canaries, large or small quantities, cheap for cash; will deposit cash with Editor: Carter, 45, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

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WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets; state lowest prices: Clarke, 73, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

WANTED, good Yorkshire or Norwich cocks, in full song (colour fed) preferred, cheap; state price: Hankey, 419, Mill-st., Liverpool.

WANTED pair of good Canaries, for breeding (Rollers preferred), for lop buck, 23½ by 6½, sell 13/6: Cole, South Front, Romsey.

WANTED, large Norwich, will give 7/- pair; deposit; cash with Editor; stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED young cock Canary, any variety, exchange White Leghorn cockerel, prize winner: A. Stoter, Pines Stables, Fleet, Hants.

WANTED, cock Canaries, full song, cash, exchange gent's bicycle, splendid condition, £3: Skelton, Malford Villas, Boundary-rd., Newbury.

WANTED, pair high-class Norwich; exchange pair Yorkshires to value 30/-, cock a winner; mutual approval: Murrell, Printer, Spalding.

WANTED Canaries, good exchange given in high-class gents', ladies', and children's boots; offers wanted: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED, phonograph and records for splendid rifle and cartridges, or sell 45/-; on approval: Pettit, New-rd., Bugsworth, Derbyshire.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamiltou-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshires, will give 1/6 each for hens, or exchange muling Linnets; yours first: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft.

WANTED, 3 good unflighted Yellow Norwich hens, no rubbish; exchange Yorkshires from winners: Franks, Erie, Tintern-avenue, Westcliff.

WANTED monster yellow variegated Crestbred cock, 1910, with big head, exchange pair good Yorkshires: 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

WANTED acclimatised African Grey Parrot, genuine talker, on approval; must be cheap; cash waiting: Grosvenor House, Fenton, Staffs.

WANTED, 3 cock Canaries, or Mules, singing; exchange heavily silver-plated teapot or cruet, new; approval: Robinson, 22, Pearl-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, ready paired; exchange hand sewing machine, Bovril pictures, etc.: Finch, 284, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

WANTED, Yorkshire or Norwich cock and hen, exchange H.M. cock Goldfinch, full song, clear beak, yours first: Cogger, 18, Rectory-rd., Hornsey, N.

WANTED offers in Canaries for cock Goldfinch Mule, cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, caught August, 11/6: Busbridge, Poundstock, Cornwall.

WANTED, long, slim yellow Yorkshire cock and ditto buff hen, 1910 birds; no rubbish; approval, deposit: Muller, Linthorpe, New Milton, Hants.

WANTED, hen Canaries, exchange new garden shears, and cock Greenfinch, hatched under Canary prize winner: Payne, The Fire, Leacroft, Cannock.

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, state lowest price, carriage paid: G. Porter and Sons, Live Stock Dealers, Church-st., West Ham.

WANTED, two ticked yellow Norwich cocks, also a hen; exchange violin, box, etc.; sell 25/-: birds first: Bailey, 3, Folkestone-ave., Folkestone Street, Hull.

SMALL foreigners; exchange several volumes (bound and unbound) "Avicultural Magazine," with all plates; sell cheap: Barber, Wiston, Colchester.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, and Goldfinches, any varieties, prompt cash, or give good laying pullets to value: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Dalston, London.

WANTED cash offer for 2 fox skins, 3 tails, ready for making up, exchange Norwich cinnamons; approval: Tout, 45, Bishop-st., Portsea, Portsmouth.

WANTED, pair Norwich, cock in full song; exchange pair homers, 1910 birds, flown 60 miles, sell 10/-: G. Hopkin, 8, Maryann-st., Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

WANTED, pen of good Buff Orpingtons, in exchange for good talking Australian Grey Parrot and cage, or sell, 2 guineas: Colne-cottage, West Drayton.

WANTED, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Canaries, Mules, Parrots, foreign birds; cheap for cash, or exchange cages: Hogg, Cage-makers, Middlesbrough.

WANTED good Green-crested hen, no rubbish, nice, give pair Yorkshires or Norwich and cash in exchange; mutual approval: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead.

EXCHANGE class pair prize-bred Borders, for pair large Norwich; also moulted Chaffinch, large Crest-bred hen; offers Norwich: Dawson, 27, Staffa-st., Glasgow.

OFFERS; 24/- to 36/- dozen for hens; 6/- to 20/- dozen for pigeons; 12/- to 18/- dozen for Bantams: Maynard, Poultry Salesman, Bethnal Green. Telephone 2528 Wall.

WANTED, two long, typical, green-marked Yorkshire hens, exchange buff cock and hen, Faulkner's strain, sell 9/-, genuine: Avory, 28, Phillimore Mews, Kensington.

WANTED, jacket suit for small man, exchange Goldfinch Mules, cock Goldfinches, Cinnamon hen Canaries; other offers entertained: "Homeland," Effingham-st., Ramsgate.

BIRDS wanted, exchange gent's serge suits, 36, 38, 40, 42in. breast, or sell 25/- each; gents' overcoats or raincoats, same sizes, 25/-, also better qualities: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

BUYER black retriever, grand, curly-coated dog, 14 months, parents both winners; exchange high-class pair Crests, Norwich, sell 30/-: Brown, 7, Norman Avenue, West Wood Green.

WANTED Border or Roller hens, exchange hand-reared Blackbird, sell 6/6; wanted Thrush show cage, exchange Norwich hen, sell 4/-; exchange anything: G. Perrins, 6, Lennox-rd., Longton.

WANTED, Norwich hens, or offers, in exchange for a beautiful pair of Budgerigars, green, value 12/6, cock bird can win in keenest competition; approval both ways: A. Denby, Bradley, via Kelghley.

GOOD clear or cinnamon-marked 1910 Yorkshire hen; exchange pair lady's or gent's ball-bearing roller skates, cost 15/9, hardly used; no rubbish offered or wanted: 231, Shenstone-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED 2 first-class unflighted Norwich Plainhead hens, yellow and buff, exchange chocolate Pom. bitch, 6 months, highest pedigree, value £4, or offers; approval both ways: Miles, Aviaries, Chichester.

WANTED, 12/6 for exhibition white-legged Goldfinch, won first, guaranteed Mule breeder; cock Siskin, 3/-; variegated Lancashire cock, 7/6; approval; deposit: G. Mills, Belle Vue, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.

WANTED offers in Yorkshires or Roller Canaries, exchange five cocks, adult pair, all green; also two wire fronts, ¾in. mesh, 34 by 36, or sell; offers: Graham, Ladysmith, Ushaw Moor, Durham.

WANTED, good Roller cock, no chopper, for gramaphone, wants little repair, and 14 Zonophone 16in. records, also brass drawing-room hanging cage, for H.M. cock Goldie, singing: Robinson, 46, Chorley-rd., Blackrod, near Chorley, Lancs.

WANTED Budgerigars, 1 pair yellow and 2 pair green, exchange pair good Blue Pouter Pigeons, or sell 18/-; also wanted acclimatised Diamond Finch, Gouldian Finch, and Cutthroat, all cock birds, exchange Black Minorca cockerel and 2 good hens, or sell 30/-; all approval: Ross, 55, Broad-st., Alloa.

WILL give 1/3 small hen Canaries, 1/6 large, or long hens; high-class Yorkshire cocks, bought; British birds wanted, caught previous to close season; will give 8d. each, cock Larks 1/6, cock Bullfinches 2/-, cock Goldfinches, loud singing Lark, Thrush, or Mules, wanted, anything good wanted: Bird Stores, 158, London-rd., Manchester. Branch, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

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EXCHANGE two cock Linnets and Goldfinch for hen Canary: Pratt, Royal Standard, Long Sutton, Lincs.

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FOR sale or exchange, cock Goldfinch mule, cock brown Linnet; mule Borders preferred: Turner, 5, Brook-st., Kettering.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch Mule for extra large pink-eyed Sib. hens, young; approval: Morgan, 26, Pinfold Gate, Loughborough.

FINE white-legged Goldfinch, twice house-moulted; exchange 2 long yellow Yorkshire hens, sell 10/-: Walker, Twyning, Tewkesbury.

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EXCHANGE house-moulted cock Goldfinch-bred Mules for good cycle back brake, or sell 5/-: Stephenson, 29, St. Mary's-st., Gloucester.

HOUSE-moulted cock brown Linnet, yellow Sibbred hen (pink-eyed), sure mulers, exchange clear buff Norwich cock: 18, Mount Pleasant, Wisbech.

COCK Linnets for muling, 1/6 pair; other Britishers, price on application; exchange hen Canaries: Kay, Carrill-grove, L venshulme.

FIVE pairs Greenfinches, 1 pair Canary-reared Chaffinches, 3 hen Canaries, exchange common rabbits, pigeons: Davison, Haddenham, Bucks.

EXCHANGE 2 buff hen Yorks., cock Bramblefinch, 1 cock Greenfinch, pair of Redpolls, for typical buff Yorkshire cock, 1910: E. Vorse, Irthlingborough.

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EXCHANGE twice-house-moulted white-legged muling cock Goldfinch, for good singing cock Canary (yours first): Ansell, 35, Frampton-st., Hertford.

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EXCHANGE cock Bullfinch and cock Chaffinch, fit to win, for good cock Goldfinch, or house-moulted cock Linnet: Godfrey Lomas, off Terrace-rd., Town Head, Tideswell.

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GOLDFINCH Bullfinch Hybrid hen, two Lesser Redpolls, cock Siskin, hen Bullfinch, yellow cock Greenfinch; exchange anything: Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

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WHAT offers in exchange, house moulted hen Bullie, nearly white tail; large red-breasted mealy Redpoll; 1 dozen clean Homers, 10/-; approval: Lench, Hurcott-rd., Kidderminster.

THREE dark cock Goldfinch Mules, and 5 hen Mules, exchange for colour-fed Norwich hens or Yorkshire hens, common hen Canaries, all in song and healthy: J. Davies, 6, Prospect-pl., Longton.

SMALL yellow Norwich cock, yellow marked Cinnamon hen, nesting, twice house moulted cock grey Linnet, bred mules, 8/- the three, or exchange two young yellow clear Norwich hens: E. Lund, 18, Clement-st., York.

EXCHANGE, heavy solid silver curb albert, for large field-moulted Linnet, must be exhibition specimen; make same exchanges for exhibition specimen wild Siskin; approval: Waddell, Bulbardie-rd., Bathgate, N.B.

EIGHT cock Goldies, 2/-; 2 hens, 9d. each; or exchange foreigners; 1 pair Norwich Canaries, Rudd's, 7/6; 6 stone New Charlock seed; offers; 4 yellow cock Budgerigars; exchange 3 hens: Brown, Foundry, Burnham, Lynn.

WHAT offers for two hand-reared Goldfinches, sell 8/-; one Siberian Goldfinch, 10/-; two cock Linnets 8/-; cock Rollers, or good pup, no rubbish wauted; approval: James, 6, New Houses, Commercial-rd., Cwmfelinfach, Ynysddu, Mon.

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WANTED cock Hawfinches, also 4 laying pullets, any of the following in exchange, hen Canaries, cock Blackbird, Yellowhammer, 1st Diss, Goldfinch, 2nd Norwich, Fulton's Book on Pigeons, stuffed dog: Lowne, Naturalist, Yarmouth.

EXCHANGE cock Yorkshire, cock Goldie, 3 Redpolls, all house-mounted twice; cock Bullie, 12 long-distance Homers, for Gramophone and cylinder records, or A1 treadle fretsaw and lathe, value £3; apply: C. Newton, Darland, Rossett.

HYBRID pair, cock Redpoll and Bullfinch, 7/6; exhibition cock Bullfinch, 5/-; ditto Goldfinch, 30/-; leggy Buff Yorkshire hen, 10/-; or will exchange for long Yorkshire stock cocks, or phonograph records: Rennicks, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland.

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Mainly Canaries.

TWO medium sized buff Norwich hens; exchange for large buff hen: Scott, 68, Market-st., Lancaster.

EXCHANGE for poultry, 3 high class Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, 1910; or sell 13/- each: Evans, Patent Slip, Llanelly.

EXCHANGE two common hen Canaries for one buff Yorkshire hen, 1910 birds: Cornthwaite, Lune Bank, Lancaster.

WHAT offers in exchange for 3 York cocks and 2 hens, from winning strain: B. Ball, G.W.R. Office, Penryn, Cornwall.

PAIR Norwich, two crossbred cocks, double breeding cage, 17/- the lot, or exchange jewellery: Knell, 51, Bean-st., Hull.

EXCHANGE 3 good buff Border hens for buff Border, or yellow Norwich cock: Dollimore, 55, Fishpool-st., St. Albans.

FOURTEEN breeding cages, 17 by 15 by 9, loose fronts, 2/6 each; wanted singing cocks: Wrigley, 80, Triuity-st., Oldham.

WHAT offers, 8 Canaries, singing, in good condition; also Parrot and cage: A. Green, 17, Nottingham Place, Stepney.

EXCHANGE or sell, Yorkshires, 10/- pair and upwards, for blankets, or useful drapery: B. Holmes, 95, Dalton-lane, Keighley.

EXCHANGE good Crest-b. hen for Norwich buff hen; must be good; or offers: Townrow, 122, Cremorne-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire and cage, or drapery, for house-moulted British; sell 9/-: Docherty, 326, Duudyvan-rd., Coatbridge.

TWO Yellow cock Siskins; exchange for two Seifert Roller cocks, Rollers first: R. Irvine, Perth-st., Blairgowrie, Perthshire.

BORDER hen, even marked, winner 3 1sts, £1; exchange buff-green Yorkshire hen: R. Malcolm, Mount Rosa, Broughty Ferry.

EXCHANGE 4 Yorkshires hens for 1910 marked Yorkshire cock, your first, sell 3/6 each: Graveson, Joiner, Elephant-yard, Kendal.

EXCHANGE Crest hen, good, for typical Buff Norwich, cock, or offers, good Norwich; yours first: Goodall,, Aberlour, Banffshire.

YORKSHIRE hen (Bailey's) 1909, (good mother), and show cage, 5/6; exchange Roller cock, some cash: Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke.

GRAND typical clear Norwich buff cock, 1910; exchange Airedale dog, young, or puppy, dog first: Hoyle, Grocer, Chipping, Lancashire.

MONSTER yellow-marked Norwich hen, 5/6; unflighted yellow Lancashire coppy hen, 6/6, worth double: Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

FOUR Roller hens, 2 house-moulted Redpolls, large, all-wire flight, 16/-; offers; exchange anything: Carley, 12, Paradise-place, Warrington.

20 PRIZE strain, clearing, want cash, or disc records, musical instruments, antiques, good new cycle: Smith, Jeweller, Kerton-Lindsey.

EXCHANGE good buff Norwich hens and Crests for good 1910 Norwich cock, or anything useful: Gibson, Vernon-ave., Basford, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE 3 cocks and 3 hens, 1910, Yorkshires, for musical instruments; yours first: Greenwood, No. 2, High Spring-rd., Woodhouse, Keighley.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

MUST sell, 4 cock Canaries, 5/- each, good breeders; 4 selected cock Linnets, now in full song, 1/6 each; approval, deposit: Cockram, Tatworth, Chard.

LARGE var. buff C.B. hen, 30/-; yellow green crested cock, 15/-; exchange for two Norwich cocks, yellow and buff: Royce, 29, Tennyson-st., Nottingham.

NOTICE: What offers in Canaries for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE or sell buff green Scotch Fancy hen, 6/6; small yellow Norwich cock, 3/6; four Crest show cages, 1/3 each: Low, Well-place, Cupar.

EXCHANGE 2 typical Yorkshire hens, cinnamon marked, for 2 Border cocks, or extra large Norwich hen: Rorke, Craigmark, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

THREE pairs prize-bred and winning Blondinettes; will accept £3 anybody taking lot; or exchange Canaries to value: Smither, 30, Dryden-st., Nottingham.

CRESTS, splendid pair, 60/-, or exchange for good lightly marked Crest-bred hen; mutual approval, yours first: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terr., Llandrindod Wells.

UNFLIGHTED cinnamon marked Yorkshire buff cock, exchange two long Yorkshire hens; offers: Snell, Raeburn, Brixham, Devon.

THREE smart Yorkshire hens, 2/- each; would exchange two for good Norwich hen, or three for good Yorkshire cock: E., 8, Sun-st., Waltham Abbey.

EXCHANGE four good Yorkshire hens, one housemoulted cock Goldfinch, for yellow Yorkshire cock, 1909, or sell 23/-; approval: Hirst, 36, Nelson-rd., Ilkley.

TWO cinnamon hen Canaries, 2/6 each; 2 Norwich hens, 3/- each, 1910, or will exchange anything British: H. R., 10, Graylands-rd., Peckham, London.

GOOD, healthy Norwich and Yorkshires for sale, 6/- a pair, or exchange anything useful; approval both ways: Grant, 58, West-st., Grimsbury, Banbury, Oxon.

TWO yellow var. Buff cocks, Duncan of Muirkirk strain, for matched pair Cinnamons, Border Fancy, or greens or yellows; yours first: J. Garvin, 169, Stane-pl., Shotts.

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EXCHANGE high-class gold Lizard cock and two silver hens (Dewsnap's strain), for real good Rollers, cold room bred; mutual approval: W. Whiteside, 101, Edge Lane-rd., Oldham.

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EXCHANGE ten disc records for a pair Norwich Canaries, must be good birds; yours first: 40, Blue-st., Boston.

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EXCHANGE lady's silver watch, value 20/-, for two pair of yellow Norwich Canaries: Balmer, Calderbank, by Airdrie.

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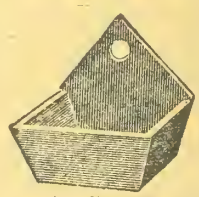
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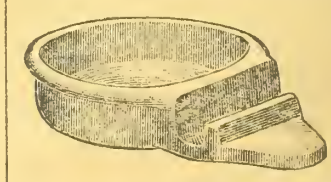
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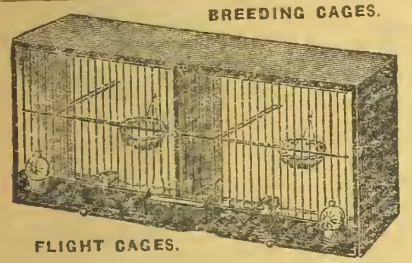
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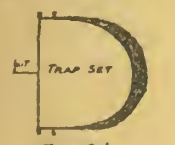
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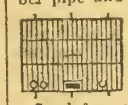
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all separately caged, in full song, 2/6, 3/- each; extra large cocks, with deep square blaze, singing mad, make sure mulers, 4/-, 5/- each; few cage-moulted cock Goldfinches, in full song, 6/- each; splendid stock of cock Linnets, with rose red-breasts, singing, 1/-, three 2/6; specially selected cock Linnets, for muling, 1/6, 2/- each; extra good songsters, linger-tame, will sing anywhere, 2/6, 3/- each; large cock Larks, singing, 1/-, three 2/6, six 4/-, 6/6 dozen. I have hundreds specially selected cock Larks, in full song by day and gaslight, 1/6, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each, at the present time. I defy any man to supply you with any better quality at three times the money. Travelling cages, 3d.; all on approval as usual; cash or deposit: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

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GRAND singing cock Skylark, very large bird and steady, 1/6: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

SINGING cock Skylarks, 1/- each, three for 2/-, 5/- dozen: Donaldson, 17, Pitt-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GIANT Scotch cock Larks, caged months, in full song, 1/3 each, 3 for 2/6: Ross, Bird Stores, Forres, N.B.

LOVELY cock Blackbird, first at Windsor, 5/-; also hand-reared Lark, 4/-, both singing: Lund, Burnham, Bucks.

HAND-reared cock Thrush, finger tame, singing hard, price 10/-; approval: Sandiford, Bird Specialist, Preston.

COCK Thrushes, yellow-beaked, 1/6 each; singing daily: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

EXHIBITORS; Lawson and Burlinson's well-known winning Redwing for sale; best cash offer: Rope Moor, Rushyford, Ferry Hill.

1910 HAND-REARED Thrush, full song, 5/6; two new cages, 10/-; lot approval: L. Bosworth, Heron-gate, King's Heath, nr. Birmingham.

NOTICE: Lovely singing cock Skylarks, full song, 1/-, 1/6, 2/6 each; fresh birds, 6/-, 8/- dozen: Brain, 288, Lichfield-rd., Aston, Birmingham.

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ONE dozen mixed aviary birds, cocks and hens, including Mule, only 3/6: Broxup, Catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

H.M. hen Bullfinch Norwich, Yorkshire cock, huff marked, and clear Norwich hen, both 1910 birds, lot 9/-: Taylor, 12, Burn Close, Westerhope, Newcastle.

1910 Yellow Coppy cock, son Palace winner, 15/-; cock Siskin, rare cap, bib, 5/-; champion yellow Border hen, 10/-; wanted Lancashire hens; offers: Young, Palmer-st., Frome.

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TWO yellow Greenfinches, mulers, and three yellow Norwich hens, and one double breeder; first P.O. for 7/6 gets the lot; a bargain: W. Samuelson, 66, Barcroft-st., New Cleethorpes, Grimsby.

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Real English, warranted cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3 6/-, hens 1/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, hens 1/6, 2/-; cock Linnets, 10d., 1/-, and 1/6, 3 2/6, 6 4/-; cock Larks, caged off, singing, 8d., 10d., 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 3 2/-, 6 3/-; cock Greenfinches, 6d., 9d., 1/-; Redpolls, 8d. and 1/-; cages for any above, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 2/-; I have shown you testimonials and proof of quality, I supplied for years; estab. 1879; Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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BELGIANS, 1910 yellow cock and buff hen, from winners, 70/-, good birds; approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

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CLEAR Buff Border hens, 3/-, in perfect condition, ready to nest: H. Kirton, Bland, Kirkdale, Sydenham.

YELLOW Border cock, marked head, exchange yellow Norwich hen, or sell 10/-: Keltie, Bonnygate, Cupar.

BORDERS, cocks 5/-, hens 2/-, 2/6, matched pairs 7/-, all colours; cock Linnets, 2/6: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

TWO smart Border Fancy hens, marked (Seiranac's prize strain), 5/- each: Plum, 102, Richmond-rd., Earl's Court.

SEVERAL young Border hens ,2/6 each, or exchange two for cock bird: Yeowell, 6, Lea View Terrace, Baker's Hill, Clapton.

WINNING Borders, also single cocks and hens, also matched pairs; state wants; reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

HENS, clear yellow, yellow ticked, clear buff, cinnamon marked, buff, 4/- each: Robt. Berwick, Kinness Cottage, St. Andrews.

THREE yellows, three buff hens, winners, cheap, to clear, ready to nest: Walker, Ellenslea, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

WANTED any quantity of Borders; state price, etc.: William Wilson, "Scotland's Largest Naturalist," 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

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BORDERS; three yellow-green cocks, two yellow-green hens; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; cold-room; approval, deposit: Campbell, Armathwaite, Carlisle.

WINNING Borders; two 1910 buff green hens, Patterson's strain, 7/6 each, or exchange for yellow cock and buff hen, greens: Cunningham, Barclay-st., Paisley.

W. BAYLEY has a few of his well-known winning Borders for disposal; clears, marks, and greens; prices reasonable, and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

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Cinnamons.

TWO large 1909 buff Cinnamon cocks, 10/6 each; one 1910 buff cock, 8/6; deposit: Silver, Peel-st., Birmingham.

FEW pairs, grand birds, three champions amongst them, £3, £4, £5 pair, worth twice the amount: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

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HENS, big yellow and buff self Cinnamons, colour, quality, in breeding condition, 9/- to 15/6; approval, stamp: Fernie Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

GRAND cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each, with size and substance: hens, 3/6, 4/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; cages, 3d. extra: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CHAMPION large cinnamon marked yellows and buffs,, cocks 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; high condition; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BIG clear yellow and buff cocks, 8/-; yellow variegated, 20/-: Lister, 106, Rectory-road, Gateshead.

MONSTER Crestbred cocks, 7/6 each, cash or deposit: Taine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

CRESTS, two 1910 Crested hens, 4/- each: E. Smyth, 6, Coalbrook Mansions, Bedford Hill, Balham, S.W.

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VERY large green Crested cock, 1910, worth £5, sent on approval, 30/-: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

WANTED large 1910 buff, crested, or coppy hen; exchange Yorkshire cock, sell 30/-, yours first: Lanham, 42, Walcot, Bath.

LARGE, heavily feathered birds, Crest cocks 8/6, crestbred cocks 7/-, 7/6; all on full song, two weeks' approval: P. Bittleston, 5, Queen's-rd., Barking, Essex.

MUST further reduce stock, good stock birds, including several hens, 1910, from 7/6 to 25/-: Archer, 114, Kirkwood-rd., Peckham.

CRESTS and Crestbreds from 7/6 upwards; a few breeding cages for sale: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

LARGE heavily variegated crested cock, good, took 1st prize, £1; splendid pairs, 12/6; deposit: 6, Norwood Gardens, Ashford, Kent.

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CRESTED, crestbred, prize strain, outdoor birds, 1910, pair 12/-; hens, 4/-; suitable for aviaries: Downs, Schoolhouse, Steyning, Sussex.

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YOUNG, clear body, dark crest, cock, 35/-; young grizzle crest cock, 35/-; year old crest cock, 30/-, 20/-; year old crest-bred cock, 20/-: B. Woolley, Killis-lane, Kilbourne, Derbyshire.

TO dealers and others, 8 good Crests and crestbreds, real good stock birds, for disposal, 1910 birds, cash or exchange blankets, etc., room wanted: Kilmister, 10, Priory-terrace, Cheltenham.

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HENS, bargains to clear quickly; all bred from grand stock; Grey Crest, 35/-; clear Crest, 25/-; clear buff Crestbred, 25/-; wing-marked Crestbred, 20/-; yellow broken Cinnamon, 7/6; or exchange fine longcloth to value: Arney, Prestbury, nr. Cheltenham.

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MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/6, ditto 7/6; monster variegated dark Crest hen, 10/-, ditto 8/6; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/6, ditto 7/6; monster variegated Crest-bred hen, 10/6, clear ditto, 8/6; matched pairs, 15/-, 17/6; room wanted, must clear at half value; all massive, healthy birds, Barnett's strain; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

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LARGE massive Lancashire Plainheads, cocks and hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

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NORWICH hen Canaries, cold room bred, 2/6 each: Tipper, 110, Wycliffe-rd., Lavender Hill, S.W.

WANTED 2 large yellow green Norwich hens: Ramsden, 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, London.

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THREE good stock Norwich hens to clear, at 3/- each; bargains.—Wood, 148, Palewell Park, Mortlake.

TWO buffs, 1 green, 3 buff variegated hens, 2/6 each: E. Baldock, Sandrock Villas, Hawthurst, Kent.

THREE typical cocks, full song, 6/6 each to clear; hens 3/- each; approval: Poore, 43, Guildford-rd., Ilford.

CLEAR 1910 Norwich cock, sell 7/6, exchange large yellow hens, on approval: W. Barnes, 36, Kendal-st., Carlisle.

BIG clear yellow and buff cocks, 8/- yellow, variegated, and clear buff hens, 5/-: Holt, Meigle-street, Galashiels.

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GOOD cold-room bred Norwich hen Canaries, 3/9, 4/6 each: H. Long, Station Master, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

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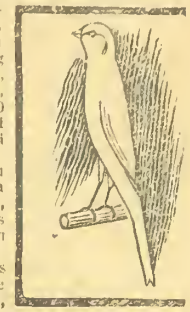
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I am surprised. It seems so ridiculous to hear you mention dissatisfaction. You never hear my customers mention it; the fact is, they have forgotten there is such a thing since they got their birds from these aviaries, the fountain-head of quality, combined with cheapness. The surest way to spell satisfaction is S-t-o-r-e-y-'-s B-i-r-d-s, for I guarantee every customer full satisfaction. Just you call in and inspect my stock; it will do you good, and you will not be pressed to buy, for I know you will see scores of birds you would like to possess. You have no need to pay fancy prices. I have had a lot of experience breeding and selling birds, always breeding from the best of stock birds and winners, and selling the birds at reasonable prices within the reach of all. My matched pairs of Yorkshires and Norwich at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- per pair are unequalled for style and quality, and are birds that will do you good. No breeder can show more and better unsolicited testimonials than the thousands of originals I have open for your inspection. I do not show one bird and sell another; every bird I have is for sale. See my advertisement under Rollers. Call and inspect my stock. You will be convinced. I have the best pure-bred Yorkshires, that cannot be beaten for type, size, and quality; feathers like wax. Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; matched pairs for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; extra fine cobby Norwich cocks 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; matched breeding pens, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Send a postcard for my illustrated price list. Neat travelling cages, 3d. each. All birds carriage paid on seven days' approval at my risk: E. L. Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

NOTICE.

Owing to business arrangements, we shall probably to unable to breed during the coming season. Therefore we have the whole of our birds for sale. The stock includes all our winners during the past show season at Hucknall, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Sheffield, Hull, Chesterfield, Hoyland, Barnsley, Doncaster. All our winners (with the exception of two) are unflighted birds, and should moult out toppers next show season. The birds will be sold in pairs as mated up for our own breeding. Pairs from 30/-, 40/-, to £5. Stamp for particulars, or birds can be seen by appointment.

Note.—The above is a genuine advt., not got up for a cheap advt. or sale of surplus stock.

MESSRS. WILKINSON AND ELLIOTT,
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The finest strain of Yorkshires in the world and the most reliable See our winnings for 30 years. This is the chance of a lifetime, as we are offering for sale most of our own breeding stud, which includes some of the finest stock birds living; never before has such a magnificent stock of Yorkshires been offered for sale by any breeder in the Fancy, as every bird has been specially selected for our own breeding; also a few others, including winners; pairs 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; hens 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; special offer, magnificent buff cock, fine length, perfect type, feathered like wax, mated to a gem of a yellow ben, £5, worth double to get one nest from; approval, cash or deposit; stamp reply: Messrs. Amblers, 29, Sefton-rd, Morecambe.

Purchased 60 YORKSHIRES

Including ALL HIS NOTED WINNERS this Season, from Mr. MERRIN, Bedale.

Yellow Cocks, Yellow and Buff Hens, all winners of 1sts and 2nds this season. Send for prices; selling cheap. Grand Yellow and Buff Cocks, fit to win, from 8/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; Yellow and Buff Hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; every bird a picture. Those requiring these noted winners of this season, write me, and I will give all particulars where they have won at all leading shows. Chance of lifetime for novices. All on approval. First come first served. Breeder 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge **PRESTON, LANCS.**

BY REQUEST

Owing to further demand, I am sending out Champion Yorkshire Pairs, from Palace winners, at 10/- per pair, or 5/- down, and balance as most convenient to purchasers. Cocks, any variety, 6/-; Buff, hens, 3/-; Yellow, 4/-, 5/-, cash only. Norwich and Crest-bred, also Crest Cocks, 6/-, 7/-.—**BROADBENT,** House Decorator, The Millhouse, Lime Street, Sheffield.

REPEATING OF ADVERTISEMENTS.

OWING to the number of announcements received, we cannot guarantee to repeat advertisements unless the previous issue, page, and column are stated by the advertiser.—Advt. Manager, "Cage Birds."

Various Canaries.

TWO healthy cock Canaries, 5/- each; 4 hens, 2/6, 1910 birds; 1 green cock, 5/6: Morley, Baker, Lenton, Cambs.

THREE healthy hens, good feeders, 2/6 each, or 6/6 the lot; approval, deposit: Wood, 54, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

EASY terms; if you want Canary or cage, state wants; stamp reply: 44, High Mill-rd., Southtown, Great Yarmouth.

CRESTED cocks, four variegated, 7/-, 8/-, 8/6; two Norwich hens, 3/- each: Shewan, 21, Oakley-place, Old Kent-rd., London.

QUALITY Norwich hens, 7/6, 10/-; clears, Seifert cock, 15/-; hens, 5/-, none better; exchange household linen: Mead, St. Annes.

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YORKSHIRE cock, Norwich hen, new London Fancy breeder, complete 14/-; pair Yorkshires, 8/6, nesting; marked Norwich cock, full song, 6/6; large healthy birds; want of time: Mrs. Mason, Ruskington, Sleaford.

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GREEN bred Norwich, self buff cock, 5/6; self buff hens, 3/-, 4/-; few superior single breeding cages, loose fronts, 2/- each; three for 5/9; cash or "C.B." deposit only: Marsden, Ridge Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

LONG orange-colour Yorkshire hen, 3/-; two bright yellow Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; one yellow Yorkshire hen, one buff Norwich hen, 2/3 each; beauties; yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each: Tavener, Sherford, Taunton.

GOING to New Zealand, April 27, clear immediately: buff cock, yellow hen, £2; 8 unflighted buff cocks, 10/- each; 4 at 12/6 each; 5 buff hens, 5/- each; little yellow hen, 5/-; single breeding cages, 2/6 each, double ones 4/6 each; birds and cages before cash; if not approved carriage to pay; stamp reply: W. H. Lindley Sons, Edward-st., Womburle, Barnsley.

"THE Stock Book," our invaluable "Breeding Room Register," by G. E. Weston. A well-known fancier has said of it:—"It makes bird breeding easy." It simplifies the operations in the bird-room, and makes it possible for everyone, even the veriest novice, to breed his birds as they should be bred; it contains both pedigree, breeding, young bird and show registers of simple and unique character, post free, 7d. from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-strcet, London, E.C.

ONLY THREE

But they denote a lot. Hundreds of others could be given which would cover recent dates. If any readers of this will favour me they, I feel sure, will be just as satisfied, for never forget the fact that I hold **the Largest Collection of Canaries in the World.**

77, Etnam St., Leominster, March 24, 1911.—The buff hen arrived safe to-day. Thanks very much. She is a beauty for the money.—A. Cooper to W. Rudd.

6, Alexandra Rd., Hemel Hempstead, March 25, 1911.—I received the birds this morning, and am pleased to say I am more than satisfied; they are quite beyond my expectations.—H. B. Foxell to W. Rudd.

27, Chapel St., Church Gresley, March 21, 1911.—Pleased to say birds and cage arrived safe. Am very pleased with same. I might say the cage is just what I required. It is very good.—G. Curtis to W. Rudd.

Novices

WILL FIND ANY OF THESE JUST WHAT THEY REQUIRE:—

A pair of Crests, matched for breeding crests, one crested, the other crested-bred, at the astounding low prices of 10/6 and 12/6 per pair. **A pair of Norwich Plainheads, Yorkshires, or Hartz Mountain Rollers, properly matched, at 8/6 and 10/6. Cages 3d.**

I also offer suitable for all above pairs a good, serviceable double breeding cage, fitted complete, price **3/6** ditto, fitted with sand trays and sanitary utensils, **5s.** Single breeding cage, fitted complete, **2/6.**

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WILL FIND ANY OF THESE A GOOD INVESTMENT:

Special Matched Pairs of prize-bred Norwich Plainheads at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, and 20/-. Crested ditto, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, and 30/-. Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Border Fancies, 10/6, 12/6. These are the best value ever offered. Cages, 3d.

For every other variety send for the **largest, completest,** and the **First Illustrated Canary** price list ever published, and do not be gulled with imitations, which will bring only disappointment and delay, for **I Have the Birds** I offer; that means a good deal more than some people recognise.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH**

MULES—HYBRIDS.

COCK Redpoll-Linnet Hybrid, in full song, 5/-: W. W. D. Donore, Mountrath.

DARK cock Goldfinch Mules (1910), 7/6 each; 2 yellow Norwich Muling hens, 3/6 each: 139, Warwick-rd., Edmonton.

STEADY muling cock Goldfinch, with large hen Canary, bred Mules last year, 7/6 lot, with cage: Phillips, 4, St. John's-place, Keswick-st., Sneinton, Notts.

DALE'S noted Sibs., without doubt, last 20 years best light muling strain in existence; two buff, two yellow hens, clear, 7/6 each: Barnard, Back Lane, Barking.

SIB. Canaries, parents bred my light Mules, pairs 8/-; two cock Linnet Mules, 10/-, parents 5/-; good feeding hens, 2/6; stamp, reply: Carwell, Wavendon, Bucks.

GENUINE MULING HENS.

THE BEST FOR MONEY EVER PUT ON THE MARKET.

Genuine; clear Buff, for light muling, Sib.-bred 3/6 and 4/6; do., clear Yellow, 5/-; pink-eyed do., 5/6 and 6/6; good dark muling, 3/-, 3/6, 5/-; Travelling Cages, 3d. extra. For Goldfinches, Linnets, Siskins, etc.; light and dark Mules, cocks and hens. List free.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

REAL smart, classy Goldie-Yorkshire, healthy, lovely bird, full song; approval gladly, 8/6; Paull, 70, Milford-st., Cardiff.

TWO splendid dark Goldfinch-Canary Mules, full song, 8/- each, 15/- the two: Plum, 102, Richmond-rd., Earl's Court.

COCK Greenfinch, paired to large hen Canary; Redpoll, with wall cage, lot 5/-: Hill, Blenheim, West-st., Newport, Wight.

SIB-bred light muling hens, clear yellow or buff, 3/6 each; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Mordenrd., Mitcham, Surrey.

GOLDFINCH-Canary Mules, full song, buff 8/6, yellow 10/-, cock Canary 7/6; approval: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

LINNET-BULLFINCH Hybrid, 1911 Palace winner, 1910 bred, offers wanted: Edmund Lamb, Alverstone, New Malden, Surrey.

SIB bred hen Canaries for light muling, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each (yellow or buff), satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

GOLDFINCH Mules, three large dark, one variegated, cocks, full song, 5/6 each; approval: F. Downs, Everton, Bawtry, Yorks.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib. bred hens, sure light-Mule breeders, 5/6, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

GOLDFINCH Mule, champion singer, Goldfinch and Canary notes, 8/6; exchange large yellow Norwich ben: Jones, 92, Henwalia, Carnarvon.

HEN Canaries for light Mule breeding, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each, cold room bred; yellow cock, same strain, 7/6: Johnson, Goswell-street, Leicester.

SIBERIAN Goldfinch, house-moulted, large, well marked, also Norwich hen to match for muling, pair 15/-; bargain: Campbell, 403, Fairbraid-st., Glasgow.

COCK Greenfinch-Siskin Hybrid, bred 1910, four cock Greenfinch and hen Siskin, unfed, unshown, 40/-: Edmund Lamb, Alverston, New Malden, Surrey.

GOLDFINCHES, cocks, one father of Mules, 12/-3, 1910, flying with Canaries since October, sure mulers, 4/- each; approval, cash or deposit: Fry, 16, Charles-st., Bridgend.

THREE good coloured muling cock Buffinches, 3/-; hen Hawfinch, 5/-; Green Linnet Mule, 5/-; three house-moulted muling cock Chaffinches, 2/-; exchange good stock Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders: Beaven, Taddington, Buxton.

GRAND muling pairs; lovely aviary-moulted Goldfinch and large Norwich hen, only 8/6; aviary-moulted Redpoll and Norwich hen, only 6/6; both pairs been together all winter; approval willingly, deposit: Auton Bros., Spalding.

THREE house-moulted yellow Greenfinch and yellow Yorkshires, Sib. hen, bred Mules, 6/6, or exchange 2 unflighted hens, good feeding strain, Norwich Roller cross preferred, hens first: 32, Royal York Crescent, Clifton, Bristol.

I HAVE for disposal two dark yellow, two variegated yellow, and one variegated buff, Siberian Goldfinch Mules, good large birds, 10/6 each; in full song and excellent condition; approval: H. C. Hedworth, Dudley-rd., Grantham.

DARK Linnet Mule, 4th Palace and many other prizes, 30/-; another will make a winner, 15/-; cock Linnet, clear yellow Norwich hen, 7/6 pair; British hen Bullfinch, 2/6; British cock Goldfinch, muler, 10/-: Ramsden, 11, Josephine-avenue, Brixton, London.

CHOICE hen Redpoll, nested in cage, hatched, reared two broods, young to Goldfinch, perfect condition, treasure, 6/6; house-moulted hen Goldfinch, perfect, forward condition, 3/-; cash or "C.B." deposit, only: Marsden, Ridge Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

SALE, Hybrid breeder's 1 cock Bullfinch, hen Goldfinch, 1 cock Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, 1 cock Linnet, hen Goldfinch, 6/6 pair; 1 cock Goldfinch, 7/6; 1 cock Redpoll, 3/6; 1 cock Linnet Mule, 6/6; all birds aviary moulted, and in grand condition: A. Skidmore, 11, Harrington-st., Pear Tree, Derby.

LATE advertisement. Owing to illness, 1 pair of Sibs. left, sacrifice 20/-, worth £5; several cocks, 10/- each; 4 light Mules, from 10/- to 30/- each, bred last season; 1 clear yellow; four 4-pointed buffs; 1 do, with additional chest mark; and 4 lightly-marked: F. G. Bartlett, 32, Royal York Crescent, Clifton, Bristol.

FACT (not fiction); Goldfinch and hen Greenfinch, bred young, 1910; Linnet and hen Bullfinch, bred four Hybrids, 1910, either 7/6; one brown Linnet, 4/6; one extra large bold Linnet, 5/6; both bred Canary Mules 1910; hand-reared, house-moulted cock Bullfinch, a beauty, 4/-; must clear, hence low prices: Beeston, Photographer, Ross-on-Wye.

HIGH-class Sibs, few grand hens, also cocks, for light Muling, 42 years' inbred, warranted, 10/- each; breeder, Mr. Jones's champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 1sts and special prizes; bred 1909, clear yellow six-pointed buff, 9 lightly marked, bred 1910, four-painted, buff, ticked yellow, tick buff, 8 light marked Mules; 44 years' breeder, high class birds; approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

MUST clear; all birds selected for own use; condition guaranteed; no time to breed with them. Fine, big Linnet, muler, grand bird, 10/-; exhibition Linnet, winner and can win in good company, 15/-, nice British Goldfinch, free breeder, 10/-; exhibition Lesser Redpoll, winner, free breeder, 10/-; two magnificent Siberian hen Bullfinches, anxious to nest, 12/6 each; another, extra large, house-moulted, nested last year, 17/6; extra big, steady, Siberian Goldfinch, sure breeder, 12/6. Also following mated pairs: Linnet and Siberian hen Bullie, 20/-; Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch, Siberians, 21/-; Canary (yellow green Norwich) and Siberian hen Bullie, grand pair, 21/-. Bargains; approval, cash or deposit: G. E. Weston, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

PURE-BRED MULING HENS

from best strain in the world; Norwich and Yorkshire, type, from 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each; approval; send for catalogue for proof of winners bred from same; Muling cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/-, 4-, 5/-, 6/- each; Muling cock Linnets, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each Have hundreds testimonials where I have supplied hens which have bred winning Mules; any on approval; breeder thirty years: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

PRICE list free: Miss Rosey, Eastbourne.

ACCLIMATISED tame and amusing healthy Amazon, with cage, 25/-: B. Jones, 1, Falkirk-st., Kingsland-rd., N.

PORT Lincoln Parrakeet hen, four years old, anxious to nest, very fine bird, price £2: C. P. Arthur, Melksham.

YOUNG tame hen Rock Parrot, suitable for breeding, 10/-, laid 7 eggs: W. Stripp, Wouldham Hall, Rochester, Kent.

TRICOLOUR Parrot in brass-mounted cage, £1; singing Canary and cage, 7/6: A. Green, 17, Nottingham-pl., Stepney.

AFRICAN grey Parrot, splendid talker, £4 10/-; also green Parrakeet and cage, 7/6, seen any time: Lund, Burnham, Bucks.

BUDGERIGARS, green, out-door aviaries, 5 cocks, 3 hens; space wanted; the lot 12/-: Greenacre, Chirton Green, North Shields.

GRAND Diamond Sparrow, winner several first prizes, etc., 17/6; show cage, 2/6: F. Howe, 54, Thomas-st., Wellingborough.

SALE, African Grey Parrot, with red tail, and new brass-mounted cage, 30/-: Mrs. Wright, The Gadlys, Bagillt, North Wales.

GENUINE talking Quaker Parrot, good, 30/-, cage; several small cages, cheap; exchange, clearing out: Henson, Lobyke-lane, Chichester.

GIVEN away; beautiful Crimson Weaver, 3/6; White Java Sparrow, 3/-; Crested Cardinal, 5/-, worth double: Fred. Kings, Erdington.

OUTDOOR aviary, yellow Budgerigars, on eggs, 7/6 pair, or exchange other foreigners; wanted adult cock: Stanley, Firth, Dalbeattie.

AFRICAN grey Parrot, commencing talk, mimic, whistle, 30/-; large square cage, 7/6, green Parrot, talking, 7/6: 13, Clive-st., Senghenydd.

BUDGERIGARS, healthy, unrelated, bred, wintered outdoors, ready breed, yellows 7/6, cocks 3/6, green 5/6, cocks 3/-: Criddeford, Honiton.

FANCIERS requiring healthy, well-kept Waxbills, Budgerigars, Javas, Cutthroats, Cordons, etc., list free: Hogg, 17, Bridge-st., Middlesbrough.

HEN Ring-necked Parrakeet, acclimatised, in perfect feather, very tame, and good plain talker, 25/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

WANTED Diamond Dove, cock, Painted Finch and Cordon Blue hens, pair of Pintail Nonpareils, must be guaranteed acclimatised: H. Mathias, Lucerne, Stubbington, Hants.

COCK Black-headed Siskin, winner, cage-moulted, perfect, with new show cage, 25/-; Grosbeak, with show cage, 20/-; hen Green Cardinal, 30/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

BEAUTIFUL drawing-room aviary, all complete, with 12 foreign birds, including Javas, Lovebirds, Waxbills, Weavers, etc., price 30/-, cheap at 50/-: Hogg, 17, Bridge-st., Middlesbrough.

WANTED, acclimatised true pairs, Cordon Bleus, Ribbon Finches, Zebra Finches, Parrot Finches, long-tailed grass Finches, Napoleon Weavers; approval: Miss Irving, Speldhurst, Kent.

ACCLIMATISED (twelve months) black-faced Gouldian hen, show condition, suit breeder, 7/6, carefully packed, cash, or "C.B. deposit only: Marsden, Ridge Hall, Chapel-in-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

FEW hardy foreign birds, thoroughly acclimatised, to be sold at half actual cost price to clear, list sent; six odd cocks, all different, 3/6 lot: Rathgar, Bute Villas, Highcliffe, Christchurch.

PARROT, clever, talking and whistling, grey-coloured bird, Edward, suitable for good home, real pet for family, 25/-, including new cage; fortnightly instalments accepted: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.

WANTED Diamond Doves, cock and hen; cock Combassou, Red-headed Finches, cock and hen; hen Red-crested Cardinal, cock Napolean Weaver, Zebra Finches, cock and hen; hen Saffron Finch: W. W. D. Donore, Mountrath.

"WAXBILLS."—How to keep these favourite foreign birds in health and condition, with hints on their breeding, etc; see Nutshell Booklet, No. 20, price 2½d. post free from The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

GREY talking Parrot, warranted, does many funny tricks, correct plumage, healthy, bell-top cage, sound condition, will accept £1 1/- for bird, cage; no cards; please stamp reply: George Brown, 205, Highbury-rd., nr. Nottingham.

"THE BUDGERIGAR."—Its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, and management and exhibiting; see Nutshell booklet No. 18, price 2½d. post free, from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

AFRICAN talking Grey Parrot, 2 years in England, thoroughly acclimatised, health, and plumage (every feather), perfect, fit to exhibit; lady owner removing; offers, bird and its good cage, £3 15s.; shown any time: Mrs. S., 3, Edwards-st., Louth.

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"THE GREY PARROT."—Its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, moulting, taming and teaching to talk; see Nutshell booklet No. 17, price 2½d. post free, from The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London.

"AVADAVATS."—How to keep these charming little foreign birds in the best possible condition, with full directions as to caging and feeding; see Nutshell booklet No. 16, price 2½d. post free, from The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

EXQUISITE plumaged, hardy Green Parrot, my possession 18 months, talks, mocks the milkman, call the cat, says Kiss the baby, Poor Joe, Polly want a bit; am removing; will take 10/6 for quick sale: Phillips, 4, St. John's-place, Keswick-st., Sneinton, Notts.

A CHOICE little lot of Amazon Parrots, from 21/-, also a good show bird and talker, choice home-bred and imported Budgerigars, greens and yellows; also breeding cages and nesting husks for same, the best in England; list free: W. Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

BUDGERIGARS, finest in England, outdoor aviaries, greens 6/6 pair, hens 4/-; yellows 9/-, hens 5/-; Lovebirds, 5/- pair; cock Cockatiel, 6/-; husk nest 6d. each, 5/- doz.; Virginian Nightingale, cock, 25/-; crested Cardinal, 7/6; Siberian Goldfinch, mule breeder, 7/6; Linnet-Canary mule, cock, 7/6; pair Cutthroats, on eggs, 4/6: Sapsford, Hughenden-hse., Stanley-rd., Teddington, Middlesex.

"BUDGERIGARS and Cockatiels: How to Keep, Feed, Breed, and Teach to Talk." By C. P. Arthur. This handbook is written by a specialist in the keeping of these 2 popular varieties of foreign birds; the information given in it is of a most practical and concise nature, and no keeper of these birds can afford to be without a copy; price, 6d. post free: From the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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Club Reports.

PELTON FELL AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Institute Hall, Mar. 20th, Mr. J. Stanger in chair. Moved and seconded that we hold nest feather show August 5th, and that last year's schedule stand. Mr. W. Davison gives 2s. 6d. for best young bird shown by a professional, and 5s. for best bred and shown by a novice. Mr. J. Stanger gives 2s. 6d. for 2nd best bird bred and shown by a novice. Mr. W. Dawson gives 2s. 6d. shown by a novice. Mr. W. Dawson gives 2s. 6d. meeting. Petition from National B.B. and M.C. read, and is being filled up by members. More members welcome; subs. 5s. per year.—Wm. Forster, Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual meeting held at Sunderland, 23rd March. In the absence of Mr. Robson, Mr. Farrar presided. Secretary presented balance-sheet for preceding year, showing a balance in hand of 15s., and assets 3 silver cups; which, considering the state of trade in the North during the last 12 months, is very satisfactory. The membership has gone up to the extent of 12 members. Office-bearers re-elected. Following new members enrolled: Messrs. J. W. Coutts (Newcastle), T. Wheatley (Shildon), J. Gillespie (Durham City), W. Priestley (Tyne Dock). This looks encouraging for the Crest Fancy in the North. J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec.

DYSART C.B.S.

Meeting, held March 25th, Normand Memorial Hall. President, Mr. D. Walker, presided over a large number of members. Letters were read from judges nominated at last meeting; the following were unanimously appointed to judge the annual open show, October 28th, viz., for Scotch Fancy, J. Thomson (Kirkcaldy); for Border Fancy, Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn); and for Norwich and Crests, Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh). Judges of British and Foreign left over for a fortnight. Thereafter the company sat down to an excellent supper, heartily partaken of, after which songs were rendered by Messrs. Walker, Watson, Sparling, Russell, Hutchison, and Logan, also mandoline solos, by Mr. J. Suttie. The pleasing feature of the evening was a duet admirably sung by John Hutchison and Christopher White. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent.—John S. Harrie, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & EAST LONDON F.A.

At this month's committee and general meetings the following business was done:—Fixtures for 1911 confirmed, and instructions given Secretary to write various gentlemen re judging monthly shows; each show to cater for all sections. Gentlemen unanimously elected to judge show, April 27th, the cage bird judge being not yet elected. Special prizes for most points in each section were kindly promised by various members. Mr. C. A. House was unanimously elected to judge show, July 13th. The judges for show, May 25th, have not yet been written to. Fanciers please note, all these shows are open free from 8 to 10 p.m., at Workman's Hall, Romford Road; visitors cordially invited. Members are specially requested to note there will not be any meeting on April 13th. New members elected as follows: Messrs. W. Fowl (Poplar, E.), and F. Lewis (Poplar, E.). Yearly point medals won as follows: For cage birds, silver, Mr. J. Read; bronze, A. Skinner; and others by Messrs. T. H. Harrison, G. Eves, A. Wasey, J. H. Priestman, J. Emmett, A Sears, G. Kempton, W. H. Collings, J. Smith, M. Austin, A. E. Baker, and H. F. Plucknett.—W Maxey, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

General meeting held headquarters, March 20th, Mr. W. A. Bladen presiding over a large attendance. Date of F.F. show fixed for July 1st, Choulton Town Hall. Following judges elected to judge annual open show, October 27th and 28th: Messrs. H. W. Battye, A. G. Davis, E. Godley, C. Houlton, S. Hadwin, and J. Swalwell A paper on the Yorkshire Canary should have been given by Mr. W. Broughton, but owing to ill-health he was unable to attend. Mr. Atkinson was prevailed upon to take his place, and our thanks are due to him for giving us such a good lecture, being called upon so suddenly. He dealt with the breeding, how to get length, size, quality, etc.; he also said the Belgian must be used with great care. With care and judgment it could be used for good, but if used too much and without judgment it would do a great amount of harm. He also spoke on the use of Cinnamon blood for quality, and recommended it to be used on the cock side. He did not think the hens were as good a shape as the green marked and clear hens; that was the reason for using the cinnamon cock. He also dealt with other points to look to, and went into all points thoroughly. After his lecture he was asked several questions, which he answered in first-class style. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Atkinson, who responded. Next meeting April 3rd, table show of Brit. (4 classes). Entry fee, 6d. Mr. Richards will give 5s. to exhibitor staging most birds.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 21st March, the President (Mr. Charleton) in the chair. The attendance of members was extraordinarily good, the seating accommodation being taxed to the utmost. Quite a host of new members were duly admitted. Secretary intimated the total membership was 60. Secretary appealed to all to make a special endeavour before May meeting of making the membership at least 100. Classification of table show for April meeting was then gone into and discussed, it was finally decided, on the motion of Messrs. Thomson and Ferguson, to have: 1, Goldfinch; 2, Linnet; 3, A.S. Bunting; 4, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 5, A.O.S. Fine Cal. British birds and open to professionals and novices). Mr. Whitefield reported having interviewed gentleman regarding hall for annual show, and named members cost thereof would not exceed 30s., but probably less, it was left with Mr Whitfield and Secretary to fix up hall definitely. Secretary suggested that members in districts might be appointed to a district delegate; whose privilege and honour it would be to assist in the furthering of the Society's interest by keeping in touch with fanciers residing in their immediate neighbourhood, receiving entries for annual show, and suggestions for monthly meeting. The suggestion was well received, and on the motion of Messrs. Cochrane and Pennycook, it was agreed that appointments be left in the hands of Secretary. Suggested, that some cups be secured for annual show; the procedure of the Scottish British B. and M.C. in this connection being worthy of consideration and imitation; it was left to the members to give the matter their serious and personal consideration. Mr. A. Cochrane was unanimously appointed judge for April Table Show. Mr. Allan was pressed to officiate, but declined. The meeting adjourned to next hall to survey the awards placed by Mr. A. W. Watson on novice exhibits of British.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Members, on March 23rd, at headquarters, held a successful "Question and Answer" night. Mr. W. Hammaus, who presided, had a busy time, and his replies and advice, backed up by fifteen years' experience as a breeder and exhibitor, set the members at ease. One asked the best way to wash a bird, but Mr. Hammaus answered that the audience would be better served by a demonstration. The officials have therefore decided to hold a washing competition at some future date.—B. C. Smith (Club Reporter).

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.S.

Membership for 1911: R. Wright (Greenock), Councillor J. Hogg (Oakley), E. B. Bullions and W. McClure (Glasgow), W. Montgomery (Corkerhill), P. McAdam (Jamestown), A. H. McLeod Battoch), J. Dalgleish (Leith), J. McLennan (Edinburgh), W. Thornton (Midlothian), J. Little (Barrhead), T. Smith, and R. Carmyllie. The executive will be glad to have advice of further membership.—Thomas Smith, Sec., 10, Lochside Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND

Meeting held headquarters March 21st, President Mr. Penman in the chair. Letter read from Mr. A. Girvan (Ayr), who thought the late secretary, Mr. Bowman, had made a mistake in counting points won at Paisley Show, and that he, and not Mr. J. B. Paterson, was runner-up for club's rosebowl. After the matter had been gone into Mr. Girvan's contention was found to be correct, he having beaten Mr. Paterson for second place by two-fifths of a point. It was left to the two gentlemen concerned to arrange about exchanging specials. Secretary instructed to write several cage makers for samples and prices of standard show cages; same to be submitted to next meeting. Unanimously agreed, that all clubs desiring our patronage must give at least six classes, and the following classification was decided upon, viz., Clear or ticked yellow cock; ditto buff; clear or ticked yellow or buff hen; variegated cock or hen, A.V.; A.V. yellow or buff cock, unflgh.; ditto hen—the last two young birds classes, to be confined to members of the Y.C.C.S. Members are respectfully reminded that annual subs. are now due.—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Smoking concert held 18th March, Grey Horse Tavern, the President (Mr. J. Pearson) presiding. As was expected, a large gathering of fanciers and friends assembled at the first of a series of "smokers." Mr. Pearson, in a neat witty speech, thanked the visitors who had come to join Musselburgh fanciers in a friendly pipe. He (Mr. Pearson) was sorry to inform them that one of the Portobello members, Mr. J. Laird, had had a serious accident. It was a great pity so few of the members, especially the Portobello members, had failed to put in an appearance, but notwithstanding the "smoker" was a great success, both vocally and financially. Among the visitors present were Messrs. J. Steel (Dalkeith), J. Ewing (Stirling), and Currie (Eskbank). Messrs. A. Moffat, J. Muir, and S. G. Carruthers are to be complimented on their work in connection with the concert. Mr. Brown opened the programme with a bagpipe selection, followed by Mr. Howie in "The Mocking Bird"; Mr. A. McAlpine in "Gae bring tae me" and "Sandy McPherson." Messrs. Murray, D. Moffat, Sterling, A. Moffat, J. Barr, ex-Councillor J. Young, E. McCann, Currie, and T. Brown also contributed. Ex-Councillor Young intimated he would only be too delighted to act as chairman for the next "smoker." A vote of thanks to the artistes and Chairman, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought a most successful evening to a close.—Wm. Nisbet, Sec.

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, held March 25th, Greyhound Hotel, with a fair attendance. We were very sorry to see our worthy chairman for the past six years could not accept the chair once again, as nothing would have given the members more pleasure than to have him once again ruling, and giving us useful advice. Proposed and carried that Mr. Tom Jenkins, one of our oldest members, be chairman, with Mr. W. Bowen as vice-chairman. Next came the secretaryship: Mr. D. John, the holder of the position for the last three years, said he could not give a definite answer, as his time is called upon in other directions than the society. Next show to be held November 28th. We have already booked hall for that date, as the feeling by the members is that the date of their annual show in January is too late, and that it goes against the success of our show. The society have no less than five (if not six) cups ready for their next venture. I hope and trust members will rally around the officers, and give them all the assistance they can, as it is well known that the attendance of the members at the meetings has been not what it ought to have been; and every word in Taffy's notes in CAGE BIRDS' issue of March 25th is only too true. Next meeting April 8th, when Mr. D. Jenkins (Swansea) has kindly promised to give us a washing exhibition—one of the best lessons in the successful staging of exhibits possible.—Daniel John, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Mar. 16th. Mr. J. Barrow (Cardiff) was enrolled a member. Balance-sheet read and adopted, the auditors passing some pleasing remarks on the way the books were kept. It is the intention of the new committee, under the very able and most enthusiastic leadership of our new Chairman (Mr S. F. Whetton) to do more for the interest of members in the way of table shows, and papers by various leading members. Those who were not in attendance at the last meeting will, I trust, make amends by putting in an appearance on April 20th. If time permits on this date a paper on my own experiences with the Norwich Plainhead will lead the way. Mr. E. Thomas promised paper on "Foreign Birds" will be the next item. Following new officers elected: Chairman, Mr S. F. Whetton, Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. Thomas; Treasurer, Mr. S. E. Tonkin, Committee, Messrs. W. Sampson, H. C. Smith, F. D. Jones, W. Wilson, A. Harrington, L. J. Banks, A. Shellam, T. H. Mellmuth, E. Thorne, H. Ford and F. Hopson. On the motion of Mr H. C Smith, seconded by Mr. W. Wilson Mr. G. Sampson was made a life hon member. I am sure all member will agree that in Mr Sampson the Society has always found a true and honest fancier—one who is well worthy of the honour. We, as young fanciers, can ill-afford to spare these "old men." For 1911 we have up to date enrolled 4 new members—Messrs. J. H. Marshall, C. Wells, J. Baker, and J. Barrow. We give a hearty welcome to fanciers to join.—J. W Dunmett, Sec. pro tem

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

The Annual Meeting.

Annual General Meeting held Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, March 25th, Mr. F. Hammond (President) in chair. A splendid attendance of delegates was recorded for this, the last, meeting of the old Council. A member of Manningham C.B.A. complained with regard to not receiving his class tickets from the Huddersfield Society on the occasion of their annual show, and applied to the Council as a test case to recover his entry fees. After a full explanation by the Huddersfield delegate as to the same having been posted along with the others, and the question thoroughly discussed, it was proposed and carried, that the Huddersfield Society were perfectly in order in retaining the entry fees, the Council considering that the exhibitor ought to have sent his birds on without tickets, or otherwise notified the Secretary of the Show that he had not received them. A post card from Great Horton Good Intent Society notified the Council they did not intend to hold the usual annual show this season on account of the heavy loss sustained at the last two. The resignation of the City of Wakefield Society from the Union was received and accepted with regret. The Hebden Bridge and District C.B.F.A. were admitted members of the Union on a unanimous vote, and it is hoped the step they have taken will be the means of strengthening them numerically. Mr.S. Jenkinson (Skelmanthorpe), who was suspended by the Council twelve months ago, applied to the Council to reinstate him as a member. This was acceded to by the Council, and he is, therefore, reinstated from this date. Union Secretaries would greatly oblige by making a note of this. Mr. A. Radley (Skelmanthorpe) applied for reinstatement, but in this case the Council declined to entertain the application. The Union Secretary would be greatly obliged if all those Societies who have not yet sent in the Railway Petitions, duly signed by their respective members, would do so within the next few days, in order that they may be returned to the London Federation of C.B.S.

The reading of the balance sheet, showing an increased balance on the past year's working, despite the fact that Delegates' travelling expenses and other increased expenditure had been met and duly paid out, was the cause of a rare outburst of enthusiasm. To say the least, it was unexpected, and put the Council in a very good humour with itself, compliments and tributes being freely given to the Secretary and Treasurer for this happy state of affairs. The Auditors, Messrs. F. Armstrong and R. Halliday, gave their report, and declared they had found the books in perfect order and in an excellent condition. Mr. H. H. Towers also enlarged upon this fact in a short speech, following with the Treasurer's report. The Secretary was granted an honorarium of £10 for his services during the past year, and Mr. Hammond, acting on the wishes of the Council, thanked him most deservedly in a neat speech. Mr. Hill took the opportunity in responding to same of thanking all those officials and delegates connected with the Council for their help during the past year. It had, he said, been a very arduous one, but he had derived great pleasure in accomplishing the work and giving satisfaction to the Council.

A rather singular feature in the evening's agenda was the election of a Treasurer for the ensuing year. Mr. H. H. Towers takes his position as President of the Union, and Mr. F. Hammond, as retiring President, was nominated and duly elected as Treasurer, when the Secretary pointed out that this action would necessitate a breach of the rules, as it distinctly states that the Treasurer "must be elected by and from the Council." Unfortunately, Mr. Hammond was not qualified under this rule, and it was therefore decided to ask Mr. H. H. Towers to hold the office of Treasurership until this matter had been referred back to the Societies, when, no doubt, an arrangement will be speedily come to in order to remove this obstacle.

A vote of thanks to all retiring officers was proposed by Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax), who paid a most deserving tribute to the gentlemen who had held the reins of office during the past year. This was ably seconded by Mr. J. Butler (Stanningley). In responding, Mr. F. Hammond made a magnificent speech, dealing with a few of the most important events that had occurred during his Presidential year, namely, the protection of the Union members in the action which the Bradford Health Committee took in regard to bird fanciers using part of the attic, etc., for breeding Canaries; this objection had been entirely removed, and was greatly to the credit of the Yorkshire Union. A working agreement with the kindred Unions had also been arrived at, and this was another step in the right direction. Drawing attention to the annual ballot, Mr. Hammond said he was afraid it would have to be done away with on account of the poor response which the Union members usually made in returning their papers. The expense was considerably heavy, and the response made was not worth this expenditure. Mr. Hammond pleaded that each individual would do his level best for the Union which he held so dear, and hoped they would all work for the betterment of the Fancy in general. Concluding, he said he should always be willing when called upon to take his share in helping the Union forward, and hoped that even a more promising era of progress was in store for it than had yet been attained. A great outburst of applause greeted his concluding remarks, and I feel sure that efforts he has made during his term of office will certainly have left a good impression with the officials and delegates who have sat under him during the past year.

The Queensbury Society were granted permission to hold their show on December 16th, the date vacated by Great Horton Good Intent O.S. All new delegates' names and addresses should be sent in immediately by those Societies who have not already done so.—H. Hill Secretary.

HIRST (Universal) C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 25th, when we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. E. Floyd deliver a very interesting lecture on Canary management. I made a mistake in the date of our first feather show—it should have been July 22nd, instead of July 1st. If you will kindly publish same I shall be much obliged.—R. Middleton, Sec.

BATHGATE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Lesser Co-operative Hall, where there was a good attendance. Mr. E. Cain, vice-president, presided. Secretary's report and balance sheet were read and adopted unanimously. Following office bearers appointed: President, Mr R. Baldie; ex-president, Mr. J. Nicolson, secretary, Mr A. Nicol; auditor, Messrs. W. Sharp and W. Ewart. Agreed to hold next meeting 8th April, when Mr. J. Murray will give an exhibition of hand washing. The President also agreed to read a paper on Breeding and Rearing Canaries. This brought a successful meeting to a close, a vote of thanks being given the chairman.—A. Nicol Sec

SHOW DATES FIXED

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England.

Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Price, 28, Kyrle Road.). J.R., J.F.

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.** (R. Roll, 58, York Street).

Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.

Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.

Oct. 14. **Morpeth.**—(J. Nichol, Castle View.) J.C.B., A.H.

Oct. 17 & 18. **Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.)

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.)

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 89, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.

Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street) W.M., J.T.

Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewbitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.** (W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.** (A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.

Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.

Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64 Napier-rd). J.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.) H.W.B., A.G.B., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.St

Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.)

Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.** (H. Jones Robins, Market St.)

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Fth.

Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.

Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.).

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.** G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.

Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).

Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)

Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Norfolt Road.) J.R.

Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)

Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.

Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.

Nov. 11 & 12.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Park Side.)

Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)

Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without).

Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)

Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton st.), J.R., J.M.

Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.

Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.)

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.

Nov. 24, 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 64, Stuart Road.)

Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).

Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).

Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 35, Rodsley Avenue.)

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tu., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.

Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whittou, 2, Churchill Place).

Oct. 20 and 21. **City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams terr., Kelty).

Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)

Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street).

Oct. 28. **Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.)

Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan St.).

Nov. 4.—**Brechin.** (G. Mitchell, 11s, Montrose St.) W.B., G.Hp., J.St.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.** (E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).

Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Martin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wh, A.Wr., P.P.

Nov. 11.—**Forfar.** (J. Fal., 137, East High Street.) R.B.L., W.M., A.W.W.

Nov. 18. **Buckhaven.** (J. Lawrie, Grahame Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ave.C.

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.** (A. Miller, 3 Park Ave.)

Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.** (W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. M.L.u., G.Sfe., J.Tu., J.M., J.Su.

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.** (S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.

Nov. 15 & 16. **Cardiff.** (J. W. Dunmett, 34, Tudor Road) J.H.P., J.R

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.** (D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.** (R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)

Dec. 7 & 8.—**Larne.** (T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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G. BENNETT, 36, Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds., judge of cage birds; 30 years' practical experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, foreign and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

H. J. CHITTENDEN, 105, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWCILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

E. LEWIN, Aviaries, 58, Marlborough-road, Oxford. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules. 30 years' experience.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

A. E. PATTRICK, 6, Essex-st., Southend-on-Sea. Judge of Canaries and cage birds; life experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

WM. REID, Falkland, Fife. Judge of Norwich; Crests a speciality; terms moderate.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

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Kindly accept our grateful thanks for the honour of placing our well-known yellow hen on the front page of our popular CAGE BIRDS; also for the prominence you have given her in producing such a lifelike drawing in your valuable CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. In both cases your artist has done her full justice. I have always had a great admiration for the likeness brought out by him of the "Woe Border" previously, but in the latter instance he has simply excelled himself. Nothing to my eye has ever appeared on paper with anything like the same claim to the living image of an ideal Border. She is brought out to perfection. She has had a host of admirers throughout the show season, and from letters received by me she is as much admired in your ANNUAL. One writer says: "No breeder of the Border can have any doubt now what to breed for, when one glance has been given at the drawing of your yellow hen in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which will engraft on the memory the true ideal." This to us is a compliment which we are proud of, as the breeders of the hen in question; but doubly so to you and your artist. We wish both CAGE BIRDS and Mr. Norman long life to lead as fanciers onward and upward.—J. Patterson (Chirnside).

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Twitterings.

I have removed from Lewisham to 59, Cuslow Road, Weston Peverell, Plymouth, writes Mr. E. S. Legg.

The Bo'ness and Dist. F.A. annual show will be held on Nov. 4th, writes Mr. Thos. Cameron, the secretary.

The Skipton and District C.B.S. are holding their first nest feather show on July 8th, writes Mr. R. Roberts, the secretary.

I have again been elected to judge at Manchester Show, writes Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool), this being my third year in succession.

Please note my change of address to 30, Elmfield Road, Balham, London, S.W. (third turning from Balham Station), writes Mr. W. Lilley.

Mr. J. C. Barnes, late of Duncombe Street, Walkley, Sheffield, wishes us to state that his address now is 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield.

Mr. H. W. Battye has been engaged to judge our show on November 10th and 11th, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, secretary of the Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.

The members of the Bathgate and District C.B.S. have, writes Mr. Alex. Nicol, the secretary, fixed January 20th, 1912, for their next annual open show.

Mr. G. H. Billett, of Reading, is, we hear, the cage bird judge-elect for the shows at Kingswood (Bristol) on August 26th and Leatherhead on November 22nd.

I wish every success to CAGE BIRDS, which is, without doubt, the best pennyworth for information, hints, etc., invaluable to every bird fancier.—L. Cooper (Halifax).

Our show dates for this year, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, hon. secretary of the Poplar and Dist. C.B.S., are as follows:—Young Stock Show, July 29th; Annual Show, Dec. 16th.

Our annual show is fixed for November 2nd, writes Mr. H. Evans, secretary of the Tunstall and District C.B.S. Will secretaries of local societies kindly note, in order to avoid clashing?

We have fixed on June 17th as the date of our young bird show, for which we have engaged Mr. W. Dyer (our assistant secretary) as judge, writes Mr. W. Ridge, the hon. secretary.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Walter Swaysland was successful in his candidature for a seat on the Portslade Urban District Council, the result of the voting showing him to be high up in the list of elected councillors.

Mr. R. B. Gibb, the secretary of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland, writes calling the attention of the secretaries of Scottish open shows to the conditions of his club's patronage, as detailed in his report, which will be found in another column.

The undernoted judges have been elected for our annual show on Nov. 4th, writes Mr. G. Mitchell, secretary of the Brechin C.B.S.:—For Norwich, Mr. W. Bishop (Stirling); for Borders, Mr. Gollan Hislop (Stirling); and for Wild Birds, Mr. J. Stewart (Arbroath).

The Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S. have fixed the following dates for their three shows:—June 17th, October 21st (open), and Dec. 9th, writes Mr. W. Cottingham, the secretary. We hope other local societies will not fix the same dates.

Kindly accept my sincere thanks for depicting my two winning Yorkshires on the front page of CAGE BIRDS of March 11th. The pose of both birds is perfect, and gives great credit to your esteemed artist. With best wishes to your most instructive journal.—George Thomson (Cardiff).

I have resigned my position as secretary to the Tong and District C.B.S., owing to business pressure, writes Mr. J. Smith. I have, however, promised to act as assistant secretary. My successor is Mr. W. Walker, 10, Oddy Street, Long Street, Bradford, to whom all communications must be sent.

We are to be favoured at our meeting on April 3rd with a lecture on the breeding and rearing of the Yorkshire Canary by Mr. H. J. Chiffenden (Bolton Woods), which fanciers and friends are given a hearty invitation to hear, writes Mr. J. Lewis, hon. secretary Spen Valley C.B.S.

Owing to pressure of business, I have been compelled to resign the secretaryship of the Hastings United C.B.S., and Mr. T. G. Coombs, of "Abergeldie," Sedlescombe Road N., St. Leonards, is now hon. secretary, to whom all communications should be addressed, writes Mr. A. E. Godden.

Owing to our being probably unable to go in for bird-breeding this season, write Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott (Stocksbridge), we are disposing of the whole of our stock through the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS. The birds are disposable in pairs, and include winners at Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Sheffield, Hull, and other important shows.

A friend of mine lost a Parrot, writes Mr. Alex. Donnelly, 70, Cheetham Road, Swinton. He gave me the description as follows: Green, long tail, yellowish under wings and tail, black and pink ring round the neck, red beak, brass split ring on leg. Any reasonable expenses will be paid to anyone who has found it, or I would be glad to hear from anyone with regard to same. It has been lost since the last Sunday in November.

A lecture on "How to become a successful breeder and exhibitor" will be given by Mr. J. R. Robson at the meeting of the East Ham and Dist. F.S., to be held at the "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, East Ham, E., on April 6th, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. H. B. Rutter, the hon. secretary. Members are asked to come up in good numbers.

We are very sorry to hear from Mr. R. Charleson, secretary of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S., that he met with a serious accident on March 17th. He writes: I fell from a scaffold about 20 feet during my work as a painter, and badly hurt my ribs, and also strained the wrist and shoulder of my right arm. I have not been able to use it until to-day, so that is the reason I have had to keep my report of our Linnet Show back until now.

Mr. Enoch Tams (of Church Street, Longton, Staffs) has issued a large illustrated catalogue of the bird cages, aviaries, cage fittings, bird seeds, foods, bird-room requisites, etc., supplied by him. The quality of the goods is of the best, and the prices extremely moderate. Readers of CAGE BIRDS should make a point of getting a copy of this catalogue, which may be had free on application, if CAGE BIRDS is mentioned when writing. Mr. Tams supplies practically everything a bird-keeper can require, and he has built up a huge business by his fair dealings and methods.

New Cross and District C.B.S. are to be favoured by a paper on "British Birds" by that well-known fancier Mr. Lewcock, on Thursday, April 6th, at 7.45 p.m., at Headquarters, Bond's Rooms, 397, New Cross Road, write Messrs. Barton and Heath, the hon. secretaries, when the society heartily invites fanciers and friends. This society, started in January last, has now doubled its membership, and is going in splendid form. A ramble to Hildenboro' is being arranged for May, also a young stock show for July. The secretaries will be pleased to give particulars of membership. (Address: 8, Warwick Street, Deptford.)

Kindly thank all who replied to my advt. in CAGE BIRDS of March 25th, as I received too many to answer personally.—S. Grant (Banbury).

Kindly thank all who answered my small advt. in your paper, "CAGE BIRDS." I only answered a few that resided in London, and have made a good exchange. I wish "CAGE BIRDS" all success.—J. Russell (London, S.W.).

I advertised two Yorkshire hens in "CAGE BIRDS," and had about twenty applications for them. I have not, therefore, been able to answer all the applicants.—S. S. Boyden (Shepherd's Bush, London, W.).

I had so many enquiries re advt. in CAGE BIRDS for exchange of Budgerigars, that I was only able to reply to those who sent stamps for same. I think your paper, CAGE BIRDS, is a very good advertising medium, as I have always had excellent results from it.—Chas. Dell (Harlesden).

We have had such a rush of orders due to advertising in your excellent journal, "CAGE BIRDS," that we have had to start another joiner. We hope now to get off all orders as received. Our cages have given entire satisfaction in every case, which is very gratifying to us. I wish your journal every success.—R. Hobson (Hull).

Coupons will be issued with all canisters of Ramsden's Pure Peppers sold in 1911. They will not be issued with loose pepper sold by traders. Members of societies are asked to hand their coupons to their secretary, who in turn is asked to enclose same with his application for a special prize. Applications without coupons will not be considered, and the value of the special prize offered will depend entirely on the value of the coupons enclosed with the application. Three extra prizes will be given to the three societies sending in the highest value in coupons. My Peppers for 1911 are of super quality and colour, and will, as usual, be guaranteed "absolutely pure."—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London. [Advt.

I think it is time some of our members turned up to the meetings, writes Mr. J. Bunn, secretary of the Nottingham Permanent and District O.S., seeing ours is a flourishing society and will be one of the best in the district if only a few more members will help to work it. There is not much encouragement at present for those six or seven old members who always turn up at the meetings. There are thirty members living in the town, and only the old few turn up. When we get classes out for shows, we have to get them out the best we can to please all, and then when some of the members get the schedule they find there are not classes to suit them; then they begin to grumble about it. Now, members, what can you expect if you don't come and help keep the society in good going order? Please turn up to some of the meetings, which you will see advertised in Club Notices in CAGE BIRDS.

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A letter purporting to come from John Thorn, Old Rub, Bank Top, Bedlington, Northumberland, has been answered to that address and returned as "Not known." Will the writer please send us his correct name and address?

The 1911 syllabus of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland is an attractive one, including a picnic for a date in July. The rules of the club are included, and a list of the officers. Particulars as to membership, etc., may be had of the secretary, Mr. R. B. Gibb, 96, Middleton Street, Ibrox, Glasgow.

Notice to Secretaries.

Will secretaries of societies kindly note that from now onwards during the summer months all "Club Notices" and other matters intended for publication in CAGE BIRDS must reach us not later than first post on Wednesday; otherwise they will be too late for insertion in our issue of that week.

National Green-Marked Y.C.C.

I wish to remind members of the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C. that all nominations for the club's officials for the ensuing year must be forwarded to me on March 31st or first post April 1st. Nomination paper will be found in centre of year book.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec., 78, Pear Street, Parkinson Lane, Halifax.

The Jordan Fund.

I beg to thank "P. H. H.," who forwarded me 2s. 6d. towards purchasing Mr. Jordan, of Whittington, Salop, a bird or so to start him afresh after the fire in his workshop. Others who have forwarded birds and money have received acknowledgment by letter.—E. J. Evans, Secretary, Oswestry, C.B.S.

A Lantern Lecture.

The London and Provincial O.S. on Thursday, April 6th, at 8 p.m., are having a lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. George Crabb, illustrated by limelight views, at the Leysian Hall, City Road (opposite Old Street Tube Station), writes Mr. Law, the hon. secretary. There will be some seventy pictures in all, including some very fine and unique slides of the Kingfisher in different stages of growth. These pictures will be shown for the first time. There will also be some very good views of "Curious Nesting Places." Fanciers generally should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing Mr. Crabb, as this gentleman has been interested in birds all his life. It was as far back as 1886 that he first joined the L. and P.O.S., and not long after he was elected president of the society. It was he who bred that magnificent variegated Crest which caused such a sensation twelve years ago, and which can now be seen in the Natural History Museum. Mr. Crabb has been a successful breeder of Lancashires, Lizards, London Fancies, Crests, etc. The lecture is entirely free, and I hope a great many will be present to show their appreciation of Mr. Crabb.

A Feat Indeed!

Mr. W. E. Teschemaker sends us the appended cutting from a recent issue of the "Daily Mirror": "The mechanical Nightingale which is employed at the Haymarket Theatre (in "Lady Patricia") is really quite an "old bird" with a lengthy experience of the stage. It came to England from Italy just twelve years ago. In dozens of plays this same "Nightingale" has added a charm to pastoral scenes and is an unfailing accompaniment to the wooing of lovers. In a few days the Haymarket Theatre management hope to substitute, in place of the mechanical Nightingale, a talking machine which will reproduce the actual song of the Nightingale. A gentleman who has for months past been trying to get actual records of a Nightingale's song has at last succeeded, securing them in a wood near London. That such a feat is by no means easy may readily be understood." Mr. Teschemaker's comments on this item of information are very much to the point. He writes: "That the gramophone man should have been endeavouring to secure Nightingale records in Middlesex in the winter seems odd, but that he should have succeeded in doing so in the Month of March is amazing! Evidently the 'Gale is a much earlier migrant than some of us had guessed."

Mistaken Identity.

In the second act of "Lady Patricia," the new play at the Haymarket Theatre—the scene of which is placed in the boughs of a large tree—the songs of a Nightingale and a Lark are heard with trilling sweetness. A lady sitting in the stalls was so impressed by the lovely song of the birds that her heart went out to the owners of the dulcet voices. She feared the worst as regards the treatment of the little creatures in captivity, and accordingly the R.S.P.C.A. was approached on her behalf with a request that (says the "Daily Mirror") "Some birds are employed at the Haymarket Theatre—they are made to sing every night. Could an inspector be sent down to the theatre to see that they are properly fed and cared for?" The sequel was as follows:—Armed with a notebook, a formidable-looking inspector from the R.S.P.C.A. arrived at the stagedoor of the Haymarket Theatre early in the morning and asked to see the birds. He was courteously asked in, and, after waiting a few moments, two small boxes were brought to him. The stage manager then put a key in the boxes, wound them up, pulled a trigger and—the boxes began to sing! "This box," said the stage manager, "is the Nightingale, and this the Lark. They are mechanical 'birds' from Italy." Two burly stage hands then came forward. "I work the Nightingale," one said "up in the flies. Bill, here, is the Lark." The inspector retired, quoting emphatically: "Hail to thee, blithe spirit, bird thou NEVER wert."

Jim Overend.

Reminiscences and Experiences of an Exhibitor of 40 Years Ago.

(*Continued from page 282*).

Our Yorkshire representative "Straight 'Un" sends the second instalment of the fascinating reminiscences confided to him by that well-known old-time fancier, Mr. J. Overend (Ravensthorpe).

To give the extent to which borrowing was carried on, only one show need be mentioned, and at this show of about 125 entries, all except five belonged to (or I should say were exhibited by) two exhibitors, one of whom was our Mr. Overend, and I believe this is not the record number put down by one person at a show.

How Birds Were "Washed."

Washing birds at this time for show was not thought of, and the method used to clean the birds that were soiled was more like dry cleaning, and was as follows: whiting and water were mixed to as thick a consistency as would allow of its being blown through a syringe, and the birds were covered with this mixture, and kept in a warm place to dry; then, when the whiting was dry, it would peel off and bring the dirt with it. This method will appear to-day somewhat crude, but then, all things do until you find something better.

The following relates to the first bird Mr. Overend washed, and the reason he washed it. He had found a yellow six-pointed Goldie-Canary mule at Great Horton (this appears always to have been a place for birds), and had been successful in borrowing same, though the borrowing was on vastly different terms to what he had been used to; in fact, he was to pay £5 if anything happened to the bird during the time it was in his possession, and the agreement stated that it had to be returned in time for the Palace show, somebody else having spoken for it to show it there. Some mules had been shown in the district by some exhibitors from Middlesbrough way, in cages that were coloured blue inside. The general idea was to show them in simply whitewashed cages. But the birds appeared so much better that Jim decided to do likewise—and blue he must have for this six-pointed Mule. Cages were therefore done out in blue, and the bird looked splendid; and with great hopes he set out for Baildon with the certain winner in his blue cage.

On the following day, what a surprise! The bird was left out of the tickets altogether. And no wonder, for when he saw it the bird was absolutely blue—he had forgotten to put something in to fix the colour, and it had all come off on to the bird. Getting home again, the hard problem of getting out of the scrape presented itself. Whiting and water to get the colour out was not to be thought of. He therefore at last decided to wash it. Now the only thing he knew about washing was a paragraph he had seen in a paper stating that it had been done, and as this seemed to be the only course left, he decided to try it, despite the fact that it would cost him £5 if anything happened to the bird. The bird came out fine, however, and scored first prize on several occasions. Then Jim tackled the washing question in earnest, and before long was in great request to go and give washing exhibitions to congregations of fanciers, bird exhibitors, dealers, etc.

The true fanciership of Mr. Overend's character is to be found in the fact that, having found out that birds could be washed, he did not keep it to himself, but freely gave the Fancy the benefit of his experiences.

Up to about 1872 the even-marked birds were shown as common Canaries at the Palace show, only the Clear Yellows and Clear Buffs being classed as Yorkshires, though most of the birds that were shown in the even-marked classes were of the Yorkshire type, or somewhere near it.

Colour Feeding Not Thought of.

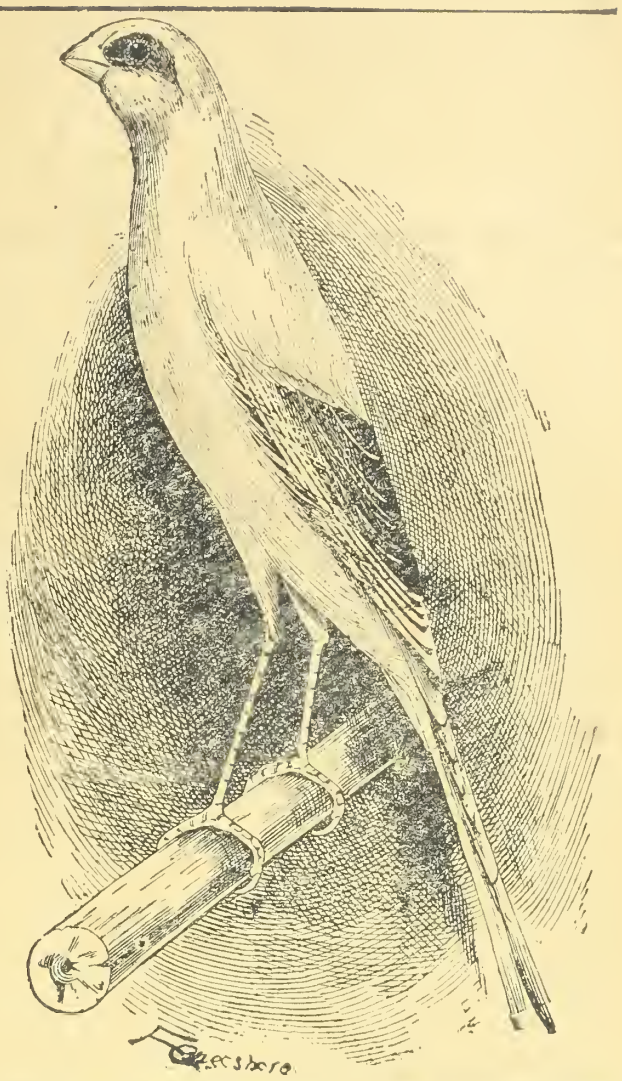
Colour feeding was not then thought of (and many will wish it had never been found out), and the first colour-fed birds to be seen in the district were put down at Batley Show, in the Norwich Section, and fairly took the Fancy by storm. Many were the theories put forward as to how it was done, and many were the attempts to get the colour off. It was really thought that the birds were dyed, but they were able to stand all tests, and in the end, as we to-day know, colour-feeding came to be a fine art, and the sale of colour food quite a business.

These shows at Batley were really the first shows that were open to all England and were run on the company system. Ten shilling shares were issued, and the investors were to receive any profit that accrued, any loss to be deducted from their shares before paying-out night. Sad to relate, a loss was usually the result, and, like good sportsmen, they stood the racket. A change of secretary was then made, and the following show resulted in a nett gain of 2s. per share. This was more than they could stand, and the company broke up. Evidently they had got so used to losing that this disturbed the balance.

These shows were the first at which the prize money was on a fixed scale, and the profit or loss stood by the fanciers that run the shows, and the full money per class was guaranteed.

The Trimming and Faking Art.

Trimming and faking were very prevalent, and almost as legal as colour-feeding is to-day.



THE PERFECTION OF EVEN MARKINGS.

A GEM OF 18 YEARS AGO.

A drawing of the noted Even-mark which won at the Crystal Palace Shows of 1893 and 1894 for Jim Overend. Reproduced by permission of the owner



A CINNAMON-MARK OF SIXTEEN YEARS AGO.

One of Mr. Overend's Uneven-marks, a big winner in the early nineties.

Fac-simile reproduction from a coloured plate issued by "Fur and Feather" in December, 1895.

All exhibitors knew that the others did it. They did not all take to it like our friend Jim. The judges knew that it was done, and if done neatly, and not too much of it, the birds got through all right, there being no secret about it; it was, in fact, a matter as to who could get the bird, and if not quite what was wanted, it was made as near as possible to that requirement.

One bird Mr. Overend bought was shown at an exhibition in the even-marked class. It was four-pointed, and the judge, Mr. ———(no, I won't give you away; you might have a little chaff to take next time here. He judges yet!) disqualified it for having had a light feather clipped out from amongst the dark ones in one wing. It was usual in the even-marked classes to catch the bird to examine it, to see if anything could be found out; and in this bird the stump of the feather was plainly visible.

A "Tail" of a Judge.

Now this bird was entered at another show three days after, and under the same judge, too (most unfortunate, wasn't it?), and the thing got on Jim's mind to such an extent that, as I said before, he began to dream about it, with the result that he suddenly woke at about three o'clock one morning when he was just putting a feather in a bird's wing—a dark one to replace a light one! He would try and do awake, however, what he had done in his sleep; so, selecting the exact feather required from another bird, this was cut and fixed in the quill, and, heigh-ho! the bird was now perfect. Any judge could catch him and spread his wing, and there would not be the tell-tale gap to give room for disqualification. Off he went to the show, and was awarded first prize (this is where I don't give the judge away), and received an excellent report from the judge—grand markings, etc., etc. What a surprise to the judge when, some time after, he got to know that the bird was the same, and that he had not twigged it! He passed the remark in the report that he could not tell where Mr. Overend found all his good marked birds. Jim had the laugh this time, anyhow.

Such things as putting a five-pointed bird another tail feather in to make him into a six-pointed bird was also done on many occasions, and the eye marks were also a source of trouble, and required a little tedious work in the putting in to get them nice and even. Superfluous body markings, too, were removed with care.

One thing seems to delight Mr. Overend, and that is the present gradual, though sure, migration of the fanciers to schools for both shows and meetings, and the usual great progress which takes place to the numbers and the general prosperity of such societies.

Mr. Overend says there was one great disadvantage of the even marked birds—they could not sell them to anybody; when sold they had to go to somebody "in the know," and when buying an even marked bird it was usual to ask, "Is it done?" The truth was told, and nothing more was required, though when the bird had moulted, it was sometimes a long way off what it appeared to be. For instance, one man he knew would not buy a bird that had a feather put in, though he did not mind a little colour put on or the eye marks trimmed a bit—he could make them as good himself for next time.

Another bird, by some mistake, was sold to one who was outside the "pale," and when it got its new clothes, what a surprise—there was a regular shindy, and the bird was got back again.

Then again, Mr. Overend had £10 offered for a six-pointed bird that won at the Palace, but he dare not sell—after the moult it would have been only five-pointed, and the Londoner who wanted it would doubtless have kicked. However, he did not run the risk.

(*To be continued.*)

Wild Bird-Life.

Precocious Birds.

Each year as the spring comes round those who are interested in wild bird life notice a brood of young ones brought off by too precocious parents far earlier than they should be, judging by the usual nesting periods of the species. It is also curious to note that these early young ones are the produce of what one might almost term semi-domesticated species, that is, birds that frequent towns and villages, and nest round buildings and gardens. Sparrows, Thrushes, Robins and Blackbirds are the chief offenders in the production of early broods, and although these are out of season, they generally manage to thrive and do well. Another bird of the towns, the Starling, is not as a rule so precocious as the birds mentioned. It generally nests in April, but the other day the writer saw a fine brood of young ones, just doing for themselves in the open road. By their appearance, they must have been quite a month old, which would make them February-hatched; the old ones therefore must have gone to nest in the early part of that month. Starlings are mentioned by many writers as single-brooded birds, but one is inclined to think that this can hardly refer to the majority of the species. It does not seem likely that the pair above referred to will go through the remainder of the season without nesting again. It is not only highly improbable, but it is unnatural that two healthy birds should spend the remainder of the spring and summer in idleness, when their companions are busily employed propagating the species. As is well known, these birds will nest almost anywhere, preferring a hole somewhere sheltered from the external air. Many in the writer's district nest in the old trees, and a pair used a hole at the end of a branch of an elm last season close to his garden. The brood came off the first week in May, and within a few days the nest was tidied up and a few more stalks of straw added, and eventually another lusty family were launched upon the world. Starlings are so much alike that one cannot say positively that it was the same pair of old birds, but considering how quickly the second nest followed the first, there is every reason to think no others had taken possession.

Will Mules Breed?

New Light on a . . . . Vexed Question.

By
W. REID
(Sunderland.)

I have noticed in several past issues of CAGE BIRDS that your Mr. G. E. Weston has mentioned in his query columns the "Mules bred from Mules" by a gentleman residing on Wearside, and in a recent issue he stated that the case made quite a stir in the correspondence columns of CAGE BIRDS last summer. I propose to make a further "stir" by affording Mr. Weston an opportunity of examining some of these birds in order to try and settle once and for all the vexed question as to whether or not Mules will breed.

With this end in view, I wrote to Mr. Murray (the gentleman who bred the birds) asking permission to forward such of the birds as I might select to CAGE BIRDS for examination, Mr. C. Waters, who is a well-known Northern Mule breeder, and myself defraying all expenses. Mr. Murray readily granted my request, and on March 4th Mr. Waters and I visited Mr. Murray and selected three of the four birds he has left, which I am forwarding on to your Mr. Weston.

Elucidating the Facts.

As it is essential that cases like these should be thoroughly investigated, I will give your readers an outline of what we fanciers in this district did towards elucidating the facts of the case in question. The first intimation that Mr. Murray had bred these birds appeared in a letter from him published in CAGE BIRDS on April 30th, 1910, stating that he had hatched out a nest of five youngsters from a cock Linnet Mule and a hen Canary. After reading the letter, I wrote to Mr. Murray (who was at that time quite unknown to me), and shortly after received a visit from him. I questioned him closely upon the matter, and I was particularly anxious to know whether the father was really a cock Mule, as I knew that many people termed every dark or variegated Canary a Mule. Mr. Murray was, however, quite definite upon this point, and stated that he had bred the Mule himself from a cock Linnet and a hen Canary, adding that it was quite immaterial to him whether or not fanciers accepted his statement that the five youngsters were bred from the Mule, as he had nothing to gain by telling a deliberate falsehood; neither did he seek notoriety or publicity as a man who had bred "Mules from Mules"; his only object in penning the letter to CAGE BIRDS was that he thought it would interest readers.

He had, he said, always understood that Mules would not breed, and he was quite surprised himself, for he did not pair these birds up with the deliberate intention of breeding from them, but merely let the cock Mule (which was flying loose in the room) in beside the hen Canary, because it was continually clinging to that particular hen's cage, and the hen always calling to him. And as he had nothing else to pair with the hen, he opened the cage door and allowed the cock Mule to run in with her.

Mr. Murray also had a Goldfinch flying loose in the room, but he said he was not sure whether it was a cock or a hen. In any case, I might mention here that it is quite immaterial what the sex of the Goldfinch was, for your Mr. Weston will see that the birds show no trace of the Goldfinch, while on the other hand the Linnet persuasion is quite plain, both in the plumage and also in the actions of the birds. The only other male bird in Mr. Murray's possession was a cock Linnet, but he assured me it was quite impossible for this bird to be present at any time in the bird-room, for it was kept in the kitchen, and to get into the bird-room it would have to travel up two flights of stairs, then along a dark passage, and pass through a door made of half-inch mesh wire into the bird-room proper, which is at the top of the house; and he was also quite sure that the Linnet would not be taken into the bird-room by anyone during his (Mr. Murray's) absence, for no one could have any object in doing so, there not being sufficient interest taken in the birds by anyone except himself.

Seen by Several Fanciers.

I told Mr. Murray I would like to see the birds before passing any opinion on them, and I asked him to bring them to our Sunderland C.B. Society's young bird show the following week, which he consented to do, and I asked him to bring the father of the birds along with them.

The first nest consisted of five youngsters—three dark, one heavily variegated, and one almost pure white. Unfortunately the white one died, but the remaining four, together with the father duly appeared at the first of our young bird shows, and were carefully examined by several fanciers.

As I wrote you at the time, there was some diversity of opinion, one or two, including myself, being of the opinion that the birds were what they were stated to be, while others, including Mr. Waters and Mr. Riseborough thought they were purely Linnet Mules, and while not disputing Mr. Murray's good faith, they thought he had made a mistake, and that the Linnet had at some time, by some means or other, gained access to the hen Canary. Others said that the dark ones were ordinary green Canaries, but they declined to give any opinion upon the variegated one, the pure white portions of its plumage being something of a poser to them.

I might mention here that the bird brought by Mr. Murray as the male parent of these birds was undoubtedly a dark Linnet Mule. I may also say that during the evening Mr. Murray neither argued with anyone, nor contradicted anyone, but merely answered in a satisfactory manner any questions put to him. Such diversity of opinions as to the parentage of the birds was, of course, most unsatisfactory, but those present who had any experience of Mule breeding took no notice of the suggestions that they were dark Canaries, for the birds were undoubtedly Mules, with Linnet blood in them; but the question as to whether the blood was half and half, or three parts Canary and one part Linnet could not be unanimously settled, and it was dropped at that, pending the appearance of the second nest from the same parents, which were hatched out about that time.

The Second Nest Described.

The second nest consisted of four youngsters, one dark, one heavily variegated, and two light, the general colour of the light ones being nearly pure white, splashed a little with grey or grizzled feather.

These birds duly made their appearance at the second of our young bird shows, and attracted a good deal of attention, and the general opinion of fanciers after seeing the second nest was that they were what they were claimed to be, viz., three-quarter-bred Mules. The appearance of the light ones practically convinced those fanciers who had hitherto been dubious of their genuineness that the birds had really been bred by a cock Linnet Mule and a hen Canary, for they looked to be just the kind of birds that would be expected from such a mating. They further admitted that even if Mr. Murray *had* made a mistake as to the parentage of the first nest, it was scarcely likely he would make the same mistake again, more especially as Mr. Murray had, during the time the second nest of youngsters were being reared, offered to allow any fancier the opportunity of sealing up the cage containing the Linnet Mule and hen Canary with any private seal, in preparation for the third nest, the seal to be broken only when the eggs were to be tried, as it was only necessary to have fertile eggs to prove that the Mule would breed. I need scarcely say that Mr. Murray's offer was not accepted, for fanciers felt that there was no need to doubt his honesty of purpose; and his willingness to allow such a mode of procedure with his birds and cages was convincing proof that he, at least, was quite satisfied that the birds were sired by the Linnet Mule.

I might mention here that Mr. J. T. Clark, who judged this particular show, refused to accept these birds as genuine Mules, and, although he knew what the birds were claimed to be while he was judging them, the fact that he put them back was undoubted proof that he also thought they were what they were represented to be, for, as he remarked to me, you cannot call them "Mules," when they are only three-quarter bred, and this, I thought, opened out another aspect of the case.

A Visit to the Bird-room.

The day following this show (Sunday morning), Mr. C. Waters, Mr. J. Riseborough, Mr. J. Copeland, and I paid a visit to Mr. Murray to inspect his bird-room, and we all agreed that it would indeed be a difficult matter for any bird to find its way into the room without being deliberately taken there, owing to the number of stairs to be ascended and dark passages to be traversed before reaching the bird-room. Excepting the Canaries, we found no male birds in the room other than the Linnet Mule. Mr. Murray showed us the cock Linnet which he brought up from the kitchen with the remark that that was the first time the bird had been out of the kitchen for two or three years—he was perfectly sure of that.

It was during this visit that we saw the hen Canary that was mated to the Linnet Mule—an ordinary variegated buff Norwich hen. She was again sitting on five eggs, her third nest to the Mule. I might say that all five eggs again proved fertile, but only two of them hatched out; and the two youngsters of the third nest that did hatch out only lived four or five days, the hen, after the first nest, turning out to be a very indifferent feeder, so indifferent in fact that, as Mr. Murray informed us, if he had not placed the youngsters from the second nest under another hen when they were about a fortnight old, he would have lost them.

"Quite Convinced."

Before leaving, we again thoroughly examined the birds from the first and second nests, and Messrs. Waters, Riseborough, and Copeland gave me permission to state in CAGE BIRDS (which I did at the time) that from the appearance of the birds, and after what they had seen at Mr. Murray's, they were quite convinced the birds were bred from the Linnet Mule, and they did not think they could have been sired by anything else. Altogether, Mr. Murray had fourteen eggs from the cock Linnet Mule and hen Canary pair, all the eggs proving fertile. Eleven of these hatched out, and nine of the chicks were reared. At the present time, however, only four are left, and three of these I am forwarding to your Mr. Weston for examination. Of the birds which I in conjunction with Mr. Waters have selected to send to him, one is a fine large bird, wholly dark. This bird is a cock, and is out of the first nest; he is one of the birds which, as I have said, was thought by some to be an ordinary dark Canary. A glance at him will, however, show the Linnet persuasion, yet when one examines the primary flights, I do not think you find them exactly as you would expect to do in a genuine half-and-half bred Mule; while on the other hand the secondary flights show the Linnet right enough.

At the time of writing I have had him in my possession two days, and during that time he has scarcely stopped singing. He is a grand songster, and the manner in which he intermingles the pure Linnet song into the Canary song is really good.

The next bird is also a cock, but he is "not in it" with the first one for song. He is also dark, with "Linnet" marked all over him. He is slightly smaller than the first one, and has two pure white feathers in each wing; he also possesses a light tail, a light abdomen, and a light patch at the back of his head. He is out of the second nest, and his shortcomings as a genuine Linnet Mule are similar in some respect to those of the other bird; yet he shows the Linnet in a much more marked degree.

The other bird is a hen, also out of the second nest; I have previously described her in CAGE BIRDS. She is white, with a grizzled patch on the back, about the size of a florin, while there are also some grizzled feathers in the tail. A peculiar feature about this bird as a youngster was her beak, which, as I mentioned at the time, was of a curious pinkish hue, hard to describe; and although this unusual colour has now practically disappeared, indications of the pinkish shade can still faintly be discerned.

(To be continued, when our Mr. G. E. Weston will give his views on the matter.)

During the Breeding Season.

Some Hints on the Management of the Birds.

(A Lecture given by Mr. W. Ellis, of Bexhill, a well-known Breeder and Exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead, before the Hastings United C.B.S., at headquarters, the Royal Oak Hotel, on March 15th.)

GENTLEMEN,—It is not my intention to read you a paper, as I prefer to toddle along my own way to give you my ideas and methods, gained by long practical experience extending over a good number of years, ideas I have found to work well. Still, my advice to you to-night is to stick to any methods that you have proved to advance the welfare of your stock. Further, before I commence, I should like to point out to you that you must not think you have only to do as I tell you, and you will breed a room full of winners, because you will be very much mistaken, as birds, like human beings, have their funny little ways, which we have to study, and to use our own judgment a good deal during the breeding season.

Position of the Birdroom.

In the first place, as regard where we keep the stock, this is a minor consideration; we are not all blessed with a good room at our disposal, and, providing cages and water are kept scrupulously clean, and the birds free from draughts, and below the gas, if any, don't let this trouble you. If I had a preference of position for the room it would be quite the reverse from that of most of our experts, as my ideal would be a north-east aspect, for the reason you get the earliest possible sunshine and light, and can keep a more even temperature. My own room faces due north, and I breed as good an average of young birds as any fancier in the South. The temperature of my room very rarely reaches 70 degrees in the hottest weather, and, providing you get your birds acclimatised to a north aspect, you will find they will be more healthy and robust. My experience has been they will stand any amount of cold, providing they are free from draughts.

In selecting your stock pairs I prefer, and find I have had the best results from, good big buff cocks (never mind if they have a bit of feather), and typical good-feathered yellow hens, as I maintain, and have proved, that the hen has a very big say in the type and quality of your birds. I have bred also very good birds vice-versa, but good big yellow cocks are few and far between. Whichever way you pair your birds, always try and keep type and quality on the hen side; never mind if your hens are a bit on the small side.

Worth a Jew's Eye.

After pairing I find it a good plan to give a little egg food every day until the clutch of eggs is laid. Mix it as follows: A slice of "Standard" bread, about 1½ inches in thickness, and one egg. Grate into this about two spoonfuls of cuttlefish (with an ordinary penny grater), and mix in two spoonfuls of cod liver oil emulsion. I find this mixture prevents, to a good extent, egg binding; also mix about a tablespoonful of ordinary brown treacle in your jug of drinking water. It is optional whether you leave your cocks in with the hens or not; if you are running two hens with one cock, I prefer to take the cock away on the same evening as I set the hen. I let the hens sit out their time on a plain diet of canary seed only. I advise leaving Nature to do all that is required with the eggs during incubation, as I have proved, to my cost, there is nothing gained by testing eggs in warm water, as I consider this turns the shell hard, making it impossible for the young birds to break through—leave the hen to do all that is required, and see that she has plenty of chances to bathe. It is a good plan if you have a spare hen or two (even if of no value), to pair them up, so as to hatch about the same time, as a good feeding hen is worth a Jew's eye, and you can often transfer to such a hen a nest of eggs that you are particularly keen on saving.

After the young are hatched, I give a better "soft" mixture, reducing the bread to about one inch in thickness, also leaving out the emulsion, giving in its place two spoonfuls of brown sugar; also I give as much hemp, not crushed, as the hen cares to use. For green food I use watercress (after the third day), giving it fresh every time I give egg food, and taking care to remove all stale. If you find your hens are not feeding well, try and coax them by making your food more palateable—chop in a little green food, and add a little soaked rape. If this doesn't have the desired effect, return the cock bird. I transfer the young to nursery cages when about 21 days old, and ring them at the same time, as I find they don't take any notice of rings at this age.

Taking the Young Away.

I take the young away in any case as soon as I see them picking up for themselves, as they gain nothing by being left with their parents any longer. Keep them as near as possible in threes and fours as they have been brought up, as I find they agree much better. Feed on following mixture three days a week: To about a pint of weak egg food add two spoonfuls of emulsion and two spoonfuls of medium Scotch oatmeal. On alternate days I give bread and milk well squeezed out, as here again I differ from a good many, and contend it is a mistake to get young birds on hard seed as soon as possible—in fact, I don't take my young birds right off soft food until through the moult. Water I give them at about eight weeks old, making it "objectionable" with a few drops of tincture of gentian, or a drop of Condy's Fluid, as it is fatal for young birds to drink too much water.

Now during this period you will be very lucky if you don't have a few youngsters go queer; should you find any a little thick take them in hand at once, as it is fatal to let illness get even a few hours start on a youngster. Carefully handle and blow them up. Should inflammation be the trouble, put on diet of bread and milk, take away all seed, and give all milk to drink—never mind if it goes sour. If no improvement after a few hours try the following remedy as a last resource: Blow up the belly and paint with camphorated oil first, then paint with Ellimans Embrocation or turpentine. Place the sufferer in a small cage, with no perches, and put this on top of a stove, where it will get a good heat. If this doesn't "draw" the inflammation, put the patient out of its misery.

A Remedy for Egg-binding.

Should you be troubled with egg binding I have found the following remedy good in most cases: Give the hen three drops of olive oil direct in the beak; also inject three drops into the vent, using an ordinary machine oilean for the latter purpose. Sweating hens I give a bath with about one spoonful of ordinary salt in it, also a nest-pan with no lining, sticking in a little building material to afford a foundation, as I find this keeps her cooler. Now, gentlemen, I am quite willing to answer any questions.

Question: Do you believe in double buffing? Answer: As an experiment, "Yes," but what is the use of your introducing green blood in your stock to keep up colour, if you are going to double-buff, and perhaps introduce some of the youngsters back into your strain? I maintain it is possible by judicious pairing to breed 75 per cent. of yellows into your stock. The last four years I have bred the majority yellow, and hope to improve on it. I should say the general average is about 80 per cent. buff; this is what you will get by double buffing.

Question: What is your opinion of green blood? Answer: As you pretty well know, I run a lot of green blood in my stock, but recommend a nice silky bronze green put in on the cock side for preference, as you can tone it down much easier than from the hen.

Question: Do you believe in hemp seed for young birds? Answer: Just a little, not overdoing it, much preferring to keep them on the feed I have suggested, as I like a food to build bone and substance, not fat.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Ellis for his able lecture concluded the meeting.—A. E. Godden, late Hon. Sec.

The Roller Canary:

Its Breeding, Training and General Management.

By "SCHOOLMASTER."

(Continued from page 276).

The fourth instalment of this excellent article dealing with the "golden-coiced" Canary.

In making a nest for the hen, you must take particular care the nestpan is identical in every respect to the one the hen has laid in, or she may refuse to have anything to do with a fresh pan.

Having got the hen off the nest, take the cock out and place him back again in his shutter cage and remove him out of the room altogether until he is wanted for the second hen. When this hen shows signs of wanting to nest, repeat the same process as in the case of the first hen.

Hens that are "Funny."

After placing the nest with the eggs back again into the cage, and before withdrawing the wooden slide, quietly clean out the compartment and supply a good covering of sawdust, say, an inch in thickness. After letting the hen into this compartment, treat the other one the same. Some hens are very funny and will not take to their nest or eggs on the fourth day when the cock has been removed. In a case of this sort put the cock back again with the hen and leave him until dark; then remove him again, and after the hen has sat all night, it is rare for her to give any more trouble in this respect.

On the day you sit your hens, take away the hopper containing rape seed, and for the next thirteen days give only plain canary seed.

If the weather is very warm, youngsters will often hatch out in thirteen days, but the usual period is fourteen days. So if you hear the faint "chip chip" noise in the nest on the thirteenth day, give a small quantity of minced yolk of hard-boiled egg (this egg should have been boiled for 20 minutes and then allowed to cool); but if not, give a small supply in the early morning of the fourteenth day. For the first two days of the young Canaries' lives do not mix biscuit with the hard-boiled egg unless your stock is a large one, and you have to study economy. In some large breeding rooms egg food, composed of yolk and white of egg, with an equal portion of crushed biscuit, or stale household bread, is supplied to youngsters of all ages. Your object is to start the youngsters growing; endeavour, therefore, by all possible means to keep them at it.

Whatever kind of egg food is used, supply it three or even four times per day, giving each time just sufficient for the hen to clear up by the next feeding time. You will find that more is eaten in the first than in the latter half of the day. If you are not an early riser, put a supply in the egg-food pans last thing at night after dark, and it will then be ready for the hens as soon as your bird-room gets properly light the next morning.

When the youngsters are three days old, add crushed biscuit to the egg, but until they are able to feed themselves do not put more than equal proportions of egg and biscuit.

The Question of Green Food.

The hopper of rape seed should be returned to the cage when the young birds hatch out. On the morning of the fourth day give a spray of green food; supply another spray after mid-day. On the fifth day give a small spray each time the egg food is given. Care should be used to avoid giving too much. In the old days fanciers used to put a glass, or jar, half full of water into the cage, and fix a large handful of green food into it—enough to last some hens two or three days. Now, some hens will feed on nearly all seed, others on egg food, and others, again, will eat all the green food that is given them. Should the youngsters that are being fed by the latter class of hen die when less than a week old, examine them and see if the stomach is green: if it is, well, the reason is obvious. A great many young Rollers are lost through this cause.

Give the hen a small supply of hemp seed on the sixth day; an egg food panful is quite sufficient to last for one day, and if your hen will crack it herself, give it her whole, but if not, try crushing some for her. Any, then, that is left in the pan at night, should be thrown away.

All egg food pans ought to be kept clean, and if it is not convenient to wash them, say, more than once or twice per week, give them a brisk rub with a piece of clean tissue paper each time before refilling with fresh food. This will keep them clean for several days. A little hemp seed can be added to the egg food, or a little piece of bread and milk by way of a change will be found beneficial.

Ringing the Youngsters.

If you wish to ring your youngsters, keep your eye on them. When they are about five or six days old, after shutting the hen away from them in the next compartment by means of the wooden slide (giving her a bit of green food to keep her busy), take the nest pan out of the cage and select one of the largest youngsters. Lay it on its back in the palm of your left hand, and after taking one of its feet between the thumb and first finger turn the second, third and fourth fingers over its body, holding the bird firmly yet gently. Then slip the ring over the three front toes, gently pull back the hind toe, which has been forced against the shank of its leg. Try the ring to see if it will slip off again, and if you find the rings will come off again easily leave these youngsters until the next day or longer if necessary, then try again. Where several pairs are put up for breeding the breeder will take the numbers of all the rings before he tries to put them on his young birds, each ring number being recorded against the parents of the youngster.

When about three weeks old the young birds will begin to leave the nest; but don't take the nest away until they begin to sleep at night on the perches, because for several days after they begin to leave the nest they will return to it again at night. Let them remain with the hen as long as they cry to be fed, and if the hen shows signs of wishing to nest again and begins to pluck them, place them in the next compartment and separate them from the hen with the wire slide. Place a perch low down close to this slide in both compartments, so that the hen can feed them easily through the wires. Give them a supply of egg food and crushed hemp seed, but no green food until after the moult. Do not supply a bath until they are fully feathered.

I should have mentioned before that a bath should be given the hen when the young ones are well pen feathered, as it will be remembered that I adivsed its removal on the day they were hatched.

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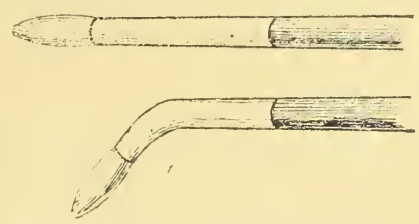
Illustrated Ideas

No. 494.

A Water-bottle Cleaner.

Sent by Mr. H. E. Smith, 62, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath, S.E.

I send you an idea for cleaning out water-bottles, tins, etc., which is quite inexpensive, and a very useful addition to the bird-room. I have about 30 birds, and use the ordinary water-bottles for same. I found the keeping the bottles clean quite a business, until I hit



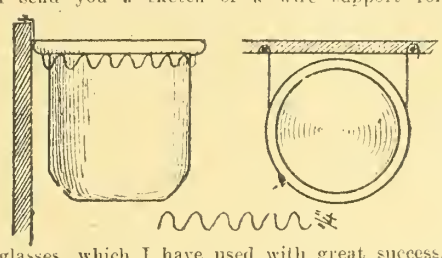
upon this simple method, which consists of an ordinary hog-hair brush, as used for oil painting, which can be bought for a mere trifle; then I bend it with a pair of pliers to the required angle, as in sketch. I hope this idea will be of some use to your many readers.—H. E. Smith.

No. 495.

Fixing Water Glasses.

Sent by Mr. D. Wilson, 5, George Square, Biggar, N.B.

Many readers will be bothered with their water glasses being too slack in their wire supports, and being knocked out and broken. I send you a sketch of a wire support for



glasses, which I have used with great success. Instead of making it straight round the glass, it should be bent up and down right round the glass. There is a springiness in this wire support which holds the glass firm and secure. I hope readers will see what I mean by the sketches.—Douglas Wilson.

this the reader is referred for more extended information.

Having advised one particular species as a commencement, it would seem appropriate to suggest five other species to make up to six pairs for such a cage as that already mentioned as suitable for the accommodation of a dozen small foreigners but, looking through even the first of the lists given, I confess myself unequal to the task. I want to recommend them all; the trouble is to leave some out, and this is beyond me. Anyway, the first six species mentioned, with a pair of Cordon Bleu thrown in, for these must not on any account be omitted, will perhaps meet the case; if not, the amateur must choose for himself: he will want another large cage before long, so it does not much matter how he makes up the first dozen or fourteen birds.

Nothing More Beautiful.

With Cordon Bleus he must reconcile himself to the prospect of many losses in freshly bought birds, more, probably, than with any other species. I myself have bought them by the dozen, and have been satisfied to get one pair to shake off the effects of the trouble they have undergone during their long journey. And they were worth it, for nothing more beautiful can be imagined than the delicate verditer blue colouration of these tiny birds. I once had a pair claimed at a bird show at the catalogue price of two guineas, and I was not over-pleased at losing them, although the money was sufficient to buy some sixteen pairs of freshly imported birds of their kind. Once acclimatised, they are long livers, and a pair will breed in quite a small cage. The sexes are alike in body plumage, but the cock is easily distinguishable by his crimson ear-coverts which are lacking in the hen. The blue-breasted Waxbills mentioned in the third list resemble the Cordon Bleus very closely, but the cock has no red on his cheeks; their only superiority over their more humble relatives lies in their rarity, and consequent greater monetary value.

In neither of the lists have I mentioned the Saffron Finch, and this is because, in my experience, I have found it a murderer of the deepest dye. I know that the experience of some others differs from my own, and many aviculturists have found this bird perfectly harmless in a mixed collection. Individuals differ, in birds as in men, and there are doubtless individual Saffron Finches whose behaviour is without reproach; but, nevertheless, with this species watchfulness is advisable, for even a one-time peaceful bird may at any moment "run amok" and scalped birds of any species up to the size of a Canary will be the result. They are good singers, and breed readily in an aviary, or even in an ordinary breeding cage; but even with a single pair safety is not assured, for the cock is very likely to eat the eggs as soon as laid, and sometimes he does not scruple to kill his own mate.

(To be continued.)

First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

By H. J. FULLJAMES.

(Continued from page 299.)

The beginner in the charming hobby of foreign bird keeping may make his own selection from among the lists already given, but he will be well advised to commence by purchasing say, half a dozen of one kind of the cheaper birds, and among these none could be better than the common Avadavat or Amadavade Waxbill, *Estrilda amandava*. Avadavats are advertised under several names, very often as Tiger Finches, sometimes as Red Munias or Red Waxbills.

These tiny mites are as interesting in their wonderful changes of plumage as any foreign bird that may be mentioned. In "out of colour" plumage there is very little to distinguish the sexes, both cock and hen then being somewhat soberly clad, but for the greater part of the year the cock is gorgeous in varied tints of crimson, fiery red, and brown; the "flanks," wings and tail-feathers in both sexes are conspicuously marked with brilliant white spots. Amongst the cocks themselves there is a great variety in the redness of the breeding plumage, those from the western portions of Asia being more richly coloured than their relatives from farther east.

Among the half-dozen newly-bought birds the purchaser must expect some losses; it will, however, be bad luck if he does not manage to keep at least one good pair. A decent-sized cage should have been provided for the new arrivals, this furnished with a cocoanut husk as a retiring place, and after a week or two the survivors may be introduced into the large cage described in the first of these articles, where they will form the nucleus of the collection.

Treatment of New Arrivals.

As soon as the birds reach their new owner they should be offered slightly chilled water, care being taken that they do not drink too much at once. Spray millet will be the best seed to offer them as a beginning. It may probably be the case that the newly purchased birds may be noticeably constipated, and the simplest remedy is bread and milk given in place of the drinking water (the milk sop should of course be made with boiling milk, and allowed to cool. It must not be kept long enough to become stale). A valuable remedy for constipation is easily made by dissolving two ounces of soda sulphate in twenty ounces (one pint) of boiled or distilled water, and this solution may be given every other day till relief is effected. Dinneford's Fluid Magnesia, a teaspoonful to the tinful of drinking water, may be used to the same purpose; this latter is absolutely tasteless.

Live food of some kind is the most valuable tonic that may be offered to birds that are run down, and if live ants' cocoons are procurable these form quite the most appreciated and most effective of all. Failing these, some dried ones of the very best grade may be steamed, or soaked in scalding water, and afterwards rubbed dry. The water in which they will have been soaked will be impregnated with formic acid, and should not be thrown away, for it is very beneficial to the birds if given in place of the plain drinking water. "Green-fly" also, as before mentioned, should be offered, and if the novice be enthusiastic enough to undertake the task, he might try a dodge of which I remember reading many years ago, this being to hang up in the sun a piece of "smelly" meat until it is struck by blow-flies. The eggs of the flies will soon hatch into tiny maggots, which may be shaken into a vessel of sand or earth, and given to the birds after they have therein cleansed themselves. I can quite believe that this is a very valuable wrinkle, but I confess I have never faced the unpleasantness of procuring the maggots.

Where Caution is Necessary.

After the collection has been started, new birds should never be added until they have undergone the quarantine process above outlined, or it may easily happen that disease will be introduced, and the whole lot of acclimatised birds thereby lost. Of course, the permanent collection may be made up more quickly by using more than one quarantine cage, each of which may have its own half-dozen of one kind of bird. These temporary cages should be of an inexpensive character, so that if any one of them becomes infected it will involve only a small loss to burn it outright. In any case, they should be scalded out, or otherwise disinfected, every time after use, so that they may be put away clean for a future occasion. There is a special "Nutshell," No. 9, treating fully upon the disinfection of cages, and to

Under the White Rose.

WHIST drive arranged by the Yorkshire C.C. took place on Saturday, March 18, at the Conservative Club, Girlington, and was fairly well patronised (considering the bad night); the result should put the club in a better position to start the year with than it has boasted for some years—all that has come in has been given away, and the secretary has had to lay down the money required for the first few weeks of each new year.

ALL the specialist clubs are now preparing the balance-sheets for last year, and from each comes the same wail in regard to defaulting members. For instance, the Open Norwich Plainhead Club balance-sheet would have been a little on the right side if all their members had paid up, and when the officials and committee of these clubs do their utmost to give all they can in prizes to the members, and try to keep the working expenses down to the lowest, the very least the members can do is to pay their subscriptions at the proper time and save the unnecessary writing and postage.

WILL all fanciers who are intending to join one or another of these clubs please note that now is the time to give in their names, as during the next few weeks the clubs will be calling the annual general meetings, and the work to be taken in hand the next season will be brought up. Therefore, if interested, you should be there, and see what is going to be done.

NEWS has reached me that a new society has been formed at Northowram. This is a little village near Halifax, and will no doubt receive much support from the surrounding districts, viz., Shelf, Stump Cross, Lightcliffe, Wyke, Hipperholme, etc. There are many breeders in this locality, and it will do much to open out the Fancy there. May they have their share of success!

THE prize distribution and social committee who had the work in hand for the great gathering held on March 11th had a meeting last week to settle up the few items still outstanding, and now all is over for another year everything has passed off happily and well, much to the credit of those concerned.

BRADFORD EAST O.S. annual show for next season is to be given up to the benefit of the Cinderella Club, and, more than that, the Easters are going to run it in conjunction with the Cinderella committee and others. More anon.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Very Vague.

S. G. F. H.—The only definite opinion I can form from your letter is that the hen was most palpably in an unfit condition to be mated, unless it is that the dull ruffled condition you suggest came on suddenly after she was mated. Certainly you must know that all birds—or, at any rate, all normally healthy Canaries—put their heads "under their wings," to use the popular phrase, at night, so the fact of this hen doing it suggests nothing at all out of the ordinary. Separate her for the present, and see what two or three weeks of the following treatment will do for her. Give a staple of plain canary seed only. Every second day give separately a half-teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and one part each linseed and gold of pleasure. Give a leaf of dandelion or spray of chickweed daily. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Hen Shunning Nest.

Crypto.—For one thing you did not put the birds together quite soon enough to give them time to settle down and build a nest. In a case like this when the hen is so forward that it is a question of her laying almost at once, whether the cock is introduced or not there is nothing for it but to take the risk of mating. In addition to this, you might have been a little too inquisitive with the nest pan, seeing that the little dear makes it so get-at-able, which would help to unsettle the hen. You might have saved the situation by giving her a nest in a small nestbox on the floor, where she could lay, and when the cock was removed he should have been taken out of her sight. It is quite probable she may manage things better next time. Keep her apart a fortnight from the time you remove her, and give her a little egg food every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of two parts hemp and inga to one part each linseed, maw, and gold of pleasure. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. Give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a pea in the water for two days. When you mate her again leave the nest quite alone, and if you remove the cock when she begins to sit, and she leaves the nest in a few hours, you must return him and let them take their chance, as she may be one of those contrary ones which will not sit without him being present, but if he is a brute.

Nesting Material and Egg Food.

Spivinix.—If you get all nice soft hay like the sample you send, and see that it contains no hard woody twigs with long thorns cut into lengths, as proposed, it will make very good and serviceable material for forming the bulk of the nest, and either the "teazled out" pelt, or cow hair, or a mixture of both, will do very well for lining when the birds get a fairly substantial structure and cup formed out of the cut hay. Too much importance is often attached to the suggestion that cow hair causes hens to sweat young. It is extremely doubtful if it ever does. Still there is no advantage to be gained by allowing hens to make large nests almost entirely of cow-hair, as they will do if a sufficient supply is available. In such a case I should prefer the "teazled out" felt, which is not quite so warm as the hair. I would advise you to use a little hair mixed with the felt for the first round of nests, and then when the weather is warmer use the felt alone as a lining material. By the way, you would do well to read the remarks on "Sweating Hens" in "Our Canaries." I have never tried the food of which you send sample for rearing young, so cannot speak from personal experience. Some claim to have done well with it, and, as a general tit-bit, in which way I have used it a little, I think it is very good. If you want to make a change I see no reason why you should not try it, especially if your birds take well to it. But as the one you have hitherto used seems to have served you well, I should say stick to it for at least a portion of your stock until you have proved this new favourite.

Breeding in Indoor Aviary.

Floss.—You would probably get better results by dividing the aviary into two separate spaces, with a cock and two hens in one part, and a cock and three hens in the other, than you would by running all together in the whole space. Although the aviary is a good size, it is not large enough to preclude the probability of two cocks causing trouble. If you divide it into two you should put in the partition as a second floor, and thus make two large flights 11ft. long and 4ft. high. If the aviary could be conveniently divided into eight spaces, by putting in two partitions as extra floors at equal distances apart, and then dividing the bottom in two spaces of 5ft. 6in. by 2ft. 8in. high, and each of the two upper spaces divided into three equal parts, each of which would be about 2ft. 8in. high, by 3ft. 8in. long, you might do best of all by discarding one of the hens and keeping a hen in each of four of the smaller spaces, and a cock in each of the other two, and run one cock with two hens alternately as advised to another querist this week. The two bottom spaces would serve admirably as flights for the young as soon as they were doing for themselves. You might also run six hens and three cocks in these pairs by keeping one of the cock in a small cage, and the other two in the flights when not engaged with the hens.

Outdoor Birdroom and Mating.

L.S.W. (Birmingham).—(7) Your outdoor birdroom appears to be a very snug and bright little place, and I anticipate that your birds, after being kept under their present conditions, will thrive very well in it. You may safely take advantage of the first spell of nice mild weather to remove them to this room. At time of writing we are still in the thick of the bitterly cold, stormy weather, and the change should not be made whilst such conditions prevail, but may be safely carried out as soon as the weather breaks and becomes mild for a day or two. (2) If you want to breed a fair proportion of clears and ticked from the yellow cock, use a clear buff hen bred from a clear and a ticked mating. Remove the cock from the first hen on the evening after the third egg is laid when you put the hen to sit. The whole procedure you will find given in another reply in this issue. It would certainly not be advisable to run the two hens and cock all together in one cage. It would mean certain failure. (3) You have omitted to say whether the variegated cock is yellow or buff. To get the best proportion of clears and ticks, mate him with a clear hen bred from two clears. If he is a variegated yellow, use a clear buff hen or hens, and vice versa. You will be almost certain to get a rather large proportion of ticks or lightly variegated from him. If he is well-grown, strong, and vigorous, there is no reason why you should not run him with two hens.

Roller Matters.

R. Devon.—I am placing all your queries under one head to economise our non-elastic space. (1) The hen that has refused to sit on her first nest of eggs this season is beyond the reach of argument. You can do nothing to bring her to reason, so try to smile and compliment her on her up-to-date principles. The only way out of the difficulty would have been to distribute her eggs amongst the other hens that were commencing to sit, giving one to each with four eggs, or two to any with only three eggs. Do this next time, if necessary, though it is quite probable she may sit all right next time. (2) The hen that was eggbound may quite recover the strength of her wing and side whilst sitting. Add 20 drops of whisky and six of tincture of gentian to the water for a day or two. Also as a precaution try to keep, or get, another hen available to take over her brood if she should fail in her duty after young are hatched. There is a certain amount of risk of this happening in such a case. (3) Unless the dietary you mention for the cock has only been commenced quite recently, you have been feeding him much too generously. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week only give half a teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, or a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed. You may give each of them in rotation for a change. Once or twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and give a little green food four or five time a week. Stop all other foods. In the water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

Rape Seed (Ajax).—The sample is a good all-round summer rape, but whether it owes its existence to German soil or not I cannot presume to aver from looking at the seed. Neither, in my opinion, does it matter a jot whether a seed is grown in Germany or England so long as it is the right variety, and well harvested and stored. The so-called English rape is frequently nothing but "ketlock," and is not the best the exact opposite would be much nearer correct.

Loss of Voice (Jno. Williams). The bird has probably been exposed to draught, or to extremes of heat and cold during the late stormy weather. You must first correct this. Keep it in a comfortable and equable temperature, though not necessarily a very high one. Give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a week. On the alternate days give a morsel of paste the size of a large pea, composed of two teaspoonfuls of honey, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and a third of this quantity of grain of paradise, well mixed together on a warm plate, and sufficiently finely powdered biscuit added to form a paste rather softer than putty. When cold it will get harder. Press a little on the end of the perch for bird to peck off as a convenient form of giving it.

Hemp Seed (E. Sharman).—The sample of seed sent is thoroughly bad—old, rancid, and rotten—and has, in addition, at some time been infested with some pest. It would be positively dangerous to use for feeding Canaries rearing young, and leaves no doubt as to the cause of the birds' dying.

Young in Aviary (Comfort).—I understand from your letter that the birds are flying loose in the aviary, in which case you will have no necessity to use nursery cages, as when the young leave the nest, either the cock or both parents, or possibly, any of the cocks will answer their calls for food, and attend to their wants until they are able to do for themselves. When the young are getting fledged leave them severely alone in order to keep them in the nest as long as possible. Nesting places formed of German travelling cages would also help in this direction.

Of Doubtful Sex (B. C.).—I am afraid I cannot give you any encouragement to hold on to the belief that the Roller is a cock. Give it a small teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake sprinkled with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet, and one or two young dandelion leaves daily. Then as soon as the weather gets mild again get a good singing cock and mate with it, and I think it will soon show proof of its true sex.

Altering Aviary (F. Thompson).—I have returned your sketch with suggestions marked on it. I see no necessity to discard this building and get another, as you would in all probability still have to make similar alterations to render it suitable for your purpose, and it will not be a difficult matter to make this one serviceable. When the spaces indicated are opened out and covered with perforated zinc and the interior lined with match-boards, leaving spaces inside corresponding with the ventilating apertures, the space between the two thicknesses of wood filled in with wool waste or sawdust to prevent draught getting through, and the little alteration made in the window, it will probably convert the place into a very tolerable breeding room. Let me hear result when it has been tested.

Crest-bred's Singing (Con.).—Yes, in a general way, one would say that all Crest-bred cocks do sing, just the same as we would say that all Norwich, Yorkshire, or even Roller cocks sing. But this does not alter the fact that exceptions may, and do, occur in every breed where a cock does not sing. Still, given a healthy, robust, and fairly young bird, I should not guarantee its being a cock if it never sang a note unless it had proved its sex in the breeding cage. Of course, in rejecting such a bird there is the possibility of casting aside a genuine cock, but it is always best for the novice who is doubtful to be guided by the general rule, and not "build castles" upon rare exceptions that may or may not be the thing desired.

Is it Possible? (Stanley E. Avery).—The hen seems to be a cinnamon-marked cross-bred. It is quite possible to breed clear young from her, but you must not expect to produce all clears. No matter what kind of cock you use, there will be more or less ticked or lightly marked birds. You do not say what your object is, but as you admit she is a cross-bred, I take it you have no particular object in view beyond breeding clear birds, possibly for songsters, and in that case you cannot do better than mate her back to a clear pink-eyed Yorkshire cock, and one that has as much clear blood as possible in his veins. If both his parents were clear pink-eyed birds so much the better; but avoid using a black-eyed bird—that is, one quite free from cinnamon blood.

Not Nesting (T. E. E. T. D.).—You put the birds together too early, before they were ready for mating. The prevailing conditions of weather for past fortnight must already have convinced you that the birds were the wisest not to start. I expect they may set to work in earnest at any time, perhaps by the time this appears, so you had better leave them together, and exercise the estimable virtue of patience. For staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part of summer rape. Every second day give a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake sprinkled with a little maw and gold of pleasure mixed in equal parts, and on the alternating days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. Give two or three dandelion leaves daily. Continue this dietary until the hen has laid.

One Male with Two Hens (W. Skegg).—It is quite possible to do this. Put a hen in each side of the breeding cage and keep the slide in between them. It would also be best to block up the hole at the bottom of the partition with a piece of cardboard, or by pasting a piece of thick brown paper over it, to keep both compartments quite private for the hens. When all are ready for mating put the cock in with the hen that is most forward, and when she has gone to nest and laid her third egg, remove him and put him with the other hen. When this hen has laid and begins to sit, remove the cock and cage him alone, leaving both hens to hatch and rear by themselves. Repeat the performances with the second round. Should both hens get equally forward and start building about same time, run the cock with one from, say, mid-day one day until mid-day the next day, then remove him to the other compartment for a similar period, so that he is running for about one-half of each day with each hen.

Occasional Fits (F. S.).—You ought to have said how you feed. This may possibly have something to do with the fits. You should also try to discover when they happen whether any unusually alarming sight, sound, or movement, is responsible for them, and, if so, protect the bird from these causes, and the effects would disappear. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give either a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, sprinkled with maw seed, or an equivalent quantity of bread, soaked in milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Occasionally, say once a week, give the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, inga, and teazle. Every second day, for the first fortnight, and then daily throughout the summer, give a small spray of some green food—chickweed, dandelion, watercress, or flower heads of groundsel. In the water add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half the quantity of bromide of potash every second day for a week after the occurrence of each fit. If this does not prevent their repetition write again, and give more particulars concerning your management, and the surroundings of the bird.

Garden Frame Aviary (Pitman).—The aviary you propose making is most unfavourably situated, and although you may quite possibly succeed with it during the summer I doubt whether you would meet with any success during winter and spring, and should not advise you to attempt to keep birds in it all the year round. If you decide to utilise it for breeding, wire inside the top as suggested that you may keep the glass frames raised in the heat of summer, and keep an inch deep layer of coarse gritty sand with a little old pounded mortar mixed in it on the floor. Two cocks and five hens would be quite sufficient to stock it, and if very successful you will need to remove the first round of young when able to do for themselves. From the middle to end of April will be best time to turn out birds, taking advantage of any spell of mild settled weather about that time to make the change.

Warring Opinions (A. New Novice).—I do not think the birds were ready to mate although rather forward, consequently the hen is only playing at nesting. The hen makes a big show of starting house-keeping, but I suspect the truth is she does not "call" to the cock, and perhaps pays little heed to him except when he gets too meddlesome with her perfunctory arrangements. He, with more foresight, perhaps scenting the snap of wretched weather we have been experiencing, thought it wiser to postpone matters awhile, hence their diametrically opposed actions. Just let matters slide for the present and possess your soul in patience. In all probability as soon as the weather becomes mild again she will begin to call the cock, and then you will find matters run more smoothly between them.

Pulling Tail Feathers (A. W. H.).—What harm does the bird do in pulling its own tail feathers unless it curls them? All healthy birds may be said to pull them a good deal when preening themselves. It is just possible these may do something to irritate the bird, and as your method of feeding may be improved upon the following treatment should, in that case, set matters right. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape only. Once or twice a week give a small teaspoonful of the packet seed as a treat. Every second day for a week give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed, and a leaf of dandelion or spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a pea and ten drops of lemon juice for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. A bit of cuttle-fish stuck between the wires would help to divert its attention. The sample of Canary seed is very small indeed and has a slight foreign flavour which would make me eye it with suspicion.

Bad Feet (M. B.).—Keep the cage floor and perches scrupulously clean, and if you covered the floor well with sawdust instead of sand until the feet were better it would help them by maintaining a dryer and cleaner condition on the floor. Bathe the foot that festered in a fairly hot solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid dissolved in a saucerful of hot water. After bathing for a few minutes dry gently and anoint foot all over with zinc ointment. Repeat daily as long as necessary. After anointing foot wipe off all superfluous ointment to prevent its gathering dust and filth about the foot. The other foot which was bitten by the parrot will probably never recover. It is not unlikely to have a dislocated joint, or the bones may have been broken and formed callosities. Any interference will probably do more harm than good. When the other foot has healed you may try the above hot bath for this one, using it daily for a week, and painting the foot afterwards with tincture of iodine. You will, of course, use ointment on this foot. If this does not remove the swelling I advise you not to interfere further.

Hen Lost Voice (X. Y. Z.).—One does not usually expect a hen to display the possession of a "voice" very markedly. I presume you mean that her usual call notes are absent or obstructed. Most of her other symptoms suggest nothing worse than a catarrhal cold, doubtless due to the prevailing weather, and the frequent scratching may be due to the presence of grey lice. Examine bird first for this pest, and also the cage for red mites, and if either are found take the necessary steps as frequently detailed in these replies to obliterate them. See that the hen is protected from draughts and great fluctuations, and in addition to the seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and sweet spirits of nitre, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week.

Worms Suspected (A. H.).—If you have no ocular proof of worms by finding them in the excreta, there is nothing in the symptoms you name particularly suggestive of them. Treat as follows for a fortnight, and if that does not set matters right, write again referring to this reply, and say whether any worms have been seen. For staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day. See that seeds are sound and sweet, and keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand.

Outdoor Shed, etc. (C.J.P.).—The fluctuations in the shed are rather great considering it is double-boarded, and are probably largely due to the one end being covered with tin, and perhaps is not covered with anything but single boards. If you replaced the tin with matchboards, or covered it with felt, and covered the top with felt, it would doubtless make a vast improvement. Also, if the ventilation holes in the end of the top were cut out in one small square opening and the space covered with perforated zinc, as advised to "F. Thompson," it would still further equalise the temperature. It should then form quite a serviceable birdroom to which you could remove the birds during a spell of fine weather towards the end of April. As they have been kept in the kitchen it would probably not be safe to remove them earlier. The pair which now has eggs should be allowed to hatch and bring off the brood before removing them and move them before they start on the second nest. If the cinnamon marked cock is a buff, and the yellow hen is a pink-eyed bird, they would—other typical points matching—make a suitable pair. You see you omitted to mention the most important details in this last query, so I cannot be more definite.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

Pekin Robin.

A Shore.—The Pekin Robin can be kept in the kitchen, but it must be in some position where it can get light and air without draught, and it should then do well; neither do I think that the song of the Larks will constrain the Pekin to silence; I am of the opinion that it may set up a spirit of emulation. There is so much individualism in birds that it is impossible to give a definite reply, but a little observation should soon settle the point for you as regards your individual bird. If it does not sing after a reasonable period, or only fitfully, then place it in another room, not necessarily out of reach of the Lark's song, but where he will hear it softened by a little distance. When keeping bird in a kitchen, in addition to their getting light and air, without draught, they should be kept where the temperature is most regular, that is, where least affected by the fluctuation caused by cooking operations or their suspension.

About Budgerigars.

R. H. Withers.—(1) The Green Budgerigar is the original species, the Yellow is a colour variety of the same. The latter is an all yellow bird with faint green scalings; while the former is principally green, with dusky black variations on the head and upper surface, the green is very rich and intense in well-coloured specimens. (2) Both varieties breed equally freely, but while the market value of the Green variety is worth about 5/- per pair, that of the Yellow variety is 8/6, and as the cost of keep is the same, the latter are the more profitable to breed. Both are about equal as to beauty. (3) Yes, but the young would have to be taken away as soon as they could fend for themselves, as you will readily see that your cage would be uncomfortably full if two broods leave the nest simultaneously. They require no artificial heat; in fact, should have all the air possible without draught. I have had several satisfactory transactions with the dealer you name, but each pair should come from a different source. Your book will give you all other details of treatment.

Grey Parrot Unwell.

Mrs. B. M.—You should have sent full details as to how you had been feeding the bird, also examine its mouth and see if it is furred, or if there are any cheesy growths there, and report to me per return of post. Give one-third of a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the mouth. As the bird appears unable to swallow the biscuit and seed, you had better give a little milk sop, made from crumbled sponge cake and milk; boil both up together, and supply to the bird while just warm (a little Mellin's food in the sop would be an advantage), this is merely to stave off starvation. The sop would be unwholesome if continued for any lengthy period, so in conjunction therewith supply boiled maize; boil till soft, draw away all moisture possible, and give the bird a little daily, and as soon as it is eating this freely, gradually discontinue the milk sop. Put a little honey and borax in its mouth twice daily, and as a slight stimulant give a little very weak brandy and water (chilled), a few sips several times during the day. It is really a case for a veterinary surgeon, who should be able to diagnose the case, as I cannot do at this distance. A slight operation or some acid solution might give the bird almost immediate relief, but these extreme measures can only be taken after seeing the bird.

A Garden Aviary.

Mrs. Shilcock.—You really have not a sufficiently large shelter to supply accommodation for the birds your flight would contain. If you care to send me a ground plan of your aviary, showing N., S., E., W., and a stamped addressed envelope, I will with pleasure send you a diagram showing how this can be remedied, which can be done with but little trouble and expense. You can accommodate 25 to 30 pairs in your aviary, the open part of which should be planted with bushes creepers, grasses, etc. Laurel, barberries, rose, privet, fir, larch, everlasting peas, hops,(wild clematis, currants (red and black), and fruit bushes generally, are all safe, and make excellent cover for the birds. I advise only one pair each Goldfinch, Greenfinch, and Redpoll. You will find a good selection from the following: Waxbills: Grey, St. Helena, Orange-cheeked, Goldeu-breasted, Sydney, common and green Avadavat. Finches: Zebra, Ribbon, Diamond, Cherry, Parson, Chestnut, Pectoral, Alario, Cuba, Red-headed, Aurora. Grey and green singing, long and rufous-tailed grass. Mannikins: Bronze, Magpie, white-headed, black-headed, tricolour, and Bengalese. Miscellaneous: African and Indian Silverbills, Pekin Robins, Java Sparrows, Indigo Buntings, Paradise Whydah, Diamond Doves, and Chinese painted Quails. You could make a selection from the above, any of which should succeed with you, if you modify your aviary as indicated above.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockaticls," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Green Parrot in Bad Plumage (R. Easton).—The bird is evidently pulling out its own plumage Please inform me how you have been feeding and treating the bird. In the meantime give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The main diet should consist of seed mixture, with ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, grit, cuttlebone, and water. When feather picking becomes pronounced it is next to impossible to break a bird of the habit.

Parrot with Parasites (Maconechy).—Administer areca nut powder direct to the beak, and keep the bird stimulated by chemical food in the drinking water. Mix into a pellet with a little syrup as much areca nut powder as will lie on a threepenny bit, and give one of these on two successive days, and then repeat every third or fourth day till the parasites are got rid of. Supply to the bird as much ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and seed mixture as it cares to take. Report a week hence describing the action of the remedy on the bird, and also the condition of the excreta (many or few parasites). The areca nut will act as an aperient, and while this is necessary, if the bird appears badly scoured, repeat query at once and mark it urgent.

Birds for Cage (R. A. G.).—An all-wire cage in the position you name would be rather liable to draught, and the hardiest of species soon succumb to the latter, so you must arrange that when shop door is open there is not a wind passing through the cage. You cannot with safety keep Budgerigars and Finches together in the cage, why not be content with one pair of Budgerigars; these are handsome and interesting birds, whichever variety you have, and if you hung up a couple of hunks sooner or later they would breed. Here is another selection: Pairs of Common and Green Avadavats, cocks only, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Alario Finch, and a pair of Zebra Waxbills, total value about 30/-. Here is another: Pairs of St. Helena Waxhills, and Zebra Finches; cocks only, Madagascar Weaver, Grey Singing Finch, Cuban Finch, and red-crested Cardinal—total value about 45/-. A Shama is a beautiful and interesting bird, fine songster, soon becomes quite tame and confiding, and your cage is just about the right size for it. Value about 40/- to 50/-, according to quality of specimen.

Madagascar Lovebirds (Rastus).—The ben Madagascar is an all green bird, while the cock has the whole of the head and neck pale silvery-grey, the remainder of its plumage being green. This species require rather a roomy log or nest box which they line with bark, leaves, etc., and you must supply the latter in the form of live branches, from which they will strip the bark; later supply the branches with the leaves on, and the birds will do the rest. Though a species which is quite ready to go to nest, yet in many aviaries they do not seem to enter into it seriously, and the instances of complete success are by no means numerous.

Breeding Budgerigars (Marriott).—You might try picking up the unbroken eggs and putting them in one or more of the husks you see the birds frequent, but I am of the opinion that very shortly you will find the birds settle down. Such demeanour often occurs at the commencement of the breeding season, and with newly introduced birds. Sexual excitement runs very high at this period. You might inform me as to the general demeanour of the birds. Do they agree? Are the sexes equal? And I will try and further advise you; but I opine they will settle down later. Our Nutshell Booklet, "Budgerigars and How to Keep Them," 2½d. post free from our manager, should assist you.

Budgerigar's Beak (Novice).—If this bird's beak is twisted, as would appear to be the case from your query, I am afraid nothing can be done for it, and I presume the deformity has resulted either from an injury or as the after effect of some growth. If the beak is overgrown it must be trimmed back to normal size; I am aware this reply is not satisfactory to you, but unless you can give me fuller details I cannot be more definite. Cannot you get some local fancier of some experience to look at it for you, or your local vet.? If the crossing of the mandibles is the result of overgrowth most certainly it can, and must be, cut back, but not sufficiently far to cause bleeding.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Nightingales at the Palace Show (J. Morley).—No British birds at the Palace show are judged for their song (the Roller Canaries, in fact, are the only exceptions to this rule). The first prize Nightingale earned its position by reason of its excellence as an example of the species and the excellence of its condition.

Seed Screenings (W. H. P.). — Your sample of threshing machine screenings is very crude, coarse stuff, and a great deal of it would be purely waste (compare it with other wild seeds on the market). Still, for use in an aviary it would be alright, and I have no doubt that Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, etc., would "scratch out" a few tit-bits from amongst it.

A Small Aviary (Geo.).—I advise you to run the Goldie-Bullie and Greenie-Bullie pairs together for a few weeks in cages, before turning them into the aviary. Then you will stand a fair chance of success, though I must say that two hen Bullies in a small enclosure can on occasion be very "obstreperous." You should certainly take the eggs away from the hen Bullies; give them a Canary egg or two, if you like, so that, if they lay a clutch and want to sit, they can follow their natural inclinations. What cock birds do you purpose putting in with the hen Canaries?

Two Cuckoos (Mrs. E. M. S.).—I advise you to get a bottle of cod liver oil and syrup of hypophosphates (combined), and let each bird have at least a small teaspoonful daily amongst its soft food. See what effect a course of this has. You could vary it with extract of malt and hypophosphates. I really don't think that the "fretting" has anything to do with the matter; and I certainly should not give crushed hemp to them. It is disappointing, I agree. Your letter is very interesting.

A Bramble, and a possible Hybrid (T. B. D.).—The Bramblefinch is fed on almost exactly similar lines to the Chaffinch, and you should get our "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the latter bird, which will give you very full information. The matter was dealt with, too, in Mr. Prior's recent article. I expect the feathers have been worn away in the dealer's cage, and in this case they will not come again until the next moult. If they were pulled out, then they will have grown again in about 5 weeks' time. I should certainly leave the Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting together in the aviary, as there is a chance of their producing a Hybrid. The fact that the couple feed each other is certainly more-or-less promising. A said-to-be Hybrid between these birds was exhibited at the last Scottish National (Edinburgh) Show.

In An Aviary (L. E. T. Cowtan).—A few healthy German hen Canaries ought to thrive well in your aviary; but it would not be safe to turn in newly-imported birds until the weather becomes warm. On this account, perhaps, hen Border Fancies would suit you better; they can be obtained cheaply, and also cold-room bred. Give the hen Chaffinch a little good insectile mixture daily, containing plenty of ants' eggs and offer also a couple of nice fat mealworms. In addition to the ordinary seeds, give a dessertspoonful of cracked sunflower one day, and a teaspoonful of mixed hemp and wild seeds the next. Mate her with a steady cock Brambleficnch. I should think half-a-dozen British birds would be the limit (in addition to the Canaries).

Trouble (B. M.).—I don't think that the Linnet and Siskin cocks will give any trouble. Either may quite likely take to himself a hen to wife; but then there are plenty of hens to go round. One cock-bird generally dances attendance upon the same hen. But funny results sometimes come about. For instance, I have known a cock Chaffinch remain by the side of a hen Canary all summer in an aviary, and make a great fuss of her, but all the youngsters hatched turned out to be ordinary dark Goldfinch Mules. Evidently she had not been true to him. The disappointment and disgust of the owner can be imagined. But he accepted the evidence of his eyes, and did not endeavour to get the young birds accepted as "Chaffinch-Canary" Mules.

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Singing Contests.

Linnet singing contest held at Number One Social Club, March 25th. Thirty-one birds faced the judge. 1, 2, J. Walker (Burnbope); 3, Owens. Judge, Mr. T. Settrey. Mr. J. Smart timekeeper.

DURHAM

Linnet sing, held Black Horse, Elvet, March 18th, when 28 birds entered. Result: 1, 3, Bailes; 2, M'Quirck. Also March 25th, same house. Result: 1, 2, 3, Bailes; 4, M'Quirck; 16 birds entered; judge, Mr. J. Stout (Brandon).—Geo. Reed, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

At a meeting of the National Quality Linnet S.A., held Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, it was decided to have at our All England contests time and quality singing, but at our own club contests quality singing alone. Our all England contest takes place Easter Saturday, April 15th, when prizes will be given for time and quality. The proprietor will give £1 to an entrance fee of 1s. per bird.—T. Slater, Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club, open contest, held Weavers' Arms, Scholes, March 25th, when 20 birds entered for time and quality. They came from Wigan, Standish, Westhoughton, Leigh. Some very good singing was heard before a fine company. Winners for quality: 1, T. Statham; 2, M. Yates. For time: 1, S. Woodward; 2, R. Layland; 3, J. W. Jones. Judge for quality, Mr. T. Statham; timekeepers, Messrs. A. Parker, J. Mawdsley, and R. Macfarlane. —A. Parker, Sec.

In stating, last week, that we were having an open contest for time and quality on April 15 next, I said that the contest would be held at the "Hare and Hounds," Standish; this was a mistake. The contest will be held at the "Dog and Partridge," Standish.—Geo. Milligan, Sec., Standish Linnet Club.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. weekly contest, held headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook Street (opposite Paragon Station), where 20 birds were entered for three good timepieces. 1, Norton; 2, Broadbent; 3, Keating. Judge, Mr. F. Allen; timekeeper, Mr. Thundercliff. Fanciers wishing to enter for great open to all England contest, Easter Monday, should write at once. As Mr. Green has never replied to mine (re his challenge, wishing me to sing him on his own terms), I presume he has thrown it over. Now, I wish all Linnet singers to understand that no notice will be taken of any more challenges.—F. Allen, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Open Linnet singing contest, for quality, held Spring Hill Tavern, Buslingthorpe Lane, March 25th —the first of its kind held here. It was a great success. Mr. Fielding gave three good prizes; 19 birds competed. Result: 1, Brook; 2, 3, Wood. Judge, Mr. J. Green; timekeeper, Mr. J. Peat. After contest a very enjoyable evening was spent, owners of birds giving a selection of their vocal powers. There will be an open contest each Saturday, at above address, first pair hung 3.15 p.m. Hearty welcome given to all.—Wm. Lunn.

Skinners' Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, Usual quality singing contest, held March 26th, when 15 birds competed. Result: 1, C. Ward; 2, F. Hullen; 3, W. Lunn. Judges, Messrs. J. Simmons and T. Summers.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. singing contest held King's Head, Shannon Street, March 25th, when we had visitors from all parts of Yorkshire and Lancashire. Good singing. We made a lot of new members for our Whitsuntide match. 1, C. Prince; 2, A. Varley; 3, shared by H. Hayes, H. Wigfield, and W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs. J. Naylor, J. Melia, and W. Naylor. We had the Castleford Committee over to arrange home and home matches, open to all England, Castleford Club to come to Leeds on Easter Tuesday, and we to Castleford on Whit Tuesday, to sing time and quality at each club house. March 26th, quality match, 17 birds entered for 3 good prizes: 1, W. Sissons; 2, C. Prince: 3, W. Sissons. Judges: Messrs. T. Johnon, W. Naylor, and J. Melia.—Wm. Sisons, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Quality Linnet Singing Contest, held Prince Albert Hotel, March 26th, when 26 birds competed. Result: 1, 2, Bland; 3, Hayes. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorsman, A. Turner, and S. Nevins.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet Singing Contest, held St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, March 25th, when 17 birds competed, some very good singing being heard. Result: 1, 4, Weaver; 2, Oldroyd; 3, Littlewood. Mr. C. Jackson kindly judged. Timekeeper, Mr. F. Littlewood.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

GLASGOW.

City and Glasgow Linnet S.C. contest, held Mr. Muir's, Saltmarket, March 24th. Result: 1, Pullen; 2, McMillan; 3, Nelson. Contest next Saturday, 4 p.m. These contests are open, and any one can compete on paying entry fee 3d. Good attendance is looked for. Visitors allowed by paying 2d. at door.—Jas. Moulden.

DARLINGTON.

Linnet contest held Rising Star Inn, March 25th, when 28 competed, some very good singing being heard before a good company. Result: 1, Benson; 2, Linfoot; 3, Todd. Judge, Mr. Dodsworth; timekeeper, Mr. Cuthbertson. After contest we made a Linnet club, first meeting to be held 1st April, at above house, 8 o'clock. All wishing to become members please attend.—Wm. McLeod.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, before a good company. There were 36 birds to sing. After a very close finish the winners were: 1, O. Potter; 2, 3, W. Dobson. On April 8th we are having an open sing, and we give every Linnet fancier in England a hearty invitation to come and sing for 3 or 4 good prizes.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Newmarket Hotel, Broad Street Park, March 26th, when 19 birds entered. 1, Worrall, 60sec.; Horrace, 56sec.; Thorpe, 47sec.; Small, 40sec.; Rodgers, 38sec.—S. Webster.

Weekly Linnet contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, March 25th, when 16 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes time singing): 1, Thompson, 76 sec.; 2, Shimwell, 58 sec.; Worrall, 57 sec.; Thorpe, 46 sec.; Cole, 44 sec. March 26th, when 19 birds entered for three special prizes (3 minutes time singing): 1, Watson, 81 sec.; 2, Thompson, 72 sec.; 3, Driver, 58 sec.; Cole, 56 sec.; Wadd, 56 sec.; Cole, 46 sec.; Watson, 46 sec.; Thompson, 46 sec. Whitsuntide club going strong. Contest every week-end.—A. Brown, Sec.

Bird show held Newmarket Hotel, March 26th, when Mr. Webster gave three good prizes for best feathered bird: 1, Chaffinch, good steady bird; 2, Linnet, shown by Mr. F. Watson (Carbrook), real topper; 3, Linnet, shown by Mr. Wainwright, good bird, but on the small side; 4, large Mealy Redpoll; 5, Greenfinch, nice bird. Show, April 2nd, at 8 o'c., open to all England; also singing contest, April 2nd, first pair up at 1 o'c., open to all England. Judges last week, Messrs. H. Spottswood and W. Fenn.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club of Leigh, held open-to-all-England Linnet contest, Union Arms, Tyldesley, when the entry surprised all. To get an entry of 50 at your first venture sounds well, and not only that, there were several gentlemen who came to the contest who eagerly wanted us to run another contest in Tyldesley, as they were so pleased at the way the contests were managed. At next contest we intend to try and open a club in Tyldesley on the same lines as ours, and I am almost sure it will be a success. We gave 4 prizes for each class at Tyldesley. Prize winners for quality: 1, W. H. Topping (Blackburn); 2, Maudsley (Apply Bridge); 3, J. W. Jones (Leigh); 4, H. Brown (Leigh). For time: 1, R. Statham (Leigh), 140; 2, J. Aldrid (Atherton), 137; 3, G. Randels (Warrington), 114; 4, J. Shaw (Atherton), 65. Judges for quality, Messrs. W. H. Topping, J. Gibbins, and J. W. Jones; and for time, Messrs. W. Barnes and J. Murphy. Timekeeper, Mr J. Yates; birdman, Mr. P. O'Neil. Don't forget we hold another open-to-all-England at the New Inn, Chapel Street, Leigh, April 1st.—J. M'Allister, Sec.

Linnet In Cross Moult (N. G. Bangor).—No doubt the fact that the bird has been "carried out of the cold room occasionally" is at the bottom of its failing into a cross moult. Sudden changes of temperature are bad. There is no means of checking it once the feathers have begun to fall freely. But it will soon be over if the bird is kept in an equable temperature and well fed. Give it a teaspoonful of good hemp seed on alternate days, and the same quantity of the following mixture on the days you are not giving the hemp: maw, niger, dandelion, thistle, gold of pleasure, and white lettuce, equal parts of each, by measure. In the drinking water on alternate days stir a small teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food; plain water in between.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

F. G. Pugsley.—The bird was in a very depleted and emaciated condition. The bowels were in a very inflammatory state, such as might be induced by impurities or ptomaines introduced with the food or water. There was nothing infectious, nor was there any other sign of disease affecting any other organs of the body. I should advise the use of a little permanganate of potash in the drinking water, using just sufficient to colour slightly. Give this every alternate day, and on the intervening days give to each 10 drops of infusion of gentian concentrated and mixed in the water to drink. Thoroughly examine your seed; see that it is sweet and free from mould; clean same before feeding by rubbing between the folds of a clean damp cloth. I am of opinion that the source of origin is connected with the food.

Jos. Forster. High condition will, and often does, produce the condition you mention, but more frequently it is brought about by the agency of parasites, many of them invisible to the naked eye. When of the latter origin there is a quantity of scurf and scales which in time may appear as incrustations accompanied by great irritation. For safety of application and efficacy I find sulphurretted potash very satisfactory where parasites are the cause. In those cases arising from constitutional causes, a dose of glauber salts administered twice weekly is of great benefit. Warmth in all cases is essential, as a bird denuded of its plumage or part, readily takes cold and might easily succumb to pneumonia. The bird I examined died of exhaustion consequent upon bowel trouble, which showed small ulcerations throughout. I cannot conceive the egg food as the cause, but am inclined to think that there was a pre-existing weakness, and that the sudden change to egg food acted as the exciting cause of the disease.

Blue Pigeon.—Structural disease of the heart is not common amongst birds, nor is this species more predisposed than others. Functional disease of nervous origin, however, is fairly common, and indicated by faintness, hurried breathing, acceleration of the heart's beat under excitement, when in high condition, and particularly in the early part of the breeding season. The blood pressure becomes high, and blood vessels frequently give way. This is what had occurred in the bird you sent; one of the pulmonary vessels had ruptured, with the consequent escape of blood and death from internal hemorrhage. There existed quite a large clot enveloping the heart, which had escaped from the lungs. I have met with several cases of a similar nature of late, where death has occurred quite suddenly, the bird just previously singing most vigorously, then all at once seen to fall from the perch. It is at this period, particularly with birds in high condition, that a saline aperient is indicated as a precautionary measure. The remains have been buried as desired.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Robin's Nest (Miss M. Johnson).—We shall be glad to see a photograph of this curious nesting site.

Hyde C.B.S. (A Member). We do not care to insert under a nom de-plume such a notice as the one you send. Further, you do not attach your address to your communication, and this we must have for reference in all cases.

Tragedy of a Paint Pot (E. Holcombe). The spring is coming; consequently we are not quite in the mood for tragedy; so please forgive us for not publishing your letter.

Two Letters ("Pink" and A. B. Cowell).—We are glad to have been of service, and thank you for your letters of appreciation.

Correspondence.

Cure Wanted for Diarrhœa in Linnets.

Sir,—Will one of your numerous readers who goes in for the keeping of Linnets kindly tell me through Cage Birds what is the best cure for diarrhœa in Linnets? Linnet.

Are Birds Fruit Eaters?

Sir,—In reply to a letter in your issue of February 25th over the signature of "M. L. S.," allow me to ask your correspondent if he will give me the privilege of catching birds on his ground. In return therefore I will teach him how to catch birds. My address I leave with you. J. Tye.

Early Linnet Mules.

Sir,—I should like to ask you if there are any Linnet Mules about yet, as my friends and fanciers tell me it is far too early. But I may say that I have one, and I feel sure it is a cock bird, it is such a fine specimen. It came out on the sticks first time on March 18th (hatched on Pancake Tuesday). Bred between brown Linnet and Germany Canary hen, clear buff. She laid two eggs and hatched one.

D. J. Porter.

A Twenty-four Year Old Canary.

Is it a Record Age?

Sir,—We have in our district a very aged bird. It is twenty-four years old; hatched at Esher Lodge, Surrey, on March 17, 1887. It is a yellow Yorkshire Canary, and is now living at Beltz Green Farm, Bicknor, near Sittingbourne, the property of Mrs. Foster. It is bald-headed, but appears to be in very good health, though it does not come up any higher than the first perch. I should be pleased to know if any of your readers have got, or have heard of, any older Canary than this, and would kindly state so in your splendid paper, Cage Birds.

B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.,
Sittinghourne and District C.B.S.

The Lizard Canary.

Sir,—I note in Cage Birds of March 25th, under the above heading, a letter complaining that I had given a standard of a Lizard Canary, or what I termed an ideal bird without giving the source of my information or crediting same to the L. and L.F.A. I am indeed sorry that my esteemed and honoured friend, Mr. John Rukin, should have in any way been put about. I have profound respect for the Lancashire and Lizard F.A., and when I gave my lecture to the members of the Hanley and District C.B.S. and quoted the Lizard standard in question, I did it with one object, and that was to help to bring the Fancy to the front, and to encourage others to take up the Lizard Canary. The standard that I quoted was made public some years ago through the columns of Cage Birds, and, naturally enough, one would think that he was on public ground in repeating same. I trust this brief explanation will give satisfaction. Henry Cooke.

Can Yellows be Bred by Double-Buffing?

A Reader is Satisfied of the Impossibility.

Sir,—Having read the remarks on double-buffing, etc., by Mr. A. W. Curtis with considerable interest, I venture to relate some of my experiences in this direction. I have tried, says Mr. Curtis, to breed a yellow from two buffs, but without success. Such a result I believe to be an impossibility, although I have heard a few fanciers assert that they have accomplished it. Twenty years ago, when Crests were all the rage (in the days when the "King of Champions" was produced and subsequently sold to America for £70, and when "Belgrave Herod," "Eclipse," and other celebrities graced the show bench), buff to buff was the usual method of pairing up this variety. This was done in order to obtain size and greater length of feather. I myself kept nothing but Crests for years, but I never produced a yellow from two buffs. I have also been a regular visitor to other breeders' rooms, and I have never known a genuine yellow to be produced by two genuine buffs. I am of the opinion that wherever a yellow has been produced by two (alleged) buffs, one of the parents was a yellow, however poor in colour; or else the case has been one where the youngster was a rich-coloured buff showing little meal, and consequently mistaken for a yellow. This may appear almost incredible, but I have known a few fanciers who seem utterly unable to distinguish certain yellows from the buffs, but these are yellows all the same. It is well known that our British Finches are yellows and buffs respectively. Perhaps the difference is more perceptible in the Greenfinch than in any other. I used to wonder how it could be that a number of Greenfinches taken haphazard should be yellows and buffs in equal proportions. It is reasonable to assume that they have no knowledge of colour, but pair up promiscuously yellow to yellow, buff to buff, and buff to yellow. At first sight one would suppose these double-buff bred ones would have a tendency to produce buffs, even if they chanced to get a yellow mate. I have satisfied myself, however, that this is not the case, and I believe I have found the solution to the problem. The principle of reversion (one of Nature's balances) asserts itself, levelling matters up. I have long suspected this, and during the last few breeding seasons, by practical experiment on Norwich Plainheads, I have proved it so to my complete satisfaction. During the 1909 breeding season I paired a buff marked cock to a clear buff hen; every youngster produced was a buff. I retained one of these for stock—a clear buff cock—pairing him to a yellow variegated hen bred by myself from yellow and buff. The result of this pairing was nine young reared—six yellows and three buffs. Referring to my stock book, I notice that the second nest of three were all yellows. I cannot say that a yellow bred from two yellows would, if paired to a buff bred in the usual way, produce a larger percentage of buffs, as I have not tried it; but by the same rule I should certainly expect it to do so. Knowing the scarcity of good yellows, I have great pleasure in making known the result of my own observations. I have occasionally paired yellow to yellow, and have bred a buff from two yellows; but I never bred a yellow that way worth the keeping—all were scanty and harsh in feather, thin in head, shafty in tail, and presented a general weedy appearance. W. Watson.

The Feeding of Insectivorous Birds.

Sir,—Mr. Fishburn writes that he has a Nightingale singing every day. I suppose he doesn't mean every day in the year? Would he mind telling us his method of keeping up a supply of gentles? C. Harrison.

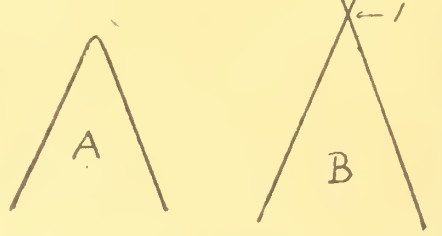
The Annfield Plain & Dis. C.B.S.

Sir,—Is the Annfield Plain and dist. C.B.S. down-hearted?—No! We are greatly pleased to notify members and fanciers that our society is going strong. We intend holding our next meeting on April 12th (Wednesday), and we hope local fanciers will roll up and let us have a good muster.

T. Robinson, Secretary.

Wire for Nest-pan Holder.

Sir,—I enclose a sketch of the back wire of a nest-pan holder. "A" is the usual shape, but I make mine as shown at "B." The advantage I find is, when the young are old enough to rise up in the nest, you want the



nest lower than the perches, and then you can hang the nest up in number 1 loop, and later on drop the wire down into loop number 2. (I use the smallest screw eyes.) I find this wire saves one making several holes in the backs of the cages, or shifting the perches.

W. Horwood.

A Veritable Dragon.

Pigeon Kills and Eats Birds in Aviary.

Sir,—I wonder if any of the readers of Cage Birds have ever experienced what I did last week? In my aviary I keep from twenty to thirty birds, and about three months ago I put a Dragon Pigeon in as I had nowhere else to keep it. Last Sunday I missed a nice cock Linnet which I was hoping would make a good bird for show. I looked everywhere in the aviary, but could not find it. On Monday morning I saw some remains in the middle of the place, and found them to be those of the Linnet, only the beak, top of the head, and wings and tail feathers left, every other part gone, bones as well. Next morning I saw lying in the exact spot the same parts of a hen Chaffinch. Thinking I was being visited by a weazel I searched all round the aviary and could not discover a hole large enough for a mouse to get through. I was then greatly puzzled to know what it was; but in the afternoon the mystery was solved, for, on hearing a bird crying and the pigeon cooing, I looked and found the latter with a Sparrow in its beak. I took the Pigeon out, and have not lost a bird since. The Sparrow died in the evening, and I left it on the ground to see if it really was the Pigeon that ate the birds after killing them; and as it was not touched I concluded that the Pigeon had become a bird of prey.

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Redpoll that Finds Its Way Home.

Sir,—I have a Redpoll that I pitch into the air, away from home, and he flies back again to his cage. I take him up to our allotment gardens, and let him out, but he always gets back home again before me. There are several cage bird men about here that have seen my little "Joey."

Charles. J. Bagshaw.
Doncaster Road, Leicester.

The Pegging of Chaffinches.

Sir,—Seeing in your columns the correspondence on Chaffinch pegging, I should like to ask Mr. Woodruff if he would mind explaining what is meant by "whalebone twigs." I always use grass for putting the birdlime on. Is whalebone better than this? Also, how is the whalebone prepared? If he could give a sketch explaining the setting of this, I should be greatly obliged. Are flue nests any good for bird catching, and how are they made and set? Perhaps one of your numefous readers will oblige by telling me.

Pink.

New Society for Bellshill and District.

Sir,—I see one of your correspondents has taken up the matter re a Cage Bird Society for Bellshill and District. I agree with him when he says that Bellshill is growing like a bad weed. Everything has a beginning, and I think if we could start a society it would be a huge success. If "Bellshill Tyro" would give his name and address, we could get into correspondence and do something to get the society started. I hope some other Bellshill and Mossend readers will take up the matter, and make Bellshill a hot bed for bird fanciers. John Craig.
49, North Road, Bellshill, N.B.

The Exhibiting of Borrowed Birds in Ireland.

Sir,—Mr. J. P. Rooney advocates closed rings, and this is the only way to put a stop to the exhibiting of borrowed birds. From my experience as an exhibitor of Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, I can truthfully say that this most dishonest practice is mainly confined to fanciers in Belfast. "Irish Straight 'Un" and "Irish Exhibitor" have, in their letters on the above subject, given the novices a lot of information which was only too well known amongst the professionals. It is this state of affairs that keeps dozens of fanciers that I am acquainted with from joining the society, and there are several others who have been driven out of the Fancy owing to being "had" by those who sell their surplus stock as winners to the novice, who finds out that, after paying an exorbitant price, he has nothing more than mere song birds, and then he sells all out in disgust. "Catch my Pal" wants to know what has become of the Norwich Plainhead Club of Ireland. Well, I was a member, and I can inform him it was broken up owing to members buying and borrowing birds and exhibiting them as bred by themselves when competing for the cup presented by the club for unflighted birds.

Belfastman.

[We have deleted certain libellous sentences from the above letter.—Editor.]

The Breeding of Norwich Plainheads.

Sir,—I noticed in last week's issue of Cage Birds a very complimentary letter, signed "A Grateful Novice," in regard to the contributions re Norwich and Yorkshire production I wrote a short time ago. Very pleased indeed to think I have been of some slight assistance. Well, now, as regards the queries "A Grateful Novice" asks me through your valuable paper: (1) The number of birds and how marked for a novice to commence with, in the formation of a stud. I should recommend, to commence with, two pairs. Procure all the birds from the same breeder, and ask him to pair them up correctly for you. Tell him to forward you full particulars as to how they were bred and age of birds. Book up those particulars for future guidance. For preference you might have a ticked yellow cock with clear buff hen and a clear buff cock with a ticked yellow hen, all to be *not* nearly related. The progeny from one pair you could pair up to the progeny of the other pair, the season after. (2) As regards pairing up following season, you would have to study the standard (shape, quality, colour, size, etc.) set by the Norwich Plainhead Club. Having got an insight into what constitutes a good Norwich, your brains would have to help you in the matter. Never pair up two birds that have the same fault. Always try and counterbalance the failing of one with the other. (3) Method of pairing to produce suitable show birds. I like substance and colour in my male birds and type and quality in my hens. Good heads and necks are great essentials in the production of up-to-date Norwich. (4) What are the best markings? Well, there is nothing really decided. For my own part, I like wing-marked specimens or just splashed on cheek or neck. Cap marked birds and eye marked birds create drawbacks. The former have a tendency to appear somewhat flat on head in many cases, and the eye marks appear to take away a certain amount of width of head character. (5) Method of feeding each day from the nest onwards. I pursue the following:—To one boiled egg (boiled for fifteen minutes), which I press through a fine sieve, I add same quantity of bread (bread to be at least two days old), with a teaspoonful of soft sugar and a pinch of maw seed; mix well together. I give this three times a day, say, a tablespoonful to each pair of birds when feeding youngsters. Also, I let my birds have as much hemp seed (whole, not crushed) as they will eat. For green food I prefer dandelion, about two nice-sized leaves, twice a day, morning and afternoon. Failing dandelion, I use watercress, the lighter the leaf the better. I don't care for the dark-coloured cress. Boiled German summer rape I give once a day, about half-teaspoonful to each pair of birds. I boil the rape about a quarter of an hour, wash well so as to free it from all dirt, and when cold it is ready for use. As a precaution, I wish to say, always be careful to see that all waste food is taken out of the cage, and not left to get stale. Stale food reaps disaster. I hope these few items may benefit the novices of the Fancy.

J. C. Barnes.

P.S.—At some future time I will endeavour to give a more lengthy and fuller description re the production of the Norwich Plainhead, how to colour-feed, and so forth.—J. C. B.

The Cage Bird Union.

Sir,—Having been elected secretary of the Cage Bird Union, I earnestly ask all secretaries of societies to let me have their replies to Mr. Lythgoe's circular at once, even if the reply is unfavourable, so that I can get on with the work of the Union and get everything into ship shape before the show season is upon us. Now that Rule 22 is out of the way, there is nothing to keep any society out of the Union. I have always opposed Rule 22, but there was one point in its favour, and that was that it gave the Union a power over fixing show dates and kept them from clashing; but, now that members can show where they like, it will be very difficult to arrange matters in this respect. However, with the cordial support of all societies, I will do everything possible. I am surprised that more exhibitors have not taken up the insurance scheme. Surely, for the sake of 1s. a year, every exhibitor ought to protect himself or herself. I hope to see a good number join this year, as it is only by having a large number that the thing can be carried out satisfactorily. A good many societies have written through the Press, etc., stating that the only objection to the Union was Rule 22; I am hoping at once to hear from these societies intimating their intention to join, together with their subscriptions. About a dozen societies have notified their intention to join, and it will strengthen my hand and give me encouragement to work if other societies will do the same at once. Will all societies who have not sent in their railway petitions please do so? Even societies that do not intend to join the Union could help in this matter. Let us all join together in a straight, fancierlike manner; leave all personalities on one side, and think only of the good and cleanliness of our hobby.

S. Hadwin, Secretary.
137, Copperas Hill, Liverpool.

The Proposed Lancashire Union.

Sir,—Under the above heading, your correspondent "Optimist" goes off his subject to blame the Liverpool O.S. for the deletion of the Cage Bird Union Rule No. 22, and he also wonders whether Liverpool will repeat its 1910 success without the help of the C.B.U. I should like to point out that when Liverpool proposed the deletion of Rule 22, the C.B.U. would not listen to the suggestion. They preferred to go on until, after losing the support of practically every large society, they were forced, when too late, to make their death-bed repentance. "Optimist" suggests that the success of the Liverpool show was in some way dependent upon its having been held under C.B.U. rules. I must say this idea never for a moment occurred to the Liverpool O.S. We had the idea that our success was in some way owing to the following: A large list of specials, good prize money, prompt payment of same, and the show being managed by exhibitors. If any society is desirous of running a successful show, I would recommend a trial on the above basis, rather than tying oneself up with the rules of a dead Union. So far as our next show is concerned, we do not care to prophesy, but your correspondent may like to know that we are optimistic. Ed. Lawson.

Sir,—I enclose copy of a letter which I have sent to the secretaries of the various societies in Lancashire and Cheshire, or to as many as I can get on the track of. Will the secretary of any society which I may have overlooked kindly oblige by bringing the letter before the next meeting of his society, and let me know the result? Jno. Hopkins.

[Copy of Letter.]

Sir,—I have been approached by several of the leading fanciers in Lancashire re the formation of a Union for Lancashire and Cheshire, and have been asked to communicate with the secretaries of the various societies in those counties to see what is the feeling of fanciers on the matter generally, and, if they deem such a Union necessary, to convene a meeting to get the Union into working order before the next show season comes round. I shall be glad, therefore, if you would lay this letter before the next meeting of your society and ascertain and let me know as early as possible whether they are in favour of a governing body to be worked on similar lines to the Yorkshire Union, and, if so, appoint a delegate to attend the suggested meeting, full particulars of which meeting I will let either you or the delegate appointed by your society have later.—Jno. Hopkins, 126, Bury New Road, Bolton, Lancashire.

Prize Cards at the Horticultural Hall (L.C.B.A.) Show.

Sir,—If those desiring prize cards for the above show will make application to Mr. Mugford, the Secretary of the L.C.B.A., they will be forwarded. John Tyson.

How to Solder with Resin.

Sir,—Replying to "Hardbill," I may say that if he will put the fullstop behind the word metal he will see that it reads: I would caution 'Linnet," cage fronts are made of metal; and I was writing of a flux to make two metals fasten together. Thanks for the lesson in botany. There are many untinned punched bars for cage fronts on the market; also when cage wire gets rusty the tinning has gone—it is this that confuses the novice, and if he learns to use the iron he will master the rudiments of soldering. How can I recommend resin in a case like this? Tinned bars or cage wire are never tinned by resin in the factory. R. Rutherford.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

Mules at Bangor and Menai Bridge Shows.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Aitken re Menai Bridge Show, I am very sorry that he is not pleased with the judging, but as far as the little knowledge that I have goes, I say that he has no cause to grumble with the awards in the Mule class, as his bird was reserve in the class, and there were better quality birds in the honours than his own. He, as a fancier, ought to take his defeat at the Bridge in better spirit. Mr. Aitken asks what light Mules are bred for; we all confess that light Mules are very rare, but I, for one, think that the big bonny bird of good substance and colour is the one for exhibiting, and not the small ones, such as his own. The 1st at the Bridge Show was a light Linnet Canary of good size and colour, 2nd Goldie Canary, nice size and lovely colour, 3rd Goldfinch-Greenfinch with a nice blaze. Mr. Aitken ought to acknowledge that the birds placed before him in the cards were all through of better quality and larger than his own. I wish, if he was at the show, he could have seen for himself, and have saved himself all his trouble. I hope he will take this letter in the best of spirit. Fancier.

The Lancashires and Lizards of To-day.

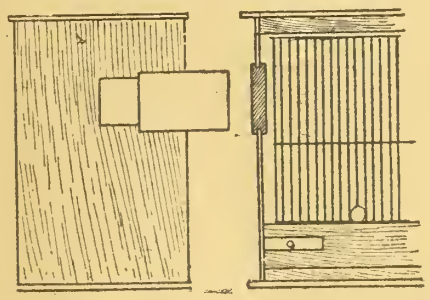
Sir,—In reply to "L. B.," I may say I don't want any cheap advertisement, as I have no stock to sell. When I do want an advert. I shall pay for it, and put in Cage Birds. I generally give away or lend what I have to part with, and I don't reckon to make money by breeding birds—I keep them for a hobby. You say I jumble the Lancashire; what about your jumbling in the Lizards? You say Mr. Howo judged Lizards badly, so there must be something in what I said. I say again that Mr. Oliver's bird was the best Lizard last show season—even Mr. Rukin said so to me. As to Mr. Dewsnap and other old winners, their days have gone by—it was last year I was writing about. If it comes to Silvers of byegone days, what about Mr. Cundiff's, Mr. F. W. Baker's, and the late Mr. B. Bardsley's old Silvers, and a lot more I could mention? But perhaps you were not in the Fancy in those days. What I cannot understand is why Mr. Swalwell put the Lancasbire special for best bird in the classes, over Mr. Turner's yellow Coppy, if he is not all I say. Mr. Barrass judged the winners for the L. and L.F.A. specials, and put Mr. Turner's first at Rochdale the week before. If Mr. Hardy had put the old birds somewhere near the front it would have looked better, and I know the birds were in fine form at the Good Intent Show. It makes readers of Cage Birds think Mr. Swalwell knows nothing about Lancashires. I knew very well I was on dangerous ground when I said, "Let Crest breeders breed their own stock birds," as I have known for many years it has paid a lot better to breed for the Crest market than to breed clear-bred Lancashires for the show bench. Next time you dash into print, "L. B.," put your full name, and then I shall know whom I am fighting.

E. Fuller.

Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. Donnelly, he is a gentleman I know very little about, not having seen him or been in his company but four times in all the years I have been in the Lancashire Fancy. As to the Rochdale fanciers, I don't want him, or anyone else, to tell me what they are like—I have always found them the best of good fellows, good winners and losers alike. But if he had been at the show on the Saturday night he would have heard a lot of grumbling from men that know what they are talking about. Mr. Donnelly says that Mr. House doesn't want me, or anyone else, to teach him to judge anything; he says he makes few mistakes. If that is so, then I don't know anything about Lancashires or Lizards. I have been amongst Lizards 33 years now, so if I don't know a bit about them I have spent my time badly. He says that some ten years ago they wanted Mr. House to judge or the birds would be all Crests. What are you saying, Mr. Donnelly? Why, they never put Crest into the rough mongrels that were being shown then; they were bred from double Coppy and double buff. But Crest, no; don't say that, Mr. Donnelly. I said it ten years before that, but the breeders would not acknowledge it, so it is cheering to know it has been put in. I am sure Mr. House has not tried his best to keep the Lancashire up to the standard every time he has judged. As for Mr. Vicker's old Plainhead, you want to know my views. Well, you breed and show one just as good, and you will win money with it if you show it under a true Lancashire judge. As for Mr. Hardy telling me how to breed Lancashires, I may tell you I don't want any advice from Mr. Hardy, or you, or anyone else. Mr. Donnelly says you will never breed a racehorse from a donkey. No, and you won't breed a Lancashire from a Crest; but they have bred some fine Crests from Lancashires. He wants to know how a Crest has been there; well, I may tell him I don't go about the country with my eyes shut. Also no true Lancashire breeder wants a fat head in his room to breed show birds. I was in one of the oldest and the most respected fancier's rooms yesterday, a room that has turned out winners year after year for the past forty years, and not one fat-headed bird in the lot. I have been going to his room for the last 25 years, and have never seen a fat-head yet, and he only breeds in one room. Yes, Mr. Donnelly, I like to give every man a chance, and will give all judges a chance, when I have confidence in them. I am sick of complaining about bad judging. It is time it was stopped, and the right man put on to judge our birds. He makes my friends and me laugh when he says, in his opinion, a good heavy-feathered stock bird shown in Lancashire classes will always beat an overgrown Yorkshire. We don't want stock birds, or Yorkshires, or Crests in Lancashire classes—we want good show Lancashires. He says he is pleased to see we are making a lot of new members in the L. and L.F.A. I am glad to read his opinion that the old club has taken a great change since he and a few of his Rochdale friends tried to break it up some few years ago at a meeting at the Dusty Miller, at Middleton. I am also glad to know Mr. Donnelly is coming amongst the lads again. E. Fuller

A Cage-door Without Hinges.

Sir,—I enclose an idea which I am applying to all my cages this year. It will be seen at once how convenient it is for running birds from one cage to another in the simplest possible way, allowing the cages to go close up together, and withdrawing the "door" halfway out, as in the first illustration (side view). It may be termed a door without hinges, and can be made by any handy person. All that is required is a "router" or a "plough" to make the grooves at the top and bottom of half-inch wood, as shown in the second figure. Any cage with square doors can be altered to this sketch, by extending the cuts at top and bottom to the front, and fitting the door as explained. I hope this will be of benefit to fanciers generally. If any trouble is found by "sticking," a little blacklead rubbed in the grooves will relieve.



Arthur Forrest.

The Norwich Plainhead Canary Club of Ireland.

Sir,—In reply to "Catch-my-Pal's" inquiry re the above, I, as secretary, can give him any information he may require regarding the club. The meeting referred to held last April was called to decide what should be done regarding the club and the two silver cups the property of the club. After a great deal of discussion it was unanimously resolved to carry on the club as already stated. A general meeting for the election of officers, etc., was to be held on that night fortnight, notice of which appeared in the Fancy Press. I sent out postcards to all members giving notice of the said meeting also. But, unfortunately, it was a very rough, wet night, rain falling in torrents; and as nearly all the members had a long way to come, only four turned up. It was then decided to postpone the club for an indefinite period, and this is the position the club has remained in since that time. I had applications from several societies asking for the club's patronage last show season, and I informed the respective secretaries to this effect. Since the show season that has just gone I have been asked by several old members of the club to call a meeting and have the club put in working order again. I think this a very opportune time to appeal to all Norwich fanciers who are in favour of putting the club on its feet again to send me their names and addresses, and if I receive a favourable response I will proceed to business at once. The club has two splendid solid silver cups for competition. (Mr. Thompson and myself have two wins on each one we hold, and are both quite willing to give them up free to be competed for by unflighted birds bred by competing exhibitors. I hope "Catch-my-Pal" will be the first to send his name and address. I should also have said that the club is free of debt. There is no old debt for members joining now to pay.

J. Stewart, Hon. Sec.,
57, Donegall Av., Belfast.

A Cage-front Soldering Iron.

Sir,—I enclose a sketch of what I consider a very handy soldering iron for making cage fronts. The idea is to file the end of the iron with the edge of a file, as seen in the illustration. This iron makes a sound job of a cage



front, putting the solder all round the wire at one touch. You will have no more wires coming loose, and no more slipping of the iron off the wire when soldering.

J. Darlington.

The Making of Egg-food.

The Disadvantages of Hard-boiled Eggs

Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. St. John's remarks re egg-food, in Cage Birds of March 25. I agree with his remarks re wholemeal in place of white bread. I use "Turog" meal when making egg biscuits. This meal is far ahead of any "Standard" flour I have seen, being finely ground whole wheat, and is easily obtained. It makes a splendid biscuit, one the birds eat readily when crumbled and moistened. But there is no doubt about it the fancier who makes his own food does not get it perfect (or near it). It is well known that the yolk of egg contains an organic phosphorus compound, lecithin. This lecithin is said by scientific authorities to be indispensable for restoring brain and nerve cells and muscular fibre, and to be invaluable for increasing the number of red blood corpuscles. It is also said that this valuable constituent of eggs is always destroyed by the usual cooking processes, boiling, baking, etc., owing to the high temperatures used, in cooking. It stands to reason then that the fancier who uses a hard-boiled egg, loses a lot of that egg's value as food. My idea is that an oven should be used made on the same principle as an incubator, with lamp, thermometer, and heat regulator; a biscuit could then be cooked at very low temperature, and so get the full food value of the egg. It pays to make your own egg-food, and the cost of heating such an oven as I have described would not be much. We all know that it is practically impossible to keep an ordinary oven at an equal temperature. If some enterprising manufacturer were to put such an oven on the market, it would no doubt pay him; I am, in fact, in negotiation with a firm myself, re cost of having one made.

F. J. Rook.

Keeping Birds in Small Cages.

Sir.—Of late I have noticed several readers complaining of keeping birds in small cages. I think some of these are going a little too far when they talk about the R.S.P.C.A. I think the writers of some of these letters must be nothing but Canary breeders and fanciers, and do not think of others who go in for contest singing as a hobby which I take great pride in and others. My birds are all in small back cages 8ins. by 9ins. by 4ins., and I guarantee they are all in healthy and clean condition and as steady and happy as anyone's Canaries that are in large cages. A while back I thought I would give some of my birds a treat by giving them a fly. I cut a hole in the side of a big flight cage and placed their cages against the flight cage, and I found them three parts of their time in their back cages. I think, my self, as a bird fancier for years, and having studed the way of birds, that the majority of wild birds are best off in a small cage as they do not knock themselves about half as much as they do if put in a large cage. I quite agree that home bred birds should be kept in large cages as they are bred and born in them; as for wild birds if they are well looked after it does not matter what cage they are in; which I can prove. I hope those who write about small cages will give a little thought about the contest singer.

A. G.

Sir,—As "A Lover of Birds" has not replied to the letter by John Canning in Cage Birds of the 12th inst., I hope you will allow me to try and dispel any illusions that gentleman may indulge in as to the conclusiveness of his arguments. His letter is merely a long plea (without apology) for the maintenance of a cruel practice, on the sordid ground that better treatment would not pay. If "the best" cannot be got out of a Roller without the use of a cage that "you could put in your jacket pocket," then be satisfied with the best the bird will produce in a cage of reasonable regulation size. All competitors would "have to toe the line," and have an equal chance. As to the Linnet men, they must carry more weight or fewer birds. Neither does it follow that the use of larger cages would be detrimental to the interests of the bird dealer. An overcrowded—and consequently dirty and neglected—stock is not likely to attract buyers. I went to see two shops that I had heard of only last Saturday, and the outsides contented me. A small, well-displayed stock, in clean, bright cages, would attract the amateur and bring new blood into the Fancy much more readily than a pile of miserable little "wooden huts." How attractive, for instance, would be a wagon (cage) load of "Foreigners" ticketed 18s. 11d. the lot, etc. The use of price tickets would be an immense improvement on the ordinary chalk mark. Let us hope Cage Birds League will effect an all-round improvement. Scrutineer.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

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Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—April 4, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. Foden on Colour-Feeding, Washing, and Staging the Yorks.—J. R. Colville.

Ardwick C.B.S.—April 4, Onward Hall, 8. Discussion on payment of prize money; very important to all.—J. Spencer.

Ayr C.B.C.—April 3, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Judges for open show. Annual subs. due.—J. Sloan.

Bristol C.B.A.—April 5, Headquarters, City Hotel, Wine St., 8. Mr. F. R. Phillips, paper on "Revision of the Wild Birds Acts," etc.—A. R. A. Carter.

Blackburn C.B.S.—April 3, Meliora Restaurant, 8. Discussion on Breeding; "Smoker"; refreshments provided; members and friends cordially invited.—J. Cook.

Bolton O.S.—April 3, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8. Special business re open show, etc. New rules, etc.—P. Brierley.

Bedlington Station C.B.C.—April 8, headquarters, Social Club, 7.30. Business, judge for nest feather show.—J. Jobling.

Bradford East O.S.—April 4, Park Chapel School, 8. Food preparing competition, 2 prizes; entry free; election of Union delegates; Cinderella Club Show, etc.—H. Hill.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—April 4, Alexander Cafe, 7.30, Business, young bird show and judge.—J. Wilson.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—April 5, headquarters, 8.15. General meeting. Rough draft of schedule for open show; proposed county show for Cumberland. Ramble.—J. C. Bell.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—April 5, Crown Hotel, Crook, 7.30. Selecting judges, etc. — J. Horner.

Chester C.B.F.A. — April 4, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Correspondence, etc.—J. Swindley.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—April 8, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7.15. Judges for open show; debate on the Nor. and Yorks. Canaries.—J. H. Mitchell.

Chopwell F.S.—April 1, Store Hall, 6.30. Judges for open show.—J. Brown.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—April 5, Sdyney Arms Hotel, 8. Brit. bird judging competition.—A. S. Treasure.

Colne C.B.S.—April 6, Angel Inn, 8. Classes and judge for F.F. Show, etc.—W. Maxwell.

Coventry O.S.—April 5, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Table show, 4 classes; subs. now due.—A. J. Barratt.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—April 3, Bennett's Tea Room, 8. Nomination of judge, etc.—J. Southworth.

Clapham C.B.S.—April 3, Avondale Hall, 8.30. Annual show business.—A. L. Priest.

Crewe O.S.—April 4, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Young bird show; open show, etc.—E. Jaycott.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—April 1, headquarters, 6.30. —J. Lindsay.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—April 1, Sairle Hotel, 7.30. Classification for winter shows.—W. Hinchliffe.

Denton C.B.S.—April 3, Denton Brotherhood, 8. Lecture on Breeding and Rearing Canaries; fanciers and friends invited.—W. Hopwood.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—April 5, George Hotel, 8. Table show, Field-moulted Brit. (6 classes). Judge, Mr. P. H. Wilcock.—R. S. Black.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—April 4, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Table show, Brit., Mules, and Hybrids. Judge, Mr. A. Silver. Admission free. Fanciers welcomed.—W. Hodson.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—April 6, 142, High Street, 8. Booking of hens, election of judges, and classification for ann. show.—J. Finnie.

Eastfield Side C.B.S.—April 1, Masons' Arms, 6.30. Approval of rules, show business, riding out party, etc.—R. Nuttall.

Edinburgh Western O.S. — April 6, Riego Street Hall, 8. Election of judges, booking of hens, etc.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—April 3, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Booking hens, etc.—D. D. Horne.

Forres and Northern O.A.—April 3, Mechanics' Institute, 8. To appoint judges; also paper by Mr. J. Russell, "Hints on Breeding Canaries."—Wm. Cumming, Sec.

Grangemouth O.S.—April 7, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. New members invited.—J. D. Miller.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—April 5, Y.M.C.A., Whitley Street, 8. Question night and society business.—E. Woodhead

Holmfirth C.B.S.—April 7, Rose and Crown Inn, 8. Show and meeting.—T. Smith.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—April 6, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Yorks Union delegates' report.—A. Pickles.

Hull C.B.S.—April 3, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Brit. bird show, and pairs for Can., Mules, and Hyb. Judge, Mr. T. Perkins.—E. R. Ridley.

Halifax O.S.—April 1, Griffin Hotel, 8.—J. F. Thackray.

Hemsworth B.S.—April 5, Headquarters, King's Head. Lecture on cage birds, breeding and showing, by Mr. W. Townley (Shooter) of South Hiendley. Turn up in force please.—J. W. Gillings.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—April 1, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Selection of judge for nest feather show, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—April 4, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Judges for the F.F. Show.—W. Cottingham.

Kettering C.B.S.—April 3, headquarters, Rifle Band Club, 8.15. Mr. F. Hunt, paper on "The Norwich Canary," and Table Show of Hen Finches and Mule or Hybrid.—J. Roberts.

Larkhall C.B.A.—April 8, Miners' Hall, 7. Start new financial year; new members invited.—J. Pollock.

Leadgate C.B.S.—April 1, Church Square Hall, 6. Open Linnet show; entries taken up till 5.30; meeting during judging, selection of prizes, etc.—J. A. Turnbull.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—April 5, Railway Hotel, 8. Please attend to receive schedules for members' show, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand.—April 4, White Swan, 8.15. Table show: A.O.V. Brit., Mule or Hyb. Hen. —J. E. Wood

London and P. O.S.—April 6, Leysian Mission, City Road, 8. Lecture, British Birds, by G. Crabb, Esq., illustrated with limelight views.—C. W. Law.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—April 3, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Arrange annual show.—F. Rackham.

Longton C.B.S.—April 4, Castle Inn, 8. Deferred annual meeting, election of officers, etc.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Liverpool O.S.—April 6, 66, Dale st., 8. Mr. Knowles (Earlstown) will give a paper on "Likely Remedies for Young Bird Ailments." Fanciers invited.—Metcalfe and Hillmen.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—April 1, Howard Arms, Glossop, 6.30. Special general meeting, balance sheet, etc.—J. Rukin.

Leeds C.B.S.—April 1, Lockhart's Cafe, Briggate, 7.30. Lecture on Breeding and Rearing, by Mr. S. Dean. Fanciers invited.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—April 1, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leith O.S.—April 8, Liberal Club, Hope St., 7. Election of judges; booking of hens; suggestion to add novice classes.—G. Brown.

Middleton C.B.S.—April 3, Old Boar's Head, 8. Selecting classes for Y.B. Show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Manningham C.B.A.—April 1, Mowbray Arms, Lily Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), on Breeding and Management; fanciers invited. —H. Grange.

Motherwell N. and B.F.C.—April 8, Y.M.I., 8. Adjourned ann. meeting, etc.—J. Mair.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—April 6, Daux Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 8. General, and answer and questions upon rearing young birds. Intending new members especially invited.—H. C. Legg.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—April 3, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Brit., four classes—Gold., Bull., Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, A.O.S. Brit.; 5s. most birds staged.—H. Boothman.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—April 6, 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle, 8. Impressions of Crystal Palace Show, 1911.—J. E. Atkinson.

New Cross C.B.S.—April 6, headquarters, Bond's Rooms, 397, New Cross-road, 7.45 p.m. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. Newcock; also some important business, including ramble; judge for young stock show.—Barton and Hearn.

Northern Liz. Club.—April 1, Fawcett-street Cafe, 7. Important business.—G. Davidson.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.—April 8, Grapes Inn, Platt-street, 8. Getting classes for F.F. Show; will all members attend.—J. Bunn.

Nelson C.B.S.—April 3, Thornton's Restaurant, 7.30. Classification, etc.—J. Gregson.

Northowram C.B.S.—April 3, Queen Victoria Inn. Lecture on pairing and breeding by Mr. Dean. Fanciers and friends invited.—S. Sykes.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—April 5, Mechanics' Institute, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oxford C.B.S.—St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, New Inn Hall-street, 8. Classification, etc., for F.F. Show.—A. F. Fifield. (No date given.—Editor.)

Ormskirk C.B.S.—April 3, Church House, 8.—T. H. Tiffen.

Otley O.S.—April 5, headquarters, 8.30.—J. Thomas.

Oswestry C.B.S.—April 6, Oswestry Castle, Refreshment Rooms, Bailey-street, 8. Enrolling new members, and lecture re pairing up; foods used rearing young, etc.—E. J. Evans.

Preston O.S.—April 6, Tokio Cafe, 8.—Jos. Leeming.

Pentre C.B.S.—April 1, Queen's Hotel. General meeting.—Geo. Lingard.

Polmont C.B.S.—April 7, Boyd's Tea Rooms, 7.30. Fixing judges.—R. L. Leitch.

Partick C.B.C.—April 7, Trade Hall, Anderson-street, 8. Monthly show of Brit. and For., 11 classes; judge, Mr. J. Henderson; friends invited.—W. Priest.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—April 3, Fleece Hotel, 8. General business.—H. Raistrick.

Portobello C.B.S.—April 4, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m. Final selection of judges. Paper on Redpoll and Twite by Mr. W. Leckie. Full attendance requested. —J. Bell.

Reading C.B.S.—April 5, Palmer Hall, 8. Washing display for novices. All subs. due.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 5, Temperance Club, Toad-lane, 8. General meeting. Lecture by Mr. E. Faulkner on Yorks. Canary. All welcome.—E. Hartley.

Rochdale O.C.—April, Club, 8.30. Quarterly meeting.—R. Blincoe. (Probably April 3 is meant.—Editor.)

South Wales Roller C.C.—April 1, Cricketers' Hotel, Llanelly, 8. Most important business.—J. Welch.

Stockport B.F.A.—April 4, Boar's Head Hotel, 8.—W. Stafford.

Sheffield O.S.—April 4, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Table show, Brit. Hard and Softbills. No entry fee. Also paper on British Birds. Fanciers and friends invited.—Bishop and Colton.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—April 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Classification and judge for Nest Feather Show, elect new members, etc.—J. Pitchford.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—April 3, Commercial Hotel, 8. Lecture on pairing and breeding of Yorks. by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods). Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Lewis.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—April 3, headquarters, 8.30. Table Show for Brit., 7 o'clock; judge, Mr. F. G. Wickam (Chatham); and at 8.30 lecture by Mr. F. Chandler, "My Experiences in Breeding Canaries." —B. Tidy.

South Manchester C.B.S.—April 6, Jolly Carter, 8.30. Delegates' report re joint F.F. shows. Subs. due.—F. Washbourne.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—April 1, St. John's Parish Halls, Kells-lane, 6.30. Mr. Tomlinson (Gateshead) kindly consented to give lecture and washing exhibition. Fanciers invited.—Hunter and Stockton.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—April 6, Leeds Hotel, 8. Schedule for open show and F.F. Show.—J. W. Lowes.

Sale O.S.—April 3, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Classification of F.F. Show, etc.—J. Irlam.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—April 8, Public Hall, 7. Replies from judges for open show.—W. Melvin.

South Shields C.B.S.—April 5, Lockhart's Cafe, King-street, 8. F.F. Show, schedule, judge, etc. Cage Birds League and N.B.B. and M.C. petition. All must attend.—J. Barrass.

Sheffield C.B.S.—April 6, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of Brit., and a talk on same.—A. Hobson.

Thatto Heath O.S.—April 3, Nutgrove School, 8. Arrangements for F.F. Show, and cage-making by Mr. McDonald.—R. G. Tyson.

Uddingston O.S.—April 6, Reading Rooms, 7. Rules confining membership; intending members invited; large turn-out requested.—J. Kilpatrick.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—April 4, headquarters, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Breeding Canaries for exhibition.—A. H. McLean.

Walsall C.B.S.—April 3, Vine Hotel, Cross-street, 8. Lecture, "Seasonable Topics," by Mr. F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton).—F. Price.

Windsor C.B.A.—April 6, headquarters, 8.15. General.—E. A. Stickland.

West London F.A.—April 6, Bush Hotel, 8. M. A. Silver will lecture.—J. Dewhurst.

Wallasey C.B.S.—April 6, headquarters, 8. Summons meeting to elect judge for young and old show, and fix schedule for young show.—W. Mallinson.

West of Scotland Club.—April 1, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting and lecture by Mr. J. Lauric (Govan). New members cordially invited.—W. Hutchison.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—April 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Dates and judges for members' shows.—Spencer and Cook.

Walkden C.B.S.—April 4, Institute, 7.30. General management of Canary by Mr. A. Donnelly.—H. Howard.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—April 4, Elephant and Castle, 8. Fanciers invited.—J. Netherwood.

Wombwell B.F.A.—April 8, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7. General debate on the Canary.—J. Hudson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—April 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 8.—H. C. Crossley.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—April 3, 6, Broadway, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Are we progressing in our hobby?" Fanciers heartily invited.—H. Smith.



CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

A further selection from our Letter-Bag. Our scheme (full details of which were given on page 301 last week), continues to meet with wide-spread approval.

Sir,—I wish Cage Birds League every success.—F. C. Sims, Sec. of the Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S.

I wish Cage Birds League every success, and shall only be too pleased to become a member. —H. Orford (Manchester).

Sir,—I wish Cage Birds and Cage Birds League every success; they deserve it.—R. Charleson, Sec. of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.

Sir,—I may say we are going to have a discussion on Cage Birds League at an early date. I think the idea is fairly catching on.—James Pollock (secretary, Larkhall C.B.S.).

Sir,—I wish to join Cage Birds League as a member. I forward you postal order for 1s. 6d., so you can send me the badge for my coat when they are ready.—John Mainland (Leith).

Sir,—Kindly enrol me a member of Cage Birds League; enclosed are 1s. for membership, and 6d. for badge when ready. I will do my best for the League. I wish it every success.—John Laurie (Falkirk).

Wigan Thinks Well of It.

Sir,—At our last meeting we had quite a long discussion about Cage Birds League, and everyone present was of one opinion, namely, that it was just what was wanted. I was asked to suggest to you that it be divided into districts, and that each district have a different coloured badge, also that all its members must be a member of some Cage Bird Society.—W. Ridge, Hon. Sec., Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.

We hope all will do it.

Sir,—I am very pleased to see the great progress the Cage Birds League is making, and I think that in the North the feeling of fanciers is practically unanimous in favour of it. When I receive my badge, I intend wearing it on every possible occasion, and I would like to see other fanciers do the same, for the more we fanciers keep in touch with one another, the better it will be for all concerned.—W. Reid (Sunderland).

A League of Possibilities.

Sir,—At the amalgamated prize-distribution, held in Bradford on March 11, and so ably reported in your excellent paper, Mr. Lythgoe, the late Secretary of the Cage Bird Union, in a few well chosen remarks, used the expression that possibly the C.B.U. would not be active this year, but probably during 1912 some Association would arise that would be national in importance to the cage bird Fancy. These are not the exact words of Mr. Lythgoe, but the impression conveyed to myself. Now, sir, seeing you are forming the Cage Birds League, is it not possible, with the influence your journal can bring to bear, that the C.B.L. shall be the first part of a national Cage Bird League, and that the whole Fancy could be taken under its wings? The whole subject could be worked out by a meeting of influential fanciers, who are desirous to see a practical working league, much on the same lines as the Yorkshire Union. I make this to the whole of the Fancy as a suggestion, and could more fanciers see the good fellowship as displayed at our amalgamated meeting, the idea would, I am sure, not be lost sight of. I do not write in any official capacity, but as I weighed over the remarks of Mr. Lythgoe, I thought I would express my opinion. I wish Cage Birds League every success.—David Sunderland (chairman Amalgamated meeting and President of Yorkshire C.C.).

[Whilst feeling highly complimented by the possibilities Mr. Sunderland sees in our scheme, we wish to make it quite clear that whatever developments the future may have in store for Cage Birds League, it has no intention of taking the place of the Cage Bird Union, or in any way acting as a judicial tribunal. Its main object is to form a link of good fellowship between fanciers, and to protect them against outside aggression.—Editor.]

Mr. St. John Suggests a Compromise.

Sir,—Before you definitely sum up the opinions of your numerous correspondents concerning Cage Birds League, and fix the subscription, etc., I would suggest as an amendment to my previous suggestion as to the amount of subscription, a compromise between your own suggestion of 1s. a year, and Mr. T. R. Trower's of 3d., 6d., and 1s., for, I take it, individual members, the following, viz., That there be "Associates and "Members," enrolled individually. The annual subscription for "Associate" to be 6d. per annum, including card of enrolment or the ordinary badge for an additional 6d. on enrolment; and the annual subscription for "Members" to be 1s., with 6d. extra for badge on enrolment. Large subscriptions or donations of any amount might be accepted, and a donation of, say, 5s. to confer the privilege of an "associate" for life, and ditto of 10s. 6d. a life "membership." Associates would have minor privileges, and not be eligible for nomination to council or committee. I purposely named a very low subscription in my former letter, as the idea must be to get to the very bedrock of the Fancy, even where practically no enthusiasm exists, and although probably every enthusiastic fancier would seek enrolment with a 1s. subscription, there may be thousands among the other class, whose interest is limited perhaps to a single pet bird, who would not think it worth while joining and paying an initial 1s. 6d. Yet these might form a very large and useful band of associates. Another point, I think cage bird societies should not be enrolled en bloc. There are too many quicksands in this method, and the risks of suspicions of cliquism and petty jealousy creeping in in the future are too great. Therefore, I would say emphatically enrol members and associates individually, and in that way only, and leave societies quite alone to carry on their own work in their own way, as they do now. Mr. Trower draws attention to the good effect of cycling clubs. Is it not a fact that what cycling clubs have done for cyclists cage bird societies all over the country have done for the cage bird Fancy? Let them continue in untrammelled freedom, and let all their members enrol themselves individually in Cage Birds League, if they desire to do so; but collectively as a society, no. Members of societies would, of course, name their local society on joining, and donate part of subscription to it, as already suggested, or give their names to their secretary to be sent up for individual enrolment, so that it would in no way interfere with this part of the scheme. Only by this means will the League be enabled to stand quite alone, above all suspicions and jealousies, as the one universal bond of freemasonry which links together every birdkeeper in the land.

Claude St. John (Dudley, Worcs.).

Lifting up the Hobby.

Sir,—The formation of a Cage Birds League will be one of the most excellent ideas yet originated in connection with the Fancy. Its objects will be too many to enumerate in a letter. Besides binding fanciers closer together in the bonds of unity—unity is strength, and that is what is required in every organisation—it will be the means of putting many a sinking society on a sounder footing. Readers and correspondents of Cage Birds generally term it *our* paper, thereby bringing the whole staff, from the genial proprietor and the editor to the office boy, into one common family—all united in furthering the hobby which they have so much at heart. And it is with this feeling of unity in view that a Cage Birds League should be formed. One of its numerous advantages would be that a member might have the fortune or misfortune to be in a strange town, but a brother fancier, although an utter stranger, seeing his badge of membership, would greet him as a friend and brother. Thus a friendship would be created. Excellent idea! Yes, but that is not all. What will the formation of the League mean to societies? Just let us consider this important matter. The readers of Cage Birds number well over 50,000. Say, for the sake of argument, that 20,000 of them join the League (this is a very low estimate), and each of the 20,000 enrols a new member (I have already three or four "in my eye"), that will mean a commencing membership of 40,000; 40,000 members at 1s. each equals £2,000, which should provide ample funds for the League propaganda, and leave a good margin for the encouragement of the hobby and to devote to the special prizes for the various societies interested (Cage Birds guarantees special prizes to the value of £1,000). It is certainly a League that every fancier should join, thereby being the means of fostering a better spirit of unity amongst its members and lifting our hobby on to a higher pinnacle of eminence before the eyes of the general public.—Joseph Wright (Southport).

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG C.B.S.

Meeting, held March 25th, Mr. J. Donaldson in chair. Classification was gone over, and approved of by those present. Mr. Donaldson promised a medal for best Border Fancy in young bird show, to be held in July. Deputation appointed to go to meeting in Cowdenbeath, in connection with District Cup. Messrs. F. W. Peel and D. Grant appointed judges for F.F. show, to be brought up at next meeting, to be held April 15th at 6.30 p.m., in McMenemy's Hall. This being all the business, the meeting closed.—Duncan Grant, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful table show of field-mounted Linnets held headquarters, Railway Hotel, March 15th. Some very good Linnets were put down to be judged by our treasurer, Mr. W. Ordish, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Result: 1, Slater and Charleson; 2, 3, W. Hulme. After show we had a discussion on the cup question, which passed over very well. What we want to get at is: How are we going to count the points; whether six points for a 1st in a large or small class, or in proportion to the number in the class? I should like all the absent members to turn up and have a voice in the matter.—R. Charleson, Hon. Secretary.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Members and friends met in Mr. Sanderson's Room, Bridge Street, Partick, March 23rd, and held a very successful social evening. Mr. Maccrobbie (our host) had everything in apple-pie order. Mr. R. T. Anderson (president) took the chair. The ball was set rolling by drinking to the health of Mr. Maccrobbie, and his success in winning the Y.C.C. of Scotland Rose Bowl, to which he suitably replied, wishing success to the Club. Mr. Maxwell followed with a comic song. Other songs and recitations were given by Messrs. Millar, Kidd, Park, Fairweather, McMillan, Walker, and Priest. We were greatly pleased to have Mr. Griffiths with us again, and glad to see him looking so well after his recent illness. He gave us "Tam O' Shanter," in his very best style. A hearty vote of thanks to our president for presiding, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—Wm. Priest, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting, held headquarters, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, March 25th, Mr. A. Foulds in chair. Members were present from Wigan, Liverpool, Colne, Rochdale, Bury, Turton, Bolton, Tottington, Reddish, Levenshulme, Leeds, Cburch, Blackburn, Gorton, Oldham, Shaw, Hollinwood, Manchester, etc. Eleven new members were proposed and accepted. After the business, the members sat down to a good substantial dinner, to which they did full justice. After the dinner a musical programme passed away the remainder of the evening. Mr. Harmond presided at the piano, and his renderings were greatly appreciated. Messrs. Field, Butterworth (our host), Tom Routledge, Webster, Stanley Butterworth. F. Deakin (of the Manchester Concerts), Master Butterworth (Helsby), Brooks, Kilshaw, and Schofield, also sang in fine style. Other members followed in rapid succession. After a hearty vote of thanks to our host and hostess, the meeting broke up.—Tom Routledge.

EAST BOWLING & DIST. B.F.A

March 25th will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable ever spent by our members. The meeting was held in St. John's School. Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) dwelt at length on the ever-interesting subject of "Pairing, breeding, and rearing the Yorkshire Canary." All who are acquainted with the lecturer know that Sam knows what he is talking about. From his 18 years' experience, Mr. Dean could give much advice, particularly to young fanciers. He started with the choice of room, cages, etc.; then with the choice of partners. He illustrated many points extremely interesting to fanciers. After dealing with the attention, etc., necessary during breeding, he went on to deal with the youngsters, after 21 days old. For over an hour Mr. Dean held his audience. Many questions were asked, all of which were ably answered by Mr. Dean. The chairman (Mr. Firth) ably proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer; Mr. Booth seconded, and Mr. Casey supported. This was carried with acclamation. Mr. Dean, in response, said that if he had pleased his audience he himself was doubly pleased with the opportunity of coming to lecture.—L. Booth, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION

Annual general meeting, held Oldham Hall, Liverpool, Mar. 23rd, 1911, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, in chair. Secretary reported a loss of about 10s. on the annual dinner; unanimously resolved that the amount be debited to the general account. Following new members elected: Messrs. F. Plunkett, and E. Broadbent. Messrs. Pengelly, Mullock, and Hackett were nominated, and will come up for election at April meeting. Balance sheet presented and passed as read, on the motion of Messrs. Deacon and Abbott. The auditors read the result of the voting for officers, and the following were elected for 1911-12. Chairman, J. W. Metcalfe; vice-chairman, F. Handley; treasurer, J. H. Isaac; auditors, J. Walker and C. Hillmen; assistant hon. sec., G. James; hon. sec., Geo. Green, 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool. Committee, Messrs. J. Abbott, Dixon, Eccleston, Hales, Hillmen, Lawson, and Rowlands. Notices of motion came up for discussion, and after several members had aired their views, the following were passed: 1. That the subscription shall be raised from 2s. 6d. per annum to 5s., 2s. to be devoted to the working expenses of the society, and 3s. per member to go towards a fund, to be called the specials fund, and in consideration of this, no member shall be asked or canvassed for nest feather, old show, or season specials, with the exception of the cups, which shall still be raised by subscription. All annual subscriptions shall be paid on or before August 31st in each year. 2. That we do away with nomination papers, and elect officers at the annual meeting. 3. That the colour of the present Norwich show cages be altered to hedge-sparrow egg tint. 5. That a novice is one who has not won a first in open competition in Green classes. 6. That nothing but plain canary seed be used on cage bottoms, at shows where classes are under the G.C.A. patronage. 7. That we adopt a standard show cage, for the Borders. Pattern to be mutually agreed upon, between the B.F.C.C. and the G.C.A. Patronage.—Decided, on the motion of Messrs. Rowlands and Lawson, that the classification be the same as last year, viz., 4 Yorkshires, 4 Norwich, and 4 Borders, to run cocks and hens alternately with selfs and fouls, for the first two varieties, and cocks and hens at each show for the Borders. All applications to be in the secretary's hands on or before July 15th, 1911. Societies are invited to apply for the patronage for either 4, 8, or 12 classes, and same will be allotted at the July meeting.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

NEW ENGLAND (U.S.A.) C.B.A.

At the annual meeting, held in Boston, the following officers were elected: President, F. Knecht; first vice-president, B. B. Young; second, J. R. Wylie; secretary and treasurer, Chas. A. Murray, 22, Peters Street, Cambridge, Mass. The executive board to consist of the foregoing officers and the following additional members: B. F. Hardy, Mrs. F. E. Carroll, and J. F. Glynn.—A. Murray, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held on 21st March, Mr. J. Stenhouse (President) in chair. Mr. W. Mossie (Annbank) was appointed judge of Borders for open show. The Secretary reported donations of 37s. 6d. Agreed, to get full set of model cards same as last year. Agreed, to send deputation to meeting to be held for the purpose of discussing proposed cup scheme for district. The delegates appointed were Messrs. J. Stenhouse and A. Dickson. The Chairman spoke of the sad loss our member, Mr. A. Fotheringham, had received through the death of his wife, and the Secretary was asked to send him a letter of sympathy on behalf of the Association. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Chairman.—A. Dickson, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Arcade Temperance Hotel, March 22nd, Mr. J. Simpson presiding. Sub-committee's report re ball submitted; decided, to allow fixing of a hall to remain over till next meeting. Secretary submitted a lengthy correspondence. All present decided to sign petition submitted by the National B.B. and M.C. The question of holding a conference with the other strictly Cage Bird Societies in the west of Fife was then considered, when it was agreed to do our best in this matter. Four delegates were appointed, namely, Messrs. A. Beveridge, J. C. Murray, A. Simpson, and the Secretary, the said conference to be held as soon as possible. After the business Mr. A. Anderson gave us a lecture on "British Birds for Exhibition." He treated of the Goldfinch (a particular favourite of his), Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Twite, Redpoll, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, and Chaffinch. His remarks were well worth listening to. He drew attention to all the good points, and also showed the points to be avoided in the show specimen. At the close of his remarks an opportunity was given for questions, all of which Mr. Anderson answered to the satisfaction of the meeting. On the motion of Mr. Duncan Grant, seconded by Mr. A. Penman, the speaker was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks. At next meeting, April 15th, same place, Messrs. J. Veitch and J. Reid promised to give short papers on the Crest and Yorkshire respectively. Two new members joined.—J. R. Reid. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held March 1st, Crown Hotel, station Street, Mr. J. Burke in the chair. The balance sheet was presented by Mr. de Maillet (late hon. secretary), showing a balance due to him of 7s., which was considered very satisfactory, taking into account the serious loss on the open show, and he informed the society that we were stronger in membership than ever, which augurs well for the future. Mr. T. Heath was appointed judge for open show. Letter from Cage Bird Union read. Decided to defer a reply until after next meeting. Mr. de Maillet gave notice of his intention to propose at next meeting a revision of the rules, particularly Rule 10, relating to dealers being debarred from membership. Mr. Weaver (Wolverhampton) then gave a lecture (on mating and breeding) in his usual good style, which was enjoyed by every one of the 70 members and friends present, many saying it was the best talk on birdy matters they had ever listened to. Unfortunately the Fancy will not be able to read the lecture, as our shorthand friend who took a verbatim report left his papers in the railway train going home, and despite every effort made to recover them, they have not been found. Before the meeting closed, Mr. Broadburst, late chairman, now a vice-president (present with us for the first time since his illness in December) proposed that Mr. de Maillet's services as secretary for the past three years be recognised by electing him a vice-president of the Society, seconded by the chairman, and carried unanimously.—S. Mole, Sec., pro. tem.

The Shows.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

Successful table show of British birds, held White Swan Hotel, March 21st. Mr. T. Ride judged, and his awards seemed to give satisfaction.

LINNET (8): 1, Chambers and Son; 2, Hextall; 3, hc, Bell; vhc Kilsby; c, Ross. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, hc, c, Ross; 2, vbc Chambers and Sons; 3, Kilsby. BRIT. HEN (4): 1, 2, Kilsby; 3, vbc, Cbambers and Son.—J. E. Wood, Sec.

ASHTON-U-LYNE AND DIS. O.S.

Fourtb of a series of points specials table shows, held March 21st, Club Headquarters, P.S.A. Rooms. Mr. H. Foden judged the Muling and Hybrid pairs. Foreign birds were judged by Mr. R. Baron. The awards gave general satisfaction.

MULING PAIRS: 1, 3, Heap; 2, Wood; 4, bc, Storey; vhc, Dyson; c, Baron. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Dyson; 2, 4, Baron; 3, Marsland; one pair disqualified as two cock birds. FOR.: 1, 3, McFarlaue; 2, Kenyon.—J. R. Colville, Secretary.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

First Table Show, held Cairus' Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 21 March. There was a capital attendance. Mr. A. W. Watson judged, bis decisions on a whole giving general satisfaction. All classes were confined to novices, and although entries were rather short, the quality of exbibits was of the highest order, while the staging was quite a feature, the exhibits being put down in a fashion that would do credit to any professional. Mr. Ferguson carried off premier honours, and also secured Mr. G. Brown's special for best exhibit. Mr. G. Mackie staged a nice team, which scored 30 points for the Watson gold medal, Mr. A. Hay following with 17 points, and Mr. Ferguson 16.

LINNET AND GOLDFINCH: 1, spl., Ferguson, Goldie, grand size, blaze and col.; 2, 3, A. Hay, 2nd Linnet, good size and col., tail a trifle faulty, 3rd Linnet, some fancied should have gone up one; 4th, G. Mackie, Linnet, nice pencilling and markings. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Denholm, good cap and bib, nice pencilling; 2, G. Mackie, presses winner; 3rd, Todd, sweet little Poll, well shown. FINCH: 1, Ferguson, Greenie, capital exhibit, grand size and col., shows a treat; 2, 3, 4, G. Mackie, 2nd Bullie cock, real stormer for col., some thought ought to have claimed premier honour, 3rd Greenie, grand head and col, 4th Bramble, in rare condition; 5, A. Hay, good Greenie; 6, P. Hay, Chaffinch, fails in condition.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

WELLINGTON (Salop).

Show held Town Hall, March 25th. The room is an ideal one for the purpose, being of good size, with plenty of light, lofty, quite free from draughts, and nicely warmed. Our section was delightfully staged at one end on the tier system, every bird being in full view. The Canary classes were unfortunately a failure, but what was lacking in these classes was made up for in the Mules and British, these being strong numerically, while the quality was simply magnificent. It was astonishing, considering the small classification, what these classes contained—Palace winners in galore—which made the competition exceptionally keen in nearly every class. Gold medal for best bird was captured by Mr. Edwards's Canary-Bullie. The stewards, Messrs. Campbell and Potter, gave the birds every possible attention, and were untiring in their efforts in looking after the comfort and welfare of the birds. Mr. Geo. Hitchman carried out the duties of secretary in grand style, the arrangements being perfect; and every detail was at his finger tips. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (4): 1, withheld; 2, Edwards, wing mkd., good size, rattling fine type, well cleaned out, nice bead, col. and quality; 3, Mustchin, uneven mkd., nice size and shape; r, Reed, cobby unflg. cl., wee bit pinched in head; vhc, Campbell. BUFF (1): 3, Mustchin, cl., wee bit small, but nice quality. YORKS., YELL. (2): 1, 2, withheld; 3, Millinchamp, cl., splendid type and quality, rare lengtb and style, good back, nicely folded tail, sbown in rare fettle; r, Reed, unflg. cl., nice lengtb, shape and quality. BUFF (2): 1, 2, withheld; 3, Reed, lengthy cl., nice type and feather; r, Campbell, very wet when judged. GOLDFINCH, ETC., CAN. MULE (14): Warm lot; 1, bc (2) Archer and Martin, Buff Goldie Can., mkd. head, wings and tail, grand size and quality, lovely exhibit, shown in splendid coudition, 1st Palace; 2, vhc, Callear, lightly wing mkd. buff Goldie Can., both well-known winners, beaten a little in coudition; 3, Davies, four-pointed yell. Goldie-Can., nice size, col. and quality; r, Price, buff Goldie Can., topper for size, mkd. wings and bead, splendid quality; vbc, Coffey, rattling good dark Linnet-Can., hard lines to meet tbose above bim; bc, c, Walsh; hc, Poole; abs., Andrews (2). A.O.V. MULE OR HYB. (16) (anotber stinging class): 1, spl, Edwards, Can.-Bullie, splendid size and shape, very distinct in parentage, good cap and wings, tight as wax, shown in grand form, takes gold medal for best in show; 2, Davies, Goldie-Bullie, nice size and col., good face, in rare bloom, well-known face at Welsb sbows; 3, r, Walsh, Can.-Bullie, not the size of winner, spleudid col., nice feather, taking bird; r, Linnet-Bullie, fine size and shape, very warm in col., splendid conditiou; vbc, hc, Archer and Martin, former real good Goldie-Bullie, soft when judged or would doubtless bave stood higber; vhc, Reed (2); vhc, hc, Coffey; hc, Hawkes; abs., Andrews (2). GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (13): 1, Archer and Martiu, splendid face of great density, wonderfully rich in chestnut on back and breast, grand wings, good size and shape, looked like 2nd Palace; 2, Harris, good size and shape, rare width of face, well cut whites; 3, Evans, grand size and shape, lovely body col., good face for width, but a wee bit dull in blaze; r, Roberts, good one for size and shape, fine wide face of nice depth of col., very steady, nice bars and moons; vhc, Walsh, Edwards; hc, Harris, Groom; hc, c, Westbrook; abs., Andrews (2). LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Harris, Linnet, splendid size, nice cone shape, very rich col., profusely pencilled right tbrough, good whites, carries wealth of bloom; 2, Coffey, another charming Linnet, little if any bebind winner in size, shape and pencilling, not quite so mucb polish; 3, Walsb, Siskin, nice size, shape, and col., good dense cap, well laced, in beautiful condition; r, c, Archer and Martin, Linnet, good one, bard to put back; vhc, Harris, capital Siskin, growing some tail feathers; vhc, Butler; hc, Walsh, Lane; w.c., Hughes. A.O.S. HARD-BILL (15): Hot lot; 1, Harris, Hawfinch, graud size, lovely col., clean cut bib of correct shape, splendid condition, looked like Palace winner; 2, Burrows, another very fine Hawfinch, if anything a trifle larger than winner, fine wing bars; 3, Hawkes, Yellow Bunting, splendid size and col., very distinct in bead and cheek markings, carries rare bloom, said to be a Palace winner; r, Harris, Yellow Bunting, excellent one for size and col., lovely bloom, loses only slightly in V-marking, 2nd Palace; vhc, Walsh, another very good 'Hammer; vhc, Archer and Martin, Price; hc, Coffey (2), Groom; c, Brailsford; abs., Andrews (2). SOFT-BILL (8): 1, 2, vhc, Victor Williams, leader well-known Palace winning Chough (late Maxwell), in superb form, needs no further comment; 2nd, equally well-known winning Magpie, topper without a doubt, followed by a charming Waxwing, beaten only in wax tips by 3rd, Archer and Martin, really fine Waxwing, grand size and shape, rich col., lovely wings, quite a cluster of wax tips, shown in splendid fettle, 4th Palace; r, Reed, Glossy Starling; vhc, Walsh (2), former a very fine Chough, grand col.; latter, charming Yellow Wagtail, in lovely condition, minus a few feathers over beak or would have stood higher; hc, Burrows, Nightingale of good size, soft when judged, splendid class for quality. SELL., 10s. (7): 1, Meeson; 2, Millinecamp; 3, Davies; r, Mrs. Dudley; vbc Walsh; hc, Roberts; c, Hawkes.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB

Monthly meeting held 122, Ingram Street, Mr. Connelly presiding over a good attendance. Ramble fixed for June 17th to Dalry. Date for F.F. Show carried for 29th July, and Annual Show December 2nd. Presentation to Mr. A. McInnes: Resolved, that it be held April 8th, all members to meet 122, Ingram Street, 7 p.m. Judge for Table Show: Mr. McInnes was elected unanimously, and his awards were well received. Table Show for next month: Redpoll, lesser, Mealy, Siskin and Twite.

GOLDFINCH BRIT.: 1, Connelly, nice Finch, well-tanned, grand blaze; 2, McFarlane, grand one, very little behind winner; 3, Ballantyne, good one in grand feather; 4, Renfrew, nice exhibit; 5, Fulton; 6, Drysdale; 7, Frew. GOLDFINCH, FOR.: 1, Sp., McFarlane, fine bird, grand blaze, in good order; 2, Renfrew, nice one staged in fine order; 3, McInnes, close up on winners; 4, Ballantyne, grand bird; 5, Johnstone; 6, Liddle; 7, Drysdale. LINNET: 1, Martin, grand bird, with a moult, will take some beating; 2, sp., McFarlane, good one staged in first class order; 3, Roulston, nice one; 4, Johnstone; 5, Renfrew; 6, Liddell; 7, Drysdale. GREENFINCH: 1, Sp., 3, McFarlane. First, one of the best, well set, grand feather, well staged. Third not quite so good; 2, Connelly, nice one, fine colour; 4, Renfrew, well worth place; 5, Ballantyne; 6, Liddell; 7, Johnstone.—T. Drysdale.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red else.

KETTERING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, March 20th. Petition from N.B.B. and M. Club presented by Secretary and signed by all members present. Table Show: BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Lewis; 2, Jervis; 3, 5, 6, Usher; 4, Martin and Haddon. SMALL FOR.: 1, 2, Martin and Haddon.—J. Roberts, Hon. Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held Miner's Hall, March 25th. Following office bearers elected: President, Mr. Rundell; vice-president, Mr. Clarkson; treasurer, Mr. McEwen; secretary, J. Pollock, 30, Marshall Street, Larkhall; committee, Messrs. Graham, Kennedy, McLean, McGregor, Houston, Bullock, and Brown; auditors, Messrs. Houston and McGregor. We have secured the services of Messrs. Young (Ruthergien), and Bruce (Coldstream), for our confined show. Fanciers in the district are cordially invited to join us. The committee intend arranging a good programme of table shows, lectures, etc., for coming season. Society is in a flourishing condition. Two challenge cups and a novice medal are competed for annually among members.—J. Pollock, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held Onward Hall, Mr. W. Robinson presiding over a fair attendance. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) delivered a lecture on "Greens and Breeding for Colour." He dealt quite an hour on various points in regard to selection and pairing. Those who are trying for Greens this time very much appreciated the knowledge imported to them. The lecturer dealt with colour-breeding, also colour-feeding. After the lecture, questions were asked, which raised many points of interest. Mr. Harrison answered these. Afterwards he gave us some useful information re conditioning the birds for the show bench. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Harrison closed the meeting.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

Adventures of a Peacock.

A Peacock was presented to Clatterbridge Workhouse, Birkenhead, as an ornament to the grounds, but the inmates complained that their rest was disturbed by its screams. It was therefore sent to a neighbouring recreation ground, but (says the "Daily Mail") had a fight with a dog and got so badly worsted that veterinary aid was summoned. The bird made rapid recovery, and two or three days ago destroyed several beds of tulips; then it fled, and when last seen was roosting on the chimney-pot of a house at Hoylake.

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ONE Mexican Green Jay, fit for exhibition, £1 17/6; 1 Peruvian Green Jay, £1 15/6; 1 large Patagonian Conure, in good condition, and talking, £1 10/6; 2 cock Cockatiels, 6/- each, 10/6 take both; 1 Long-tailed Glossy Starling, £1 12/6; 1 Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot, talking, £3; aviary-bred Budgerigars, 6/- pair; Weavers, Cutthroats, Mannikins, etc., 2/6 pair; all kinds of British birds, prices on application; the above birds are thoroughly acclimatised, in good feather and condition: Geo Fletcher, 19, Peverel-rd., Encliffe, Sheffield.

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ROSE Cockatoos, 7/6 each, £5 10/- pcore: Maroon Oriole, 30/-; young bird, 30/-; Virginian Red Cardinal, 20/-; Alario Finches, full song, 7/6 each; Linnet Mule, 6/-; singing Squirrels, 4/- each; wheel cages, 4/6; cock Hawfinch, 6/-; cock Linnet, 1/-; bright coloured seed-eating Finches, 2/- pair; 9/- dozen; African Grey Parrots, 30/-; land tortoises, 6d. each, 4/- dozen. 30/- 100: goldfish, fancy fish, aquarium plants, snails, aquatic animals, in stock. Mealworms, ants' eggs, cuttlefish, etc., cheapest in the trade. See price lists. Dealers supplied: De Von, 114, Bethnal Green-rd., London. Telephone: 5489 Wall. Telegraphic address: Oiseaux, London.

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WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Parrots: Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

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WANTED Norwich or Crests, surplus stock, state lowest price; approval: T. McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley.

WANTED large, well-coloured, and well-marked cock Hawfinch on approval: Laidlaw, Damside, Hawick.

WANTED, healthy colour fed Yorkshire cocks; give price and particulars: J. Haggis, Ambler Thorn, Halifax.

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WANTED yellow Yorkshire cock; exchange left-off clothes for working man's child under two: Floyd, 74b, Peckham-rd.

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WANTED Canaries for cash, or exchange good Scotch woollen blankets, sell 25/-: Leckie, 12, Graemest., City, Glasgow.

WANTED hen Goldfinch Mules, give 1/- each, hen Canaries, 1/6: Perkins, 25, Kingston-st., East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED Canaries, Parrots, rare price, birds, foods, Pigeons, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED large Norwich or Yorkshire hen for pair Game Bantams; Canary first: T. Lister, Beech House, Lower Fife.

WANTED Canaries, any variety, exchange Long-face self Tumblers, some are winners: Horne, Stanley-rd., Herne Bay.

WANTED offers in Canaries for all wool fine Scotch blankets, sell 25/-: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshows, Glasgow.

WANTED Canaries, Mules, Parrots, Toy dogs, Ducklings, etc., state your price to: Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED, large Norwich cinnamon hen yellow, unflighted, for stock; T. Baker, 115, South Frederick-st., South Shields.

WANTED, offers for two Norwich cocks, two cock Greenfinch and Canary Mules, Crested hen preferred: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

WANTED cheap for cash good Parrot or Parrakeet cage, hold two; approval before payment: Rev. Beazor, Louth, Lincolnshire.

WANTED offers in Norwich Plainheads for keyless lever watch, in splendid condition, suit workman: Ley, Torrington-st., Bideford.

WANTED good talking Parrot, cheap; also large cage, exchange good pom dog: Baker, Victoria House, Birchett-rd., Aldershot.

WANTED, two pairs good Norwich; exchange brass fender and fireirons, cost 50/-; 12 months ago: Harris, 79, Laithe-st., Burnley.

WANTED, cock Canaries, full song, also Parrot; cash or exchange; gent's bike: Skelton, Malford Villas, Boundary-rd., Newbury.

WANTED 3 or 4 good young hens for feeders, exchange 10 Greenfinch cocks and 4 hens, all h.m., sell lot 14/-: R. Allan, Dunbar.

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets; state lowest prices: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

WANTED good 1910 Norwich cock, and cage, exchange concert flute, piccolo, fret tools; offers: Lamacraft, New Earswick, York.

WANTED, large Norwich, will give 7/- pair; deposit; cash with Editor; stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED 1910 Norwich or Yorkshire hens, in exchange for good cock Hawfinch: A. Brown, 13, Tarran-st., Middlesbrough-on-Tees.

WANTED buyer for 10 pair Canaries, Yorkshire, Norwich, Border, 10 breeding cages, £4 the lot; a bargain: Wise, Boot Maker, Keswick.

WANTED good yellow Norwich cock, 1909, exchange splendid Dalmatian dog, fond of children, sell 25/-, or offers: 7, Melrose-aven., Bolton.

WANTED Canaries, good exchange given in high-class gents', ladies', and children's boots; offers wanted: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, cash sent with order: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED large cinnamon marked Yorkshire hen, exchange green Yorkshire hen: William Alderson, 24, Greenfield-view, Skipton, Yorkshire.

WANTED Norwich cock and hen; exchange Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid and six other birds: Brandon House, Marine Parade, Gt. Yarmouth.

WANTED acclimatised African Grey Parrot, genuine talker, on approval; must be cheap; cash waiting: Grosvenor House, Fenton, Staffs.

PAIR of Roadster outer covers, 28 by 1¾ beaded edge; will give Crests to value; approval; yours first: Hammett, Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple.

WANTED any quantity hen Canaries for spot cash; state price and particulars; honourable dealings only: Gore, 131, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WANTED bicycle handlebar, tyres and tubes, 28 x 1¾, new, best quality, exchange Yorkshire Canaries: Cotton, Broughton-st., Hebden Bridge.

TWO cocks or 1 cock and 2 hens, Yorkshires or Norwich, Canaries, exchange gent's boots, any size, good value, 17/6: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire cock Canaries, state lowest price, carriage paid: G. Porter and Sons, Live Stock Dealers, Church-st., West Ham.

WANTED Canaries, Rollers preferred, in exchange for 4 golf clubs, also collapsible landing net, bronze reel and line, etc.: Lewis, Kennels, Great Missenden.

EXCHANGE for pair Canaries, cock in full song, Norwich preferred, good sable and white collie dog, or sell 25/-: White, 30, Rosebery-ave., Bridgwater.

WANTED, cock and hens, Canaries, large or small quantities, cheap for cash; will deposit cash with Editor: Carter, 45, Pereria-st., Bethnal Green, London.

TWO pairs Rollers, for reliable Mulers: Goldfinch, Siskin, Twite, Greenfinch, Linnet, and Mealy Redpoll: approval; offers: Garner, 3, Haigh-ter., Kingstown.

WANTED African Grey Parrot, thoroughly acclimatised, good talker; exchange Canaries, Mules, British to value: J. Simonds, High-st. north, Dunstable.

WANTED, pair large clear yellow really good young Canaries, bushy crests, overhanging eyes, cheap; approval; cash deposit with Editor: Lowcock, Colintraive.

OFFERS; 24/- to 36/- dozen for hens; 6/- to 20/- dozen for pigeons; 12/- to 18/- dozen for Bantams: Maynard, Poultry Salesman, Bethnal Green. Telephone 2528 Wall.

NORWICH and Yorkshires, give 1/6 for hens, or exchange muling Linnets or yellow variegated Crest-bred cock; yours first: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

WANTED high-class Canaries in exchange powerful Bull-Mastiff dog, 16 months, demon on chain, or sell 25/-; approval; birds first: F. Nicholas, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda.

BIRDS wanted, exchange gent's serge suits, 36, 38, 40, 42in. breast, or sell 25/- each; gents' overcoats or raincoats, same sizes, 25/-, also better qualities: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

ONE or two cock Woodlarks, in full song, with sound feet, legally taken or imported, fair price given for satisfactory birds: Marsden, Ridge Hall, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

WANTED hen Canaries, not to a cock or two; must be cheap; what offers for four years' "Cage Birds," one or two missing: P. Macfarlane, 22, Gibson-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

WANTED Canaries, exchange rip saw, tenon saw, planes, chisels, brace and bits, vice, etc., good condition, list sent; also good pair Homer pigeons, rung: Jacobs, Brickyard-cottage, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

WANTED, Foreigner or good British in exchange for 11ft. roach rod in case and tackle, used only two weeks, 8/6; Canadian felling axe, 5/-; 12 new augers, 12/-; one pair Gold and White Owls, feed from hand, very tame, 10/-; one exhibition Starling, 2/-; new double breeder, 3/6; or separate: Hooke, Longthorpe, Peterborough.

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WANTED any quantity large bitches, heavy in whelp or whelped; best price paid possible; write us first if you want satisfaction; not a bogus address, not an alias name: Homer Bros., Netherton, Worcestershire.

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TWO cock Goldfinches, 5/-: 6 hens, 6/-; the lot 10/-; exchange, offers, Canaries preferred: Baker, City-rd., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE grand cock Goldfinch for 2 German or Yorkshire hens, unflighted birds: Whally, Lenardgate, Lancaster.

WHAT offers for lovely fawn Owl, 1910 bird, or exchange good singing Canary: F. Riggs, Allsops Yard, Fulford-road, York.

GREEN cock, large, prize strain, father cost £6 6s., 20/-; exchange motor accessories: 84, Shaftesbury-rd., Crouch Hill, N.

COCK Hawfinch, good markings and bib, also Redpoll, 6/- the pair, or exchange: A. Beardow, Ashover, nr. Chesterfield.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, 2 cock Linnets for big Norwich or York cock; approval: Morley, 43, Magdalen-street, Colchester.

COCK Goldfinch, good one, caught in October, sell 6/-; exchange Norwich or Roller cock: Wasley, Palace Yard, Gloucester.

SALE, 6/-, two cock Goldfinches Greypates, or exchange hroody hen or good breed chicks: Jefferies, John-street, Carmarthen.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet, cock Chaffinch, housemoulted, for good trout rod and reel; yours first: 32, Thornton-st., Hertford.

EXCHANGE cock Goldie and hen Bullfinch, both house moulted, for Canaries, or offers: Richards, 187, Bolton-road, Westhoughton.

SALE or Exchange. Splendid cock Goldfinch, sure breeder, full song, sell 4/-, or exchange: W. Dennis, Freckenham, Soham, Cambs.

EXCHANGE Linnet Mule, full song, for 1910 yellow Norwich hen; yours first: Grimmer, Greengrocer, Scott-st., Treherbert, Rhondda.

COCKS, Skylark, Twite, Greenfinch, 3/- lot. Clean wild seed, 6d. per quart, 1 6 stone; sample 2 stamps; exchange: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE good house-moulted cock Bullfinch and field-moulted hen for Yorkshire cock: Harvie, 7, Field-place, Newport, Isle of Wight.

EXCHANGE three good Linnet Mules for pair of Hartz Mountain Rollers, or sell cheap: Jordan, No. 4, Allaries Hele, near Cullompton.

SIX Greenfinch cocks, 2 Chaffinch hens, 2 hen Canaries, good birds, caught January; exchange Yorkies: Geary, Confectioner, Limerick.

HAWFINCHES, 2 fine cocks, 6/6 each, exchange Budgerigars, cock Canaries, hand-reared Blackbird, singing, 2/6: Jupp, Stone-st., Maidstone.

EXCHANGE good cock Goldfinch, three cock Linnets, for buff cock Seifert Roller, 1910, full song: French, 2, Richmond-st., Halton, Hastings.

LARGE house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, proved Muler, 15/-, or exchange hen Bullfinches: Mason, 5, Prince Albert-bldgs., Edinburgh.

GOLDFINCHES, cock and hen, house-moulted; exchange for yellow or marked Norwich cock: Bartlett, Northload Bridge, Glastonbury, Somerset.

LARGE pair of Hawfinches, grand colour and markings, exchange Budgerigars or small foreigners: Gyde, c.o. Warren, 2, Wilks-pl., Hoxton, London.

HAND-reared 1910 Skylark, singing, stout cage, cost 5/6, bargain 10/-; offers exchange, powerful airgun preferred: Mr. Clark, 25, Devonshire-st., Chiswick.

LINNET Mules, 3 cocks, 3 hens, also silver English lever; exchange lot for gramophone or phonograph; yours first: Walker, High Walk, Church-st., Whitby.

SPLENDID Goldfinch cock, good Muler, sell for 7/-; or exchange for large Norwich cock; approval both ways: Spratt, 56, Orchard-lane, Southampton.

FOUR cock Goldfinches, good songsters, 4/- each; twice house-moulted cock Linnet, 5/6; clear yellow Norwich cock, 1910, 5/6: Bugg, Stonemason, Holbeach.

CAGE-moulted Linnet, full song, 3/-; Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, and Greenfinch, 1/- each; exchange for hen Canaries: R. Makinson, 53, Liverpool-rd South, Birkdale.

GRAND house-moulted cock Goldfinch and hen Canary, 10/-; exchange cock Hawfinch to moult; offers: John Pirrie, William-st., Johnstone, Renfrewshire.

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GRAND house moulted cock Goldfinch and Sib hen and Yorkshire hen; exchange for pair Norwich or cycle tyres, beaded edge, 28 by 1½: G. Leaman, Buckinghleigh.

HAND-REARED cock Cornbunting, winner, cock Reedbunting, cock Yellowhammer and show cages, offers in joiner tools or shoes: Evans, Stationer, Haveregg, Millom.

EXCHANGE 1910 O.E.G. prize cockerel, and 1910 large buff Lancashire Canaries, for Parrot and cage, gramophone and records, sell 30/-: Walker, 37, Thomas-st., Crewe.

TAILORS wanted; pair Bedford woollen cord trousers, waist 35, inside leg 32; exchange eight cock Linnets in full song, and joiner-made double breeder, with cash: A. Holmes, Cemetery, Whittlesea.

OFFERS in Norwich hens for cock Goldfinch, guaranteed Mule breeder, father of ten Mules last season, sell 12/6, or what offers: Mr. Thompson, 8, Peacock-st., Deptford, Sunderland.

CORN Bunting, Snow Bunting, Chaffinch, Yellow Bunting, Redpoll, two Larks, and Goldfinch; all warranted cocks in full song; exchange common hen Canaries: Silcock, Wellington-rd., Ashton-under-Lyne.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch and show cage, cock Bramble, hen Bullfinch, cock Redpoll, hen Bullie, extra large champion yard dog, no better living; what offers?: F. Weedall, Chapel-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

THREE very large Siberian cock Goldfinches, full song, 10/- each; large cock Greenfinch Mule, 6/-; cock Siskin Mule, 5/-; cock Linnet Mule, 7/6; pair Borders, 6/-; exchange Canaries: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

DUTCH Frills, Norwich, Yorkshires, all colours, 3/6 upwards; hand-reared Thrush, Skylark, Jackdaw, show muling Bullfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch; exchange sheets, blankets, lady's boots: Williams, Taxidermist, Mount Vernon-rd., Liverpool.

MAGNIFICENT yellow cock Greenfinch, real clinker, 7/6; Siberian cock Goldie, grand colour and markings, 15/-; British cock Bullfinch, winner last season, 12/6; exchange either for cock Goldfinch Mule, winner: Sadler, 33, Preston-aven., Highams Park, Chingford.

Mainly Canaries.

WILL give yellow and buff stock cock, value 20/-, for youth's suit, size 4: Stewart, Albion-st., Whitehaven.

FOUR Roller hens; exchange Roller cock or nursery cages: H. Webb, 51, Matilda-st., Copenhagen-st., London, N.

FOUR pairs of Norwich Canaries, sell 8/6 pair, or exchange anything: D. Terrington, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

WANTED offers in fowls for three hen Canaries, two Norwich and one Yorkshire: Britchfield, West-st., Aylesbury.

WILL exchange unflighted buff Norwich cock for anything useful, value 10/-: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

WILL exchange yellow cinnamon Norwich cock, 1909, for buff green Norwich cock: Alex. Clark, 79, King-st., Peterhead.

SALE or exchange few Yorkshire cocks from 5/- to 10/-: H. Lodge, 11, Sunnyside Cottages, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

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PAIR Borders; exchange Foreign birds, sell 7/6; green and cinnamon-marked cocks, 7/6: McVittee, 20, John-st., Langholm.

EXCHANGE a good yellow hen for house-moulted Twite or house-moulted brown Linnet: Morgan, 20, Henshaw-st., Stretford.

EXCHANGE foul green 1910 Yorks. cock for Green 1910 Yorks. hen, standard length, healthy: Simon, Mayo-st., Cockermouth.

PAIR Norwich, cock can win, 8/6; green cock Budgerigar, beauty, 2/-; exchange, sell: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton.

EXCHANGE or sell, Yorkshires, 10/- pair and upwards, for blankets, or useful drapery: B. Holmes, 95, Dalton-lane, Keighley.

SCOTCH Fancy cock for pair Norwich clear buff Border cock (marked bred), for fret machine: Kennedy, Drygate-st., Larkhall.

THREE good Norwich hens, outdoor house, exchange yellow Norwich cock: C. Leventon, 123, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray.

EXCHANGE heavy marked York hen for yellow, 10/-, pair of razors, cylinder records: Torrington-cottage, West Hill, Sydenham.

WHAT offers in pullets for two Yorkshire cocks, also two Norwich cocks, 1910: T. Mallinder, 37, Duncombe-st., Walkley, Sheffield.

WILL exchange buff Norwich hens for good talking Parrot, Grey preferred: Simms and Fox, 90, Chatworth-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

HIGH-class Yorkshires to dispose of, either sale or exchange, china or household requisites; approval: Lunt, Hope-st. west, Macclesfield.

COCK Mule, pure Finch notes, good hedge bird, incessant songster, cash 12/6; exchange 15/- Canaries: Samuel Goodyear, Salcombe.

EXCHANGE buff piebald cock, with cash, for good yellow hen, on approval: Ross, Levingston, Bloomcott., Ballydougan, Portadown, Ireland.

NORWICH, clear buff, unflighted cock, good type, 12/-; or exchange for good hen, fly-rod, or rifle: B., 8, Bream's Buildings, London, E.C.

EXCHANGE 5 pairs Borders, closely related to my 3, 1st Cheltenham, good gramophone, or anything useful: Evans, 18, Upton-st., Gloucester.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; stamp reply: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

NOTICE: What offers in Canaries for suit length tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6: McKeand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

SMART 1909 wing-marked yellow Yorkshire cock, winner; exchange for two long marked buff Yorkshire hens; approval: Chas. Hy. Hill, Wiveliscombe.

EXCHANGE 2 Yorkshire hens for good marked yellow Yorkshire cock; yours first; approval: Thompson, 51, Station-ter., Cranlington, Northumberland.

MASSIVE buff Norwich cock, good stock bird; exchange for winning Siskin or two young Norwich hens, or sell 15/-: T. H. Davies, Caerelms, Llanelly.

NORWICH green cock, 2 good hens, large breeding cage, fittings, exchange for good air gun or boy's clothes, sell 12/-: Hall, 5, Holly-ter., Whetstone, London.

TEN pair prize-bred Yorkshires, sell cheap to clear, or exchange poultry, bred 1910, or anything useful: John Lodge, Camberworth-rd., Skelmanthorpe, nr. Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE coppy cock, winner, 30/-; Plainhead cock, 25/-; Crestbred cock, winner, 35/-; Crestbred hen, 15/-; exchange other varieties; offers: Russon, Oxford-st., Dudley.

GOOD Roller Canaries, two cocks and four hens, sell lot 45/-; also Parrot and cage, 15/-; sell or exchange lot for phonograph: B. Simpson, 42, Lord-st., Mansfield, Notts.

EXCHANGE yellow-green Border cock, 7/6; yellow hen, 4/-, for large yellow Norwich or Roller cock in full song to value; yours first: Williamson, Market-place, North Berwick.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire hen and cock Goldie and splendid hanging cage, with glass round, new, for pair Norwich, sell 10/-: Coates, North-view, Briggate, Knaresbrough.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, long, slim, upstanding; cocks, 7/6 to 21/-; useful exchange: no postcards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, London.

EXCHANGE five Norwich hens, bred from Palace strain, four unflighted, one 1909, for good gent's bike, in perfect running order: on approval; will give little cash for extra good one: Duckett, jun., 91, Sepulchre-gate, Doncaster.

LARGE, cobby, buff Norwich cock, grand stock bird, 20/-; or exchange for four common cocks on full song; approval both ways; no rubbish: Cockerill, Roche House, 13, Atherton-st., Stockport.

CLEARING out on account of business pressure: Fair Norwich Canaries and cage, 5/-; 1 double breeder, 4/6; 1 treble breeder, 6/-; 3 single breeders, 1/6; or useful exchange; wanted cycle tyres, 28 x 1½: Hartwell, Burgh, Lincolnshire.

TWO mouster Greenfinch cocks, yellows, to moult, 2/-each, exchange hen Canaries; clear yellow Norwich hen, extra, 8/6; clear yellow Border cock, 6/6, exchange Mules, Canaries, songsters: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

BORDER Fancy buff cock and even-marked yellow hen, both winners, 12/6; uneven yellow cock, winner, 6/6; nice yellow-green hen, 4/-; exchange any for really good cock Goldfinches; mutual approval: John Tait, 281, Gala Park-rd., Galashiels.

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE black and tan collie, 5 months, for 3 pairs small foreign Finches, or offers, sell 7/6: Ted. Durnford, Midsomer Norton.

SALE or Exchange, green Budgerigar, finger tame, Greenfinch cock, bred Mules last year, for a yellow Border hen, or offers: Robb, Hairdresser, Crossgates, Fife.

EXHIBITORS.—Cock red-headed Finch, winner, and show cage, 12/6; exchange large foreigner, Exhibition British, offers: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire.

YELLOW and blue fronted Amazon Parrot and cage, 35/-, exchange small safe, cash till, or offers invited; letters, please: Chadwick, Butter Market, Wrexham.

NOTICE.—Large Crimson Grey Parrot, excellent talker and whistler, price 45/-, including good cage, would accept Budgerigars, Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries, in exchange: Cobb's Aviaries, Dartford.

Miscellaneous.

SQUIRREL and cage, with wheel, 7/-, or exchange: King, 331, Edgware-rd., London.

WHAT OFFERS? Good Templar's (private member's) Regalia, in case, cost 30/-; Canaries: James, 11, Olinda-street, Kingston, Portsmouth.

OFFERS in Canaries for high class Poms.; pedigree; sell 50/- each: C. Youngman, Scarborough.

WHAT offer in hen Canaries for a new meerchaum cigar holder, cost 12/-: 8, Devons-rd., Bow.

GOOD Roller cock wanted, exchange gent's English Lever watch: Andrews, 17, Gosport-st., Coventry.

WANTED two yellow hens, Norwich Canaries; exchange Persian cat: Spittal, Woodside, Markinch, Fife.

LOCKSTITCH sewing machine, nearly new, 30/-, or exchange Canaries: Pearce, 40, Telford-road, North Kensington.

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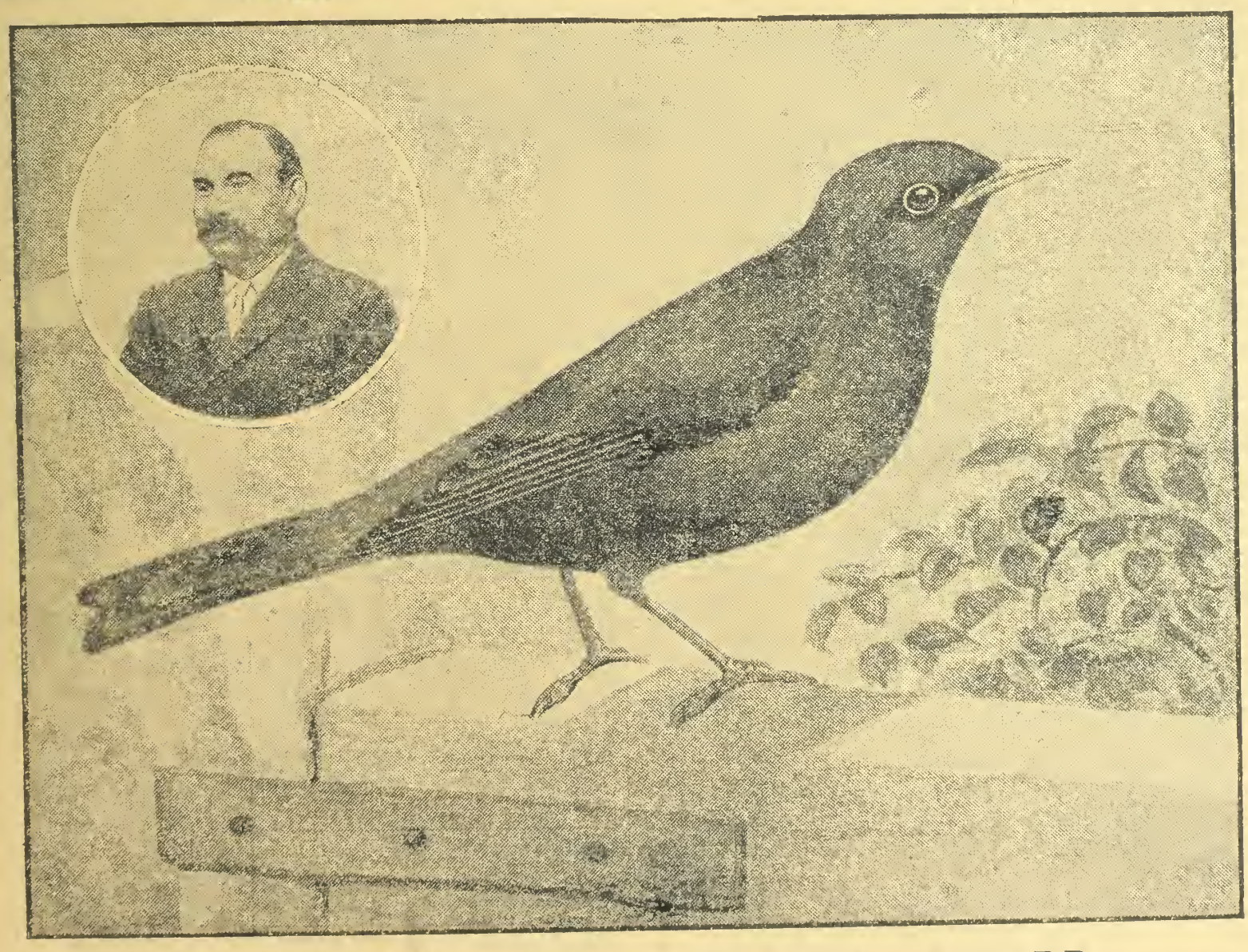
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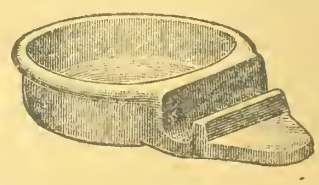
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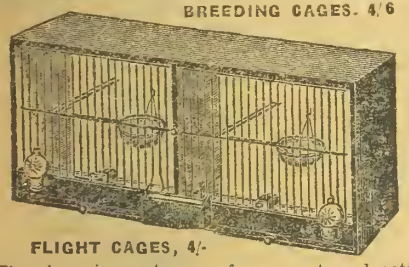
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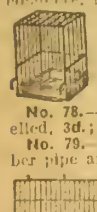
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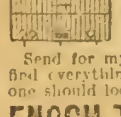
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Cinnamons.

WANTED, cinnamons: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

TWO large 1909 buff Cinnamon cocks, 10/6 each; one 1910 buff cock, 8/6; deposit: Silver, Peel-st., Birmingham.

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WANTED, Canaries for export: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

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WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Parrots: Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

WANTED, old golf balls, best prices given; or exchange cages: Golf House, Forres, N.B.

WANTED, surplus stock Canaries to suit dealer: Gladwell, Bird Stores, Bank-st., Gravesend.

WANTED Goldfinch Mules and Canaries, any quantity: Harry, Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

WANTED breeding cage and matched pair Canaries, exchange M.L. gun: H. Balderstone, Surfleet Station.

SMART brown whippet dog, partly broken, wanted offers, sell 10/-: R. Morrison, 7, High-st., Aberlour.

WANTED cash offers or Norwich Canaries for 70 coloured plates: W. Waines, Ryegate, Helmsley, Yorks.

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WANTED good quality Canaries, in exchange for 20 flags, worth 30/-: W. S., 9a, Market Place, Northfield-ave., Ealing.

WANTED Canaries for cash, or exchange good Scotch woollen blankets, sell 25/-: Leckie, 12, Graeme-st., City, Glasgow.

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WANTED British field or house-moulted, state cheapest prices: J. King, Bird Dealer, 164, Kelvinhaugh-st., Glasgow.

WANTED hen Mules, hen Canaries, hen Goldfinches, state lowest price: Mrs. Audersons, 19, King and Queen-st., Walworth.

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WANTED pair of good Norwich, will give prize Borders to value; yours first: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

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WANTED Canaries, Mules, Parrots, Toy dogs, Ducklings, etc., state your price to: Heathcote, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED good Crest-bred hen, 1910: exchange Yorkshire and Norwich, cocks or hens: Romlach, 4, St. Michael-st., Oxford.

WANTED large Parrot cage, exchange good pom. dog, or sell 12/-: Mrs. Woods, Victoria House, Birchett-rd., Aldershot.

WANTED large Norwich cock or hens; exchange pair opera glasses, as new, cost 10/6: Scott, Aldbelm Villas, Dorchester.

WANTED Norwich hen, large head; exchange Busson accordion, 3 octaves, cost £3, sell 25/-: 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

CANARIES or Mules wanted, will exchange genuine glazier's diamond, as new, will cut ½-plate: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Clerkenwell.

WANTED young bull terrier bitch, exchange pair Yorkshires value 7/6; yours first: A. Cooper, North Crawley, Newport, Pagnell.

WANTED Pomeranian, Pekinese, Bull puppy, either sex, cheap; approval essential: Rathgar, Bute Villas, Highcliffe, Christchurch.

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries in exchange for black and white Pomeranian dog, or sell £1: Radbon, 10, Baker's-lane, Ealing.

WANTED, Canaries, Budgerigars, Parrots; exchange new cylinder, disc records, and 58in. brass horn, cost 42/-: 614, Fulham-rd.

WANTED, Canaries, Parrots, pigeons, rats, mice, poultry, dogs, birds, etc., purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries East Greenwich.

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WANTED, good cycle tyres, 28 by 1¾, beaded edge; exchange good Norwich hens; approval: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Basford, Nottingham.

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Club Reports.

BLANTYRE O.S.

Meeting held Mr. Struthers' Hall, March 25th, President (Mr. S. Hannah) in chair, when a fair turn out of members were present. Three new members enrolled. Show date fixed November 4th. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) elected as judge. Business for next meeting to revise rules. We hope to have a full attendance of members, and will be pleased to hear from any fancier in the district wishing to become a member.—D. Berry, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held April 1, Nelson's Temperance Hotel; Mr. J. Montgomery (vice-president) in chair. Sub-committee gave report re Hall for annual show; agreed, to engage grand National Halls. Owing to illness of his wife, Mr. Laurie had unfortunately to postpone reading his paper. Members wished his wife speedy recovery. An interesting discussion ensued on the varied ways of making up egg food, and some useful information was imparted. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated meeting.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

GRIMSBY & CLEETHORPES R.C.S

Meeting held Anchor Restaurant, March 25th. The principal business was the adoption of the rules as drafted by the sub-committee, to whom the duty had been delegated at the previous meeting. There was considerable discussion on an additional rule suggested by the vice-chairman, which was only defeated by the casting vote of the chairman, and the original draft was adopted and ordered to be printed. The date of the first year's show was fixed for December 1st and 2nd, to which the attention of secretaries of other societies is respectfully called to avoid clashing. The proposed paper by the hon. sec., "Roller Notes: Some Reflections in view of the Breeding Season," had to be deferred until next meeting on account of the amount of other business.—W. Yardley, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Adjourned annual meeting held Mar. 15th, chair being taken by Mr. R. Tindle; this was his first attempt as chairman of our society. We felt satisfied we had got in him the right man in the right place. We had a fairly good turn up of members. Secretaries being unable to give their report and present balance-sheet, these were left over Decided, to have annual show, Dec. 8th and 9th. Following gentlemen nominated for membership: Messrs. F. F. Lawson (Carlisle), J. Milne, J. E. Atkinson, J. Laidler (Newcastle), J. H. Whittaker (Pelton Fell), F. Lawson, J. G. Gresson, and J. Spoor (Gateshead). We hope to have a good many more to join us to help us keep up the standard and reputation we have attained, and we hope Gateshead may still retain the honour of being "the Palace of the North."—A. Holden, Sec.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting held Station Hotel, Wallsend, March 8th, Mr. Macdonald in chair. Mr. Robson gave a very interesting lecture on "Canary Breeding," which was much appreciated by the large number present. After a great number of questions were asked and answered, a vote of thanks was given Mr. Robson in a very hearty manner. Mr. Slack spoke on the scheme that CAGE BIRDS have proposed, asking the meeting to support it, he thinking the idea splendid and deserving the support of all fanciers. Decided to leave the matter over for a future date, when more particulars come forward. Mr. Anderson (Rosshill) was made a member. Chairman reminded meeting that at next meeting a table show of British will be held, and that all birds should be on table not later than 7 p.m.; the classification of birds to be left in hands of committee. A gold-centred silver medal is to be awarded for most points won by a member. This closed one of the best meetings the club has ever held.—John R. Evans, Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A Question Night.

Special meeting, held Mar. 18th. This meeting was for the purpose of questions by ballot, thirteen members being present. Surely a better meeting might have been held. Ballot tickets were handed round to each person, the same being drawn from a hat. Our worthy president (Mr. J. Eyre) set the ball rolling with the question: "How would you recommend to mix colour-food?"—Mr. Eyre said he was a big believer in hot pepper, and always used two pounds hot to five pounds of cold; he also added almond oil if the pepper were dry, also 1lb. ground linseed, 1lb. moist sugar, and a pinch of powdered aniseed. In using the last-named the birds ate the colour-food much better. He always used an egg to mix with the colour-food, and soaked bread.

The president called on the secretary (Mr. Sims), his question being: "What age do you prefer your birds for breeding with?" Mr. Sims said he liked, as far as possible, to pair year or two-year cocks to unflighted hens, and unflighted cocks, to year or two-year hens; by thus pairing, one stood a better chance of getting bigger and stronger young. As far as possible he liked to leave the unflighted cock with the hen all the season, providing he behaved himself.

Mr. Rapson was then called upon. His question was a difficult one: "What is the cause of broken eggery?" Mr. Rapson, in his remarks said it was due to the bird not being in proper condition—when a hen lays her eggs, say, one one day, misses two days, and then lays another. Such a hen wasn't much good in the breeding cage, and would do to mate with her sister, the barren hen.

Mr. Goldthorpe drew the question: "What kind of egg-food and seeds do you use when breeding?" Mr. G. said he used 14 of Powell's tea biscuits to one egg, and liked it better than bread, as it was much lighter, and kept better than the latter in hot weather. As for seeds, he used mixed seeds through the season, winter and summer, and had good results from same. He did not give any green food until young were three days old.

Mr. Grunnell's question was: "What kind of breeding cage do you consider best, enamelled or white-washed?" This gentleman said he preferred enamelled cages, as they were more easily washed out than white-washed ones, and he liked a good enamel on the cages, a suitable colour being a French grey or sky-blue; he also did his fronts with silver enamel to avoid their rusting.

Mr. Springthorpe, being called on, his question was: "Do you prefer to put the birds up in pairs, or run one cock with two hens?" He was a strong believer, he said, in running the birds in pairs, and he was quite sure better results followed, as two birds could attend to the feeding better than one.

Mr. Steer drew the following: "Do you approve of early breeding?" In a short speech, Mr. Steer said the 1st of April was plenty soon enough, and even then we should have some cold snaps of weather, which was very detrimental to the birds.

Mr. Sykes's question was: "What is the best preventative against red mite?" Mr. Sykes said he kept the cages clean; he washed them out with hot water and disinfectant soap, lime-washed the insides, and painted the outsides. He was never troubled with red mite. This gentleman makes his own cages, he informs us, out of lard boxes, which are very good for the purpose named.

Mr. Hinde was then called on, his question being: "What kind of nest-pan do you consider best?" Mr. H. said he liked the ordinary nest-pan. He had used boxes, but did not like them.

Mr. Taylor was asked: "Do you prefer your stock birds to be large ones?" He liked good big ones, and he liked big hens. The bigger the hen, the bigger the young. He didn't like big, rough hens, but big ones with good quality feather, and he preferred his birds to be good big ones on both sides, and nice quality feather. If he had a cock on the small side, he would pair it with as large a hen as possible.

Mr. Toulson was next, his question being: "Do you approve of Cinnamon blood for the improvement of colour and quality of feather?" Mr. Toulson said he was a believer in Cinnamon blood for the quality of feather, and also colour. You get that nice salmon tinge on your birds that way. He advocated its use in breeding Yorkshires.

Mr. W. Atherton, the assistant secretary, was then called upon: "How many nests would you take from one hen in a season?" It depended, he said, on the birds. If show birds, he thought one nest sufficient, and if good, robust stock birds, two or three nests might be taken; but he didn't believe in running good show birds together too much.

Mr. Barnes's question was: "What is the cause of so many young dying in the shell?" Mr. Barnes said he thought it was due to cold weather, or to the hen not sitting properly.

This brought a very interesting meeting to a close, and those present thoroughly enjoyed it.—F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 30, Slatters Rooms, 10 members present. Two new members (Messrs. Craker and Drayton) elected. Distribution of Spratts' seeds and food. Mr. W. Clem has removed from Edward Street to 94, Granville Street.—Towl Bros., Hon. Secs.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S

At usual monthly meeting there was the largest turn out of members this season. After the usual business the members decided to have a F.F. show in July, also that we write various well-known fanciers for papers to be read to the members on the different varieties of Canaries, etc. Mr. W. Browell was accepted a new member.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

NORTHERN B.B., M. AND F.B.C.

Annual general meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 22nd March. Balance-sheet for year ending March, 1911, was considered very satisfactory, as there was a good carry-forward. Mr. T. Robson presented cups and medals to the successful members as follows: Mr. J. McKenzie (Foreign Bird cup), and Mr. J. Maddison (British cup and also Mule cup); medals: Messrs. C. G. Petterson (2), C. Walters (1), A. Noble (1), Geo. Tayler (1), T. Robson (1), T. C. Crawhall (2), J. Foster (2), R. Todd and Son (2), T. Steel (1), W. C. Ott (1), Sokel and Binks (1), J. Maddison (2), J. McKenzie (2), Davidson (1), and O'Nieli (1). Election of officers: President, Mr. J. Tayler; Chairman, Mr. J. Shepherd; Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. Robson. The very best thanks of the club were given Mr. J. Bertram for his past services as secretary. Table show also held.—G. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held headquarters, Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 31st March. Present: Messrs. J. Robson (Chairman), T. R. Trower, W. Page, W. H. Shepherd, C. T. Maxwell, J. Dewhurst, H. Goodchild, C. Cooper, A. C. Askew, R. A. Newley, W. H. Vale, G. E. Weston, and J. P. Carr. Letters read from Messrs. S. Beaty, E. Riley, P. H. Harris, C. Botting, H. S. Graham, and A. Plumbridge, which secretaries were instructed to answer. Decided, that the annual outing take place on Saturday, 27th May, going to Effingham Common, the same place as last year, and that dinner and tea be provided at the Station Hotel. Times of trains, etc., to be arranged later. A design for the club diploma was discussed at some length, and a motion was carried that all recognised bird artists be invited to send in a design, for which a guinea will be paid for the selected design. Mr. Weston kindly brought to the meeting, for the committee's inspection, Mules alleged to have been bred from a cock Linnet Mule and a hen Canary, also a Mule alleged to have been bred from a hen Goldfinch Mule and a cock Goldfinch. Mr. Weston was accorded a vote of thanks for the trouble he had taken in bringing the Mules for the committee's inspection. The new classification was again discussed at some length, but owing to the late hour, it was again adjourned. Messrs. C. Botting and H. S. Grahame (Camberwell), and Mr. P. H. Harris (Bedford Square) were elected members. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Secs.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Members recently had the pleasure of listening to a lecture by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) on "Breeding and Management." He told us how he fed his birds, feeding the cock a week previous to the hens—he did not feed the hens till paired. He did not believe in making the food too good; his method is: One egg to a pound of home-made bread, a little maw seed, and a teaspoonful of cod liver oil. He put golden syrup in the drinking water to prevent the hens from being egg-bound—a thing he is never troubled with. He always uses felt lining for his nests, and he never allowed the birds to build a nest. He fastens the lining in with Stockholm tar. He always left the cock with the hen while she was sitting, except if he were troublesome; then out he came. The lecturer never used green food during the first round. He next told us what he did when the young were taken away; he fed with the same soft food they had been reared on. He gave them lime-water in the drinking water. Now, he told us, was the time to train the birds. What you could do now in one hour you could not do in two months after the birds had moulted. He told us how he did his cages, whitewashing them with equal portions of whiting and common salt; and he varnishes the fronts with equal parts of tar and turpentine. With these remarks he brought his lecture to a close. Our chairman (Mr. J. Ackroyd) asked for questions, which were asked, and were answered by the lecturer in his usual style—straight to the point. Mr. F. Gale proposed vote of thanks, which Mr. A. Huddlestone seconded. Mr. Clarkson suitably responded.—H. Grange, Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held April 1, Mr. Swan in chair. Secretary read correspondence relating to holding meetings at various centres. A long discussion ensued; ultimately, it was left over to next meeting. Secretary was empowered to act further, and report on same, at next meeting. Secretary then intimated to the members that our Indian friend, Mr. Hunter, had offered to present the club with another valuable prize, either a cup or something similar. As this gentleman had already given us a cup at the club's formation, it came as a great surprise to members, who received the announcement with applause, and expressed their satisfaction.—G. Davidson, Sec.

BANKFOOT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members wound up their winter syllabus, March 28th, when a large number spent a very enjoyable evening. It was arranged we should have a smoking concert after the usual business. It was just on 8 o'clock when Mr. J. Taylor (President) took the chair, when he invited all present to partake of pipes and tobacco; it was all free, being the gift of our worthy Secretary and himself. Business was got through very quickly. Mr. J. Smith promised a 2s. 6d. special for most birds shown and least points counted by any member at Dec. 16th show. Mr. J. Taylor gave a special for best cock at each old bird show during this season. Mrs. Gelder promised a special for best hen at each old bird show—all these on top of a long list of specials. Mr. D. Lowe opened the concert with a comic song. Mr. A. Barraclough followed with a good song. The following gentlemen also contributed to the programme: Messrs. H. Taylor, J. Taylor, J. Smith, and A. Kellett. This brought the evening to a close. As the competition does not begin until our June show, will all desirous of becoming members send names, etc., to the Secretary, Mr. F. Gelder, 01, Marsh Street, Little Horton, Bradford? Subscription, 3s. per year. —W. North, Assist. Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual general meeting held rooms, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, March 25, Mr. J. Winter presiding. The balance sheet for 1910, showing a balance of £1 11s. 4d., the membership being 109, passed unanimously. Chairman intimated that the president's prize, competed for at 7 open shows had been won by Mr. A. M. Gardiner, who had scored 184 points, the runner-up being Mr. G. Mitchell. Gold medals at club show for best unflighted cock and hen were won by Messrs. G. Mitchell and A. Watson, silver medals being won at the various shows by Messrs. W. Bishop, A. Harris, J. W. Naughton, G. Mitchell, A. G. Cameron, J. Barr, W. R. Finnie, J. Smeaton, A. M. Gardiner, J. Hector, A. Thomson, W. Aitchison, R. Craig, W. Grewar, D. Graham, and A. Maxwell. Voting for office bearers for 1911 as follows:—Committee (West), J. McLay (26), J. Young (25), A. Chalmers (22), R. B. Jarvie (21), C. Campbell (20), W. Watson (16); North, John Hector (32), A. G. Forrest (28), G. Mitchell (24), W. Grewar (20), T. Adamson (17), J. Logan (15); East and South, I. Winter (34), J. Smeaton (33), A. G. Cameron (31), W. Aitchison (28), S. Buglass (22), G. Scaife (22). Judges, J. McLay (29), A. G. Cameron (27), J. Smeaton (23), A. Chalmers (22), C. Campbell (15), J. F. Dewar (11), W. Watson (11). Auditors, E. Barou (32), J. Peters (26). Scrutineers, A. Miller (5), G. G. Henderson (5). Secretary and Treasurer, J. Brown (30). Secretary intimated he desired to retire, but after some discussion he agreed to accept office for another year. On the motion of Mr. Winter, it was agreed that secretary, when convening the meeting to allocate club patronage, intimate to each member of committee the names of societies making application for the patronage, so that all might have an opportunity of voting for the shows they desired to obtain the same. A suggestion was put forward by Mr. Dewar, and agreed to, that the club show be held in conjunction with a show the officiating judge at which had judged not more than 2 shows previous to the club show. Messrs. A. Harper (Holytown) and R. Lambie (Whitburn) were admitted to membership. Fanciers throughout the country are invited to join, and so further the interests of the Norwich Plainhead. Annual sub. 2s. 6d. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—J. Brown, Sec., 599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Annual Dinner and Prize Distribution.

About 50 members and friends met at the "Star and Garter" Hotel, St. John's Lane, Liverpool, March 15, and after justice had been done to a first-class repast, a very enjoyable evening was spent, the president (Mr. J. Walker) in chair. Mrs. Walker kindly distributed the prizes to the winners. The proceedings opened with the usual toasts, which were followed by a song and dance, ably executed by Mr. Moore. Mr. Isaac rose to propose the "G.C.A." He poluted out we had had a very stiff season to face from a financial standpoint, but he was pleased to say we were practically free from debt, and had come through the crisis with credit, inasmuch as we had gathered together something approaching £40 worth of cups and medals, although we commenced the season with nothing, the whole of our plate having been won outright the previous year. He saw a successful future, and impressed upon the members the necessity of doing all they could to further the green Canary. Mr. Metcalfe proposed "Kindred Societies"; Mr. Hillmen responded. Much amusement was caused, when the prize winners, one and all, in acknowledging their cups, medals, etc., vowed they would be amongst them again next year. Mr. Hales, in playing "second-fiddle" to Mr. Lawson (who won the Norwich cup), said he was proud to see him take it, and felt it was no disgrace to be beaten by one of his own novices. Mr. Lawson, in responding, said he owed a lot of his success to the advice and practical assistance he had received from both Mr. Hales and Mr. Deacon. Unfortunately, several of the winners were unable to attend owing to the distance, quite a number of them hailing from the shire of broadacres. The secretary rose to respond on behalf of the G.C.A., and gave a brief resumo of the season's working. The membership had risen from 105 to 129, though, in point of fact, we had enrolled nearly 50 new members, resignations and lapses amounting to 26. The exhibits benched at the patronage shows did not show up as well as expected, the Norwich in particular being very poor, as would be seen from the following figures produced: Yorkshires 651, Norwich 346, Borders 563—an average of 65 38, and 56 respectively. Mr. Nimmo (winner of the Yorkshire Championship Cup) proposed "The Artistes," and Mr. Gregory "Our Visitors." Mr. Jack Graham was responsible for the musical part of the programme, and well earned the praise bestowed upon him.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

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I regret that through the sudden death of my sister-in-law, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle-on-Tyne), I am compelled to dispose of all my birds. My brother-in-law and his children are coming to live with us, and I shall have to give up my rooms. I was looking forward to a very successful season, as I had again got together what I considered a splendid collection for breeding purposes, especially as I have been fairly successful in my exhibiting this last season. I had my first "flutter" at the Palace, where I got third in unflighted yellows out of a class of 41 (my own breeding). I also bearded the lion in his den at Bradford East, and got 2nd in Cinn. marked class; and two 3rds and vhc at Scottish National. I shall still continue to take CAGE BIRDS, which has been my friend, guide, and teacher since I entered the Fancy six years ago.

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I have removed to 89, Henderson Street, Leith, writes Mr. George Brown, secretary of the Leith O.S.

Kindly note my change of address, as I have left Hyson Green and gone to 45, Crossman Street, Sherwood, Notts, writes Mr. G. Sharp.

The show of the Grimsby and Clecthorpes Roller Canary Society is fixed for December 1st and 2nd, writes Mr. W. Yardley, the hon. sec.

Will secretaries please note that the Coaltown of Wemyss and Dist. C.B.S. open show is to be held on December 2nd, writes Mr. Alex. Storrar, the secretary.

Mr. Hardy will judge our First Feather Show on the third Saturday in June, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, secretary of the Oldham and Dist. C.B.S.

All communications to the Cambuslang Cage Bird Association should in future be sent to me, writes Mr. Thomas McCullock, Burnside View, Kirkhill, Cambuslang.

Will secretaries of clubs please note that I have taken over the secretaryship of the Northern British Bird, Mule, and Foreign Bird Club? writes Mr. Geo. Taylor, 200, Wingrove Avenue, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. W. F. Monk, of Owen Terrace, has resigned his post of hon. secretary to the Halstead and Dist. C.B.S. I am appointed to act as his successor, writes Mr. A. C. Sayward, 48, Trinity Road, Halstead, Essex.

We have now fixed up with our judges for our open show on October 28th, writes Mr. J. Lindsay, secretary of the Derwent Valley C.B.S. They are Messrs. A. Brown (Gateshead) and F. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees).

Kindly note my change of address to 1, Strathearn Road, Wimbledon, S.W., where all communications respecting the London Cage Bird Association should be addressed, writes Mr. William H. Mugford, the hon. secretary.

We hear on good authority that our chairman (Mr. J. Hands) has been engaged to judge the Stanley First Feather Show in July, which we think speaks well for our society, the Blaydon C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Havver, the secretary.

Allow me to thank you and your artist, Mr. Norman, for the excellent drawing of my Norwich Cinnamon hen on CAGE BIRDS April 1st front page. Fanciers have much to be grateful for in the way you cater for them.—J. Bevan (Ipswich).

Our show will be held on August 26, writes Mr. Andrew Shaw, secretary of the Troon C.B., etc., Society, and we have been fortunate in securing the services of good judges, Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch) being elected for the cage bird section.

The following gentlemen have been elected to judge at our show on November 18th, writes Mr. Peter Gentleman, secretary of the Avonbridge O.S.:—For Norwich and Borders, Mr. H. Wilson (Bannockburn); for Mules and British Birds, Mr. W. Sharp (Bathgate)

I regret to say, writes Mr. R. H. Folley, hon. secretary, Exeter and Dist. C.B.S., that one of our members, Mr. Scribbins, has been called suddenly away from the city owing to a family bereavement of a painful nature, and he finds he must dispose of his stock through your advertisement columns.

I have come to terms with two well-known judges for our annual show on Saturday, Oct. 14th, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, secretary of the Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S., viz., Mr. J. Carson (Easthouses), who will judge Scotch Fancies, Norwich, and British; and Mr. J. Watson (Selkirk), who will judge Borders. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

We have been fortunate enough to secure the Scrafton Hall, Scrafton Road, Ilford, for all shows to be held during the year, writes Mr. J. H. Priestman, hon. secretary of the Ilford F. and F.S. It is therefore hoped that members will give us bumping entries. Our first monthly show is to be held on April 11th.

Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) has been appointed judge for our members' show, to be held on Whit Monday, June 5th, writes Mr. J. W. Jones, secretary of the North Wales C.B.S. The total membership up to date is 47, and we hope to double that number very soon. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to join.

We have elected the following experts to judge at our show for 1911, writes Mr. E. McAnally, secretary of the Kirkcaldy C.B.S.:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. Fotheringham (Kelty); for Border Fancies, Mr. Thomson (Newtongrange); for Norwich, Mr. Logan (Dysart); for Crests, Mr. Geo. Arnot (Sinclairtown); and for British and Foreign, Mr. Arrighi (Edinburgh). These gentlemen are all specialists in their own varieties. We offer three cups, medals, and a host of specials. We thank all fanciers for past favours, and hope for a continuance of same.

We are holding our annual open show on October 6th and 7th, writes Mr. R. Towler, hon. secretary of the Burnley and Dist. C.B.S.

Will members of the Wood Green F. and F.S. kindly note that I have been elected secretary, writes Mr. G. Bates, 41, Brunswick Crescent, New Southgate.

Will all fanciers intending to become members of the Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S. please attend the meeting on Saturday night next, writes Mr. A. J. Notley, the secretary, as none will be allowed to join after the May meeting, when, according to rule, all members must be clear on the books.

Our annual show is to be held on November 23rd, writes Mr. H. Davidson, secretary of the Lockerbie C.B., etc., Association. Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) is to judge the cage bird section. We have one challenge cup for Norwich and another for Border Fancies, besides several medals and specials galore.

Easter Holidays.

In consequence of the Easter Holidays CAGE BIRDS will be published one day earlier, and be on sale Thursday Morning, April 13th.

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Our annual show will be held on November 18th, writes Mr. W. Guthrie, hon. secretary of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.

Will secretaries kindly note that business claims again prevent Mr. G. E. Weston from accepting judging engagements? This applies to the 1910-11 season.

Mr. Chas. Prior requests us to ask his friends and correspondents generally to kindly note that he has now removed from Kew Bridge Road, Brentford, to Hill Farm, Ropley, Hants.

Messrs. Clark, Simpson and McIntyre, of Airdrie Club, have shipped per ss. Rotorua a consignment of Crest, Crest-bred, and Norwich Plainhead Canaries to a prominent breeder and exhibitor in New Zealand, writes Mr. S. F. McIntyre, and wish the new owner great success. The birds have been winning all over Scotland this last two years.

OBITUARY.

Mr, J. FLOWER (Bethnal Green).

We are sorry to have to announce the death of Mr. John Flower, of Sclater Street, E., one of the best-known and most respected figures in that neighbourhood known to metropolitan and other bird-keepers as "Club Row." Mr. Flower had reached the age of 71, and had been in the bird business upwards of 50 years. He was one of the defendants, with Mr. Preston, in the law case in which our readers provided the funds for the decision in favour of the R.S.P.C.A. being contested in the Court of Appeal. The sympathy of the Fancy will be given to the relatives of Mr. Flower in the sad loss they have suffered.

A Conference in Scotland.

A conference of Cage Bird Societies will be held on Saturday, April 8th, in Penman's Masonic Arms (upstairs), at 6.15 p.m., writes Mr. Joseph R. Reid, secretary, Cowdenbeath C.B.S., when we hope to see a good turnout of delegates.

Cinnamon-marked Yorks. C.C.

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Owing to the wretchedly poor return of official voting papers, I have arranged to postpone the closing date from April 3rd to April 10th. I trust members will avail themselves of the extension in making their returns as early as possible. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—John Young, hon. secretary, 80, High Street, Rutherglen.

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Mr. H. J. Ford gives some valuable advice concerning exhibition Blackbirds.

On the front page of this issue we have reproduced the picture of a well-known winning Blackbird, together with a photograph of its owner, Mr. H. J. Ford, of Cardiff. The following notes, supplied by Mr. Ford, will, we are sure, interest lovers of the species.

In regard to my Blackbird known as "Jimmy Driscoll," 1st at Llanelly, he is, I may say, a regular old warrior in the show business. He is the winner of eleven 1sts and other prizes, and he has been on three occasions up to the Crystal Palace. In 1908 he was 4th, and in 1909 1st. In 1911 he was 3rd. He will be six years old next June, so he is getting on in age, and will not be able to compete with younger birds. In regard to the food I use, I mix one packet of Capern's Thrush food with one packet of Bowering's Thrush food, one packet of Bowering's chicken meal, ½lb. of sharps, ½lb. of powdered meat meal (crissel) together; this makes a splendid food for Thrush, Blackbird, or Starling. I mix in grated carrot—about a spoonful to each bird per day all the year round; also dandelion leaves watercress, or lettuce, whichever is in season, chopped up very fine. Now, I want my reader to understand that if you want to keep the Thrush family in health so that they will live a long life, don't forget the green foods. In regard to moulting the Blackbird, I have noticed that some fanciers say you should colour-feed the Blackbird during the moult. That is wrong, for if you do, on the face of the feathers the black will have a rusty tint. The way I moult them (and I have had some good ones through my hands this last ten years) is this: I put the Blackbird in the darkest corner of the bird-room and feed him on these lines—one-half staple food, one-quarter of grated carrot, and one-quarter of green food mixed together fresh every day, and I put a couple of strings of saffron in his drinking water. By using the saffron the birds have a quick moult. The moult over, you can start colour-feeding as quick as you like; then by the time the feathers have acquired the right polish, the bird's beak and eye ceres will be up in colour ready for exhibition. Very shortly we will be having young Blackbirds here. If you want to pick the cocks from the hens in the nest, go for the darkest birds. You will find the cocks will have much darker wing and tail feathers than the hens; therefore you can take your pick, and leave the others for the parent birds to rear. In regard to the rearing of these young birds, you will mix the above-mentioned food (in a little boiling water), and make sufficiently wet to be in a sloppy condition; also dig up a few ground worms and scald them in boiling water. Cut them in small pieces and mix with food. You will then have no difficulty in rearing the young Blackies.

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Through a Birdroom Window.

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All went on excellently, and at the end of ten days I got on top of the aviary and had another peep. There, sure enough, were three grand youngsters of a dirty brown colour with yellowish bills. To my horror, a few days later the nest was empty. I thought all sorts of things; but I had a good look round, and there on the ground I saw three little brown objects squatting on their hams and with their beaks in the air, as still as death. Some movement of mine caused them to stir, and I almost laughed. They looked so queer; they looked all legs and claws, but with no tails. I may say in passing that it would be hopeless to expect to rear Virginian Cardinals on anything save live food. There must be a constant supply of mealworms, gentles and black clocks. Fortunately I can get any amount of the latter in the village by giving out Demon traps and pennies at the same time, the rule being—no beetles, no penny. It saves a heap of trouble to half fill a Demon trap and then simply put it in the aviary and let the birds help themselves, like Betsy Prigg, as they feel disposed. This will be pretty often, as, like Oliver Twist, the youngsters are always asking for more.

After three weeks there won't be much more bother and anxiety, as the young ones will be pretty well able to fend for themselves. It is best then to cage them up, or if left in the aviary they not only become very wild, but they interfere with a second nesting by the parents. I don't often go in for a second nest with ordinary birds, as I want to be away tomorrow to fresh fields and pastures new.

I offered the youngsters to a neighbouring aviculturist, and he accepted them the same day. It quite reminded me of how the Duchesse de Galliera offered the Duc de Montpensier a valuable estate in Italy: he accepted it by telegram! Virginian Cardinals were intended for an outdoor life. In a cage they are very messy and untidy, and your wife, if a careful body and a lover of tidiness, will always be complaining of them: but then, if the Angel Gabriel came down from heaven to see some people they would complain that he littered up the place by dropping his feathers about!

British Bird . . . . Keeping.

A Working Man's Hobby

By
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There is no hobby which, to my mind, affords so much pleasure at so little cost as the keeping of British birds, and I often wonder that this hobby is not taken up more by working men. I think it is largely due to the mistaken idea that it is necessary to have a large and expensive bird-room, with all up-to-date appliances, before one can hope to have any success with birds. I have proved, however, to my own satisfaction, that it is quite possible for a working-man with very little spare cash, not only to keep birds, but to show and win with them; and my object in writing this article is to try and show some of my fellow bird-lovers how I succeeded in starting a hobby which has afforded me many hours of pleasure and recreation at a minimum of cost.

I was first induced to take an interest in birds by a friend who invited me to see his bird-room, and although at that time I did not know the difference between a Canary and a Bullfinch, it was soon evident that the love of birds was lying dormant in my nature, for I came away from my friend's place with the worst attack of "bird fever" it was possible to have, and decided to set up with some British birds at once.

The First Problem.

The first thing was, where to keep them. This was soon settled, as the only place possible was our living room. After some discussion with my wife (during which she expressed some very plain opinions on birds in general), I got permission to use one of the walls for a "bird-room." I first got two boards, one six feet long by nine inches wide, which I fixed to the wall about four feet high for my cages to stand on; the other one, five feet long by six inches wide, I fixed about eight inches below the first; this was for seed, etc. I then got a piece of what is called "art serge" and my wife made me a bordering to go round the top shelf; this, when fixed, hung down and completely hid my other shelf from view. A coat of stain on top of shelf completed my "bird-room."

The next thing was, the cages. This, I found, was a big item. After having a look round at the shops I came to the conclusion that there were very few cages on the market that were suitable for keeping birds in; my idea was to give plenty of room, and all the cages which I thought were suitable were beyond my means. So I decided to try my hand at making them.

I found that I could get three-eighth by nine-inch boards at one penny per foot run. Having got six feet I set to work. I made each cage one foot high, one foot wide, and nine inches deep, with a rail in front two inches high; this left space for a wire front twelve inches by ten. I carefully cut each joint and then glued and nailed cage together, after which I painted the inside dark green and the outside black, finishing with a coat of varnish all over. I found that the cage was watertight, and I was very little troubled with red mite. I bored two holes in back of cage to screw perches into. These I cut seven inches long so that they were two inches from wires.

The fronts I had made, as I found it cheaper. These were made with one cross bar and water hole in centre, costing fourpence halfpenny each. I had round glass drinkers—one outside for water, and one in right-hand back corner for seed.

A Nice Appearance.

I had some difficulty with doors, but I borrowed a fret-saw, and after marking round with the top of a cup, I was able to cut a pretty fair door for an amateur. I made six of these cages as funds would allow, and when I placed them on my shelf they had very nice appearance.

I found that the total cost of each cage was under two shillings, and as I had taken the trouble to make them carefully, I think they were as good as those I could have bought for double the price. The total cost of "bird room" when complete was about thirteen shillings, and my wife admitted that the shelves and cages added to the look of the room.

You may be sure that, after I had finished my first cage, it was not long before I found an inmate. It was here that the knowledge I had gained by reading came in useful. I had taken CAGE BIRDS in for some time, and had also bought several other books on the subject; so that I had some idea of the birds I wanted. The first that I bought was a young Chaffinch, for which I gave the modest sum of eightpence. He very soon settled down to cage life, and as I had very little experience when I bought him, I must put it down to luck; but, anyway, he turned out to be the best bird I have ever kept. Within six weeks from being caged he was perfectly steady. After keeping him about eight months I entered him in a show, and, greatly to my surprise, he was placed second, and sold at a good figure.

My second bird was a Bramblefinch, which I kept for some time. But, chiefly owing to his (?) song, which my wife said made her feel ill, I got rid of him.

I had at different times most of the British seed-eaters, and I found that each bird had its own personality, no two birds being alike. Some would settle down as if born in a cage; others were very wild until after a moult; and some I had to give up in despair, as nothing would tame them.

Dealing with Fresh-caught Birds.

My way of dealing with a fresh-caught bird was to cage him in a quiet corner and leave him alone as much as possible. I feed him on crushed seed as varied as possible (giving it both in seed vessel and on the floor), plenty of green stuff, plenty of fresh water (which I place inside), and also all the varieties of wild seed I can get hold of. I think it a great mistake to feed your birds entirely according to the advice given for the feeding of that particular species. Each bird has its own likes and dislikes, and it does not at all follow that because a particular mixture suits the majority it will suit all. I have a Bullfinch now who absolutely refuses to look at sunflower seed, although the majority of these birds are passionately fond of it. I therefore give my fresh bird every seed I can, and I soon find out which he will eat. If I can find out something that he is exceptionally fond of, I make a note of it, as it is a great help in steadying him to use this. After about a fortnight I put him in a fresh cage and bring him more to the light. I give him his food every evening, and only sufficient for the next day, as I want him hungry when I come home.

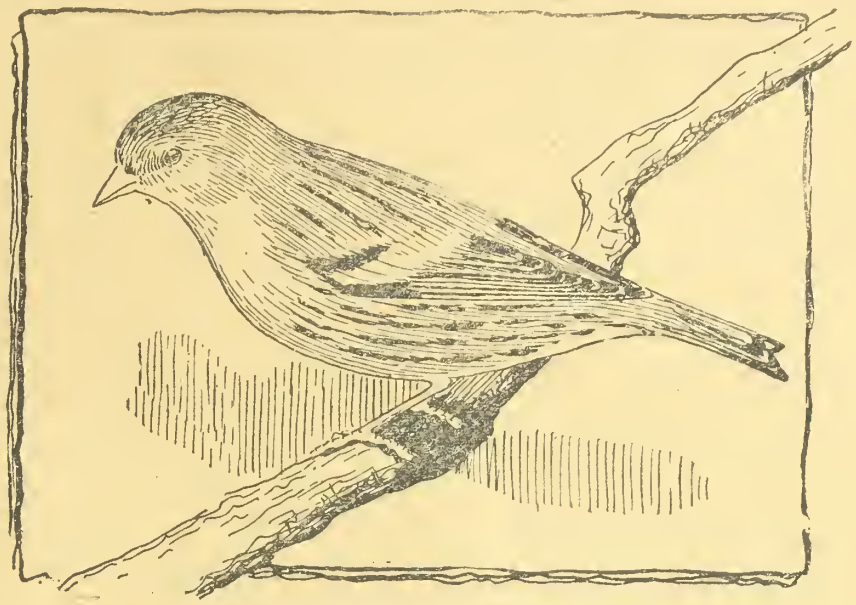
After tea, down comes the cage to the table, and, selecting the particular dainty that he is partial to, I try to tempt him.

I have found mealworms are greatly enjoyed by the majority of seed-eaters. Sunflower for Bullfinches, Greenfinches, and Chaffinches will generally tempt them, and hemp seed is very useful with some. I start by throwing the seed or worms into the cage from a short distance, and gradually shorten the distance, until he will take the seed from my hand. I then open the cage door and put my hand inside with the seed until he will hop on to my fingers.

This is much easier said than done, and I have spent weeks before I could get a bird to take from my hands; but by persevering I have generally succeeded sooner or later.

I have sometimes had birds that nothing would tame, and I have let them go, as I think it is both cruel, and also worrying to the other birds, to have one constantly banging about the cage. I find that the system of feeding once a day, at the same time and always by the same person, soon steadies a bird, as he begins to look forward to you; and the fact of his always getting something when you do come goes a long way towards your winning his confidence. I have always made a point of keeping my cages clean, and once a week I run the first bird into a spare cage; then I wash the cage in warm water with a good drop of paraffin in it. As soon as this is done I transfer the next bird to it and keep on until all the cages are washed, placing the first bird back into the last cage. As they are all well painted, inside and out, it does not take long, and I am never troubled with insect pests. I also encourage my birds to bathe well, and as a result I can take my birds straight out of my stock cages into a show cage, and exhibit them.

I have had nearly five years' experience with my birds, and, looking back, I can honestly say that of all the various hobbies I have had, I have experienced more pleasure and enjoyment with them than with anything else. With the exception of the first outlay for cages, the cost has been only a few coppers each week. And my hobby has kept me indoors. It is probable I should have spent more outdoors. I have not shown many times, but I have managed to cover expenses when I have done so. In conclusion, I would say to those who, like myself, are not over burdened with money: Try birds, and you will agree with me that they form an ideal working-man's hobby.



A HEN SISKIN THAT WINS.

This hen is distinguished by her excellent colour and lacing, and has won many prizes for Mr. W. Francis (Tooting), including 2nd at Wimbledon.

Two Charming Goldfinch Hybrids:

The Goldfinch-Greenfinch & the Goldfinch-Redpoll.

By
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The Goldie-Greenfinch.

For a pleasant pastime, few hobbies surpass Hybrid-breeding, and perhaps there is less difficulty in the breeding of the Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid than in any other.

The Siberian Goldfinch is naturally preferred, being larger and better-coloured than the British Goldfinch. A healthy, vigorous Goldfinch readily mates with a Greenfinch hen, and this lady takes kindly to his lordship, nesting freely. She will build in an ordinary Canary nest, but she is fond of seclusion. As an inducement, a wicker cage, with the inmost end removed, should be fixed into the cage.

The Greenfinch starts nesting in May, and should be supplied with moss to encourage her to build. She lays freely, and will hatch and rear. As every breeder knows, few Goldfinches can be trusted in a cage with eggs. The Goldie is apt to break and scatter them.

It is therefore advisable to set the Greenfinch's eggs under foster parents—a pair of common Canaries, say—to be hatched and her young reared.

The Goldfinch-Greenfinches are a good size, and being strong, grow rapidly; and they can do for themselves at the age of five weeks, when they can be removed to another cage.

Pretty, and Often Exhibited.

This Hybrid has lovely plumage, showing the colours of both parents. The bird is frequently seen on the show bench. It resembles the Greenfinch in shape and size.

Greenfinches are plentiful, and hens can be obtained for a few pence each. A young hen should be selected; she has a better chance of settling down. An old hen is restless, and scarcely ever settles down to nest in a cage.

Food suitable for both is as follows: Canary seed, a little summer rape, hemp, and sunflower; buds of garden plants; and hawthorn, dandelion (roots, leaves and heads), and chickweed. Give also egg and biscuit mixture when the hen is not hatching.

Colour-feeding this Hybrid is resorted to, and seems to aid the colouring.

The Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid is an excellent house bird, and the breeding of it should command far more attention than is bestowed upon it. The persistence in Hybrid breeding will compel show committees to reorganise the classification, so as to meet the requirements of the increased number of Hybrids, which of late years has been very pronounced. The Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid may not be the most valuable, but it is a beautiful bird, and fetches a very fair price, a goodly specimen being ever in demand.

The Goldie-Redpoll.

This cross has not been followed up by cage bird fanciers with anything like the persistence of the large Hybirds. Probably the smallness of the product of the Goldfinch and Redpoll has something to do with this apathy of Hybrid breeders. Be that as it may, the Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrid is a very attractive fellow. The colours of the feathering of both parents blends beautifully. The bird is clean and tidy, and easily kept in order.

The pair should be caged off in the winter time and kept together until they are put into the breeding cage, which should be done about the middle of May. The Redpoll in confinement is a late breeder, frequently laying in the month of August. The cock Goldfinch and hen Redpoll have hitherto been preferred for this cross, probably because this mating has been successful; but I do not know of any reason why the cock Redpoll and hen Goldfinch should not breed. I recommend fanciers who possess either to give the latter cross a fair trial.

The Goldfinch, whether cock or hen, should be a Siberian; this, in my opinion, helps in the matter of the size, and it intensifies the colouring, both considerations being important if you want to win on the show bench, not to mention the pleasing effect it gives the eye.

The Breeding Preparations.

The parents being accustomed to their freedom, it is advisable to place them in a fairly large cage, and for nesting purposes to fix a wicker cage as commonly supplied by bird dealers in sending birds; remove the wooden spikes from the inner end of the wicker cage, and put in a nest, taking care to so fasten it that it will not be easily upset; their eggs are precious, and every precaution should be taken to preserve them. Moss and hair should be put into the cage to encourage the birds to build. They may not display any signs of nesting until the latter part of June, or early in July; so that the owner need not despair should they make no start in April and May. Everything comes to him who waits; that should be remembered, in the hope that success will come, even in the crossing of such lovely birds as the Goldfinch and the Redpoll.

The hen Goldfinch and hen Redpoll are good sitters, and may be left to hatch out their young, provided the male bird does not interfere; he will sometimes demolish the eggs. But it is safer to have foster parents in the shape of Border Fancy Canaries; the Hybrids being themselves small, the Borders are better adapted to bring up tiny young birds hatched from the Goldfinch and the Redpoll.

Once the young get a start, and are under the care of capital feeders, they thrive and mature rapidly; and as they leave the nest and step on to the perch, they are most charming. Once they can do for themselves, they require very little attention.

The Goldfinch requires to be supplied with hemp seed. The Redpoll does well on ordinary Canary seed, with a pinch of rape seed. Both birds should have a moderate supply of green-food in season, beginning with the dandelion root, followed by the tender blade and heads of dandelion, and latterly chickweed. The birds should have egg mixture during the breeding season, and may safely be treated in the way Canaries are fed when breeding, and rearing young birds. The egg mixture and green food should be discontinued while the hen is sitting.

Colour-feeding at a Discount.

Colour-feeding will never improve a Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrid. Nature brings the colours out brighter, especially the cap, as the bird advances in years. Being hardy, the Goldfinch-Redpoll Hybrid survives longer than other members of the Hybrid tribe.

Those of my readers who have had the pleasure of seeing the specimen exhibited for several years by Mr. Lamb at the Crystal Palace, must have been charmed by its fascinating ways. When last exhibited it seemed to have retained all its youthful vitality, and was greatly improved in the lustre of its feather.

This cross can be bred anywhere in town or country; and, as a household or parlour pet, it has no equal. Tiny, clean and smart, it is specially adapted for the home.

The Breeding . . of the . . Norwich Plainhead

By A. W. CURTIS (Fulham.)

(Concluded from page 298.)

The third and concluding instalment of this very practical lecture given before the Queen's Park and District C.B.A.

Some would lead a novice who cannot read between the lines to believe that large hens should be discarded. Are they discarded? Certainly not. Those lucky enough to breed them put too high a value on them to allow them to slip through their fingers. I am speaking from practical experience when I tell you that from such matings as that referred to you may expect during a season one bird, or perhaps two, taking after the cock in size and very often in ugliness and in coarseness of feather, but the majority more often than not will be only fit for the bird-shop. I know there are exceptions, and I admit that good birds are bred from such pairs, but more often by accident than design.

A Word for the Cock Bird.

My firm opinion is that the cock plays quite as prominent a part in the production of type and quality as ever the hen does, as I have bred far better birds from a small cock and a large hen than from a large cock and a small hen. Yet I am not an advocate of such pairing: I prefer a pair of birds as evenly balanced as possible—birds that are in possession of as many show points as you like; and the larger the birds the better I like them. From such a pair you can look forward with confidence to having youngsters more uniform in size and more typical; and should you be fortunate enough to breed one or two excelling in quality and colour, then you will find yourself well on the road towards breeding what you are so anxious to see in your room, namely, birds good enough for open competition.

Where is the fancier, be he champion, amateur, or novice, who would not like to be given the chance of selecting from among the prize-winners at the late Palace Show four or six pairs of Norwich for breeding purposes? I would like to ask how many of you here would go for large cocks and small hens? I venture to say that the first birds sought after would be the largest hens in the money—the cocks would be a second consideration. I can picture my own selection, and can also see those selected by others, were it possible for more than one to have the same birds.

The novice will quickly find customers for as many large hens as he can breed, but he will not find it so easy to buy one.

I trust no misunderstanding will accrue from my remarks re size, for it is furthest from my desire that anyone should leave here with the idea that size is my first consideration, for that is not so. Type and quality must never be lost sight of. One is not of much use without the other, for a typical bird lacking in quality can never be termed a first-class show bird. Type can only be maintained by the judicious pairing of two typical birds.

If a novice at any time finds he is losing in quality of feather, then is the time to introduce double-yellow blood. The same advice applies to the falling off in colour. Or the introduction of a little green blood occasionally will assist in the maintenance of quality and colour of feather.

Mention of green blood carries me back to the time when first I made up my mind to try and build up a green strain. It was during question-time following a lecture, that a certain fancier remarked, that the lecturer had advised the introduction of a yellow green hen to improve colour, but could he (the lecturer) say where such a hen could be procured, as he (the questioner) had tried everywhere in London he could think of, but had so far failed to procure what he wanted, although he was prepared to pay a good price. The lecturer replied that he was sorry not to be able to give the information asked for. This set me thinking, and my mind was quickly made up, that as soon as the breeding season started I would set to work to try and breed some greens without going outside my own room for the material.

The First Move.

My first move was to pair up two of the heaviest-marked yellows I had. Just about that time I was getting rid of my Crests and Crest-breds, and on looking round I found that among my Crest-breds were two birds—one a cock, the other a hen—heavily variegated, showing very little brow; in fact, not more than is seen on plenty of Plainheads to-day; luckily, they were two typical birds, not overburdened with body feather. These I placed on one side for the following season's breeding. From these two yellows I was fortunate enough to get two typical birds—one cock and one hen, both of them almost green. These I placed on one side until the next season, when they were to be paired to the cock and hen Crest-breds.

The next season rolled round, and the pairs were put together. To cut a long story short, I was fortunate enough to breed and rear several youngsters from these two pairs. Amongst them were two self Yellows and two self Buffs; one of the Yellows turned out a winner of several firsts in A.O.V. classes.

I might here mention, for the benefit of those interested, that my object in first putting together two yellows was to breed birds with veins full of yellow blood, as they were required to be paired up with the Crest-breds that were bred from double buffs for perhaps several generations. To have put a yellow bred in the ordinary way with one of the Crest-breds, the chances would have been that all their youngsters would have been buffs; whereas I was lucky enough to have more yellows than buffs. This is the only time Crest-bred blood has been introduced into my strain.

The Reward of Perseverance.

The novice who is likely to make the most successful fancier is the one who is blessed with plenty of patience; this, with perseverance, cannot fail to be of great assistance to any fancier. I remember on one occasion reaping the reward of perseverance. I had the misfortune to lose a hen through a broken egg. This hen had three youngsters barely three weeks old. The cock had been feeding them grand until I took the dead hen away from him; immediately he missed her he behaved more like a mad bird, bashing himself against the wires in the slide division, knocking the youngsters about in all directions. I tried all ways to pacify him, but without success. The youngsters were getting hungry and calling for food, but not a bit would he give them. I tried to transfer the youngsters to other hens, but they would not have them at any price, their own families being only a few days old. I managed, after a lot of trouble, to get a little egg food into the crops of the young, when I had to return to my work, leaving the young birds to take their chance until my return home for dinner.

An Inspiration.

No sooner was I home again than I rushed upstairs to the bird-room. There was the egg food untouched, and the old cock still flying on the slide calling for the hen. The young were getting gradually weaker for want of food. It then suddenly struck me that if the cock could only see the hen he might be tempted to feed his young. So I fished the hen's body from out the dust-bin, filled her nestpan with disinfectant, and gave her feathers a good dusting with the same powder, set her on the nest as best I could, and hung up the nest in its original position. Of course, the cock and youngsters could not get near her, they being in the other half of the cage, with the wire slide separating them from the hen.

The moment the cage door was shut down the cock was on the wires of the slide, singing to the hen for all he was worth, and in less than five minutes he was on the bottom of the cage cramming the youngsters with food. On my arrival home at tea-time, up to the bird-room I went again to see how things were progressing, and there were the youngsters asleep with their little crops packed with food. I waited until dark, and then removed the hen from the nest again, thinking perhaps, with a night between, the cock would be all right next morning. I got up a little earlier than usual the next day, only to find Mr. Cock going through the same performance as on the previous day; the youngsters' crops were again empty, and all three of them were crying for food. I again fished out the hen, gave her another good dressing with disinfectant, and then placed her on the nest, where I let her remain for more than a week when the young were able to look after themselves. Now, if I had been unconcerned and had not persevered to save those youngsters, they would surely have died, and I should have lost amongst them a buff cock that has won me more firsts and special prizes than any bird I have ever bred.

I mention these facts to illustrate to the novices the necessity of cultivating patience, also to impress upon them the fact that, without perseverance one cannot expect to make much headway.

The Importance of Correct Staging.

Just a few words of advice to the novice re staging, and I will draw to a close. If one wishes to be a successful exhibitor, there are many things which will require forethought and judgment, but I am afraid there is more indifference displayed over staging matters than the majority of exhibitors would care to admit. It is not at all unusual to see a good bird well washed, and in the pink of condition as regards show form, put on the bench in a dirty, dilapidated old cage, which has been neither washed out nor enamelled for years. For show after show out comes the same old wire-fronted box, and from show after show the owner goes home, disappointed and grumbling because he cannot get a first prize. Ah! my friend, that dirty cage has cost you more than one first prize; on more than one occasion your bird has been equal in merit to the one that has in the end been awarded that coveted first. The only thing to turn the scale has been the nice, clean, up-to-date cage in which your brother fancier has shown his bird, and had yours been as nicely staged, the turn might have gone in your favour.

Then, again, in regard to show cages, how often we see those thin, narrow splinters of wood taking the place of a good-shaped perch. A bird having hind toes at all inclined to weakness finds it impossible to balance himself on such skewers. What does he then do? He gets to the bottom of the cage and there stops, and the most patient judge in the world cannot get him to stay on the perch long enough to be compared with others competing in the same class. Time after time have I seen good birds left out of the cards for no other reason; and exhibitors have only themselves to blame.

Nothing should be left to chance; on the contrary, everything possible should be done to assist your birds to show themselves to the very best advantage, for where competition is keen the fancier who makes a study of all these little points is bound to come out on top, and those taking no interest in such matters are bound to go to the wall.

In conclusion, I would advise exhibitors always to have suitable cages and perches for whatever variety of bird they may put on the show bench. Let those cages and perches as well as your birds be as clean and as neat as possible; then you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your very best to assist your bird to win for you, not only first in his class, but the special for the best staged bird in the show.

I must thank you for your kind attention, and trust if there is anything I have not made clear to the novice, he will not be backward in asking for an explanation, as I shall be only too pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that may be put to me.

Making Canary Breeding Pay.

How a beginner is achieving this end with just ordinary Songster Canaries.

F. J. YOUNG (Walworth).

(Concluded from page 79.)

At about 20 days after hatching, one of the chicks will be seen trying to stand on the edge of the nest. This is followed by a struggle to reach the nearest perch and in a few days the cage will be "alive" with the youngsters hopping and fluttering about. They soon find out where the hen gets her supplies of food from, and can generally feed themselves pretty well when about a month old.

As soon as they can keep themselves well supplied, they can be taken away from the hen and put in a bigger cage, where they will have room to stretch their wings. At this time I give them a supply of soaked Canary seed with the egg food, and as I see they are cracking the seed I gradually substitute unsoaked seed and diminish the quantity of egg food until at six weeks old I have got them on Canary seed alone, with an occasional treat of egg food every two or three days until they have moulted.

After removing the young from the breeding cage I put back the cock and supply a clean nest-pan, lining, and nest bag, and leave the couple to start house-keeping all over again.

I notice that the hens get costive quicker than the cocks; in fact, I rarely see a cock bird out of sorts. If a case of this sort does appear, I administer a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water, and in a day or two all is well. A liberal pinch of niger and linseed occasionally also helps to keep a bird free in its bowels.

Once I had the case of a hen which suddenly took to sitting about with its eyes shut and feathers puffed out all over its body, so that it resembled a ball, its wings hanging down at its sides so much that they nearly touched the perch. I could not diagnose the complaint, but I put the hen in a cage by itself, and gave a bread sop, with which was mixed about a quarter teaspoonful of cod-liver oil and malt extract. She did not take kindly to it at first taste, but after a couple of hours I noted she devoured it with apparent relish. I gave her some more the next day, and in a couple more days she was as "right as rain," hopping cheerfully from perch to perch, her feathers drawn tight and close to the body.

As to Cages and their Cost.

My stock cages were made from margarine boxes (now, you monied fanciers, don't turn up your noses, these hints are for starters, who cannot afford much), and their size is about 13½in. by 10in. by 7½in. deep. These boxes can be obtained at a penny or twopence each, and a decent cage can be made from one by any fancier who is at all handy with tools. The lid has just enough wood in it to make the tray, and the cross piece at front of cage. All nail holes should be filled with putty, and a few more nails driven in at the back and corners, and when the cage is well sand-papered and stained black outside and enamelled blue inside, with seed-box and water-glass fixed on, a neat and serviceable cage is the result.

The total cost of a cage of this description is as follows:—Box 1d; wire front, 2½d. (by the dozen); 2½in. glass-front seed box 2½d.; water pot 1½d.; painting, say, 1d.; total, 8½d. Sandpaper and nails are not included, as they are found in most amateur carpenters' outfits.

For a beginner who does not want to spend too much money for a start, I think German Canaries would be best. They are about the cheapest, and about the most easy to rear, also being very prolific breeders. Besides this, they can generally be sold amongst working men, as the cocks make lusty singers.

With regard to making a profit, I found that what I spent in starting—i.e., cost of birds, cages (I made my own), etc., was repaid by the sale of the stock I bred, besides leaving enough for upkeep and expenditure during the following season, so that I contrived to make my hobby at least self-supporting, and in the future I shall hope to always show a balance on the right side. In conclusion, let me state that I have found the keeping and breeding of Canaries very interesting, and I would not now willingly give it up.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*A Clever Goldfinch Mule.

A friend of mine once had a Goldfinch. It was kept in a cage in the kitchen, and if the water tap was turned on and left to splash in the sink, Goldie would fly from his cage and have such a nice bath in it. Once he got out of the window, and flew across the road into a jeweller's shop. My friend took the cage across, and back Dickie went into it without any trouble. Another time he flew on to the servant's shoulder, went down the street with her to the butcher's, and came back quite safe.—Ivy Martin (age 11 years), 5, Sandhurst Road, Polygon, Southampton.

**The Robin's Secret.

I'm little Robin Redbreast, Miss,
My nest is in the tree;
If you look up in yonder elm,
My pleasant home you'll see.
We made it very soft and nice—
My pretty mate and I—
And all the time we worked at it,
We sang most merrily.

I have a secret I would like
The little girls to know,
But I won't tell a single boy;
They rob the poor birds so.
Within our pretty little nest,
Arranged with loving care,
Are five sweet speckled little eggs—
Don't tell the boys they're there.

Sent in by Fred. Geo. Munro (age 13), 32, Reaston Street, New Cross Road, S.E.

*Joey and Mary Nightingale.

We have a Nightingale in our workshop which we call "Joey." He is so tame he will sometimes come on my arm while I am at work, and he sings beautifully every day. Last week our instructor brought him a mate, which we call "Mary." At first "Joey" seemed very jealous of "Mary," and would not let her eat out of the same dish; but now they have become good friends, and "Joey" is carrying gentles in his beak and calling "Mary" to follow him into different corners of the room, where they sit together and twist their heads about and bow to each other in all sorts of funny ways. Our instructor says they are looking for a snug corner, where they can build a home, and we are taking a great interest in their movements. Sent by Clarance Devy. (age 14), Cottage Homes, Shenley Fields, Northfield, Birmingham.

An Attentive Partner.

The Mute Swan takes his turn at incubation, and whenever the hen bird leaves the nest he uncovers the eggs and keep them warm until she has fed and thoroughly dried her plumage. When not actually sitting, he is always to be found in the vicinity of the nest, a watchful and careful sentinel, and a dangerous bird to approach.

Green Woodpecker's Nesting Site.

The favourite nesting site of the Green Woodpecker is a hole in a tree which the birds excavate for themselves. Dixon records that a pair of these birds once took possession of a large burrow in the cliffs between Paignton and Torquay; this was but a few yards from the summit, and was not in any way dug out by the birds.

Chiff-Chaff and Willow Wren.

Many bird-lovers find a difficulty in distinguishing the Chiff-Chaff from the Willow Warbler, and also in noting any difference between their nests. They both build domed homes composed of dead grass and leaves, and lined with horsehair and a quantity of feathers. The eggs are also very similar, both in size and marks. As a rule the nest of the Willow Wren is more open and hardly so compactly built as that of the Chiff-Chaff.

Jim Overend.

Reminiscences and Experiences of an Exhibitor of 40 Years Ago.

(*Continued from page 323*).

On my second visit to Mr. Overend I was favoured in meeting also an old partner of our friend, Mr. Spedding. They are brothers-in-law, and showed for some time as Overend and Spedding. So that, on the principle of two heads being better than one, I had an advantage—what one did not quite remember, the other could put a word in about; and between the two I got on well.

Jim in "Hot Water."

Mr. Overend was down to officiate at a certain show at Batley. He soon had a few to see him, wanting to borrow a few birds for this show; and, in the end, he lent eight to various fanciers, but not a money prize was there amongst the lot, and he got into very "hot water" for not judging them fair. Those he had lent the birds to never said a word, but those who had won first prizes had a lot to say about the birds lower down being better than some of those above. Fancy grumbling when they had got firsts! This goes to show that they would give our friend credit for judging, even when his own birds were there; and it shows the terrible extent to which borrowing was carried on. Mr. O., however, always made a hobby of the Fancy, and did not keep the birds for the money to be made out of them.

Prominent exhibitors at this time, besides Messrs. Overend and Spedding, were Jack Thackray, Jim Wilkinson, Pete Rawnsley, Ike and Meso Holroyd (two brothers), Bill Hutton, Jim Bastow, J. Baxter, and others of the Great Horton and Lidgett Green districts; Luke Belk, Mark Balance, John Holroyd, Bill Orange (Whittaker was his proper name), Harry Ellison, of Dewsbury; T. M. Read and Bottomley, of Halifax; Little Wick, of Huddersfield (a bye-name); Job Copley, of Kirkburton; Neddy Blake, J. Thornton, Billy Best, Jack Oddy, and others whom the present generation have never heard of—all thorough good sportsmen that could take a beating.

All in One Syndicate.

In those days the Great Horton-cum-Lidgett Green "skooil" were known as the "long firm." They were all in ono syndicate, and would buy any good birds in the country, if they could be bought, and, if not, they would borrow them, and none of the others had much chance against them. And these same fanciers used the present-day headquarters of the Great Horton O.S. as their meeting place; and, moreover, the present secretary, Mr. J. Holroyd, is a member of the same family as the Holroyd Brothers mentioned above. There is no doubt Great Horton is the oldest society in the North. This "long firm" went for every bird that could beat them. They at last proved invincible. They carried everything before them for some time, until at last they broke up, the birds being divided amongst the members, though for a long time, in consequence of their having got the best birds of the country in their hands, they had great sway at the shows.

Jack Thackray is the fancier to whom the present generation owe much. He came into the Fancy with a great amount of energy and a fair amount of money, and was not long before he got the prices up to a considerable extent; in fact, before his advent in 1874-5



JIM OVEREND.

birds could be had for from 3s. to 10s., the latter being considered a fair good price. Mr. T., however, would have tho birds, and freely gave up to £1, which amount was given for good, even marked birds at three weeks old, which were taken off the nest edge. The same gentleman was the first to put birds out to breed, and to pay for what were bred.

The first pair that Mr. Overend bought cost the large sum of 5s. 6d., the "odd tanner" being for the hen. The fact that it had not done anything the previous breeding season would probably have something to do with tho lowness of the price. For Jim, however, they did well. They bred somo rompers, one in particular, a yellow, won all over England, including the Palace, and then was borrowed by Jack Thackray for three years in succession, and £3 per year was paid for the loan (better this, than selling).

(To be continued.)

Through a - - Birdroom Window

New Series by this popular Author.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

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No. 2.—My Virginian Cardinals.

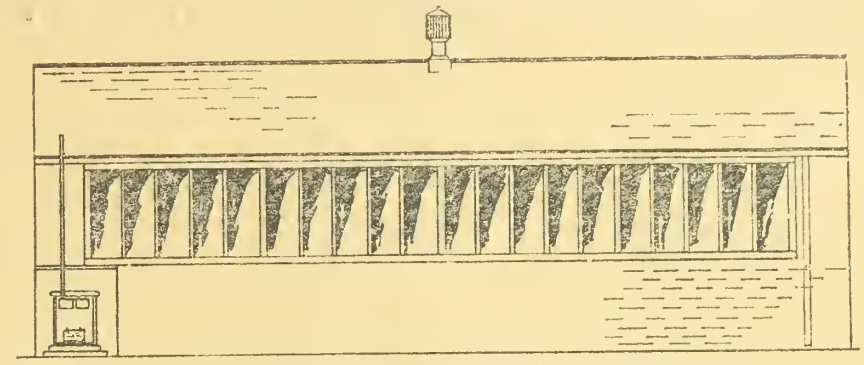
The atmosphere of Micklefield—winter and summer—is simply that of a roofed-in railway station open at both ends. Occasionally a breeze blows in at one or the other end, and stirs up the smoke a little. As for the air of Micklefield, it is mild and I like it; but its best friend could not call it dry. I was therefore a little undecided whether to try Virginian Cardinals or no. Looking at the Bird Books, I found that they were reputed peculiarly susceptible to fogs and damp. I decided finally to try them; on the principle that if they could stand Micklefield, they could stand "owt."

The initial difficulty was to get hold of what Artemus Ward once called "the vile body" on which to make my experiment. Many years ago—we won't be too particular about how many—Virginian Nightingales were the commonest of imported birds. Every spring saw them brought over in little German cages, each in his narrow cell.

For weal or woe,
These kindred spirits lived
And dwelt apart,

as Gray says in his Elegy of our rude forefathers. The reason was very obvious in the case of the Virginian Nightingales, for if put together they would have emulated the Kilkenny cats, and fought till there was none remaining.

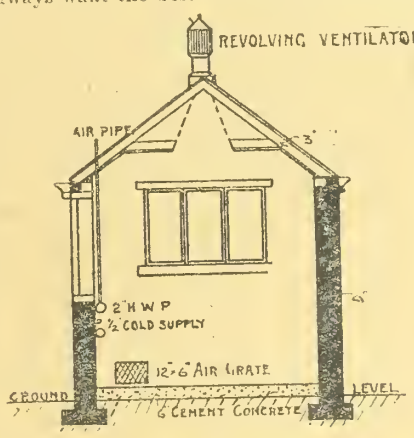
Some years ago the American Government forbade the exportation of their native birds; some thought, not before it was needed, as the mortality among the emigrants was appalling. We aviculturists deeply regretted the move, as it cut us off from so many old favourites. I wonder how many years it is since anyone saw a Nonpareil or an Indigo bird. It is long enough since I did, at any rate; and yet 20 years ago they were as common as German Canaries, and fetched about five shillings each. Now I sometimes see an odd one advertised in the columns of CAGE BIRDS, but alas, the price is thirty shillings. It is the same with Virginian Cardinals. Now they fetch what anyone will give for them, and as many want the one and only one, his value is corresponding. At the time I am writing about there was no difficulty in getting a Virginian Nightingale, but there was considerable difficulty in getting a healthy one. A Virginian Nightingale kept in a close shop for a few days or a few weeks has a nasty habit of contracting asthma, and then he is a "goner." It is merely a question of time. I was fortunate in securing a very fine cock bird from a lady friend. She had had him two years and allowed him to fly about her room, and I should think generally made himself objectionable. She informed me he was such a sweet dear and would take a meal-worm from her mouth. I thought to myself, he won't do so from mine, but I did not say so, as I thought if I did I might not get him.



MR. OVEREND'S OUTDOOR BIRDROOM AT RAVENSTHORPE.
Front Elevation.

He arrived one morning in grand form, and I do not think I can better describe him than in the terms in which the polite courtiers of Henry VIII. spoke of Wolsey: "A scarlet sin." I wondered at the time how the lady had managed to keep his colours, as I have found as a rule that Virginians soon fade in captivity, much in the same way as bright coloured goods do in a shop window. I suppose they miss something in captivity that gives the colouring matter to their feathers.

The next difficulty was to find a hen. I happened to go to Hull for the day, and passing up the main street to the quays, I saw in the window of a stuffy little bird shop a very draggled and dilapidated hen Virginian Cardinal. She had no tail, hardly any wing flights, a most rakish looking crest of about three feathers, and was generally unkempt in appearance. It is, I am sure, a mistake to always want the best. As a matter of fact, I believe that Touchstone's advice is most sensible. The reasons of my belief are two; one is, that directly you have the best of anything you have closed an avenue of enjoyment—the enjoyment of waiting for a wish to be realised; the other is that one becomes sorry for the persons whom one sees stumbling along with the inferior article. Perhaps the perfect way is to have access to the best when you need it, as a Londoner has, for example, with books in the British Museum Reading Room, and go along cheerfully with the poor things that are your own.



Section of Birdroom.

Unfortunately this does not apply to birds, as I know of no generous dealer that will lend you a hen for the breeding season. I wish I did. Accordingly, I felt that kind Providence had put this bird in my way; she must be mine, for better or worse. I did not see much better. I walked in accordingly and asked in my most simple country manner the price of the shabby looking brown bird in the window. The owner of the shop grunted that I could have her for three halfcrowns, and seemed glad to get shut of her. I at once closed with the offer, and thought I had got a good bargain, as she was perfectly healthy, though a bit shabby perhaps.

When I got home I put her into a roomy cage and showed her to her future lord and master. You never saw such a change come over a bird. Up went his crest, down went his wings, backwards and forwards waved his tail, and he began one of the most seductive whistles you ever heard. It was evidently based on Herrick's verse:

Come live with me
And be my love,
And we will all
Its pleasures prove.

I believe Barkis was quite willing, but I knew that before they could come together the poor lady must grow some flights and a tail. I accordingly caught her, removed all stumps, gave her a thorough good wash with an old shaving brush; and then, when perfectly dry, returned her to the cage to recuperate and grow new feathers. This usually takes about six weeks, so for that period both I and the cock had to possess our souls in patience.

Meanwhile I fed them both up with plenty of fat mealworms, and I had a Demon beetle trap continually set in the kitchen for black clocks, of which, by the way, they are inordinately fond. In two months, or about the end of March, they were both as fit as fiddles, and the cock was whistling his head off, while by the gay and cheeky look of the hen I felt sure she would go to nest at once if she got the chance.

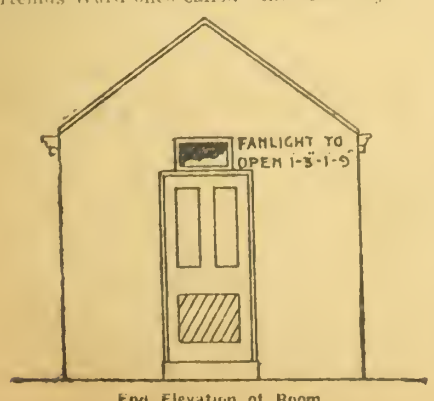
I had at the time a nice big garden aviary ready and unoccupied, save by a few small Finches. This, I thought, is just the place for the Virginians; so one evening I went in and looked round to see that all was secure, and the next morning I let the hen go. You should have seen how delighted she was, how she flicked about from bush to bush and examined every inch of ground. She evidently fancied that she was back in the valleys of Pennsylvania once more, and only needed a mate to complete her happiness.

In a few days I put in the cock and then awaited developments. I had not long to wait. In a few days I noticed the hen carrying about short lengths of fir needles, and by night she had laid the foundations of a nest in a big laurel. The work went on very rapidly, quite as quickly as it does in the case of our English Blackbirds. Within a week the nest was completed. It is rather small for the size of the bird and very round and compactly built. Three eggs were laid.

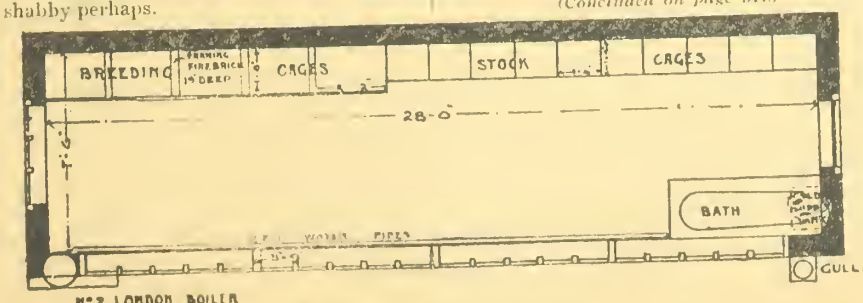
How did I find this out? my readers will say. You tell us never to look at nests or the birds will desert. I never do—directly. Walk into the aviary, divide the branches, peer into the nest, and—you will see the eggs, but that is all you will see. That is not the way to do things. This is how to go to work. Climb up the outside of the aviary and look down from above. There all will lie before you like a map. You will get all the information you want, and the birds will be none the wiser.

The hen sat in the most exemplary manner the cock whistling gaily and feeding his mate attentively, and on the twelfth evening I saw that something had happened, as the hen was quietly raising herself and looking at something underneath her. I felt sure she would not be looking at her own breast; there was only one thing she could be examining—youngsters. Of course I could not look to make sure. The only thing was to watch and wait and be patient. Several times I saw the cock visit the nest and give the hen mealworms, and soon after she popped her head down, rising slightly in the nest and evidently doing something. What could it be but feeding?

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End Elevation of Room.



Ground Plan of Mr. Overend's Birdroom.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Not Breeding.

W. H. Payne.—If the cock is a splendid singer, as you say, and in good health and active, it is very curious that he did not make some show of chivvying the hen about when mated last season, unless this really took place and you have omitted to mention it. But if he did not do so, I should try to get some experienced breeder's opinion about his sex, although his general behaviour is of a masculine character. The hen was clearly a "squatter" last season, and I would advise you to mate her this year with a lusty vigorous cock whose sex is quite beyond doubt or was proved last season. If you do this, I should be obliged if you would let me hear the result at end of season. Do not, however, trust wholly to this hen, but get a healthy and vigorous 1909 hen and mate with the other cock, if its sex is not in doubt, otherwise get a fresh cock too, to mate with the fresh hen. Give a staple diet as advised to "Miss B. K. F.," and a teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame seed every second day until eggs are laid. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of equal parts hemp and inga and two leaves of dandelion daily. When hens are sitting give the staple diet only. "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our manager, will suit you well. You should also get the parts of "Our Canaries," now out, which will answer all your difficulties in detail. Read especially the contribution of "Squatting Hens" in the latter work.

Losing Birds.

Plodder.—It is almost useless speculating as to cause of the birds' deaths, as nothing but a post-mortem could reveal it with certainty, and if you have any more die off in the same way you would be well-advised to get the body examined. Another point, you omitted all mention of your general treatment or how the birds are kept, so that it is the purest guesswork to hazard any suggestion concerning the deaths. Judging merely from the most prominent symptoms, I suspect the recent snap of cold stormy weather was at the root of the trouble by setting up the condition described as broncho-pneumonia, and I should suspect that the victims were at least over the second moult, and in all probability exposed to cold draughts or great fluctuations of heat and cold. The best treatment would have been to put them at once in a quite warm and equable temperature, given a staple diet of bread and milk with maw seed for a few days, and added 30 drops of brandy and five of sweet spirits of nitre to the drinking water daily until the critical symptoms had passed off, when you should have gone on to the treatment advised in the "Annual" for acute bronchitis until the birds were again able to be gradually returned to the usual treatment. The sample of seed you mention did not reach me; probably you overlooked it at the last moment.

A Variety.

Yorkie.—(1) I do not think closed rings being put on will cause hens to bite off the toes of the young. There may be an exceptional case of its doing so now and again, but if it were in the least sense a general cause I fear we should have a vast number of toeless and footless Rollers, as these birds when bred for singing competitions are very generally rung with closed rings. On the other hand, you will probably find quite as many cases of hens biting off the toes of the young to occur among birds that are never rung at all as among rung birds. When a vicious hen turns up and commits this outrage on her young, if they should happen to be rung, it is rather human nature to blame the rings without going further into the matter, and thus they are apt to get a bad reputation undeservedly. (2) For weakly, ailing and thriftless young Parrish's Syrup is often of great benefit. But for all normally healthy birds I consider it a very bad practice to continually dose them either with this or any other medicine. (3) Lime water may be made by slaking a bit of quicklime, say, as large as a pigeon's egg, in a quart of water. Stir well after ebullition ceases and allow to stand until next day. Then decant off the clear liquid, which is ready for use. Chemists supply this very cheaply. (4) If you are not satisfied with the results obtained from all cold pepper add two ounces of hot Natal to the pound of tasteless and thoroughly mix and blend the whole together. (5) No, I see no useful purposes in introducing Cinnamon blood first-hand to improve tail. You could get all you want from your Yorkshires by selecting close, compact, pipe-tailed birds, and if you want the Cinnamon colour there is plenty in the Yorkshires of to-day, and you can get it from Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires without going direct to the Cinnamon breed.

Two Hens with one Cock (A. D. Long).—A fully detailed reply on this matter was given to "W. Skegg" in our last issue, which you have doubtless already seen. If not, allow me to refer you to it, as it will fully meet your case.

Heavy Wheezing (Mrs. E. E. S.).—I am afraid this bird is much too far gone to be cured. The most you can expect is to make its remaining days as comfortable as you can by palliative treatment. See that it is quite free from draughts, but do not let it hang near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor where there are great fluctuations of temperature. Keep it in a fairly comfortable place, neither overheated nor yet cold. Otherwise treat it the same as advised to "Miss B. K. F." for a fortnight, then suspend treatment for a week, and afterwards repeat the same for another fortnight. After this you may repeat the same treatment occasionally as may seem necessary. Do not attempt to breed with the bird any more.

What Result (E. B.).—Although you omit to say so, I take it that the male parent of the foul buff cinnamon cock was a buff cinnamon. If this was not actually the fact, then he certainly had a good percentage of cinnamon blood in him, and if the foul buff cock were mated to a variegated Norwich hen, the result would be green and heavily variegated, with possibly an occasional cinnamon or cinnamon variegated. All the latter without exception would be hens, but both sexes would be found among the green or green variegated birds. The best mate for him would be a yellow self-cinnamon hen, as sound as possible in wings and tail, and also sound cinnamon colour on throat, thighs, and vent. You would still get some foul young, but also probably a few self-cinnamons. The number of selfs would depend upon amount of foul blood in the cocks, and also the extent of his own foulness, neither of which points you elucidate.

Accommodation and Wheezing (Beginner).—The indoor aviary is really only a moderately large cage, and as it stands will accommodate only one pair of birds. If you were to divide it into two with a partition midway between top and bottom to form a second floor, so that you would have two cages of equal size one above the other, you could keep one pair in each section. The wheezy hen is really of no use for breeding: it is folly to propagate from such stock. You may give her six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and a pinch of Epsom salts every second day for a week, then the medicine advised to "Miss B.K.F." for a fortnight, and if not well in that time repeat the three weeks' course again in the same order. Also see that causes are removed as mentioned in the reply referred to.

A Trio (Roller Novice).—(1) Yes, there is an objection to mating two clear yellow Rollers together. Rollers, as a whole, are none too richly blessed in abundance of plumage, and a mating of two yellows is too apt to cause serious deterioration in quantity and quality of feather. I would not advise you to do so if you can possibly avoid it, and if done it should only be with two large well-feathered birds of a chubby type. A clear buff and clear yellow would be far less objectionable. (2) If both hens seem equally forward and anxious to start building at once, by all means keep one in each end of the three-compartment breeder, and run the cock with each one for about one-half of each day—say, with one from mid-day one day to mid-day the next, and then with the other until mid-day the following day, and so on. See reply to "W. Skegg" last week. (3) No, there is no necessity to try to restrict the consumption of Canary seed. You give quite a large proportion of rape, and the birds doubtless consume quite as much as is good for them.

Various (A. W. H.).—(1) Go on with the treatment advised last week for the cock. You might also stick a cube of lump sugar between the wires, or tie a bit of string on them for him to amuse himself with, which will help to break him of this unpleasant habit. (2) The greatest value of the foods you name lies in their convenience—saving the trouble of preparing good, honest, pure, home-made food, which, after all, I give preference to. See reply to "W. H. Payne" for bringing birds on for breeding. (3) I do not know whether the foreign flavour I mentioned attached to the Canary seed would prove harmful to the birds, because I have no idea what was the cause or origin of the flavour. It might, perhaps, merely have been stored close to some strong smelling goods. As I said before, I should regard it with suspicion, especially as it is otherwise a poor sample, and should not care to feed valuable birds with it.

Increasing Length of Yorkshires (Spot, Cardiff).—Although the Yorkshire owes much of its length, if not quite all of it, to the influence of the Lancashire during the period of its evolution, and the cross is still sometimes resorted to, I do not think it is either necessary or advisable for amateurs to introduce it direct, and in the vast majority of instances not at all. It is equivalent to going a long roundabout way instead of taking a short direct road. In these days there is plenty of ready made material available in the pure Yorkshire in the long stock birds, many of which may be obtained well over the standard length. The best and safest plan for you will be to get a pure Yorkshire as much over the standard length as you can procure—seven inches long at least, and if a little more so much the better. This would give you far more satisfaction than introducing a pure Lancashire. Next to this a first cross yellow Yorks.-Lancashire, a slim bird favouring most the Yorkshire type, would suit your purpose best.

Canary with Asthma (Miss B. K. F.).—The treatment you are giving is not likely to be of much use; neither is Friar's Balsam in water of much use. Try the following, but first of all see that the bird is kept in a pure atmosphere, fairly comfortable, but not overheated, temperature, and quite free from draughts. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver emulsion and four of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the alternating days give a pinch of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, millet and teazle, and one part each gold of pleasure and linseed. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom Salts for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will dispense for you, every second day for a fortnight. Mixture: Two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, six grains of iodide of potassium. At end of fortnight give sponge cake—without the above additions—or a little egg food instead, once a week only, and reduce the mixed seed also to once a week.

Rusty Wires and Removing Young (no nom-de-plume).—(1) Well clean the wires with a wash of strong soda and water, or go over them with sand-paper and rub off as much rust as you can, and brush them with a stiff brush to remove all dust. The latter would be the best method. Then paint them with two quite thin coats of black lacquer—Brunswick black or Castle brand black lacquer are both very suitable for the job. Put it on quite thinly with a small camel-hair brush such as you find in a box of water-colour paints, in order to avoid it running and forming unsightly beads or tears. (2) The earliest age to separate young from parents is when they are quite able to feed themselves and crack Canary seed with tolerable ease. Do not strive after removing them at the earliest possible moment, so long as the parents feed them and do not ill-treat or pluck them.

Recovery from Blindness (A Breeder).—I have heard of one or two such case of spontaneous recovery from blindness, and also of recovery after certain treatment, but they are certainly exceptionally rare cases. My opinion is—and the case of your bird seems to add colour to it—that the bird, taking your bird as a case in point, was not really blind, but, as it were, on the point of becoming blind from some degeneration of the optic nerves due to the constant absence of light rays to stimulate them owing to the dense heavy crest overhanging the eyes. Then, when you cut off the crest, which was probably done in the nick of time, the organs gradually responded to the stimulus of light and resumed their normal functions, more or less, which may possibly in a few weeks assume their full powers. It would be worth while trying the effect of a lotion composed of five grains of sulphate of zinc in one ounce of rose water, dropping one drop each eye every second day for a fortnight. In a week or two hence gradually bring the bird out into a good strong diffused light for the rest of the year before the moult again causes crest feathers to grow and over hang eyes.

Result of Mating and Seed (Norwich).—It is quite possible for you to get some clear birds from the pair you describe, but the proportion will probably not be high—somewhere about one in four, most likely. The exact proportion, however, depends solely upon the way the birds have bred and the amount of dark blood in the parents. Besides the clears you will get ticked and lightly variegated—chiefly about head, neck, and back. (2) The Canary seed is small and rather thin, but is quite sweet and of fair average quality. The hemp is old and rancid, and not fit to feed valuable birds with. It would be safer to use no hemp at all if this is the best you can get.

Cock Gone Wrong (Fancier).—As the bird was in such high condition it is quite likely that the excitement of his first "scrap" with the hen caused some slight internal hemorrhage, from which, as it would be only very slight, the bird will gradually recover, and the listlessness will pass off as it recovers. This is assuming that the bird was not taken from a distinctly warmer room to the bird-room to be mated, or that it was not likely to have got a severe chill when, or immediately after,

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being placed with the hen. Keep him in a fairly warm temperature now, as equable as possible, free from all draughts, and give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with maw seed every second day until better, and a little chickweed, groundsel, or dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Will Not Sit (E. Wolff).—Sorry, but you can do absolutely nothing now as the eggs will be of no use by the time this appears. The only course open to you when she refused to sit was to give the eggs to another hen just beginning to sit, or distributed them among two or three other hens just beginning to sit. It is not improbable that you omitted to keep a dummy nest-egg in the nest when you began to remove the eggs. I have often known the desire to sit go off a hen when this has not been done. You should have put a dummy egg in when you removed the first egg laid by the hen, and left it in until the evening of the third day, when the real eggs should have been returned and the dummy taken away, leaving the hen to sit from the time she laid the fourth egg.

The way of the Hen (N.K.J.).—The apparently unpleasant way of disposing of the excreta you are concerned about is quite normal, and the way in which Nature has designed it for the first few days of the young bird's life. You do not need to try to stop the practice. As the young grow bigger and strong enough to climb up the side of the nest and void "overboard," the hen will cease these necessary attentions. If she still seems inclined to sweat when this reply appears, give her a bath daily for a few days, in which you have dissolved a teaspoonful of common salt. Do not make the egg food too moist, nor satiate the hen with too large quantities at one time, and give a variety of green food, but no dandelion, in small quantities several times a day.

Not Mating (Sandpiper).—Neither of the birds was anything like being in condition when mated, and are no forwarder now, hence the unsatisfactory state of things you describe. Separate them for two or three weeks. See they are kept quite free from draughts, and treat as follows; Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give each half a teaspoonful of egg food with a quarter teaspoonful of mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed, and on the alternate days give a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and linseed. Give two young leaves of dandelion to each daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for three consecutive days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. Do not put the birds together again until the cock is in fair song and feeds the hen through the wires in partition, and the hen also is more active and appears anxious to nest.

Wasting Seed (M.C.).—When this reply appears, commence the same course of treatment as before, except that you give leaf of dandelion daily, and instead of the rhubarb and salts mixture in the first week, give six drops each of dandelion juice and syrup of buckthorn, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, or, if in clear crystals, a piece the size of a small pea. In the second week give the same mixture as before every second day, and this you may continue for a fortnight, if necessary. You may also give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately every second day, on the days when you give the banana. Stick a cube of hard table salt in the wires for her to peck at. Examine your seeds carefully to see if they are sweet and good, and that there is no musty taste or smell. Glauber salts is merely another name for sulphate of soda, so you will gather from the above how much to give a Canary.

Seed Samples (C. H. D., Bexhill).—Canary No. 1 is an excellent all-round sample and well worth the price. Canary No. 2 is very good quality, but smaller in size and fair value as price named. The rape seed also is good value and a very good all-round sample. The hemp contains a rather large proportion of badly ripened grain, but the bulk of it is quite sound and sweet, and of good quality. The price is just a trifle high considering the light grains, but the quality compared with the general run of hemp samples I have seen of late should make it worth the price. If it were graded and the light grains removed, it would be a very excellent sample. All the seeds are suitable for feeding the best class of stock.

Outdoor Shed (Many Years Reader).—Being built of only three-quarter inch single walls, and in an open position, it is highly probable that the shed would be subject to extreme fluctuations of temperature, and to guard against this you would be well advised to line it inside with thinner boards, say half inch, and fill in the intervening space with sawdust to more thoroughly prevent keen draughts through the walls. If this were done, assuming, of course, that the place is free from damp, your birds, which are accustomed to the condition you describe, will thrive all right in the shed all the year round. I suppose you have seen to the proper ventilation of it. Though none are marked on your sketch, you should have exits for foul air at each end in the highest corner of the angle just below the roof.

Erratic Laying (Cymru).—If you had given some details of your general treatment and the age of the birds, I should have been better able to suggest some cause for the erratic laying. If they are young hens, it is quite probable they will begin again soon, and produce normal clutches next time. To give full details of proper treatment would occupy far too much space here, so you cannot do better than get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners," from our Manager, post free 7d., or get the published parts of "Our Canaries," and meantime treat the birds as advised to "W. H. Payne." Keep a flake of cuttlefish in each breeding cage for the hens to peck at, and you might also smash up a little old mortar and mix with the sand on cage floor. If the box-room is fairly bright, dry, and free from draughts, the birds would doubtless thrive better there than in the living room, and if the hens are not sitting on the eggs laid, you might move them there at once. If they are sitting, allow them to complete the incubation, and rear the young if any are hatched, and remove them to new quarters before hens go to nest again.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Sudden Death of Budgerigar.

T. A. Kay.—It is always best in such cases to send the body for post-mortem examination, as without such a definite pronouncement is not possible. At this season of the year, sexual excitement runs very high, pairing fever abounds (for it amounts to that), and is frequently the cause of the bursting of a blood vessel and consequent sudden death. This is common to all species of birds. Over-fat birds fall a ready prey, also to apoplexy. A sudden scare, with a fly up against top of cage, often results in an injury to the skull and sudden death: only a P.M. could reveal the cause, or indicate whether it was some serious internal malady which had reached a sudden climax. You must remove the odd hen or procure another cock; probably conflict between the two hens was the cause of the eggs being thrown out. It will be better to replace your worn husk with a new one. Budgerigars, so long as they are not subjected to draught, do not need heat at any time during the year; in fact, are better without it. If you could give them a small spare room to fly about in, you should have good breeding results. The changeable temperature of the kitchen is bad for birds.

Amazon in Poor Plumage.

Stumpy.—Do not give bread and tea, or, in fact, any slops, table scraps, or animal food of any kind whatever. Put as much Epsom salts as will lie on a sixpence into its drinking water for one day, and afterwards well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for about a month or more. If at any time droppings should become stiff and hard, give another dose of Epsom salts. Individuals vary, some are more teachable than others, but if you take pains with it, it should increase its vocabulary. Diet: about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily. This soon turns sour, and must be prepared fresh daily. Boil till soft and drain away moisture, but the grain should be whole. Seed mixture, two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each sunflower and maize. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, or stale crust of household bread; the latter can be moistened in Chemical Food and water, but not in tea, coffee, or milk. Grit (a pinch with the daily supply of seed mixture), and cuttlebone, must be regularly supplied.

Small Foreign Finches.

F. Rendell Mason.—In an outdoor aviary of this size, I should certainly advise a hinged shutter, so as to be able to close up the entire front during gales of easterly winds and severe weather generally. It would accommodate 12 birds merely as a collection, and three pairs for possible breeding results. Here are three series for possible breeding: (1) Silverbills, Grey Singing Finches, and Zebra Finches, (2) Zebra and Ribbon Finches, and Bronze Munnikins, (3) Green Singing Finches, Silverbills, and Zebra Finches. If you elect to keep a dozen birds, choose from the above, or include all, and add a pair of Golden-crested Waxbills. Dietary: Canary, white millet, millet sprays, green food, little ripe fruit, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. When obtainable, blighty sprays from rose, fruit trees, or any non-poisonous trees or shrub (laburnum is poisonous); the Singing Finches and Bronze Munnikins would also appreciate an occasional mealworm or other insect. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d. post free from our Manager, would assist you in the treatment of above species.

A Feather Picker.

Mrs. F. L. P.—Once a bird becomes confirmed in this habit, cure is very difficult, and it soon becomes vice. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water so long as the voidings are not watery loose, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Twice weekly spray (use a fine sprayer) the bird with quassia solution, choosing a sunny, genial day for the purpose, and keeping strictly out of draught till dry. Diet: Seed mixture: Two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each oats, hemp, paddy rice and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts: nd plain biscuit. Add a pinch of grit and crushed cuttlebone to the daily supply of seed mixture. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone banging in the cage. You must persevere with the treatment, which should result in ultimate improvement at any rate. Our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, should help you.

An Excited Grey Parrot.

Miss H.—Change the diet as follows: Seed mixture, two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, maize, paddy rice, oats, and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed, and a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, cuttlebone, and water. If the bird will not bathe, it should be sprayed twice weekly, keeping carefully out of draught till dry. Every fourth day for a month give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Dissolve 3 grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup, and administer direct to the beak; give two such doses on successive days, and then give another dose whenever you notice an attack coming on. As regards fruit, individual tastes differ, but few Parrots will refuse ripe apple, particularly the core. You can continue to give boiled maize, and if it eats sufficient for a time only give Canary and white millet seed; then as soon as its condition becomes normal, decrease the quantity of boiled maize, and diet as above. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Report progress a fortnight hence.

An Ailing Barbary Dove.

Nemo.—I should give the hen three drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak, and repeat the dose a week hence. Well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food for a month at least. Keep a piece of rock salt in their cage. Wash these birds with quassia solution, wiping off the superfluous moisture afterwards with a cloth; choose a genial sunny day for the purpose, repeating the operation in a week's time.

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A fly round the room occasionally would do these birds a world of good. Continue to give the Dove mixture, and also supply a mixture of Canary and white millet. Keep the cage well covered with gritty sand, also supply grit and cuttlebone, the latter crushed to the size of millet seed. As soon as you can get it, give them a sod of fresh grass to pick over frequently—you can do so now, but it should be kept indoors for a day in a room, where frost cannot get at it before supplying to the birds. As soon as the hen is fit, they will probably go to nest at once.

An Ailing Parrot.

A. Reaney.—Try this bird with a little boiled maize, boil till soft, and drain away all water. Boiled maize soon turns sour, so it must be prepared fresh daily. Give five drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the mouth, repeating the dose after an interval of three days. For one day, dissolve three drops of laudanum in a tablespoonful of water, and let the bird have a few sips occasionally. Do not leave the water in the cage, but let it take a few sips at intervals; the water should be well coloured with chemical food. As a stimulant, a few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) may be given two or three times a day. You must tempt it to eat by offering it the items of its diet it most favoured when in a state of health. Continue to supply the usual seed diet, and mix with same some cuttlebone, crushed to size of millet; also scatter some of the crushed cuttlebone on cage tray. Offer a little plain biscuit, sopped with warm water and chemical food, pouring off all liquid before supplying to the bird. I fear there is something radically wrong with your bird; which your details do not disclose, and if there is no improvement in a couple of days, I advise you letting your local vet. see it. If the bird should die, send the body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination.

A Sick Grey Parrot.

Anxious.—Continue to offer boiled maize, and the other foods, which should suffice. Do not give milk, but try it with a little Osborn biscuit sopped with warm water, and chemical food, pouring away all liquid before offering to the bird. Do you give grit? A pinch should be added to the daily supply of seed mixture, and another pinch scattered over sand in cage tray. Do not leave water in cage, but let it have a mouthful of prepared water three or four times a day. For a week dissolve (daily) five grains of bicarbonate of potash in two tablespoonfuls of water, this will suffice for a day's supply. As a stimulant a few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) may be given twice a day. On receipt of this reply give five drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the mouth, and if this does not cause the bowels to move freely, you must repeat the dose next day. Keep the bird warm and quiet, and tempt the bird's appetite with such items of its diet as it is specially fond of. Report progress a week hence.

Avadavats in Cages.

"Sphinx."—Avadavats when kept in a cage are apt to pluck each others heads bare, and then by continual picking (sometimes mistaken for preening) to keep them so. The remedy then is to cage up the bald specimen separately, and not return it to its mate till in good feather again. Also when kept in a low temperature, with little or no room for exercise they gradually become nude and die. Diet: Canary and white millet, green food, grit, cuttlebone and water for drinking and bathing. When procurable free from frost, flowering (seeding) grass is the best green food, also during the summer months, blighty sprays from rose or fruit trees or any non-poisonous herbage are greatly appreciated, and tend to keep the birds fit. Keep a millet spray hanging in the cage, of course changing it as soon as the birds have extracted all the seed. On two successive days put half-a-teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and repeat this as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving freely but not loose. Follow this by keeping the drinking water lightly coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food. As regards song, they can hardly be accounted songsters but they have a pretty little lay, consisting of two or three soft, sweet notes, frequently repeated. Your bird should sing when fit. Our Nutshell Booklet, "Avadavats," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you.

Cardinal Pulling out its Claws (A. Clark).—I am quite helpless in the matter, absolutely nothing to go upon—such a case needs the bird to be examined, there is evidently something radically wrong with the bird's feet for it to deliberately peck out its claw. I suggest you letting a vet. see it; take it round to him, his fee will not be large. You might try bathing the feet in tepid water, to which about five drops of carbolic acid has been added; dry the feet on a cloth before returning the bird to its cage. It will be well also to keep the bowels moving freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia. You say nothing as to diet. In addition to seed, it should have ripe fruit, and one or two mealworms or other insects daily. If you have it examined, I should be interested in the vet.'s report, if you will kindly write me per Editor of "C.B."

No. of Birds for Outdoor Aviary (J. Knight).—(1) About one dozen, but you must not mix Finches with them in such a limited space. There is only really room for two breeding pairs, as there would be continually the advent of young birds from the nest. (2) In such an aviary as yours, it is not possible to put cages inside it for the young birds—you can bring them into the cage as soon as they are able to feed themselves, and keep them indoors, when they should soon become used to you and steady down. When I kept this species in quantity in a large outdoor aviary, directly I entered with the daily supply of seed they were all over me, some eating from the seed pan, held in my hand, others taking seed from my hand, others dispersed about my arms and shoulders, and engaged in chasing each other from the seed vessel The other course open to you is to take them at about a week old and hand rear them. You would find our booklet, "Budgerigars and Cockatoels," 7d. post free, from our manager, very helpful on this topic.

Parrot with Parasites (Maconechy).—You are treating the bird correctly. Enclose the pellet of areca nut powder in some fruit it is fond of; it will doubtless take it that way, and if you find half gets wasted, give two pellets instead of one. You might also try damping a piece of plain biscuit with warm water and dust the powder on that. I prefer the use of Dinneford's Magnesia to Epsom salts; it is altogether milder, is also a soothative. Send the next parasite to our Mr. Yates—it will travel safely in a bottle in a little methylated spirit.

Birds for Aviary (A. E. T.).—If the end or ends of your aviary face either N. or E., they should be hoarded in, and only the front left open. There are two courses open to you, either to use your aviary for larger Parrakeets, or Doves and Pigeons. I think you would find it better for this purpose perhaps to divide it into two, by either a solid or wire netting partition, through the middle, or, say, leave one division 6 feet and the other 10 feet. In the smaller flight you could keep a pair of either Blue Mountain or Red-collared Lorikeets,

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both species are gorgeous in colouration, and hardy, and should ultimately breed. In the 10 feet section you could keep Red-rump and Rosella Parrakeets, also Diamond Doves, Indian or Australian Green-winged Doves, Australian Crested Pigeons, and Bronze-wing Pigeons, all of which would winter in your aviary out of doors. All of these should ultimately breed, but not with the same freedom, perhaps, as Budgerigars, and they would take longer to settle down. If the above does not meet your need please repeat query.

Outdoor Aviary Failing. Why? (J. Rich).—I cannot give you answer without further details. From your details I take it the flight about 6ft. by 4ft. and the roosting place about 4ft. by 3ft. Is this correct? What is the aspect of the aviary? What birds did you keep that failed, and how did you treat and feed them? What time of the year were they put out, and how long did they live in the aviary? I am keeping your plan and query by me, and if you will give the above details, I will try and assist you—the aviary itself appears all right, possibly you kept the wrong kind of birds, or put them out at the wrong period of the year. As the reply must of necessity be delayed, if you enclose a stamped addressed envelope, I will send you a copy of same.

A Squalling Grey Parrot (Parrot Lover).—Glad to note the remedy has proved efficacious. You are quite right in stopping sops, and so long as it is eating freely of the maize, etc., sops should not be given. If you carefully follow the dietary given in the booklet, your bird should develop into a strong, healthy specimen. Boiled maize will not be permanently required; as it gets older, and you find it eating freely of seed mixture, fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, gradually wean it from the boiled maize; but if you follow the directions given in the booklet you cannot go wrong.

Is It Large Enough? (Amateur).—Yes, but you ought not at any time to have more than 25, or at the most 30, of such birds in it; this quantity is really too many, but no harm will result therefrom during the breeding season, but I consider you should keep the breeding pairs down to the number stated. The cere of a hen Budgerigar is brown, when the bird is in breeding condition, but during the moult and off season it is bluish, but much less intense than that of the male. These birds certainly should be in breeding condition in the course of the next two or three weeks, and if your bird's cere should then continue blue the bird is a male.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Two Items (Regular Reader).—The Chaffinch must have its "watery eye" bathed at least twice daily with warm water, to which a few drops of Condy's Fluid have been added just sufficient to make the water the colour of port wine. See that the perches of the cage are kept scrupulously clean; scrub them with the Condy solution. It is quite likely that the red mites are responsible for the loss of the neck and head feathers of the Goldfinches. The constant scratching due to the irritation they set up soon reduce a bird's plumage (particularly in the regions mentioned) to a pitiable condition. Still, seeing that you have cleared out the pests and the birds are healthy, there is no reason why they should not successfully moult, and the "baldness" would not affect the Canaries if due to the redmite. A hot kitchen is just the place to encourage the latter—they like warmth. The Goldies will need to be in full, loud song before being paired up, and their beaks should be clear (that is, with no dark streak at the tip).

A Hawfinch Show Cage (Hawfinch).—The size adopted by the N.B.B. and M.C. is 14ins. long, 12 high, and 6 deep. Front of 14 gauge wire, three-quarter inch mesh. Bottom (wood) rail 2in. high, and one crossbar 2in. above this rail. This club's pattern has the front bowed at the top (for about 1in.), and it is fitted with two turned perches and a trough at right-hand end for the seed.

A Bullfinch (J. Cronin).—The sample of seed is a good one, taken on the whole; though the Canary seed is Turkish (small), it is of good quality. In my opinion, however, it contains too much hemp for a caged Bullfinch; better leave this out altogether (give it occasionally), and substitute teazle. You should certainly read the "Nutshell" booklet on the Bullfinch, and its management. Get a chemist to mix one ounce of each of the following: glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuhana wine. Stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of the bird's drinking water (fresh daily). You must keep the Bullie in a warm room and out of draughts; don't hang him outdoors.

Linnet and Canary Couple (W. W.).—The stock mixture I like (for the hopper) is: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, and summer rape 1 part, linseed half-part. In addition make up these two special mixtures: (1) hemp and niger in equal parts, (2) rape of pleasure, maw, dandelion white lettuce, and sesame in equal parts by measure, I mean. Give the pair a good teaspoonful of these on alternate days in addition to a little egg-food. Then they should soon come into the essential "high condition." Of course, give early dandelion, chickweed (not in a frosted condition).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne.—April 11, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.45. Table show; 2 classes: Mules and Hybrids; judge, Mr. R. Baron. Points count in Brit. Section.—J. R. Colville.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—April 12, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Fanciers welcome. Please note: Subs. 4s. per member; entry 1s.—T. Robinson.

Attercliffe C.B.S. — April 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of Brit. birds, and paper on the Yorkshire, by Mr. W. Walker.—W. Richinson.

Bolton Wood's C.B.S.—April 8, Victoria Hotel, 8. Important.—M. Skirrow.

Bradford West C.B.A.—April 8, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Debate on pairing and breeding, by Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford); all fanciers invited.—F. Western.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—April 12, Bakers' Room, King Street, 8. Judges, classification, etc., for open show.—R. Whitton.

Bolton Roller C.S.—April 11, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 8.—W. Massey.

Bingley O.S.—April 11, Co.-op. Rooms, 7.30. Important.—A. Livesay.

Brighton C.B.A.—April 12, Mission Room, 2, Cheapside, 8. Table show; classes: (1) Yorks., (2) A.O.V. Can., (3) A.V. Bunting, (4) Foreign, (5) Siskin, (6) Bullfinch, (7) Redpoll. Judges: Mr. F. Dandridge (Canaries), Mr. H. James (Brit.) Special prize most points in show; committee meeting, 7.30 sharp.—W. H. Gibb.

British Roller C.C.—April 11, "Royal Mail," Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Monthly meeting.—J. W. Norris.

Birmingham South O.S.—April 12, Headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, 8.30. Important; own nest feather show date, also proposed Birmingham show festival; second quarter's subs. due.—J. Sheppard.

Bury C.B.S.—April 11, Y.M.C.A., 8. General.—H. Jameson.

Bramley O.S.—April 11, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8. Business important.—W. Maltby.

Beamish C.B.S.—April 8, Bird Inn, 7 a.m. Selection of judge for annual show and other business.—W. Knowles.

Batley O.F.S.—April 10, Talbot Hotel, 8.—G. G. Stafford.

Brighouse C.B.S.—April 10, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 10, Church Institute, 66, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8. Demonstration on the art of "Preparing and Painting Cages, etc." Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Cumnock C.B.S.—April 8, Auchinleck Town Hall, 7. Election of treasurer and fixing judges for coming show, etc. New members please come.—J. Nutt.

City of Wakefield O.S.—April 8, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Classes for F.F. show; members please attend.—J. Atkinson.

Clydebank C.B.C.—March 13, 118, Glasgow Road, 7.30. Important.—J. Hart.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 8, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' show business.—W. Morement.

Doncaster C.B.S.—April 8, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. A. Spencer, "Pairing and Breeding, and preparing for Show," also nomination of judges for open show; fanciers cordially invited.—G. Beecoby.

East Ham F.S.—April 10, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Arrangements for 1st monthly show.—H. Rutter.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—April 11, Mr. A. Deakin's, 8. Arranging classes for F.F. show; please attend.—H. S. Waters.

Gt. Houghton Linnet Club.—April 16. Time singing, open to all England. Judge, Mr. H. Allen.—J. Halpin.

Gateshead C.B.S.—April 12, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Lecture will be given hy Mr. J. Shepherd, on "Our British Birds." Please attend.—A. Holden.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—April 14, Clarendon Hall, 8. Table show of Brit. and For.; 10 classes; judge, Mr. J. L. Burnett; etc.—W. Proudfoot.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—April 8, Crown Inn, 7. Election of judge for F.F. show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—April 13, Wadsworth View, 8. Meeting for fixing Y.B. show date.—W. Collinge.

Ilford F. and F.S.—April 11, Scrafton Hall. First monthly show for all sections. Entries to be in first post April 9. Fanciers invited free.—J. H. Priestman.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—April 11, Lockhart's Cafe, 8 Special meeting, cup and various other business.—R. Blore.

Keighley C.B.S.—April 11, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Very important.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—April 12, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 8. Silver cups, etc.; general. G. Sanderson.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 12, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Table show, 3 classes. All fanciers. Nest feather show, July 1st. Fanciers invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 12, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Brit. Goldfinch show; sliding scale; also lecture on same. Judge and lecturer, Mr. P. Hart.—R. Charleson.

Littleborough C.B.S.—April 12, Coffee House, 8. F.F. show, and the N.B.B. and M.C. petition.—J. K. Mayers.

Llanelly C.B.S.—April 8, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. Selection of judges and washing exhibitiou by Mr. D. Jenkins (Swansea). Members please line up to time.—D. John.

L.C.B.A. April 12, "Feathers." Gt. Chapel St., 8. Ordinary business, followed by "Egg Food Competition"; eggs, biscuit, and bread will be provided. Friends welcome.—W. H. Mugford.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—April 8, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), "Breeding and Rearing of Canaries." Members and fanciers invited to attend and bring a friend or two.—J. E. Hudson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—April 13, Oldham Hall, 8. Elect judges for young and old shows.—F. Eccleston.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—April 8, Headquarters, 8. Lecture on "Mule and Hybrid Breeding," by Mr. H. Norman; rule cards.—G. Harwood.

Morley C.B.S.—April 8th, 1911, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—A. Gledhill.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 11, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) will give a lecture, "Birds of Our Country Lanes." Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

Newport C.B.S.—April 11, Old Bush Hotel, 8. F.F. show.—J. Hammett.

Oldham C.B.S.—April 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Important business, including revision of rules. J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—April 10, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Lecture on Norwich. Fanciers invited.—J. Critchley.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—April 8, Institute Hall, 6.30. Pick judge for nest feather show, and consider ann. show and date.—W. Forster.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—April 13, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Dewhurst, "British Birds." Visitors cordially invited.—J. C. Birch.

Redhill C.B.S.—April 10, Muttons Hotel, 8. Appointment of officers and fixing date of Y.B. show.—A. W. Bacon.

Rawtenstall F.S.—April 11, Wellington Hotel, Cloughfold 7.30. Show, 2 classes for cage birds (A.V. ck., A.V. hen). Silver cup for best exhibit. Mr. W. J. Maden, judge. Cage bird fanciers invited.—H. Kershaw.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—April 11, Liberal Club, 8.—H. W. Gill.

Selston Soc.—April 10. Members invited to attend special business.—C. H. Bacon.

South West London C.B.S.—April 13, Plough, Clapham Junction, 8.30.—Business important.—J. Jeffery.

South London Col. and F.A.—April 13, Headquarters. Show; Judge, Mr. J. Waters.—N. Cauuter.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—April 11, Victoria Hotel, 8.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Swansea C.B.A.—April 11, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Table show, Bullfinch, Linnet, and Goldfinch (field-moulted), Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite (F. or H. moulted).—S. H. George.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—April 12, Alexander Hotel, 8. Rules, lecture by Mr. W. Franks, and an item of interest to all British bird fanciers.—W. C. Lockwood.

Tunstall C.B.S.—April 12, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Market Square, 8. Appointment of judges for F.F. and Open Shows.—Evans and Brough.

Wibsey C.B.S.—April 8, Horse and Groom Inn, 6.30. Meat pie supper and social evening. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. C. Crossley.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—April 11, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Question night answered hy an expert. Come with questions ready; all invited.—W. G. Andrews.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—April 13, Duke of York, 8.15. Balance sheet of members' show, etc.—J. Gibbons.

Wandsworth F.A.—April 13, "Red Lion," 8. Lecture hy W. Coleby. Hope all members will attend. Fanciers invited.—W. Lightfoot.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—April 12, Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7. Table show of British. Mr. Slack to judge, and explain points of each species. J. R. Evans.

Wood Green F. and F.S.—April 11, Brook Hall, 8. Table show. Judge, Mr. G. Gardiner.—G. Bates.

York C.B.S.—April 10, All Saints Schoolrooms, 7.15. Table show, Brit. only.—H. Thompson.

Yarm Eaglescliffe C.B.S.—April 7. Intending members heartily welcome, admission 1s.—T. Wilson.

Hand-rearing Owls (W. F. Wilbee).—You are quite correct in assuming that the birds must have flesh food. Blackbeetles, cockroaches, are very much relished, too. Young Sparrows (nestlings) and small mice are also esteemed delicacies. Give them some rabbit flesh frequently with the fur on (the latter to assist them to make "castings").

An Overgrown Beak (F. J. P.).—Yes; this should be cut down to normal size and shape at once with a pair of sharp scissors.

A Hybrid Wanted (G. W. B.) It is very unusual to mate the cock Bullfinch to the hen Goldfinch, and this is not the best method of pairing—i.e., the likeliest to lead to success. You can put a cock Canary to the hen Goldie, certainly; but, better still, either a cock Siskin or Redpoll.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Phenomenon (J. P. Rooney). — We are much obliged to you for your interesting letter.

A Suggestion (S. J. Lees).—We will think your suggestion over, and may be able to do something in the matter. Thanks for making it.

"Fanciers, Beware" (E. Hutchings). — Your "poetry" is too terrible for type; you evidently intend to make us suffer "Payne," as well as yourself. However, "have on approval" is excellent advice. You had your remedy, though, and could either have put the matter in the hands of the police (who, we think, would soon have obtained satisfaction for you), or have sued for the value of the birds in the County Court. You should not have allowed the matter to drop; "Mr. Payne's" story was obviously untrue.

Two Cages (W. Simpson). Thanks for this excellent photograph, which we will reproduce in the near future

Correspondence.

Will Hen Hawfinches Breed in Captivity?

Sir,—Will some of your readers kindly state their experiences with the hen Hawfinch, and say whether they have known her to build and breed in captivity? I shall be much obliged to them. F. A. M.

A Useful Protection Against Wind and Rain.

Sir,—I should be pleased if any reader could oblige me with the name and address of the makers of "Duroline." It is a woven wire, covered with a varnish-like substance, semi-transparent, rain and wind proof, and is especially suitable for outdoor aviaries that require shelter. W. Nicholson.

[This material, which is excellent for the purpose indicated by Mr. Nicholson, is made by the Wire Wove Roofing Company, 108, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.—Editor.]

Is it Cruel to Keep Birds in Cages?

Sir,—Re the above question, I think the following incident justifies a reply in the negative. A friend of mine (my father-in-law, in fact), caught a hen Goldfinch last December, and kept same in a roomy cage until it became used to cage life. Thinking, however, he would experiment, about a month ago he liberated the bird (early in the morning), leaving the cage hanging on a wall in the garden. When leaving for home in the evening he went to replace the cage in a shed, and was more or less surprised to find the bird roosting as usual on perch. This has been going on now systematically for five weeks. I may mention that the cage has been placed out of sight for two or three consecutive nights, so the bird has had to roost out on several occasions. At present it is partaking of its feed, which is thrown down on the ground daily in the vicinity of the cage, and to all appearances it is decidedly happy. I will advise you when it bids its final adieu. I have several witnesses to this, and can fully vouch for the truthfulness of this extraordinary occurrence.

S. Priddle.

The British Bird Fancy in the South.

Sir,—What is wrong with the British bird fanciers and exhibitors down here in the South? That is what I am asking myself, after making a comparison between the entries during the past season at the various shows of the South, and those at the many splendid huge and enthusiastic exhibitions that have been held in the Midlands, the North of England and Scotland, where the fine entries received have been a credit to the caterers and fanciers alike. Take the Crystal Palace as an example, which was once looked upon as the Mecca of fanciers, and compare it with the Scottish National, the great annual event of Scotland. From within the whole postal radius of this gigantic London, only some sixty to seventy exhibitors supported the Palace Show, and as far as the immediately adjoining counties were concerned, the entries were equally ridiculous, and withal, very depressing to contemplate. In Edinburgh, nearly one hundred exhibitors from the City alone supported their annual event, and it seems to me Edinburgh could put up as good a show with her own city fanciers as could the Crystal Palace with the London fanciers and the whole of the South of England thrown in. Then again, look at the pitiful exhibition of British birds at the L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall) Show. Here was a show held by one of London's senior clubs, under the patronage of the National British Bird and Mule Club, in a hall that defies the rest of the kingdom as an ideal place. The Horticultural Hall is perfection itself as a venue for a bird show. I should judge that seven hundred British birds could be staged easily after all other sections are in their quarters. The classification, as classifications go nowadays, was generous—twenty classes, and that the birds would have every care goes without saying. Further, the British bird section was practically the annual show of the N.B.M. and M. Club, which has initiated and been the pioneer, and supporter of the most important reforms on the show bench: it has shown the way to other clubs, and has never tired of spending time and money in the interests of the British bird fancier and exhibitor; also it has taken up the cudgels of the British bird fancier and keeper at large, whether in regard to members or non-members of a club, and it is even now engaged in the preparation of a giant petition, which it is hoped will result in our having for the first time rational, instead of absurd and oppressive, bird laws—a matter this that affects the interests of thousands, besides bird-owners and other closely allied trades, workpeople, men, women and children, seed dealers, shopkeepers, etc. The above is a mere tittle of what has been done, and, so to speak, forgotten by the club; and the support that the club receives at its annual show, is truly a cutting reminder of the fact that one good turn deserves another. Now, how does the London fancier compare with others in respect of shows away from home? There were nearly sixty Scottish exhibitors alone who sent all the way to the Crystal Palace, including six Edinburgh City fanciers and about sixty British birds were sent down to ordinary open British bird classes. The N.B.B. and M. Club muster forty birds, with one hundred and twenty members at their own club show. And what of the Southerners at the Scottish National? If my memory serves me right, a mere matter of a dozen would not only cover London and radius, but the whole county of London. Why this small percentage of fanciers in a place like London is past my unravelling. We in the South have many advantages over our Northern friends. We live in a more temperate zone, and being geographically favoured, are visited yearly by birds that are rare in the North, or altogether missing; and it follows that it is easier to procure birds, notwithstanding the various Acts of Parliament. And yet the N.B.B. and M.C. Show could only get a response of two hundred birds at a place like the Horticultural Hall. The universal and natural love and admiration for our native songsters always make them a great source of attraction at all our shows to the public outside the Fancy; they stand by themselves, quite independent of the rows upon rows of Canaries; in fact, shows have been held upon more than one occasion (held by the N.B.B. and M. Club) without Canaries, and the entries, if my memory is right, in the British bird section broke the record. Also upon another occasion an amalgamation of British and foreign birds was indeed a pronounced success. The time is now ripe for British bird fanciers to insist on what we want—what we will have—and to generally force the pace. The classification, especially in the insectivorous bird sections, must be increased, and the new classes should be decided upon now by the various committees, and the additions notified in the Fancy Press instead of being kept back till the publication of the schedule a week before the show. Fanciers can then get what they want to fill the classes. If more species were separately catered for, and it were well known beforehand, there would be a greater success for the show. It would be a matter for regret should the Crystal Palace lose its old-time classic significance. But it must be remembered that there are a good many Richmonds in the field, and to keep its place the Palace committee should go ahead with the times, and not stand still (there has indeed been a decided trend of late years to cut down the classification in British Birds, especially in the softbill or insectivorous section). I know that some few of the desirable classes would show little or no profit, but as a whole the British section is a source of profit to all shows. Even this year at the Crystal Palace the five hundred odd entries at 2s. each in 27 classes shows a fair margin of profit, especially considering that in some of the classes only half prize-money was pair. Nuthatch.

[We have deleted a paragraph from the above letter which concerns the policy underlying the conduct of Cage Birds. "Nuthatch" must forgive us for reminding him that we consider ourselves best able to judge as to the matter in question.—Editor.]

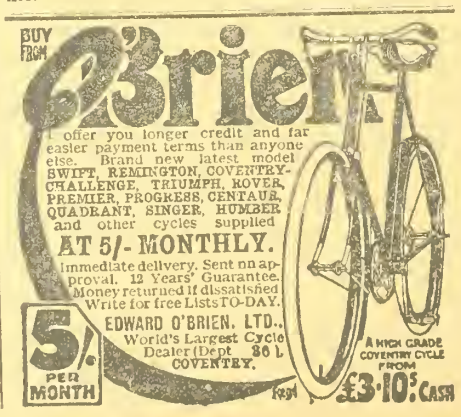
The Springburn and District Cage Bird Club.

Sir,—Re the above, I would suggest that we hold a meeting at an early date to make arrangements for the formation of this club. Of late I have been speaking to a number of fanciers, all of whom seemed anxious to call a meeting and appoint office-bearers. Now I beg to submit for the consideration of all concerned that we meet on Thursday, April 13th, at 8 p.m., at the Reid Hall, Queenshill Street, Springburn. Note.—Those interested and unable to be present might kindly drop a postcard to Mr. J. Waugh, 489, Springburn Road, which I know will be of great encouragement to those taking part in this important movement. J. McLeod.

The Making of Breeding Cages.

A Correction.

Sir,—There is a slight error in the measurements given in my article on "How to make a practical breeding cage." For the double breeder to take two 16in. fronts the wood for the back would be 33½in., and would fit *inside the cage*. The length of cage over all need not be more than 35in. As some readers may possibly have made the cages to the old measurements, they can still use them by procuring 17in. fronts (which any of the advertising cage-front makers will make), but if they have worked rather closely and find they have not sufficient room for the partition to slide easily, one wire upright in one of the fronts can easily be cut away, either with wire cutters or a sharp file. H. Norman.

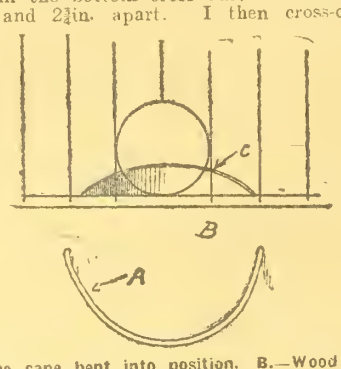


A Canary's Sight Suddenly Restored.

Sir,—I have a Crested cock which was returned from the Crystal Palace Show marked "blind." It was a very heavily crested bird, and upon cutting off the crest I found I could put my hand on it without its moving, which, as I thought, proved it to be blind, as stated; in fact, I found the bird could with difficulty only get to its perch. What was my feeling a few days ago when I went into the bird-room to find this bird hopping from perch to perch nearly as nimble as any other bird in my room, which was a great surprise to me, and upon going near the cage it quickly skipped away from me. Upon catching it I find the bird to be perfect in both eyes. Can any other breeder give me any account for this? If so, I should be obliged. A Breeder.

An Inside Perch for Seed Hoppers.

Sir,—Instead of the cross bar generally used in cages for birds to feed from (which is rather troublesome to clean), I bore two holes in the bottom cross bar, 1in. from top edge, and 2¾in. apart. I then cross-cut a



A.—The cane bent into position. B.—Wood cross-bar of cage. C.—Drinking vessel outside cage.

piece of cane about 4½in. long, and put into holes bored for same. This can be taken out at any time and cleaned with the greatest of ease. The springiness of the cane will be all the fixing that is required.

E. Clarke.

Towns Bombarded by Birds.

Remarkable onPhenomen in Ireland.

Sir,—During last week a remarkable phenomenon occurred in this country in connection with what was apparently a general migration of birds to Ireland, particularly in the south-eastern counties. From several of these counties come reports of unprecedented scenes having been witnessed on the night of March 30th between ten o'clock and midnight. On that night hundreds of birds of various kinds, including the Thrush, Blackbird, Curlew, and Starling, were found dead on the roads leading to Kilkenny and in the market place in the city, and a large number of dead and dying Thrushes, Starlings, etc., were also seen in the surrounding fields. The town of New Ross, Co. Wexford, was, on the same night, and about the same time also, the scene of a remarkable invasion of a swarm of Starlings. The night was foggy, and attracted evidently by the lights of the town, thousands of the birds swarmed down on the place. Many dashed against the windows of houses (which were broken by the impact) and were killed, numbers got into houses, hundreds were drowned in the River Barrow, and others were captured in the streets, which were simply littered with the winged visitants. An almost similar state of affairs prevailed in the County Carlow on the same night, and, strange to say, between the same hours. Some hundreds of birds flew into the town, presumably attracted by the light, numbers of them being killed and wounded by coming into contact with the telegraph wires, etc. The following morning the streets and the yards of the houses bore evidence of their wholesale destruction, Redwings, Starlings, and Thrushes being picked up by the score. Immense flocks of Curlews passed over the town during the night in a north-easterly direction, the flight continuing from about ten o'clock till well after midnight. The sky was almost obscured by the vast numbers of the birds, who were apparently panic-stricken. Later on, the Curlews were reinforced by Wild Duck, Woodquest, Thrushes, and Starlings, and in their wild flight hundreds dashed to their death against the church steeple, the house fronts, and telegraph wires. A leading Irish ornithologist, when questioned regarding the phenomenon by a representative of the "Irish Times," said that the birds had probably come from the Continent, their migration being due to the remarkable change in temperature. After their long flight they had become exhausted, and were unable to continue further inland. Attracted by the lights of towns like Carlow, Kilkenny, New Ross, and Athy (Co. Kildare), they dropped to earth, and became frightened by their surroundings. Their panic, however, strange to say, seemed to prevail by day as well as night, for I, continues Mr. Rooney, learn that on March 31 swarms of Starlings fluttered wildly over the Bagenalstown (Co. Carlow) district. In that district ploughmen who were working in the fields stated that Starlings continually lighted on the plough and on the horses as if fearful of impending danger. Sir John W. Moore, the eminent Irish astrologer and meteorologist, interviewed as to whether there was anything in the atmospheric conditions which might account for such a phenomenon as birds falling in large numbers over so wide an area, said that there was nothing so exceptional as to afford an explanation. At the same time, he added, the atmospheric conditions during the last week or so were interesting. Some barometrical depressions have been present, and these—contrary to the usual rule—have moved from east to west. Within the last few days the depressions have been slowly moving from the Continent over the South of Ireland. There was nothing in this, of course, to account for the very unusual phenomenon of birds falling in the numbers described. There has, however, been a change of temperature in the last couple of days, and this probably has hastened migration.

J. P. Rooney.

Hon. Treasurer, Y.C.B.S. of Ireland.

The Training and Treatment of Linnets.

Sir,—The Linnet is imitative, and may be taught the song either of the Lark or of the Robin. Indeed, to my way of thinking, the song of the Titlark and that of the Linnet are amazingly alike. If you desire to teach your Linnet the song of another bird, you have nothing to do but to hang the nestling and his tutor one above the other in a room where there is no other bird. It is quite useless attempting to teach an old bird, even a "brancher" or a three-months-old bird another's song, for when once the note of the parent bird is learnt, it is never forgotten. The Linnet is very fond of a bathe; let him have it three times a week—a saucer will do very well for a bath. Take out the "upper" bottom of his cage before you allow him to bathe. When he has done, you can slide it in again, and well cover it with sand; he will soon be dry and snug again. First of all, learn not to over-feed him. Though not a greedy bird, he is not able to resist the offer of delicacies, upon which he will speedily grow unhealthy and fat, and go off in a surfeit. Let the staple food be rape seed (summer, not winter seed) of the best quality, with teazle and plenty of Canary seed, of which he is very fond. Hemp seed may be given medicinally, but never at ordinary times; hemp seed is of a heating nature, and much indulged in will disease the bird's lungs.

E. L. Rees.

Can Yellows be Bred by Double-Buffing?

Sir,—Allow me to sincerely thank Mr. Watson for his most courteous and instructive letter. Mr. Watson has (without stint) given your readers the results of his system of pairing to produce a greater percentage of yellows. With this one particular pair he refers to Mr. Watson may have been successful; but I am of the opinion, backed by practical experience, that were he to pursue such pairing throughout his stock, Mr. Watson would, at the end of a breeding season, get as the result of such pairing more buffs than yellows. Only last breeding season I matched a pair up in exactly the same way as those referred to by Mr. Watson, viz., buff cock bred from two buffs and a yellow variegated hen, bred from yellow and buff; result, three youngsters, all buffs. Unfortunately, I lost the hen, so the cock was idle for the remainder of the season. This season I have again matched him to a yellow bred in the usual way, so shall watch results with greater interest than last year. In common fairness to Mr. Watson, I must admit that once (and once only) have I been successful in breeding more yellows than buffs from such pairing. The pair used on this occasion were Norwich Greens. Mr. Watson proceeds to state, "I cannot say that a yellow bred from two yellows would, if paired to a buff, bred in the usual way, produce a larger percentage of buffs, as I have not tried it; but by the same rule I should certainly expect it to do so." Three seasons back I tried the experiment with two pairs. Pair No 1 was a ticked yellow cock bred from two yellows, matched to a clear buff hen bred from two buffs (the mother of the hen was bred from two yellows); result, ten youngsters, every one a yellow. Pair No. 2, ticked buff cock bred from yellow and buff matched to a clear yellow hen bred from two yellows; result, twelve youngsters, ten of which were yellows, the other two buffs. Mr. Watson goes on to say that he had never bred a yellow from two yellows worth the keeping. If Mr. Watson resides in or near London, and would care to call at my address, I should be delighted to make his acquaintance and gladly show him three birds bred from two yellows that are anything but weeds. Good birds can be bred from two yellows providing the proper material is made use of. I never double-yellow nor double-buff until I am satisfied in my own mind that I have the right stuff to do it with. It would be very interesting to know the experience of other breeders, and I am sure it will prove to be instructive to, also appreciated by, the novice breeders of Plainhead Norwich.

A. W. Curtis.

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The Feeding of Insectivorous Birds.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. Harrison, my meaning was Nightingale singing every day at present time. It commenced about Christmas, 1909, and continued up to June following. Mr. Harrison wishes to know if I would tell my method of keeping up a supply of gentles. He should note that I offer gentles for sale. F. Fishburn.

Do Goldfinches Wilfully Waste Good Seed?

Sir,—I read in Cage Birds of March 25th the letter sent by "Disgusted," re Goldfinches wasting Canary seed, and I see that the letter is not answered as yet, so if you would kindly allow me a small space in your valuable bird journal, I should like to say how I feed my Goldfinch. First of all, I simply put a small parting in a wooden seed box. I put Canary seed in one compartment, and hemp seed in the other. Then I place the tit-bits in a finger drawer, such as inga, maw, teazle, and linseed, all of equal parts. This keeps the birds in the best of health. I may be doing wrong compared with what some fanciers do, but my Goldfinches have been feeding at the wires for three weeks now, like a cock Canary does when in breeding condition. So I think the above method, if adopted by "Disgusted," will prevent his Goldfinches from wasting seed. I cannot keep a Goldfinch alive under other conditions, although I have tried other ways.

A Novice.

The Exhibiting of Borrowed Birds in Ireland.

Sir,—I refrained from entering into this controversy re exhibiting borrowed birds in Ireland as long as it was not brought home to Belfast. Now that "Belfastman" says it is mainly confined to fanciers in Belfast, I, as one of the Belfast exhiibtors, emphatically deny ever in my life having exhibited a borrowed bird or a bird not eligible for competition at any show. I will send £5 to the Editor of Cage Birds, to be given to any charitable purpose he may think fit, if "Belfastman" can prove this statement to be incorrect in the least degree. He also accuses the "professionals" of charging novices an exorbitant price for birds. Now, I would like to know what "Belfastman" calls an exorbitant price for a bird, because one could not get (no matter how willing they were), even for a show bird, more than a few paltry shillings—not, in fact, as many shillings as fanciers in England can get pounds. "Belfastman" also informs "Catch-my-Pal" that he was a member of the Norwich Plainhead Canary Club of Ireland, and that the club is broken up owing to members buying and borrowing birds and exhibiting them as bred by themselves when competing for the cup presented by the Club for unflighted birds. In the first place, "Belfastman" never was a member of the club, and, secondly, he knows nothing about the Club or the working of it, as his own words prove. The Club has two cups—one for cocks and one for hens—given for most points throughout the season at shows getting the Club's patronage. Three nominated birds in each section count for cups. Now, up to the present the cups have been competed for by old and young birds alike, so long as they were the bona fide property of the exhibitor. The Club is in the position stated by me in last week's Cage Birds, and is not broken up, as "Belfastman" says. Jas. Stewart.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Stewart, should know by now that the N.P.C.C. is out of existence, although the few who have been the cause of it are still bolstering it up. He might answer the following queries: (1) In the year 1910 were there any officials elected, and if so, name them; (2) How many paid their subscriptions?; (3) Name any society that requested the patronage of the N.P.C.C.? "Belfastman" is a little mistaken; the cups are not for unflighted birds, but one each for cocks and hens, to be won by a member gaining most points with three nominated birds. Regarding the N.C. and Y.C.C., I would like to know if they have any restriction on members exhibiting at outside shows? If so, why did members keep silent at the meeting of March 4th who could have proved a member guilty of lending birds and another of exhibiting them at Sligo Show? Now, the "fat is in the fire." Regarding the Yorkshire section, I am informed it is alleged that the bird which won the cup was not bred by the exhibitor. Is it correct that

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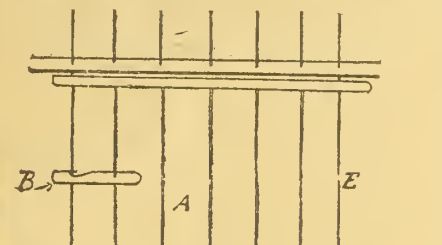
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the owner claims it was a clear yellow, while the owner of the runner-up says it was a ticked yellow? As the judge used no book and the society has no record of the colour of the bird, I would ask the owner to state through Cage Birds which of the two cages the cup special was attached to. It is also surprising to learn that the winner in previous years had no security to give for the cup, while the present winner (a Dublin man) had. If the corresponding secretary would oblige with his views, and so help to clear up this misunderstanding, they would be welcomed.

Ligonill.

A Handy Door Fastener.

Sir,—I send you a sketch of my wire door, which I think is more serviceable than the ordinary one to slide up and down, as there is no danger of a bird getting its feet caught in same and hanging itself. "A" is the door;



"B" is the fastening—a piece of punch-bar (two holes), filed out to the shape shown in sketch, and soldered on to the last wire of the door. The door swings open on wire "E," which runs from top to bottom of the cage-front. R. P. Dent.

Keeping Birds in Small Cages.

Sir,—If ever a letter full of common sense was written, it was the one by "A. G." in your April 1st issue, whilst the one by "Scrutineer" is sadly lacking in that respect. Does he mean to say I am taking the side of those men who torture, plague and keep their birds in a dirty and filthy condition? But "Scrutineer" never made a bigger mistake in his life. Such men as "A Lover of Birds," "Scrutineer," and a few others come across a few bad cases and then make an attack on the Fancy generally, loudly crying for the hand of the law to stop us from keeping birds. When they come across these gross cases of cruelty, as stated by "Lover of Birds" and Mr. Tozer, why don't they fetch a policeman and have these birds confiscated; a conviction would then certainly follow, and the thing be soon stamped out? Would not that be better than writing about it and doing harm to 99 men out of every 100 who do keep their birds in a clean, healthy and perfectly happy condition, even by using small cages? Mr. S., I am going to use small cages this summer to keep and train my young birds in after they have moulted in the flight, and these will be 8in. square. Now, if my birds were going to be unhappy, or fret and die, should I use these small cages? No; it is because I have proved without a doubt that my birds are going to do better in them than in larger cages. A large cage means extra work, and owing to the great quantity of birds kept by a great many fanciers, this would prevent them from keeping them spick and span. Mr. "Scrutineer," a small, well-displayed stock will not keep a man and bring up his family. If it would, he would undoubtedly use larger cages, and not resort to the wicker cage, as he must do in these keen times of competition. It is perfectly cruel to keep birds of a certain species even when large cages are in use. Take, for instance, the wild-caught Lark. He will, as "A. G." says, beat himself more in a large cage than a small one. A wild bird of any species ought to be put in a small cage; if he doesn't take to it, give him his liberty. Then, again, there is the all-wire cage and aviary which look so nice when full of different kinds of birds, but which, if not placed in suitable places, are nothing but death-traps, as they afford the little inmates no protection from the draughts which are continually passing through the cage. These large and beautiful cages have killed thousands of birds, and I warn new beginners not to use them, but to go in for well-made box cages. "Scrutineer" can take it that Canning has no illusions, and only writes from experience, and is always willing to help the novice and give him a decent start, as I have done in hundreds of cases by men who have come in contact with me and my birds. I am sorry to say I have had an accident with my stock, but by the timely aid of Mr. Claude St. John, I am now upon my feet again. Some day I shall tell the story of this accident, as it will be a lesson to novices and "old hands" as well—it has lost me £20 worth of Roller Canaries, and I should have lost the lot but for this gentleman, who found the cause at first attempt. John Canning.

A Cure for Diarrhœa in Linnets.

Sir,—In answer to "Linnet" re diarrhœa in his Linnets, may I give my plan of treatment, having kept Linnets and many other kinds of British birds? My treatment is as follows: Prepared chalk is the best remedy I know of. Go to a good chemist and get twopennyworth of prepared chalk. Now mix half a teaspoonful with two tablespoonfuls of water. Take all water from the cage for two hours, then give the above mixture. Stir it well and let your Linnet take a good drink. Take it off for another two hours. Then no more that day, giving only plain water. On the next day, if the diarrhœa has not stopped, give the doses the same again, and the bird should be all right. But before giving the above, if your Linnet has diarrhœa very bad, clean his stomach out well first by giving as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a shilling in two or three tablespoonfuls of water. This treatment has not failed with me yet, and I have successfully treated four Linnets and two Bullfinch hens this year. Finally, give your Linnets plain canary and plenty of maw seed to eat—the latter is a really good preventative of diarrhœa. I trust this will help "Linnet."

Arthur H. C. Legg.

The Lancashires and Lizards of To-day.

Sir,—I read "L. B.'s" letter in your issue of March 18th. The Lancashire and Lizard fanciers all seem to be at "sixes and sevens." "L. B." accuses Mr. Fuller of "puffing" the Glossop fanciers up. Then he goes on to puff someone else up. The Lizard fanciers in Glossop that I know need no puff, nor do they want any. "L. B." says the way Mr. Fuller jumbles the birds up is a marvel. He is not in it with "L. B.," who jumbles birds, judges and fanciers up. In his opinion Mr. House judges these classes badly. Mr. J. Hampshire is reported as saying that the second prize in Clear Cap Golds was a poor one. Mr. Hampshire does not show poor ones, however, to try and win at Rochdale; he shows the best he can. There was one bird passed as having a hole in its cap, which Mr. Levi Butterworth said could have won in broken silver hens. Mr. Oliver's bird should have won in "L. B.'s" opinion. So that is three judges for three birds! "L. B" says that Mr. Ollerenshaw's bird was lucky to get a card, but he doesn't tell us what Mr. Ollerenshaw's opinion was. "L. B." also seems to have had the pleasure of seeing the Lizards at the Palace. He goes on to tell us that Mr. So-and-So should have been first and wasn't, and Mr. So-and-So second but wasn't. Had only "L. B." been judging, things would have been different; but he wasn't. So we will let this new variety of bunkum drop, "L. B." I think the best thing the Rochdale Society can do next time is to let the Lancashire and Lizard fanciers judge their own birds. Then we shall have some winners. There is neither sense nor reason in "L. B.'s" letter. "John Henry" asks for a lecture, and it seems to me there is something wanting. There is not the fancier-like spirit amongst the Lancashire and Lizard fanciers that there ought to be. Well, "John Henry," I will make a suggestion to the two Rochdale clubs, also the L. and L.F.A. and the L.C.A., and that is that they try to come to some terms and ask Mr. Barker Clegg to give a lecture on the Lancashire and Lizard. "John Henry" can take my word for it that Mr. Clegg has always been looked up to, if not as a leader, then as one of the best friends of the Lancashire and Lizard Fancy, and one who has never forgotten his Lancashire and Lizard friends of the old days. I think he is always willing to do the Fancy a good turn when in need. The lecture to be given in the Rochdale Ornithological Club Room, York Place, on some Sunday afternoon—there are plenty of fanciers who, through business, could not go unless it was on a Sunday. The four societies to ask all their members and friends interested in the Fancy to come to the lecture; each society to share the expense. Every fancier should have his chance to express his views, after Mr. Barker Clegg, if he so wishes. Can this not be arranged at an early date? I hope so for the sake of the young fanciers. I wish Mr. Swalwell a pleasant journey and every success on his holiday to America. Alec Donnelly.

Sir,—In Cage Birds issue of April 1st, Mr. Fuller says he does not know me, only having seen me or been in my company four times. You must have been a bad attender to the L. and L.F.A. meetings, also to the shows round your own district, Mr. F., or you would have seen me oftener. I am pleased to see that the fanciers of Rochdale are "good fellows." Mr. Fuller refers to my saying that Mr. House makes few mistakes. If it is so, then he (Mr. F.) does not know anything about Lancashires or Lizards. Well, it is so. As to some people grumbling, you will always find them at a show. There are always bad losers with the birds—you never hear those that win grumble over bad judging. You say you have been amongst the Lizards for thirty-three years. Well, there are some fanciers who could learn more in three months than others could learn in 43 years. I say again, some ten years ago the Lancashire fanciers were asking for Mr. House to judge the Lancashires, or the birds would be "all Crests." You say they never put Crests into the Rough Mongrels that were being shown then. Rip Van Winkle slept for thirty-three years; have you done the same? You say Mr. House has not tried his best to keep the Lancashires up to the standard every time he has judged. I say he was. Re Mr. Vickers' old Plainhead, it seems there is at least one bird to please you. But it is not the only one, or it would have won at the Good Intent Show! You seem to think it the only pure Lancashire living, but it could not win under a Lancashire judge, who has bred more winners than either you or the owner of the old Plainhead. You say you want advice neither from me nor Mr. Hardy, nor anyone else. You say you cannot breed a Lancashire from a Crest; well, you can breed a winner sooner from a Crest than you can from an overgrown Yorkshire. You have been breeding thirty-three years. Have you bred three winners in all that time in Lancashires? I said a good big Lancashire, with a "fat head," in my opinion, will always beat a flat-headed one equal in all other points. You say you have been going to a Lancashire fancier for 25 years and you have never seen a "fat-headed" one in his room yet. That will never alter my opinion. You say you like to give every man a chance, and you will give all judges a chance whom you have confidence in. I do not think it would trouble a judge much as to whether he had your confidence or not. You say you are sick of complaining over bad judging. Don't you think you have sickened others as well as yourself? No one except you seems to know what a Lancashire or a Lizard is, or how to judge them. Perhaps you are the "leader" that you said Mr. House was asking for? If fanciers follow you they will be led astray. You say your friends had a good laugh when I said a good heavy-feathered Lancashire would always beat an over-grown Yorkshire. The shoe must have been on the right foot for them. You say you don't want stock birds, or Yorkshires, or Crests. I think you would not refuse a good winner if it was bred from a Yorkshire or a Crest or anything else. If it showed Lancashire properties, I think you would breed from it and run the risk of spoiling your "pure strain," and show it to the best of your advantage, and if it was your luck to win with it you would not tell the novice it was a "mongrel." I would like to know how I and my few friends from Rochdale tried to break the old club up? I think you are still dreaming, Mr. Fuller. I notice you refer to Mr Dewsnap's "days gone by." It is not long since the Crystal Palace Show, and I think I saw the name of Dewsnap amongst the first prize winners.

Alex Donnelly.

To Save the Crystal Palace.

Now or Never.

Sir,—The public does not yet realise that the Crystal Palace is in most serious and imminent danger of total extinction.

The judge has ordered the receiver to sell it!

A housing and town planning scheme for its beautiful grounds—to be prepared at the public expense—is on the agenda of the London County Council (dated March 16th, 1911). Do the people realise that thus they are invited to pay a large sum to help to cover the grounds with houses and streets? Unless the King Edward National Memorial is supported, there is little doubt that the Palace will be closed to the public within six months from this date. And that means for ever. Shall the Palace be saved to the Nation and Empire? It is a case of now or never.

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In the Courts.

A Cruel Scarecrow.

A farmer, Thomas Lamb, of Thingwall, was summoned at Neston (Cheshire) on March 31st for cruelty to a Rook. An inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said he found a live Rook tied to a stake to scare birds away. The bird had a broken wing, and the defendant afterwards destroyed it. The device, instead of scaring birds, would attract them.—The defendant pleaded that he acted innocently. He heard that such things were done 25 years ago. He found hundreds of Crows on the farm, and last year he lost two acres of turnips through the birds.—The Bench found that the defendant had acted unintentionally, but fined him 5s. and costs.

A Woolwich Dealer Fined.

William Owen, of Church Street, Woolwich, was charged on remand at Woolwich Police Court on March 27th with assaulting Sub-Divisional Inspector Williams, at Beresford Square, Woolwich, and further with causing unnecessary suffering to four Linnets, and having in his possession 48 Linnets, 2 Larks, 2 Chaffinches, 1 Jay, and 2 Thrushes, recently taken. Mr. F. H. Braund was for the defence.

Sub-Divisional Inspector Williams and a constable were recalled at Mr. Braund's request. Their evidence was to the effect that the prisoner was selling birds in Beresford Square, and that in displaying the birds to the public he was guilty of unnecessary cruelty. Mr. Braund put it to Inspector Williams that all the prisoner did was to display the feathers of the bird to the best advantage; but the Inspector declared that the prisoner submitted the birds to unnecessary suffering.

The defendant, on oath, stated that he had had a bird stall for over thirty years, and had never had a complaint before against his method of displaying the birds' feathers.—Mary Morris (Plumstead) stated that she saw the prisoner selling birds on the date of his arrest. She saw the inspector speak to the prisoner, and she saw the inspector take hold of the prisoner by the coat and pull him about, but she did not see the prisoner assault the inspector.—Similar evidence was given by William Knight (Plumstead) and John Skiggs (Woolwich).

Mr. Hutton dismissed the summons relating to the possession of the recently-taken birds; but with regard to the cruelty to the birds he ordered a fine of 10s. or seven days, and with regard to the assault a fine of 20s. or seven days.—"Woolwich Gazette."

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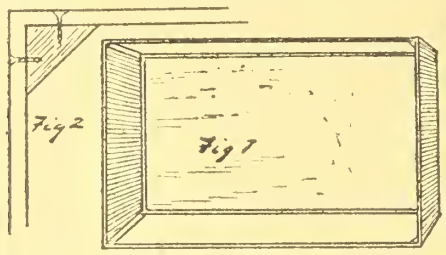
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No. 496.
A Cage From a Tea-chest.
Sent by Mr. W. Paull, 70, Milford Street, Cardiff.

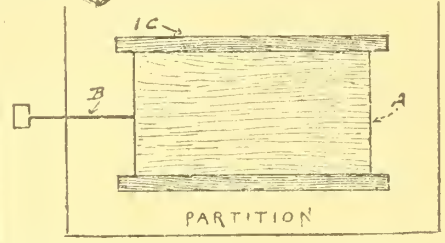
Three-ply wood is good stuff for cages, but is very difficult to secure at the joints. This is a good way. Procure a tea chest, one of the sort made from hard three-ply wood, and cut out the necessary pieces to size with a tenon saw. Plane the edges, and place the whole frame together in position. Then pass some thick twine a few times round the outside, pulling it tight so that it holds the frame in



place. Now plane up some lengths of wood ¼in. or 1in. square, saw them across corners lengthwise, plane the saw marks out, and glue them in the corners, leaving them all night to set. Then drop the frame on to the back piece and glue the angle pieces all round, fitting them nicely up against the other similar pieces. Procure some fine ½in. wood screws, bore holes, and screw all corners to the angle pieces as shown in Fig. 2. Paint or varnish the cage to taste. Fig. 1 gives a view of such a cage, which wears well.—W. Paull.

No. 497.
Sliding Door for Breeding Cage.
Sent by Mr. C. P. Hamond, 8, Queen's Terrace, Otley, York.

Here is an idea which may be of use to your readers. The sketch shows the partition door of the partition of the breeding cages I use, together with the easily-made handle I use. "A" is the sliding door; "B" is a piece of



cage wire, bent to shape, and fastened to the side of the door; and "C" shows the grooved wood (supports) along which the door slides. I trust the sketch will be clear to your readers. It will, I may add, be better if the wire handle is 2in. longer, so as to stick out 2in. from the front of the cage; then one can slide the door along without opening the proper cage door.—C. P. Hamond.

Wild Bird-Life.

An Early Migrant.

The past month has not been one of the kindest on record. The rain and snow and cold north-east wind have made country rambles anything but pleasant, but occasionally in between the storms we have had a little sunshine that has caused the Skylarks, Blackbirds and Thrushes to make the fields and woodlands ring with their music. From a Nature-lover's point of view we are now approaching the most interesting month of the year. The woods and hedgerows will soon be showing some trace of the lovely greenery of the coming summer; wild flowers will brighten the copses and fields; most of our resident birds will be busy nesting, and the influx of bird life from foreign lands will in a week or two be at its highest. It is difficult to say which of the migrants is really the first to appear, because let one watch over so closely, he may not detect or have the good fortune to see the first actual arrival—all he can do is to record the first he observes. The Ring Ouzel is possibly the earliest arrival to be noted in the West and North. By the middle of March he has usually returned to his upland home on some Yorkshire or Derbyshire dale. As he is restricted to the rough country of the North and West, he is an unknown bird to many dwellers in the Southern counties, who only occasionally get a glimpse of him, while he is on migration. White, of Selborne, noticed the Ring Ouzel in Hants; the earliest date for its arrival there being the last day of March; instances have been recorded of its breeding in the county, but as a rule Somerset, Devon and Cornwall are its only Southern haunts. The Ring Ouzel bears a close resemblance to the familiar Blackbird, although upon closer inspection its plumage is more or less mottled or laced, and it has also a white crescent, from which it derives its name. In its migration, Dixon says, "It arrives in flocks of varying sizes, but these soon disperse over the surrounding country in pairs, and nest-building commences almost directly afterwards. The nest is very similar to that of the Blackbird, and is made on precisely the same plan. First a deep nest of dry grass and a few dead leaves is formed, often strengthened by some twigs; this is then well lined with a thick coating of mud; and finally a second lining of dry grass is added, the whole forming a very strong compact structure. Although migrating in flocks, the Ring Ouzel is neither gregarious nor sociable during the breeding season, but several pairs may be found within a small area, each keeping exclusively to themselves.

The Busy Robin.

Our familiar Redbreast is a busy bird during the breeding season, and will generally rear a couple of broods, which require considerable attention, as they have particularly healthy appetites. A very early brood may sometimes be found in March, and a late one as late as July. The domestic cat, weasels, and stoats are his chief enemies, and during the season hundreds of young birds are destroyed by them.

Marsh Birds that Mimic.

The Reed and the Sedge Warbler are two of Nature's born mimics. The former will introduce into its song notes from the common birds, but good mimic as it is, it is far surpassed by the Sedge bird, which for variety excels almost any bird we have. Even the Nightingale is not spared by this little performer, and some of its notes are wonderfully clear and rich, and quite startling to the listener.

A Little-known Songster.

Few people have heard the Woodlark singing in the open, but those who have consider it to rank almost next to the Nightingale as a songster. Its song is not so loud, nor has it the variety of the Skylark, but it is far sweeter and much more mellow. Yarrell says that "its soothing notes never sound more sweetly than while the performer is mounting in the air by wide circles, or, having attained the summit of its lofty flight, is hanging almost stationary overhead."

THE R.S.P.C.A. FOILED.

A Commonsense Decision as to What Constitutes a Recently taken Bird.

Sir,—Lovers of cage birds and bird fanciers generally will be glad and also relieved to hear that the proceedings taken by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals against Mr. Bennett have now been finally dismissed by the Divisional Court. If the Society's contentions had prevailed, no one could with safety have kept a Goldfinch, or any other pet bird coming within the statutory definition of a wild bird, in London. Nobody would venture to assert that this was the result intended by the legislature in passing the various Acts for the protection of wild birds, and it is regrettable that the Society should have employed its authority and funds in contending for such a construction of the law.

The case shows the great importance of carefully watching the proceedings taken by the Society, and of strenuously resisting any action which is against the obvious intention of the law as in Mr. Bennett's case.

We think that the bird trade generally owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Bennett for having so strongly contested the case, which has involved him in considerable expense in excess of the costs which will be payable by the Society.

In conclusion, we would draw attention to the opinion expressed by Mr. Justice Bray in giving judgment, to the effect that he would be very slow to find that any bird that had been caught for 14 days was "recently taken." This expression of opinion appears to us to be a very valuable one for use in future cases.

Ody and Wilmot.

REPORT OF THE APPEAL CASE.

On the 30th March the Divisional Court gave a decision of great importance to bird dealers and fanciers in the proceedings taken by the R.S.P.C.A. against Mr. S. Bennett. The proceedings commenced in November last by a summons issued in the Lambeth Police Court against Mr. Bennett, under which he was charged with having in his possession in the County of London certain wild birds, viz., Goldfinches, recently taken, contrary to the provisions of the Wild Birds Protection Acts.

From the evidence given, it appeared that the birds were caught at Thetford about September 3rd, and were sent to Mr. Bennett in London, on October 20th, so that they had been caught nearly seven weeks when they came into his possession. The Society's representatives nevertheless maintained that the birds were "recently taken" within the meaning of the above-mentioned Acts, when Mr. Bennett received them, and they contended that a wild bird, if caught at any time within the previous six months, was "recently taken."

This contention went far beyond any construction which had hitherto been placed on the words of the Act, and it was obvious that if the Society succeeded in obtaining a decision confirming their view, it would become practically impossible to deal in any birds coming within the description of a "wild bird," as no buyer could possibly feel assured that a bird had been caught more than six months before. When it is considered that the list of wild birds affected by the Acts includes such common birds as Goldfinches, Linnets, Thrushes and Blackbirds, it will be seen that if the view of the Society were upheld, bird-keeping and bird-fancying and the trades depending thereon (such as cage-making and wire-working, bird seed and food dealing, etc.), would have to cease.

The Magistrate, however, decided against the Society, and refused to state a case for the opinion of the Divisional Court, holding that the birds were clearly not "recently taken." The Society therefore applied to the Divisional Court for a mandamus to compel the magistrate to state a case, and the application came on for hearing on March 30th, before a Court consisting of the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Alverstone), Mr. Justice Ridley, and Mr. Justice Bray. The Society were represented by Mr. Bevan (instructed by Mr. Pelhill), and Mr. Daldy appeared for Mr. Bennett (instructed by Messrs. Ody and Wilmot). The magistrate was not represented by counsel, but had filed an affidavit setting forth the grounds of his decision.

Strictly speaking, the only question before the Divisional Court was whether the magistrate was right in refusing to state a case for appeal, but as the magistrate's affidavit and the other evidence before the Court set forth all the facts which would have been given, if a case for appeal had been stated, the Court decided to deal with the matter, as if such a case were in fact stated, so as to give a final judgment on the magistrate's decision.

Counsel for Mr. Bennett supported the magistrate's decision, and contended that, inasmuch as the Act had originally fixed the 1st of March as the commencement of the period within which it should not be lawful to shoot, etc., a wild bird, and had also fixed the 15th of March as the date after which no one could lawfully have a wild bird in his possession, it was to be inferred that a period of fourteen days was in the mind of the legislature in subsequently using the words "recently taken," and that a bird which had been caught for more than fourteen days was therefore not "recently taken" within the meaning of the Act. Counsel for the Society urged, on the other hand, that the proper period was six months, and in any event longer than seven weeks.

In giving judgment, the Lord Chief Justice stated that he entirely agreed with the magistrate in thinking that he was not bound in law to find as a fact that the birds in this case were recently taken. It seemed to him quite impossible to endeavour to construe the Act as to this particular offence in any other than its natural meaning, and it was to be remembered that when the Act was passed it said that any who exposed for sale or had in his control wild birds recently taken was liable to a fine, and that Act stood with those six months picked out, it was quite clear that the legislature was not dealing with any lengthened period when it defined the offence. He agreed with Mr. Daldy that the words of the Act pointed to the word "recent" being used in its ordinary sense, that is to say, "not long taken," "which have only recently been in captivity," "not long killed," "which have only recently been killed," for the purpose of construing that part of the Act which prohibited the possession of recently killed birds after the close time. The period of six months was the whole of the close time originally fixed by the Act, and he had heard no argument to induce him to think that the Act, in using the word "recently" had in view the whole period of the close time as suggested by Mr. Bevan.

The learned Judge distinguished this case from that in Green v. Castang, as in the latter case the birds were in the man's possession on May 4th, and he was summoned for having them in his possession on May 24th, and the magistrate in that case thought as Castang had had the birds 21 days, he could not be convicted of having birds "recently taken"; and what was pointed out by the Divisional Court in that case was that having possession of birds for 21 days did not prove that the birds had not been in the man's possession "recently taken," and that the magistrate ought to consider if they were recently taken when he got them.

In the present case the summons was for having had in his possession on the 22nd October birds caught as early as the 2nd September. The magistrate thought they were not recently taken, and he so found as a matter of fact, and it was quite impossible for the Court to say, as a matter of law, that he ought to have come to another conclusion. The Lord Chief Justice thought therefore that this rule must be discharged.

Mr. Justice Ridley concurred, and Mr. Justice Bray also agreed, and remarked further that he should be very slow to find that any bird which had been taken for fourteen days was "recently" taken.

The rule was accordingly discharged with costs.

[We tender our thanks to Messrs. Ody and Wilmot for their courtesy in supplying us with this report of the proceedings.—Editor.]

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Some Diseases of Birds,

And How to Recognise and Treat Them.

G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

the appearance of the discharge there is usually a little feverishness, and the bird seems mopy and dull. Later the discharge loses its thin watery character and becomes thicker, tending to obstruct the breathing. During this time the bird continues to feed, and with suitable treatment the trouble will soon disappear.

Occasionally, however, the catarrh assumes a chronic form, and in this case the discharge is often confined to one side of the head only, and generally arises from disease limited to that one side. In the acute form there is little interference with health when the discharge becomes apparent, and it is seldom that death occurs from this cause; when it does it is generally due to the extension of the inflammation to the bronchial tubes and lungs. Exposure to draughts and moist conditions of the air are the principal causes.

Treatment should be early attempted by supplying warmth and by liberal feeding, with the addition of a little green-food, together with the administration of the following medicine:—Tincture Camphoræ Co., 3 drops; Sweet spirits of nitre, 3 drops; Glycerine, 5 drops. Give in the drinking water (four tablespoonfuls) fresh night and morning until the symptoms disappear. In cases that are of a chronic nature, attempt at treatment is useless, and it does not materially interfere with the health of the bird.

LARYNGITIS.

This is a localised trouble, an inflammation of the larynx, popularly known as the "voice box," though this is not the case in birds, for in them the vocal cords are situated in the syrinx which is a modification of the windpipe, situated at the point where the windpipe divides to form the two bronchi, and varying very much in its complexity. Birds subjected to draughts, cold air, etc., are the principal sufferers, particularly where the subject is delicate and predisposed.

The symptoms depend upon the degree of the affection. In mild attacks there will be scarcely any noticeable change, but at other times the symptoms become alarming, owing to the fact that the mucous membrane of the larynx becomes swollen so that the opening into the windpipe is considerably narrowed, interfering with the proper intake of air, and the bird is seen to breathe heavily, a mucous discharge appearing at the beak; and there is noticed a difficulty in swallowing. A bird so affected should be allowed plenty of air space, avoiding draughts, whilst four drops of glyco-Heroin, obtainable from any chemist, should be given in the drinking water (four tablespoonfuls) fresh twice daily until recovery occurs.

BRONCHITIS.

Bronchitis is a very common ailment in birds, and is more often encountered where birds are kept in insanitary surroundings, which, with overcrowding and bad ventilation, inhalation of dust (irritants), and adverse changes in the weather, all tend to produce this disease. Although in itself not often fatal, yet the disease has a tendency to extend and invade the smaller bronchial tubes and the lungs themselves, producing broncho-pneumonia which is in all cases fatal. But with early recognition and suitable treatment this should be avoided.

Singularly enough, there is not much interference with appetite, the bird feeding. But in the intervals between "meals" it assumes a listless attitude. In the larger species there will be observed a slight noise of a wheezy character; this is not always perceptible in the smaller birds, but in most there is gaping. Provided the disease does not extend, then recovery occurs fairly rapidly, and there is no recurrence.

The bird should be placed in a well ventilated room, at the same time ensuring warmth. No alteration in the diet is necessary, but a little green food, if procurable, will materially assist in recovery. Give a course of the following medicine:—Carbonate of Ammonia, 3 grains; Tinct. of Squills, 3 drops; Glycerine, 5 drops; twice daily in drinking water. This, of course, is for one dose. Enough can be dispensed by any chemist to last one for a

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Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD & DIS. C.B.S

Meeting held at Mr. A. Deakin's, March 28th. We had the pleasure of a good turn-up of members. Mr. H. Cartwright gave his promised washing exhibition, which he did in grand style. Several questions were asked and answered concerning different methods and tools for same.—H. S. Waters, Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held April 1st, headquarters, Mr. G. Borkas in chair. Fair attendance of members. Decided to engage Mr. J. Snell to judge F.F. show June 24th, and Mr. F. Marwood the British Birds, etc., at our open show on December 28th, and that we ask for the patronage of the B.B.M. and F.B.C. and the N.Y.C.C.—J. Lindsay, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held April 3. Decided to engage Mr. F. Bate to judge young bird show June 22nd. Following classification adopted for same: Four Nor., four Yorks., one A.O.V. Can., one Mule or Hyb., one old ditto, and four British. Entrance fee fixed at 7d. per cage, prize money on 6d. sliding scale. Six nice specials promised, and no doubt more will be forthcoming. The petition of the N.B.B. and M.C. to the Secretary of State, was signed by all present, who expressed their sympathy with the project. We also had the pleasure of electing the following new members: Messrs. E. Leadbeater (Fenton), J. Barratt (Newcastle), and C. Forester (Porthill). At next meeting we are to discuss the advisability of holding an open show; so it is very important all members should be present.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting March 27, at headquarters, 60, Paddington Street, W., with Mr. W. Shepherd in the chair. Letters were read from Messrs. A. W. Curtis (explaining his absence through an attack of influenza), C. Brinkworth (conveying the sad news of the death of his son and daughter within a few days of each other from pneumonia), H. Churchard (resigning through giving up the Fancy), J. W. Ramsden, and the secretary of the New York Breeders of Fancy Canaries and Song Birds (asking for information as to the running of a society). Messrs. J. Lethbridge, A. J. Durrant, and S. Palmer were elected to, and Mr. C. Sadler (Chingford) was nominated for, membership. Expressions of sympathy were directed to be conveyed to Mr. Brinkworth and Mr. Curtis. It was unanimously carried that the secretary be instructed to dispatch a medal to the New York Society. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. L. M. Thynne for the gift of a handsome silver-plated and cut-glass breakfast cruet for the novice Norwich and Border Fancy section at the young bird and annual shows. The report of the Council meeting of the London Federation by the delegate (Mr. W. Sanders) was adopted. The balance sheet of the pair show (duly audited), showing a loss of £2 11s. 4d., was read and confirmed. The sale's list containing five entries were notified to the members. Mr. J. Robson then delivered a lecture entitled "Thoughts and Observations in my Breeding Room." At the close questions were asked by Messrs. Pooley, Chard, Copeland, Mrs. Thynne, Miss Jolliffe, Harper, Sauders, Lathlieff, Sayer, Lloyd, Martin, Shepherd, and Wynn. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Robson. V. Wynn, Hon. Sec.

SHIREMOOR & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 27, Blue Bell Inn, Mr. Henderson in chair. There was a good turn up of members. Decided to hold first show December 16, Mr. T. Dixon (Bedlington Station) to judge. We also arranged to have 18 classes, 5 of which are allotted to novices, who have not won a first prize before. Next meeting April 10, 7.30 p.m., when new members can be enrolled.—Geo. R. Henderson, Sec.

The Shows.

NORTHERN B.B., M. AND F.B.C.

Table show held after the annual general meeting on March 22nd.

LINNET: 1, 2, Geo. Taylor; 3, Allinson. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 2, T. Robson; 3, Geo. Taylor. PAIRS (for Mule or Hybrid breeding): 1, Petterson; 2, T. Robson. FOR.: 1, McKenzie; 2, Scott; 3, Petterson. Mr. J. R. Slack judged and gave every satisfaction. Geo. Taylor, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND CLUB.

Meeting held Rooms, 71, London-street. Mr. J. Brown (president) occupied chair. There was a fine turn-out of members. Decided to hold F.F. show 1st July, and annual members' show 9th December, in Crown Halls, Sauchiehall-street. The petition re protection of bird-keepers in London and district was put before the members, who gave it their full support by signing it. Following gentlemen elected to membership: Messrs. D. Hannah, W. Brown, G. Skinner, J. Campbell, Twamley, J. Kidd, and J. Napier Walker. Mr. A. Muir was unanimously appointed to judge, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

LINNET: 1, 4, Erskine; 2, Chalmers; 3, Craig; 5, Watson. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 4, Chalmers; 2, Erskine; 3, 5, Taylor; 6, Donaghy. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Chalmers; 2, Craig; 3, Watson. BULLFINCH, HEN: 1, 4, Watson; 2, Craig; 3, Donaghy; 5, Bowman; 6, Erskine. A.O.S. BRIT. HEN: 1, Erskine. Table show for April. Classes: Brit. Goldfinch, For. Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin. New members cordially invited to join.—F. Taylor, Sec.

The quarterly statement of accounts of the City and Suburban A.C.B., submitted by the hon. secretary, Mr. Wynn, shows the highly satisfactory cash balance of £21 11s. 1d.

Mr. J. Hayes (fanciers' outfitter, of 170, Wellsley Street, Blackburn) has issued a new price list of the goods retailed by him, which cage bird fanciers would do well to write for. Seed mills, scives, baths, drinkers, seed boxes (glass fronted), and pottery of all sorts are a few of the things supplied by Mr. Hayes, who may be relied upon for good quality and straightforward dealing.

Singing Contests.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, Lawrence-street, when 16 birds competed; some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st, G. Emmerson; 2nd, N. Oldroyd; 3rd, W. Weaver; 4, T. Taylor. Judge, Mr. C. Jackson; timekeeper, Mr. F. Littlewood. J. W. Smith, Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Open Linnet match for time singing only, at Wellington Hotel, April 1st. Some good birds were there, and some very good singing heard before a good company. 1st, J. Peet; 2nd, T. Woodward; 3 J. Woodward—divided 2nd and 3rd prizes. Timekeepers, Messrs. J. Mawdsley, R. Macfarlane, and E. Peet. Open contest for time and quality at Weavers' Arms, April 22nd. Special meeting of members April 8th; business important. A. Parker, Sec.

ERITH.

Open race held on April 2, when three pairs were hung (10 minutes' singing). 1, G. Roper, 4 score 13; 2, D. Wilders, 3 score 13; 3, G. Roper, 3 score 4; 4, T. Ellard, 2 score 5. Open race will be held April 9, when Mr. D. Jones is giving a special prize for highest score in members.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

Royal Alfred B.C. open race held Mar. 25, when 6 pairs were hung (10 minutes' singing): 1, G. Roper, 4 score 7; 2, T. Barrett, 4 score 0; 3, D. Wilders, 3 score 3; 4, F. Pope, 3 score 0; 5, J. Baker, 2 score 19. Mr. H. Griffin was elected to membership. Mr. G. Roper is Owner of Mr. Jones' special.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

Boldon Colliery and Dis. Linnet S.C. fortnightly singing took place Black Horse Inn, West Boldon, April 1, when 33 birds faced the judge, Mr. S. Wilson. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Hall. Result: 1, 2, 3, J. Cain. Special meeting, April 8, 7 p.m., Workmen's Institute Committee room. To consider having an open contest; if we decide to, we will advertise it in Friday's "Newcastle Daily Chronicle." Members and intending members of the district cordially invited. S. Wilson.

GREAT HOUGHTON.

A Linnet club has been formed at Great Houghton. Linnet time singing contest held Old Hall Inn, April 2, when a really good contest was witnessed, open to all England. 1, B. Midgley, 77 sec.; 2, 3, J. Halpin and G. Howell, 69 and 67 sec. This is the first contest we have had, as we have only just formed the club. We hope to have some really good contests in the future. Our next contest will be held April 16, when a friend will give a special prize. Time singing open to all England. Mr. Harry Allen will judge, and we hope all bird fanciers will pay us a visit. Full particulars can be had by applying to me.—Jas. Halpins, Sec., Vaughan Terrace, Gt. Houghton, near Barnsley.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, April 2, when some very good singing was heard. 1, 3, Chippendale; 2, Soloman. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and A. Jennings.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. weekly contest held at headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook-street: 16 good birds were entered. 1st prize (cruet), "Dark 'Un"; 2nd (jam dish), Broadbent; 3rd (photo frame), Nortou. Judge, Mr. F. Allen; timekeeper, Mr. Thundercliffe. Mr. Broadbent gave his prize back, to be given as a special in the Easter contest.—Fred. Allen, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing held Traveller's Rest, Gilesgate Moor, April 1st, when 30 birds entered, and some good singing was heard. Results: 1st, 2nd, Wilson and Adams; 3rd, Showler; 4, Bailes. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon); timekeeper, Mr. J. Walton. Next contest held April 8th, at "Quebec," Durham; £2 given; judge, Mr. Geo. Reed.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Newmarket Hotel, Sheafe Street, April 2, when 26 birds were entered for 3 prizes. 1, Worrall, 65 sec.; 2, Bisby, 61; 3, Horace, 44; 4, Spotty, 43; 5, Small, 40. Contests every week-end.—J. P. Warrall.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, April 1, when 22 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes time singing). 1, Bisby, 69 sec.; 2, Worrall, 68 sec.; 3, Shimwell, 66 sec.; Driver, 55 sec.; Bisby, 55 sec.; Thompson, 54 sec. On April 2, when 16 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes time singing): 1, 2, Thompson, 86 sec., 74 sec.; Wadd, 73 sec.; Watson, 62 sec.; Watson, 54 sec.; Robinson, 51 sec.; Wadd, 50 sec. Contest every week-end.—A. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Open Linnet quality singing contest held Spring Hill Tavern, Buslingthorpe-lane, April 1st. 22 birds competed. Result: 1, C. Ward; 2, A. Hutchinson; 3, W. Lunn. Judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. Next contest April 8th; first pair hung 3.15 p.m. On Easter Monday, open contest; Mr. Fielding will give 10s. to the entrance money (6d.); first pair hung 3.30 p.m. Skinners' Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe-lane. Usual quality singing contest held April 2nd; 26 birds competed, this being a record. Result: 1, A. Hutchinson; 2, C. Ward; 3, S. Peas; 4, A. Butler. Judges, Messrs. J. Green and T. Summers.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon-street, April 1st, when 20 birds entered. 1, A. Varley; 2, T. Stead; 3 and 4, shared by H. Hayes and H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia J. Naylor, and W. Naylor. Also April 2nd, when 24 birds sang to a packed room. After very good singing the winners were: 1, J. Bland; 2, T. Stead; 3, W. Simmons; 4, C. Prince. Judges, Messrs. P. Hoban, T. Johnson, W. Naylor. —W. Simmons.

Leeds Central Linnet and C.C. second weekly contest held Plasterers' Arms, April 2nd, and was a decided success, as we had a very good sing from 12 birds. Being all novices we had a time-singing match. One member said his bird was a rape young one, as it only ate rape seed. Anyhow, there was very good time done, the winner being Mr. Bob Smith (Kirkstall), whose bird sang 76sec.; 2nd, J. Yeadon; 3, B. Hargreaves; timekeepers, Messrs. A. Kendall and J. Hargreaves. We had a successful meeting April 2nd, when we enrolled four new members; also formed rules to the satisfaction of all members.—Joe Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual Linnet contest held Rock Inn, on Mar. 26, when 26 birds were hung. Mr. Kirk scored 4, first; Mr. B. Nelson, 38, 2nd; and Mr. Dobson, 37, for 3rd. Usual sing held Rock Inn April 2, when 33 birds were hung. Mr. Kirk 66, Mr. Piper 55, Mr. B. Nelson 46.—R. Taylor, Sec.

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W. RUDD, THE Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

WANTED—continued.

WANTED good Norwich hen, exchange good pair cricket boots, white leather, 6's, cost 10/11 last season: S. Else, Trowell, Nottinghamshire.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange breeding cages, breeding cage pets, loose fronts; approval: Jones, Carpenter, Back 1, Grosvenor-st., Birmingham.

TWO cocks or 1 cock and 2 hens, Yorkshires or Norwich, Canaries, exchange gent's boots, any size, good value, 17/6: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED one really good pair Crests or Yorkshires in exchange for Encyclopædia Britanniea, 26 vols., 6th edition: Cann, Monksbridge, Brixham.

WANTED buff variegated Norwich hen for hand reared cock Yellowhammer; mutual approval; Norwich first: Hardie, 129, Lintburn-st., Galashiels.

WANTED, pair winning yellow Yorkshires; exchange pair winning Black Magpie Pigeons, 1910, sell 30/-: Walker, 81, St. John's, Tunbridge Wells.

WANTED, Canaries, Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, British or foreign birds, cheap for cash, or exchange cages: Hogg, Cage Maker, Middlesbrough.

WANTED, any quantity large bitches, heavy in whelp, best price paid for large ones; write us and get satisfaction: Homer Bros., Netherton, Worcestershire.

WANTED winning cock exhibition Linnet, exchange exhibition Canary Greenfinch Mule and Linnet Mule, cocks, full song, sell 30/-: Cadman, 45, Princes-rd., Brighton.

WANTED, Budgerigar hen and pair of Zebra Finches, exchange Paradise Whydah, cock, out of colour, and cash: Hatton, 14, Elizabeth-street, Atherton.

WANTED book of British birds, eggs, nests, bull terrier dog pup; exchange Crystal Palace Aviary, cock Goldfinch Mules: Atkinson, Market-place, Guisborough.

WANTED, Clear, Yellow or Buff Norwich cock, will give Crest-bred cock, bargain, 40/-; mutual approval: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

OFFERS; 24/- to 36/- dozen for hens; 6/- to 20/- dozen for pigeons; 12/- to 18/- dozen for Bantams: Maynard, Poultry Salesman, Bethnal Green. Telephone 2528 Wall.

WANTED Roller singing cabinet to hold sixteen cages, exchange good fly-fishing tackle, or sell 15/-; bargain; approval both ways: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston.

NOTICE, I will exchange exhibition Goldfinches, Linnets, Twites, Greenfinches, Larks, for Canaries; approval both ways: Hollinshead, Cheshiro Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

WANTED poultry or appliances for buff Yorkshire, 15/-; two unrelated yellow hens, 8/6 each; lot 30/-; deposit: Humphrey, The Blenheims, Ramsden Bellhouse, Billericay, Essex.

WANTED offers in Norwich and Yorkshires for a good unflighted cock Goldfineh-Bullfinch Hybrid, my own rearing; approval: S. Grant, 58, West-st., Grimsby,. Banbury, Oxon.

WANTED, large Norwich Canaries, cocks or hens; exchange with any of my winning large Old English Games, or bantams; approval: John Gainford, Calder Bridge, Cumberland.

BIRDS wanted, exchange gent's serge suits, 36, 38, 40, 42in. breast, or sell 25/- each; gents' overcoats or raincoats, same sizes, 25/-, also better qualities: Wressell, Crowle, Doncaster.

WANTED pair matched cinnamon Borders or offers, exchange pair lady's roller skates, Phillipp's, cost 25/-, only used once, rubbish not offered or wanted: 7, Victoria-ter., Whitley Bay.

WANTED postcard camera or ½-plate camera for good tone Lachernal concertina, 30-key, in case; anything useful; approval; yours first: J. Warburton, 14, Bartle-st., Burnley.

WANTED, offers good crested or cinnamons; exchange ½-plate camera, stand, bag, dishes, etc., good working order, sell 30/-; approval; yours first: Irons, 39, Church-st., St. Albans, Herts.

WANTED singing cock Canaries, new lace curtains, blankets, anything useful, cheap for cash, or exchange new aviaries or cages; send for list: Martin, Cage Manufacturer, Castle Douglas.

WANT to sell pair Crests, 15/-; pair Plainheads, 20/-; pair Cinnamons, 12/6; Crested hen, 10/6; buff P.H. hen, 7/6; these are good birds; breeding cages cheap: Hart, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft.

WANTED, Glucke, Seifert Roller, or English lever watch, give two 1910 cocks, 1 Crested, 1 Crest bred (Joyce's strain), value 21/-, genuine: mutual approval: Cowpar, 3, Thorter Row, Dundee.

WANTED a typical pair of Yorkshire Canaries, in exchange for a good ½-plate hand camera, condition as new, cost 25/-; approval both ways: Grimshaw, 455, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

WANTED good Linuct and Goldfineh, also handreared Lark, steady, real good songsters or useless, exchange Goldfinch Mule, topper, and cash; genuine: Lambert, 28, Doris-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

WANTED, three 1910 Norwich hens; exchange gent's boots, 10/6; mutual approval, hens first: Bootmaker, 10, Devonshire-rd., Chiswick.

WANTED to sell, Siskin Mule (winner fed.), 10/6; 2 H.M. Linuets (1 father of two nests, 1911), 7/6 each; Siskin cock, 3/6 Bullfinch hen, Greenfinch cock, feeding, 2/6: Scribbins, Counters Weir, Exeter.

WANTED Rollers, cock and two hens, 1910, coldroom; exchange Lucas acetyliue gas lamp, cycle speedometer, roller chain, model locomotive, all brass: Reeves, 87, Chippenham Mews, Harrow-rd., London, W.

WANTED, offers in songster, or cash, for the following: three grand house-moulted cock Goldies, proved mulers, also cock Siskin, and cock Siskin Mule, with show cage (winner): W. Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, I.W.

FOWLS, cock Canaries, Mules, anything useful, for 500 fruiting raspberry canes, or 200 pansy plants, mixed, brilliant colours, flower all summer; also pair Adult Green Budgerigars, have bred; offers: Longbottom, Wisbech.

WANTED any of the following: Motor cycle, lady's or gent.'s cycle, motor and cycle accessories, or high-class split cane fly rod, exchange Crests, Norwich, or Yorkshire Canaries: C. Roberts, Stannah, Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

GRAMOPHONE, with good selection disc records (single or double-sided), must be in good condition, or records separately; exchange Norwich Canaries, same strain as my Crystal Palace winners: Geo. Harland, 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

WANTED offers for sable and white collie bitch (maiden), 16 months old, good face, semi-erect ears and tail carriage, grand guard and companion, very quiet with children, sell 25/-; approval willingly: Lench, Hurcott-rd., Kidderminster.

WANTED a Hybrid breeder to take the following genuine birds: cock Siskin (housemoulted), hen Greenfinch, cock Siskin (house-moulted), hen Goldfinch, 7/6 a pair, or nearest offer: Caretaker, Working Men's Club, Marazion, Cornwall.

WANTED shopkeepers, dealers, agents, to sell our celebrated fishing tackle, magnificent greenheart trout rods, 3/6; roach rods, 1/4; tackle every description; wholesale catalogue one stamp: Fred Kings, Manufacturer, Erdington, Birmingham.

YORKSHIRES, Norwich Canaries for cash, exchange Greenfinch Mule cock, exhibition bird, sell 12/6, or variegated yellow Crestbred, 1909, cock, 9/6; Muling Linnets, cocks, give 1/6 for hens; yours first; state lowest price: Hall, 199, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

WANTED good Pom. sable or Black preferred, pedigree; give handsome Blue-fronted Amazon, splendid talker, mimic, etc., also cage, or sell £2 10s.; mutual approval: exhibition Yellowhammer and Chaffinch also wanted: Metcalfe, 8, Village-st., Broughton, Manchester.

WANTED, hen Canaries, state prices; British wanted, cage previous to close season; will give 2/- cock Goldfinches, 8d. cock Larks, 1/6 cock Bullfinches; anything good bought, talking Parrot, toy dog, singing Mules, colour-fed, prize-bred cock Canaries, loud singing Larks, squirrels, white mice, monkeys, and foreign birds: Manchester Bird Stores, 158, London-rd, Manchester; branch, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

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SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

HAWFINCH, a big bird, 14/-, or exchange for 2 pairs of Borders; approval: Burtenshaw, Hillfield, Reigate.

LARGE hen Hawfinch and cock Mealy Redpoll for good cock Siskin to moult: Burrows, 16, Grange-rd., Southall.

WILL exchange high-class British for Goldfinch Mules, and Canaries: Harry Allen, Aviaries, Beckett-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE one cock, two hen Siskins, two Mealy Redpolls, hen Mule, for Roller cock: Nock, Overend, Cradley, Staffs.

WHAT offers in Canaries for 2 pairs Linnets, 2 cock Greenfinches, 1 house-moulted: Harding, 34, Holyrood-st., Chard.

COCK Hawfinch, exchange for a yellow Yorkshire hen, or sell 5/-; yours first: Dimmock, Market-sq., Leighton Buzzard

HOUSE-MOULTED cock and hen Bullfinches, for two good Norwich hens, or offers: Hunter, Laburnum Cottage, Carnforth.

EXCHANGE, large dark cock Goldfineh Mule, good songster, for good yellow Yorkshire cock: Youings, Bear-st., Barnstaple.

WANTED 3 Norwich hens, give good dark coloured cock Hawfinch, nice condition; approval: 8, Springrd., Abingdon, Berks.

AS not sold, accept best cash offers for genuine British breeders; see "Mules" column last week: Beeston, Ross-on-Wye.

PAIR of large Hawfinches, grand birds, 12/6, or exchange cock Canaries: Gyde, c/o Warren, 2, Wilksplace, Hoxton, London.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, full song, 2 cock Linnets, for good Yorkshire cock; yours first; offers: Burrows, Bath-st., Chard.

WILL exchange hand-reared Owl small variety, caged 2 years, for pair Norwich Canaries: F. Greenham, Hatfield, Herts.

THREE real good Hybrid pairs, finger tame, cheap, or exchange good buff Norwich cock or songsters: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

FOUR good Greenfinch cocks, cage-moulted, exchange good Jacobin hen or red porter cock; offers: Hearn, Bottisham, Cambs.

THREE cock Goldfinches, fit for show, sell 10/-; exchange pair Yorkshire Canaries, no rubbish wanted: 35, Church-st., Ledbury.

TWO cocks, 1 hen Siskins, pair Goldfinches, housemoulted cock Goldfinch; exchange hen Canaries: Dudley, 56, Occupation-st., Dudley.

TWO Linnets with cages, 2/- each; phonograph reproducer, 5/-; or exchange Canaries: Atkinson, Brierfield, Astley Bridge, Bolton, Lancs.

EXCHANGE Siskin and Redpoll cocks, housemoulted, for 2 buff Norwich hens, 1910, one marked preferred: Wade, Postman, Darlington.

SIBERIAN Goldfinch green Linnet hen, bred five Mules last year, 15/6; exchange buff Norwich hen to value: Elrick, Charlotte-st., Fraserburgh.

NOTICE.—Three grand cock Goldfinches, splendid condition, full song, 4/- each; 2 monsters, fit for bench, 5/- each; Bugg, Stonemason, Holbeach.

LIGHT cock Goldfinch Mule, or O.E. bantams, winners; exchange large Norwich muling hens; approval: Morgan, Pinfold Gate, Loughborough.

EXCHANGE twice house-moulted cock Goldie for heavily variegated cobby Norwich hen, unflighted; hen first: Farler, 1, Spring Gardens, Weymouth.

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COCKS. Chaffinch, Canary-reared, 1909, two Lesser Redpolls, 1909 and 1910, exchange cinnamon or yellow variegated hen: Andrews, Mersey-rd., Widnes.

WHAT offers for exhibition cock Greenfinch, winner, cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, singing, two bushels charlock seed: B. Viggers, Warwick-rd., Banbury.

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GOLDFINCH Mule, grand bird, sing anywhere, 9/-; wanted Linnet Mule, pure note, good Goldfinches and Linnet, exchange: Lambert, 28, Doris-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

GREENFINCH and Canary, nesting, 5/- pair; Canary-reared Linnet, Sib hen Canary, 7/6 pair; genuine; Sib cock Canary, good, 7/6; offers: Whiteley, Boston-rd., Holbeach.

COCK Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, 2/6 pair; two Lesser Redpolls, 1/- each; Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid hen, 5/-; new Parrot cage, 6/-; exchange: Winstone, 2, Soundwell-rd., Staplehill, Bristol.

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EXCHANGE 2 cock Blackbirds, 3 cock Linnets, 3 Chaffinches, for 1 cock Norwich, sell 8/-; cock Linnets, red-breasted, 1/-, exchange any of the above for cage wire and punch bars: Frank Guest, Moor-st., Quinton.

SELDOM offered, magnificent house-moulted Linnet, delightful songster, father to 15 Mules, 1910, worth 20/-, will exchange for yellow Norwich or cinnamon cock, good quality; mutual approval: Atkinson, 39, North-rd., Preston.

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Mainly Canaries.

THREE hen Canaries, two Redpolls, one flight; offers: 93, Church-st., Warrington.

WANTED, young Norwich hen, will give yellow Border cock, or sell 7/6: George Gass, Causeway-st., Moffat.

LARGE buff 1909 Norwich hen, for pair Rollers, or offers in anything, sell 10/6: Bennett, Fountain Terrace, Bacup.

EXCHANGE two buff Yorkshire hens, for good yellow Yorkshire cock; yours first: S. Vine, 19, Martha-st., Portsmouth.

CINNAMON hen, 3/-; 2 Border hens, 3/6, or exchange for Norwich cock: E. Blake, 24, Forest-rd., Cheshunt, Herts.

WILL exchange three good Norwich hens for good Britisb hardbills, to moult: Sharp, c/o Eastman's, Southwick, Sussex.

EXCHANGE good 1910 buff Norwich cock, for one good clear yellow long Yorkshire hen: Jones, 72, Bethesda, Amlwch.

HAVING paired up, I find I have a pair of Crests too many, breeding condition, £1, or exchange: Newbigging, Clothier, Duns.

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PAIR of Borders, 8/6; 2 Roller hens, 2/6 each; big foul buff Norwich hen, 7/6; or exchange anything useful: W. Thexton, Windermere.

LARGE buff (1910) Norwich hen, ditto variegated, 10/6 two, exchange pair Rollers; offers first: Denton, 40, Granville-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

EXCHANGE splendid singing cock Canary for large yellow Norwich hen; mutual approval: Pollock, 30, Marshall-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

TWO Yorkshire hens, house-moulted hen Bullfinch, for good Norwich hen or Yorkshire cock, sell 10/6: Adams, Westend, nr. Southampton.

OFFERS wanted for splendid pair of unrelated Crests, nesting, or sell, 10/6: White, Frankfort House, Desborough, Market Harborc'.

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BORDER cock, full song, 5/6; three hen Canaries, anxious nest, 6/-; several cages cheap; exchange new boots: 1, Gordon-st., Lozells, Birmingham.

WHAT offers, two pair Crests, one pair Norwich, one house-moulted cock Goldie; no dealers: Apply, Davies, 130, Caeraun-rd., Caeran, near Bridgend.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock for yellow hen, grand muling pair, sell 15/-, or exchange big buff Norwich hen: Mustchin, Weston, Shifnal, Salop.

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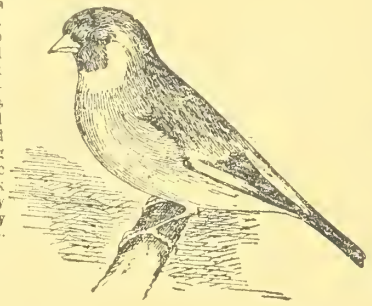
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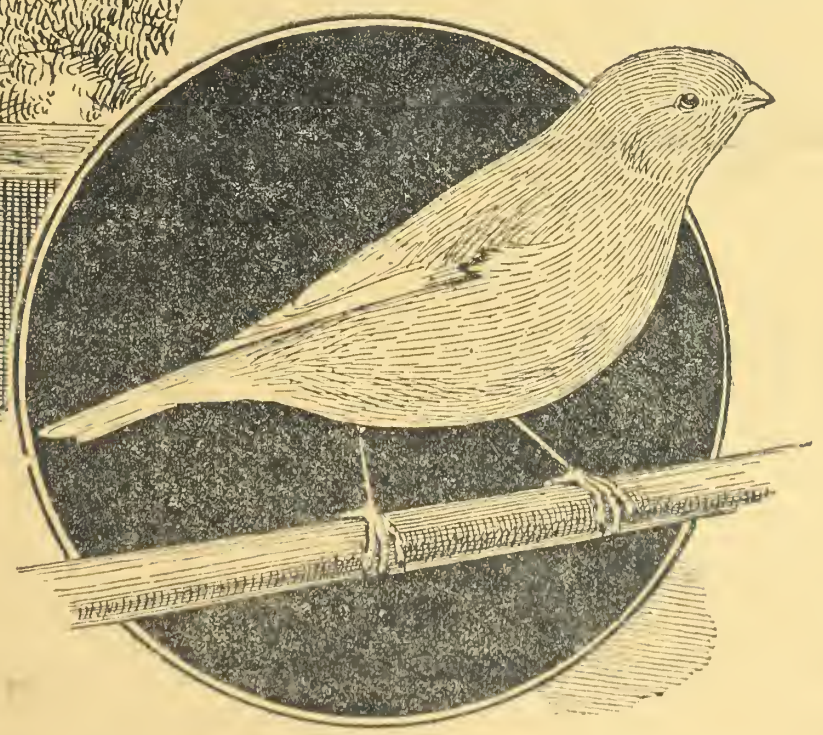
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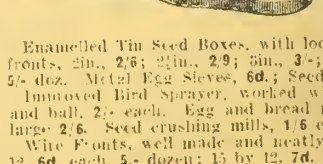
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EXHIBITORS, the following selected British Hardbills for sale: Linnets, Siskins, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, etc., including house and field-moulted winners at the Palace, Scottish National, Glasgow and Dis., Bathgate, Hawick, Bo'ness, Whitburn, Ayr, Perth, Dunfermline, also show and stock cages; first come first served, no preference given to known exhibitors; state wants; approval, cash or deposit; stamped reply for particulars; apply: R. Bald, North Bridge-st., Bathgate, Scotland.

WORTH NOTICE.

a splendid lot of Goldfinch cocks and hens. A nice, but small, lot of Siberian do. cocks; superior collection of cock or hen Bullfinches (British), several show specimens: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Softbills.

COCK and hen Starlings, 2/3; hen Fieldfare, 1/6: Wright Pen, 108, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

COCK Nuthatch, fine specimen, lovely colour, caged two months, make good show bird, 3/6: Wilbee, Rickmansworth.

A FEW selected yellow-beaked Blackbirds, 2/- each, singing daily: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

SELECTED cock Woodlarks, nicely on song, been in aviary 3 months, 7/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

COCK Larks on song, 2/6, 3/6; one very loud 5/-; approval, if not satisfied money returned: Simpson, The Aviaries, Lancashire Hill, Stockport.

GENUINE cock Blackbirds, guaranteed healthy, thoroughly tamed and singing, 3/6; your satisfaction my pleasure: Crisp, 11, Grosvenor Park-rd., Walthamstow.

NOTICE. Grand singing cocks, Skylarks, Linnets, full song, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; few 6/-, 8/-, dozen; approval, deposit; list, stamp: Brain, 288, Lichfield rd., Aston, Birmingham.

NOTICE, Cheshire Lark, in full wild song, and finger tame, 1/6; loud songsters, 2/6; sing anywhere: finest stock in England; all sent on 7 days' approval; guaranteed all cocks: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

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Miscellaneous.

GIANT Scotch cock Larks, 6/- dozen; cock Chaffinches, 5/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 2/6 dozen: Ross, Bird Stores, Forres, N.B.

TWICE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, fine Blaze, 6/-; 2 house-moulted cock Linnets, mulers, 3/6 each; 1 large clear Norwich cock, 7/6, worth double; 6 common mealing hens, 2/6 each, 14/- lot: Atkinson, 22, Anlay-rd. Hull.

HAWFINCH hens, full feather, 3/6; Nuthatch hen, 3/6; cocks, Bullfinch, house-moulted, 5/-; Yellowhammer, 3/6; Greenfinch, Chaffinch, 2/6 each, all in full song: W. Allen, The Lodge, Holmwood Park, Holmwood, Sussex.

LARGE Cinnamon marked hen Canary, 1910, 3/-; large, H.M. cock Linnet, bred mules last year, 4/-; yellow Yorkshire cock Canary 6/-; 6 large cock Linnets, caught last Oct., 2/- each, or offers: Dawson, 23, Nelston-st., Scarborough.

FOR sale, Bramblefinch cock and cage, 2/-; Chaffinch hen and cage, 1/6; cock and cage, 1/9; Lark and cage, 2/6; 5 cages, ranging from 20, 12, 9, to 11-10½, 7, prices 2/6, 2/3, 1/9, 1/6, 1/3, lot 15/-, carriage paid: Loby, 43, Torbay-rd., Charlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

GIANT Mealy Redpolls, cocks, 2/6; hens, 1/6; lesser Redpolls, cocks, 9d.; hens, 6d.; cock Twites, 1/- hens, 9d.; yellow cock Greenfinches, 1/-; cock Siskins, 3/6; hens, 1/6; cock Hawfinches, 8/6; hens, 3/6; cock Crossbills, 5/-; cock Woodlarks, 5/-; hens, 2/6: approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

LARGE garden aviary, 15ft. long, 12ft. wide, 10ft. high, roof half wood and felted and half glazed, all bolted together in sections and easily movable. Stocked with about 50 birds, including Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Hawfiuches, Bramblefinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Yellowhammers, Blue Tits, Hedge Accentors, 4 hen Canaries, Spice Birds, Waxbills, etc., all in the pink of condition and have come through the winter well, several pairs preparing to nest: only reason for selling, moving residence and giving up birds, aviary alone cost over £12 last May, and birds another £7 or £8. My price £10 the lot, great bargain, only wants seeing; apply: W. L. Rae, 4, Victoria Villas, Harold Wood, Essex.

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Real English, warranted cock Goldfiuches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3 6/-, hens 1/-; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, cock Linnets, 10d., 1/-, and 1/6, 3 2/6, 6 4/-; cock Larks, caged off, singing, 8d., 10d., 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 3 2/-, 6 3/-; cock Greenfinches, 6d., 9d., 1/-; Redpolls, 8d. and 1/-; cages for any above, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 2/-; I have shown you testimonials and proof of quality, I supplied for years; estab. 1879; Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS. Two good pairs for sale cheap, approval; strain, my winners, highest honours England, Scotland, this season: Baker, 3, George's-avenue, Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

YELLOW grass-green cocks, 7/6, hens 5/-; clear hens, 2/6: Craik, Bourtree Place, Hawick, N.B.

A FEW good hens left yet, three cocks, 5/- each; hens, 2/6 and 3/6 each, nesting: Studholme, Lockerbie.

A FEW good birds left yet, ready for pairing; state wants; approval: Crabb and Finlayson, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, few very nice cocks left, yellow and buff, clear or marked, reasonable, stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

CAN spare pair Borders, buff cock, yellow green hen, young birds 8/6 pair; approval: Baxter, Greystone, Blackwell, Carlisle.

TWO Buff Borders, cocks, and five Buff hens, prize bred, breeding condition; reasonable; stamp: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

FOR Sale, four cocks, seven hens, yellows, and buffs, good birds, three show cages, and case, take 35/-, or useful exchange; offers, giving up: H. Bennett, Cashes Green, near Stroud, Glos.

TYPICAL clear and ticked buff cocks, 6/-, 7/6 each; variegated buff hen, a beauty, 5/-; all bred from winners, Paterson's, Bennett's strain; bargain; approval: Rea, Orchard House, Embleton, Cockermouth.

CHOICE Borders from my winning strain, marks and clears; pairs from 10/-, single birds cheap; must clear; winners everywhere; see reports Manchester, Liverpool, Crewe, Leicester, etc.: Thomas, Derwent-sq., Liverpool.

THE Border Fancy Canary: How to keep it in health and song, how to manage it during the breeding season, with concise instruction on the production of even-marks, greens, etc., and giving a description and a definition of the standard; see Nutshell booklet No. 23, price 2d. of all agents, or 2½d. post free from the Publisher, "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

Cinnamons.

FINE young cinnamon hen, healthy, 1st prize Clapham; approval, deposit, 15/6; Miss Tanner, Bricknill, Bletchley.

J. DOBSON has some good Cinnamons for sale; cocks from 10/- each; must be sold to make room for breeding; (see Yorkshires).

GOOD yellow cinnamon cock, in breeding condition, 10/6; or exchange for yellow hen equal value: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

Crests and Crestbreds.

IF you are wanting a Crest or Crested-bred, write me: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

NORWICH, cocks from 6/6, hens from 4/-; bred by owner in cold room: 272, Upland-rd., East Dulwich.

TWO 1910 Crested hens, 4/- each, or 7/6 the two: E. Smyth, 6, Coalbrook Mansions, Bedford-hill, Balham.

SIX large crested cocks at 10/- each; cheap at 20/-, or 50/- the lot: Symons, Melbourne, Liskeard, Cornwall.

I HAVE a grand Crested cock, 1910, for sale, worth £5, take 30/-; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

CREST and Crest bred, from 7/6 upwards; pairs from 15/-; cold room: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

CLEAR body, dark Crest hen, Lancashire cross; approval; and evenly-marked dark Crest cock, 20/- each: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

LARGE, nearly all green Crested cock, took 1st prize, splendid feather and crest, £1; large Crestbred buff cock, 12/-; few hens, 4/- each; deposit: 5, Norwood Gardens, Ashford.

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C. ROBERTS has three matched pairs of his noted Crests, £6, £4, £2, also green Crestbred cock, 1910 bred, stormer, 40/-; few single birds from 20/-; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

GOOD Crested cocks, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-; Crestbred cocks, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-; Crestbred hens, 3/-, 4/6, 5/6, each; pairs matched for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; money returned if not approved: Stewart's Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich. Stamp reply.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I want to reduce my stock of Crests and Crestbreds; no better blood can be bought at double price: pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6; sent on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, Essex.

MONSTER variegated dark Crest cock, 10/-; monster variegated Crestbred cock, 10/-; monster clear Crest hen, 8/6; feathery variegated ditto, 6/-; feathery variegated Crestbred hen, 7/6; clear ditto 7/6; all massive feathery birds; must clear at half value: approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

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Chellowdene, York Road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor, 4 pairs still to dispose of, 15/-, 20/- pair; seen any time.

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From 1/- per week, why delay; no such terms offered elsewhere; birds forwarded on receipt first payment; Crest, Plainhead, Norwich, Yorkshire, etc.; large collections Plainhead Norwich, several bred from same strain as my hen which won at the Crystal Palace; send for terms before sending elsewhere; you will save pounds; stamp reply: Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

Greens.

LARGE Yorkshire and Norwich, type and colour combined, reasonable: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

A few good Yorkshire Greens from 7/6; state wants; approval, cash or deposit: W. Williams, Carriage Works, Skipton.

NORWICH greens, buff cocks, 30/-, 40/-; yellow cocks, 30/-, 60/-; yellow hen, 25/-; bargains: Hadwin, 137, Coppens Hill, Liverpool.

Lancashires.

THREE buff coppy cocks, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; for particulars to: E. T. Turner, 88, Tweedale-st., Rochdale.

GOOD yellow Coppy hen, exchange buff Coppy hen, Crestbred hen; sell 18/-; Naden, 18, Royds-st., Rochdale.

LARGE massive Lancashire Plainheads, cocks and hens, 10/6 each; ten days' approval: Wm. Powick, Eastfield House, Dewsbury.

Lizards.

PAIR winning Lizards, really good birds, 15/-; or exchange value 17/6; giving up: A. Newbigging, Currie-st., Duns.

CLEARING out: Lizards, cocks from 6/-, hens from 5/- pairs from 9/-; approval: Brooks, 52, Longacre-st., Macclesfield.

HECTOR Oliver, Hadfield-st., Glossop, can spare a few Silver cocks and Silver hens, beauties, and cheap; approval.

TWO magnificent Silver Lizard hens, beauties, anxious to nest, accept 4/- each: Fred Kings, Fancier, Erdington.

BUY from the old firm if you want to breed winners; just a few Silver hens ready to nest, the well-known strain, cheap: Wm. Lawton, Summer-st., Glossop.

CLEAR Silver cock, 3rd Rochdale, 15/-; clear Gold cock, 2nd Wellinboro', broken Silver hen, 2nd Stamford, 10/-; Silver C. hen, 7/6, 1910 birds: Bosworth, 108, Regent-st., Kettering.

GIVING up Lizards, only five left; Silver cock, 7/-; four Gold hens, 4/- each; what offers for lot; all bred from winning strains: Cosier and Crisp, Earlshrook-rd., Earlswood, Surrey.

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Norwich.

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WINNING strain, single or pairs, cheap: Chaplow, 20, James-st., Carlisle.

NESTING: healthy, typical hens, bred from winners, 7/6, 10/-: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

THREE Norwich cocks, in full song, fine healthy birds, 8/6 each: W. Davies, 4, Widemarsh-st., Hereford.

BUFF Norwich hen, res. first time shown in class of 17, 12/6, approval: Elias, Alexandra-rd., Llandudno.

KELLY, Deanside, Kilbirnie, one yellow and buff cocks, 16/- and 15/- each; one buff hen, 12/6; approval.

LARGE Norwich cocks, 7/-; hens, 2/6, 3/-; also cock Linnet, bred Mules, 6/-: 63, Castle-st., Battersea, London.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, 4/-, cock and hen 6/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

EXTRA large Buff cock, bred from two buffs, with splendid yellow hen, 15/6: W. Watson, Hallcroft, Sheyshed.

FOR sale, 12 Norwich hens, sure breeders, 2/6 each, sell lot 24/-: A. Allen, Hairdresser, High-st., Mansfield, Notts.

TWO clear buffs, one green, two buff variegated hens, 2/6 each: Baldock, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent.

JUST a few good Norwich cocks, 8/6, splendid singers, outdoor bred: Miss Ibberson, 21, Wilbury Villas, Hove.

PAIR 1909 Norwich Canaries and three young 1910, for 20/- cash; will divide, 4/9 each: P. Watson, Market Rasen.

FOUR good Norwich hen Canaries, take 12/- to clear; one Crest-bred, worth 7/6: G., 123, Graham-rd., Wimbledon.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, exceptionally good singers, cold-room, cocks 8/-, hens 2/6: 22, Montrell-rd., Streatham Hill.

NORWICH cocks 6/-, hens 3/-; good conditiou; approval; deposit: Wallace, 5, Fern Villas, Feltham-rd., Ashford, Middlesex.

HENS, untried Norwich, eager to nest, 3/- each; cocks, 7/6; 1910 hatched; approval: Arthur Green, Tunnard-st., Boston.

FEW good untried Norwich hens for sale; bred from show strain; inspection invited: Higgins, 45, Alexander-st., Tydesley.

NORWICH cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/6, pairs from 8/6; approval, cash or deposit: Franklin, 3, Wellington-st., Coventry.

LARGE buff ticked and variegated hens, from 4/- each, cash or deposit: Twine, 3, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-; pairs 7/6, 8/6, grand value; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

THREE Norwich hens, one yellow, one marked, one buff-marked, 3/6 each: A. Blinman, 16, Lower Lane, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

TWO 1909 clear yellow hens, guaranteed breeders, 5/- each, cost double, genuine: Slater, 22, Estcourt-rd., Wandsworth Common.

THREE pairs Norwich 7/6 pair; 21/- lot; grand buff cinnamon cock, pied tail, vhe Palace, 15/-: Bexson, Lyndhurst-st., Derby.

WAKE'S champion Norwich, two unflighted buff cocks, 12/6 each; can win; approval: Arthur Wake, 41, Aske-rd., Middlesbrough.

GRAND Norwich '09 hens, buff, winning strain, 7/-; Norwich Roller hens, 4/6; exchange cocks: Godward, Monson-rd., Tunbridge Wells.

TWO grand yellow Norwich hens, typical, deep-chested birds, 7/6 each; approval willingly: Barrett, Schoolmaster, 8, Borneo-st., Walsall.

GRAND 1910 Norwich cocks, incessant songsters, yellows, buffs, and variegated, 6/- each; approval with pleasure: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris.

HOLMES, Breeder and Exhibitor, well-mated Norwich, pairs from 15/-, all unflighted; stamp reply; approval: 162, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.

J. CALAM has a few Norwich buff cocks from 10/- to £2; also few pairs from 12/6, 15/-, 30/-, and upwards, or exchange: 44, George-st., Hull.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks in full song 5/-, 6/-; Hens, 2/-, 3/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 7/-, 8/- pair: Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

NORWICH and Yorkshire hens to clear, 50, 3/- each, healthy condition; cocks, 7/-; approval: Kennewell, Breeder, 31, Munster-sq., Euston-rd., N.W.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, one buff, one var., buff cocks, 10/- each; one buff hen, also var. Crest-bred hen, 7/6 each to clear: Veitch, Paris-st., Grange-mouth.

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HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

FEW choice young buff hens, two yellow, large typical healthy birds, cheap to clear 3/6 to 10/6; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville North Avenue, Ramsgate.

TWO pairs of Norwich Canaries, good birds, 10/- pair; three Norwich cocks, 4/- each, or 10/6 the three; approval, deposit: R. Thompson, Longtown, Cumberland.

1910 BUFF cock, yellow hen, 20/-; 1910 tick yellow cock, 20/-; three 1910 buff cocks, 12/6 and 7/6 each; 1910 buff cinnamon cock, 10/6; approval: Irous, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

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MUST clear; good Norwich hens, 2/-; grand coloured unflighted cock, 10/6: buff cocks, 7/6; breeding cage, complete, 22½ inches, 3/-; approval: 6, Victoria-parade, Muswell Hill, N.

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TWELVE large yellow and buff variegated Norwich hens to clear, 3/6 each; 12 small hens, 2/- and 2/6 each, can be seen any time: Marsh, Freemasons' Arms, Mercerton-st., Brady-st., Whitechapel-rd., London.

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BARGAINS, large unflighted yellow cock 10/6; buff hen to match 5/6; large yellow hen 5/6; heavily marked Green hen, colour producer, 5/6; lot 21/-; bred from winners; see show reports; exchange: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

HAVING paired up, I have 10 part with smart yellow cock with variegated buff hen, 25/6 the pair, a bargain at 35/-; also large yellow mkd. cock, 15/6, one yellow green hen 10/6, all unflighted, bred from our winners, buff, approval: Palmer, Newby-street, Ripon.

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W. READ,

Chellowdene, York Road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, a few pairs still to dispose of, from 15/- pair: also several hens, all own breeding; seen any time.

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Wm. Bourger, Gladstone-st., Leek, 2 clinking good buff hens, 10/- each, 2 variegated buff hens, 7/6 each, cinnamon variegated buff Norwich hen, 7/6; one broken green yellow, one ticked, yellow hens, 7/6 each; guaranteed untried, not having paired up yet; approval.

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the appearance of the discharge there is usually a little feverishness, and the bird seems mopy and dull. Later the discharge loses its thin watery character and becomes thicker, tending to obstruct the breathing. During this time the bird continues to feed, and with suitable treatment the trouble will soon disappear.

Occasionally, however, the catarrh assumes a chronic form, and in this case the discharge is often confined to one side of the head only, and generally arises from disease limited to that one side. In the acute form there is little interference with health when the discharge becomes apparent, and it is seldom that death occurs from this cause; when it does it is generally due to the extension of the inflammation to the bronchial tubes and lungs. Exposure to draughts and moist conditions of the air are the principal causes.

Treatment should be early attempted by supplying warmth and by liberal feeding, with the addition of a little green-food, together with the administration of the following medicine:—Tincture Camphoræ Co., 3 drops; Sweet spirits of nitre, 3 drops; Glycerine, 5 drops. Give in the drinking water (four tablespoonfuls) fresh night and morning until the symptoms disappear. In cases that are of a chronic nature, attempt at treatment is useless and it does not materially interfere with the health of the bird.

LARYNGITIS

This is a localised trouble—an inflammation of the larynx, popularly known as the "voice box," though this is not the case in birds, for in them the vocal cords are situated in the syrinx which is a modification of the windpipe, situated at the point where the windpipe divides to form the two bronchi, and varying very much in its complexity. Birds subjected to draughts, cold air, etc., are the principal sufferers, particularly where the subject is delicate and predisposed.

The symptoms depend upon the degree of the affection. In mild attacks there will be scarcely any noticeable change, but at other times the symptoms become alarming, owing to the fact that the mucous membrane of the larynx becomes swollen so that the opening into the windpipe is considerably narrowed, interfering with the proper intake of air, and the bird is seen to breathe heavily, a mucous discharge appearing at the beak, and there is noticed a difficulty in swallowing. A bird so affected should be allowed plenty of air space, avoiding draughts, whilst four drops of glyco-Heroin, obtainable from any chemist, should be given in the drinking water (four tablespoonfuls) fresh twice daily until recovery occurs.

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Bronchitis is a very common ailment in birds, and is more often encountered where birds are kept in insanitary surroundings, which, with overcrowding and bad ventilation, inhalation of dust (irritants), and adverse changes in the weather, all tend to produce this disease. Although in itself not often fatal, yet the disease has a tendency to extend and invade the smaller bronchial tubes and the lungs themselves, producing broncho pneumonia which is in all cases fatal. But with early recognition and suitable treatment this should be avoided.

Singularly enough, there is not much interference with appetite, the bird feeding. But in the intervals between "meals" it assumes a listless attitude. In the larger species there will be observed a slight noise of a wheezy character, this is not always perceptible in the smaller birds, but in most there is gaping. Provided the disease does not extend, then recovery occurs fairly rapidly, and there is no recurrence.

The bird should be placed in a well ventilated room, at the same time ensuring warmth. No alteration in the diet is necessary, but a little green food, if procurable, will materially assist in recovery. Give a course of the following medicine:—Carbonate of Ammonia, 3 grains; Tinct of Squills, 3 drops; Glycerine, 5 drops; twice daily in drinking water. This, of course, is for one dose. Enough can be dispensed by any chemist to last one for a

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held April 1, Headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, Briggate, Mr. F. Farrar in chair. Mr. A. Linsoll was unanimously elected a member. Hon. Sec. requested all members to sign the petition which will shortly be presented to His Majesty's secretary of State on behalf of the National B.B. and M.C. The chairman then called upon Mr. S. Dean, the well-known Great Horton fancier, to give us his lecture on "Breeding and Rearing," which proved a great success. All the members showed their appreciation by giving the lecturer a hearty vote of thanks. He thanked the members in return, which closed a very enthusiastic and well-attended meeting. —W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Annual meeting held in rooms 142, High-street, April 1, Mr. Barnes (president) in chair. There was a large turnout of members. The four new silver cups were on view, and made, along with the handsome trophy, an imposing array. Rules for the cup competition were then gone into, particulars of which will be published next week. Following new members admitted: Messrs. Palmer, W. Dunn, Geo. Brown, J. Messer, T. Bell, A. Duff, W. Mason, Leitch, Leckie, R. Craig, J. Sykes, H. Craft. I shall be pleased to give particulars to any fancier who may wish to join.—John Allan, Sec.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Deferred annual meeting held April 4, Castle Inn, Mr. J. Davis in chair. The balance sheet was unanimously approved, showing a balance of £4 1s. 7d. The election of officers:—Mr. J. Davis, chairman; Mr. H. George, vice-chairman; Messrs. C. Birks and E. Leadbeater elected auditors; Mr. J. Edwards, treasurer; Nallam and Lovatt, Secs., 5, Francis Street. Proposed, to hold F.F. show June 24, entry fee to be 7d. per cage on the 6d. sliding scale. Classification to be arranged at next meeting; so will all members please attend? There will be a discussion on distribution of medals for members.—Nallam and Lovatt, Secs.

LLANELLY AND DIS. C.B.S.

I have reason for once, as the hon. secretary, for being satisfied in my efforts to get a gathering of the clans. The meeting held April 8th, headquarters, was called for the selection of judges for our next show. A washing exhibition was kindly given by Mr. D. Jenkins (Swansea). We were quite surprised at the attendance. We had given an invitation to the members of the Felinfoel C.B.S. I beg to thank them for turning up, and also the non-members present; the room was full at the advertised time. The selection of judges was left over until next meeting. Our worthy chairman was voted to the chair, and after a few well-chosen remarks called upon Mr. Jenkins, who wanted no introduction. He first put the waters together, and same were tested by the members. He showed his mode of handling, and finished up with the washing of two birds. Mr. W. J. Harry was called on to try his hand under Mr. Jenkins' eye. The next gentleman called on was our worthy chairman, Mr. D. R. Jones, who did the same. It was now seen that the first birds were drying up; they were put on the table for the members to see, and all remarks and questions put to Mr. Jenkins were answered. By this time Mr. Jenkins had to catch his train. Mr. D. R. Jones proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him, which was seconded by Mr. S. Lewis. Mr. Jenkins returned thanks. I wish to thank the secretary of the Bromsgrove Society, who at present is in Llanelly, for coming.—D. John.

FALKIRK GOOD INTENT C.B.S.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, March 25th, Mr. J. Muir presiding. Judges elected for annual show. It is with much regret we have to say good-bye to two of our members, namely, Mr. D. McFarlane (Grangemouth) and Mr. F. Jarvie (Falkirk), who are going to make their homes in America. The association wish them every success and prosperity. As Mr. McFarlane is taking six pairs of birds with him, we hope he will have a good season.—W. Clubb, Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Annual general meeting will be held on April 22nd, at 6 p.m., Market Tavern, Bradford (not April 15th, as stated last week, owing to Easter holidays). The business will require careful consideration for the benefit of the club and the Fancy at large. Rule 5 reads: Members who cannot attend, having any business to bring before the general meeting, may do so by writing the secretaries three days before the meeting. We hope full advantage will be taken of this rule, so that any controversial questions can be thoroughly thrashed out. In some quarters it is suggested we give our patronage to more shows outside Yorkshire. Then there is the burning question: Shall we "star" competing birds? There is also the questions of amateur and novice competitions, breeders' competitions, etc. It is to be hoped other questions will be suggested as soon as possible, to enable members to form an opinion. Other business will be election of officers and presentation of balance-sheet. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding, and it is hoped same will be forwarded at once. Intending members will be supplied with full information on application to Grayshon and Allen, Secs., Wormald-street, Heckmondwike.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Open sing held April 8th. We had a record entry—62 birds singing before a packed house for six prizes. After the best singing heard this season the placings were: 1st, J. Kirk; 2nd, J. Rollinson; 3rd and 4th, Piper; 5th, Longfield; 6th, Dobson. Next week we have our big members' sing, when we are giving prizes to the value of £3. We hope all members will try and attend; then we shall have another record. On Easter Tuesday we sing the Leeds Club time and quality, but this is open to all England, so all fanciers are given a hearty invitation to the King's Head Hotel, Shannon-street, Leeds.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Local Linnet contest held Rock Inn, April 9th, when 23 birds were entered. 1st, Mr. Longfield; 2nd, Mr. Piper; 3rd, Mr. Kirk. R. Taylor, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held Brittania Inn, Worksop-rd., Attercliffe (2-minutes time singing), April 9, when 22 birds entered. 1, Worrall, 43 sec.; Bixby, 41 sec.; Worrall and Bixby shared third 38 each; Cole, 37 sec.; Bixby, 37 sec. Contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford-st., Attercliffe Common, April 8, when 24 birds entered. 1, Watson, 71 sec.; 2, Lee, 70 sec.; 3, Bixby, 67 sec.; Watson, 56 sec. April 9, 16 birds entered (3 minutes' singing). 1, Wadd, 85 sec.; 2, Watson, 75 sec.; 3, Watson, 67 sec.; Wadd, 57 sec. Contest every week-end. Mr. H. Brown, Sec. Whitsuntide Club going strong.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, Lawrence-street, April 8th, when 22 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st, Wilson; 2nd, Oldroyd; 3rd, Weaver; 4th, Smith. Judge, Mr. Jackson; timekeeper, Mr. F. Littlewood.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Usual contest held this week-end, when 20 birds were placed before the judges—the best we have had for quantity of birds. Our members seem to have "brightened up." Singing all round was very poor, but the birds only want some better weather. 1st and 3rd, Topping; 2nd, Asthon. Judge, Mr. T. Hayhurst; timekeeper, Mr. T. Slater.—T. Slater, Sec.

ERITH.

Royal Alfred Bird Club, open race, held April 9th, when 5 pairs were hung (10 minutes' singing): 1, G. Roper, 4, score 11; 2, D. Wilders, 3, 15; 3, T. Barnett, 3, 9; 4, G. Roper, 2, 3; 5, J. Baker, 1, 19. G. Roper winner of Mr. D. Jones' special prize, half-tea set. Open race, April 16th.—J. Baker, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon-street, open to all England, on April 8th, when 15 birds entered. 1st, E. Wood; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd shared by H. Wigfield and E. Wood. Judges, Messrs. H. Hayes, J. Melia, and W. Naylor. Also on April 9th, when we had 16 birds entered for three good prizes. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd, A. Richardson; 3rd, W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, and J. Melia. Don't forget next Monday, open to all England contest for quality, and Tuesday time and quality; good prizes.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Spring Hill Tavern, Buslingthorpe Lane, weekly Linnet contest for quality held April 8, when 30 birds competed. Result: 1, 1, C. Ward; 2, A. Hutchinson; 3, S. Peas. Judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. Easter Monday open Linnet contest for quality singing, Mr. Fielding giving 10s. to the entrance money for prizes; everybody welcome, 3.30 p.m.—W. Lunn.

Skinners Arms Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane, usual quality singing contest held April 9, when 27 birds competed. Result: 1, 2, shared by C. Biss and S. Peas; 3, 1, C. Ward. Judges, Messrs. J. Summers and J. Green. On Easter Tuesday Linnet contest for quality singing, open to all, at 3 p.m. W. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club held open-to-all-England Linnet singing contest at Woolpack Hotel, Atherton, April 8, when we had a very good entry of 42 birds; some good singing was done; in fact, there were many birds missed a prize that would have won at any other time. We gave the usual 4 prizes for each class, and the winners were: for quality, W. Barnes 1st, R. Howcroft 2nd, J. McAllister 3rd, and W. H. Topping 4th; for time, E. Statham 152 1st, J. Harrison 135 2nd, 16 Bandel 3rd and 4th prizes with 99 and 71. Judges for quality, Messrs. J. W. Jones (president), W. H. Topping, and W. Millyard; for time, Messrs. J. McAllister and J. Ellison; timekeeper, Mr. J. Murphy; birdman, Mr. P. O'Neil. Will members kindly note that the club contest will be held April 15, instead of April 22?—J. McAllister, Sec.

STANDISH.

Standish Linnet Club, Standish, near Wigan. Owing to there being a contest at Leigh and Blackburn on April 15th we have postponed our contest till April 22nd.—Geo. Milligan, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Weekly Linnet Singing Contest for quality only held Prince Albert Hotel, April 9th. Result: 1, Sellars; 2, Chippendale; 3, Bland. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and A. Turner.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. weekly contest held headquarters Grapes Tavern, Brook Street, for three good prizes 1 and 3, Broadbent; 2, Booker. Also contest April 8th, three good timepieces being given. 1, 3, Broadbent; 2, Wakefield. Judge, Mr. F. Allen; timekeeper Mr. Thunderclifle.—Fred. Allen, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing, held Colliery Inn, Quebec, April 8th, when 30 birds entered, one of the best contests ever heard. Result: 1, Wilson and Adams (with their noted "Bull Dog"; 2, 3, 4, McQuirck. Judge, Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon). Next contest at Gilesgate Moor, April 15th, when £3 is given. Sec., J. Walton. Judge, Mr. G. Reed.

WARRINGTON.

The Warrington Linnet Club will hold an open Linnet singing contest for time only at the Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, on Easter Monday. Entrance fee 1s. each. First pair of birds hung at 2 p.m. Prizes given according to entries. Everybody invited to see our club contest prizes to be sung for before open contest.—C. Corbet, Secretary.

In the Courts.

The R.S.P.C.A. and Braced Birds.

Joseph Lewis, of Burscough, was summoned for cruelty to three Linnets at the Ormskirk Sessions, held April 7th.

Mr. R. W. Brighouse said he had talked over the matter with Mr. Glover. All the R.S.P.C.A. wanted was to stop the use of braced birds for the purpose of decoying other birds. Mr. Glover was prepared to give an undertaking in the matter, and he (Mr. Brighouse) was prepared to accept it on payment of costs and with the consent of the Bench.

Mr. R. R. Glover said the undertaking was that his client in future would never use a braced bird as a decoy for bird catching. The defendant, if he committed any offence, did it innocently and did not admit he had caused cruelty to any bird. He had told the defendant that the practice did not suggest itself to the average mind whether of sportsmen or anyone else, and he had given the undertaking on his advice.—The case was withdrawn on payment of costs £1 6s. including advocate's fee.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red etc.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

C. BENNETT, 46 Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds., judge of cage birds; 30 years' practical experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

A. LEWIN, Aviaries, 58, Marlborough-road, Oxford. Judge of all varieties cage birds; specialist Norwich, Yorkshires, Mules. 30 years' experience.

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J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

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H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

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S. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

A. E. SILK, Aviaries, Whitstable. Judge of all varieties; Norwich specialist; genuine life experience. Terms moderate.

R. TAYLOR, Lime Kiln, Preston.—Judge all varieties; Norwich a speciality. Terms moderate.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

J. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, Specialist Mules, British and Foreign.

S. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. Judge of Mules, British and Foreign Birds. Life experience. Fee moderate.

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Owing to altered family arrangements, I regret to say I have left Dover, and as a consequence I have sent in my resignation as hon. secretary of the Kent County Cage Bird Association, writes Mr. Geo. Sanderson. I hope they will find a younger, more energetic and a better man (there should be little difficulty in doing so) to fill my place. I take this opportunity of thanking all those with whom I have been associated in the work, for the assistance they have rendered me and the patience they have had with me; and I trust that the Association may go on prospering in a greater degree than hitherto. My address is now 54, Eric Street, Oldham.

A HOLIDAY REMINDER

Owing to the Easter Holidays. "Cage Birds" has had to go to press one day earlier than usual this week; thus any notices, advertisements, etc., which reached us after Tuesday mid-day have had to be held over until our next number.

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Twitterings.

Mr. A. H. Calcutt has again, we hear, taken over the secretaryship of the Oxford and District F.S., his address being Kidlington, Oxford.

I wish CAGE BIRDS every success. I have taken it in for years, and it is, I find, still improving every week.—S. Wilson (Boldon Colliery, Co. Durham).

The judge elected to adjudicate in the cage bird section of our show on Nov. 1, writes Mr. H. Jones Robins, hon. sec. of the Liskeard F.S., is Mr. J. H. Payne.

Hartlepools annual show is to be held on Oct. 28, writes Mr. E. Woodhead, the hon. sec. The judges for same are Messrs. H. W. Battye and J. Maddison.

The first number of your paper, CAGE BIRDS, I bought was No. 6, so you see I am one of your oldest readers. It is a most useful paper.—Douglas Wilson (Biggar, N.B.).

Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) has, we hear, again been elected to judge the young bird show on July 1st and the old bird show on Dec. 2nd in connection with the Clitheroe C.B.S.

Owing to a dramatic entertainment in the Public Hall, writes Mr. W. Melvin, Assistant Secretary of the Stonehouse C.B., etc., Soc., our meeting notified for 8th April is postponed until April 15th, at 7 p.m.

Cheques have been sent to all prize winners at our late show, writes Mr. T. Lloyd Edwards, sec. of the Haverfordwest Show. Will anyone overlooked kindly communicate with me? The specials have also been despatched.

Will all members of the Birkenhead Canary Fanciers' Association who have changed their residences since the old show kindly send me word, as notices of changes are needed very shortly, writes Mr. A. E. Lloyd, the Sec.

The Stamford and Dist. F.A. have fixed on Nov. 23 for their annual open show, and have engaged Mr. J. Robson to judge, writes Mr. A. Harrison, the secretary. We hope to receive the support of the Fancy as on former occasions.

The next meeting of the Great Horton O.S. will be held on April 22nd, at 8 p.m. prompt, when all members are specially requested to attend as it is the last meeting to be held before sending in the list of members' names to the Union.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

Burnley Show, Oct. 6 and 7, writes Mr. R. Towler, the secretary, is being held under the Cage Bird Union rules, and we have elected Mr. J. C. Barnes to judge the Norwich (which are under the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club), and Mr. Roe the remainder.

The Cramlington C.B.S. have secured the services of Messrs A. Brown (Gateshead) and H. Seely (Choppington) as judges for their show on November 25th, writes Mr. J. R. Chestney, Hon. Sec. Also Mr. Brown has been engaged to judge the first Feather Show on June 24th.

We have received a copy of the balance-sheet of the 12th annual exhibition held by the Whitehaven C.B. and H. Society. We are pleased to see that there is a balance on the right side of 4s. 7d. The sec. is Mr. W. T. Douglas, 17, King Street, Whitehaven.

The members of the Pelton Fell and District Cage Bird Society have now settled their show dates, writes Mr. W. Forster, the Sec. The nest feather show is to be held on August 5th, Mr. J. Riseborough judge; and the open annual show on December 23rd. Judges to be selected.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Walkley, Sheffield) has, we hear, been appointed to judge at the following shows, viz.: Burnley on October 6th, Bolton on October 13th, Morpeth on October 14th, Manningham (Yorks. Union) on October 28th, and Sheffield (members') on December 28th.

At our next meeting we are having a lecture by Mr. J. Morris, of Blaencelydach, Rhondda, and the subject will be "My experience and treatment of the Yorkshire Canary," writes Mr. A. H. C. Legg, secretary of the Mid-Rhondda C.B.S. I trust every member will be present, and I extend a hearty invitation to fanciers in the district to come along to hear Mr. Morris at the Parry's Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, on April 20th, at 7 p.m.

Mr. R. Kremner (104, Tib Street, Manchester) has just placed on the market a new seed-crushing mill—one which, we are sure, will be welcomed by users of such appliances. Several advantages are claimed for it. The chief is that the grinding barrel can be taken out and cleaned each time, so that the seed does not get fouled by stale bits left on the barrel. Another is that the mill can be manipulated for crushing either fine, medium, or coarse grain. After the seed is ground, on the top part of the mill being removed, the fresh-ground seed will be found in a separate receptacle underneath. This seed-mill is neat, strong, and efficient, and as it is being retailed at 1s. 6d., there should be a good sale for it.

The subscription for members of the New Cross and District C.B.S., writes Messrs. Barton and Hearn, the secretaries, 8, Warwick Street, Deptford, London, S.E., is four shillings per annum, or quarterly in advance. Fanciers are cordially invited to join our recently-formed society.

We have secured the services of Messrs. G. Hislop and W. Bishop, of Stirling, to judge at our annual show on November 25th, writes Mr. Wm. Nisbet, secretary of the Musselburgh O.S. Also the smoking concert will be held on April 15th at 7 p.m., in Gray Horse Tavern. All smokers and singers are cordially invited.

I have been a reader of —— for a number of years, and it is only since just before Christmas that I have taken CAGE BIRDS in. A friend then showed me a copy, and I found CAGE BIRDS was a larger and better paper, so I have ordered it ever since.—Arthur Turn (Willenhall).

It may interest readers to know that I received a letter from one of the large societies of Canary breeders in New York last week asking for the L. and P.O.S. rule book, writes Mr. Chas. W. Law, the hon. secretary, through seeing my name and address in CAGE BIRDS, thus showing the far-distant places CAGE BIRDS reaches. I may say the L. and P.O.S. are always willing to give their advice to anyone who may care to write to them.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

During the Easter Holidays the offices of "Cage Birds" will be closed from Friday to Monday next, inclusive.

Will Advertisers, and Correspondents generally, kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, April 18th, at latest.

With reference to the translation published this week entitled "The Fashionable Roller Canary," the Secretary of the Leeds Roller C.C., Mr. Davis, writes that the club intends to deal further with this subject at the meeting on May 6th next, when those interested are invited to be present.

Kindly accept our sincere thanks for depicting our Crystal Palace winning Redpoll, "Little Wonder," in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, of March 25th. The pose of the bird is as perfect as possible, which reflects very great credit on your esteemed artist, Mr. Norman.—Bell and Fisher (Frizington).

The Whitehaven C.B. and H.S. have fixed upon their old dates, viz., November 10 and 11, on which to hold their 13th annual show, writes Mr. W. J. Douglas, the sec. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool), Norwich and Yorkshire specialist, and Mr. C. Cubby (Carlisle), Border Fancy specialist, have been engaged to judge.

With the help of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, from which I have gained so much helpful information, I hope one day to become a full-grown fancier. A friend of mine finds CAGE BIRDS of so much interest that although he does not keep a single bird at present, he takes in CAGE BIRDS regularly; and I find sometimes he can give me some useful hints which I may have overlooked. I wish CAGE BIRDS every prosperity.—H. E. Smith (London, W.).

OBITUARY.

Mr. F. G. JOHNSON (Blackburn).

It is with sincere regret, writes Mr. J. Cook, hon. secretary of the Blackburn C.B.S., that I announce the death of one of our members, Mr. F. G. Johnson, in his 34th year. His death has come as a great shock after only a few days' illness. Mr. Johnson was a well-known British bird fancier and exhibitor, his chief species being Goldfinches. The sympathy of all our members and of fanciers in general will go out to Mrs. Johnson and her young family in their sad bereavement.

The "Avicultural Magazine" for April is graced by a beautiful coloured frontispiece of the Snow Pigeon from the able brush of Mr. H. Goodchild. Notes on the species are contributed by Mr. T. H. Newman, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U. Other articles include "Two Uncommon Birds—the White-crested Turaco and Maroon Oriole" (by Mr. H. Willford); "The Lesser Spotted Woodpecker" (by Mr. P. F. M. Galloway), and "Practical Foreign Bird-keeping" (by Miss R. Alderson).

I regret that owing to an oversight in the report of the Metropolitan C.B.A.'s trophies and specials, writes Mr. J. W. Burgess, the Assistant Secretary, a case of spoons presented by Mr. Wood, for the runner up in the Ladies' section, was omitted to be mentioned. The whole of the prizes, etc., are to be won outright this year. Ladies and gentlemen wishing to join this progressive society may obtain full particulars of Mr. G. Harwood, 9, Frere Street, Battersea, S.W.

I must thank you very much for the valuable information I have derived through reading your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, for the last three years, and I put down my present success entirely to it. I put up a dozen pairs of birds last season—six pairs of Yorks. and six of Norwich—and reared one hundred and two; and amongst them are a couple of very promising ones which I think will hold their own at our forthcoming show. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—A. Congdon (Cape Town, S.A.).

What Becomes of the Wrens?

Where do all the Wrens go to? Each year a pair will rear from four to eight chicks in both broods, and yet they never appear to increase.

Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.

Will Societies desirous of having the Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire Canary Club's patronage for the coming show season kindly apply as soon as possible to us, write Messrs. Grayshon and Allen, Secs., Wormald Street, Heckmondwike.

Midland Counties Y.C.C. Patronage.

Will secretaries who are intending to apply for the patronage of the Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club and have not already done so, please apply at once, as this matter will be brought forward at the next meeting? This club is now going strong, and the competition in both champion and novice sections during the coming season should be very keen. Will members, who have not subscribed to the Cup Fund and who would like to do so, please send on their subscriptions at once, as this fund will shortly close? We beg to call members' attention to Rule 3.—Beck and Andrews, Secs., School House, Rookery Road, Handworth, Staff.

Presentation at Brechin.

On 31st March, on the occasion of his departure to fill a situation in Musselburgh, Mr. James Skinner was met by a number of friends in the "South Port," writes Mr. Geo. Mitchell, secretary of the Brechin C.B.S. Mr. Tom Brown presided, and in the course of the proceedings a handsome fountain pen and pocket wallet were presented to the guest by members of the society. Mr. Skinner, who took a deep interest in the society, acknowledged the kindness of the members. Thereafter, with song and story, a pleasant evening was spent, and was closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Brown for presiding, and also to Mr. Finlayson for handing over the presents.

A Great Record.

The interesting article in your last week's issue written by Mr. Thomas Smith, of Glasgow, relating to the handsome Goldfinch-Greenfinch and Goldfinch-Redpoll hybrids, should prove of valuable assistance to intending breeders, writes Mr. E. J. Lamb (New Malden). Mr. Smith's reference to my late champion Redpoll-Goldfinch recalls tender memories of his great career on the show bench, extending over nearly seven years, he winning three 1sts, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at six consecutive Crystal Palace Shows. He was exhibited at fifty-six shows, of which he was forty times in the first three, and only on three occasions unnoticed; also only once beaten by one of his own species (exhibited by Mr. Denny Hunt, of King's Lynn), my bird lacking his usual polish that particular season. I feel sure that it must be a source of gratification to his late owner, Mr. Smith, from whom I purchased this hybrid.

Panic-stricken Starlings.

With regard to the "bird panic" in Ireland, I witnessed a somewhat similar occurrence here in the afternoon of March 24th, writes Mr. W. Edmunds (Coombe Farm, Langton Matravers), to the "Daily Express." A pony was engaged in working the gear attached to a root-pulper, when suddenly a flock of about a hundred Starlings swooped down from a great height, several perching on the pony and remaining there some minutes. The others hid themselves in a pile of faggots near. These birds were in a terrible state of fear, and could have been captured with ease. They remained in hiding some little time, and eventually flew off in twos and threes. I possess remarkably good eyesight, but failed to discover any hawk or bird of prey to account for this extraordinary panic.

Owl Causes a Fire.

An extraordinary case is reported from Kirkcudbright, where a serious fire was narrowly averted at Silvercraigs. The servant girl had occasion to leave the house on Tuesday night. She left a small paraffin lamp burning on the top of a chest of drawers, and on her return shortly after was surprised to see water coming from one of two tanks for supplying the house. She informed her mistress, who sent for a plumber. On investigating the cause of the leakage, he discovered that the servant's bedroom was on fire, and it was with the utmost difficulty it was got out. Next day the police made inquiry into the matter, as none of the inmates had been in the room during the servant's absence. The remains of the paraffin lamp were found in the debris, and near by was the dead body of an Owl. The bird must have flown in by the window, upset the lamp, and caused the fire, the heat of which caused the tank to leak. The damage done was trifling.—"Edinburgh Evening News."

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Fourteen Years of Mule and Hybrid Breeding.

By J. T. MILLOTT (Mansfield).

My experiences in this hobby extend over about fourteen years, and my remarks here are the result of close observation and attention. In the crossing together of two different species of Finches, etc., we have what I consider the most difficult obstacle to overcome in the cage-bird Fancy. Still, it is the most fascinating. And what an open field there is for the ardent mule and hybrid breeder!

The Cages and Aviaries Described.

With regard to my method, my cages, small and large aviaries, are all cleaned as the time arrives, washed, painted and repaired, and all insect life destroyed. The birds as a rule enjoy much better health in consequence, and it greatly adds to the chances of success and a good breeding season. My cages are double breeders, 38 in. long, 15 in. high, 11 in. wide; the small aviaries are 36 in. long, 24 in. high, and 13 in. wide; the large aviary is 12 ft. long, 5 ft. wide, and 8 ft. high. In the aviaries at the back are nice assortments of bushwood, gorse, etc., which lend a very natural appearance to the aviaries. Besides this, I use wood nest-boxes, which I place in the bushwood for nesting purposes.

To the large aviary I consign two, three, or four pairs, as the case may be, and to the small compartments one pair of birds each.

The breeding of all crosses of hybrids is carried out on very similar lines, with the difference that many of the parents will sit, hatch their eggs, and rear their own broods if allowed to do so. I have been successful in rearing the Redpoll-Goldfinch, Siskin-Goldfinch, Linnet-Goldfinch, Goldfinch-Greenie and Siskin-Greenie; I have also had two young of the Linnet-Bullfinch hatch, but they died when five days old. The most gorgeous hybrid I bred was the Siskin-Goldfinch. It is one of the smallest of our hybrids, but a good specimen commands one's attention and admiration.

My Pairing Method.

My method is to pair up a large, bright, rich-coloured cock to a rich-coloured hen showing plenty of blaze; the more pronounced this is the better, for it will appear in the offspring and is one of the chief characteristics we have to aim for. I always select the best—that is, for breeding exhibition birds—which is the object, I think, of every would-be hybrid breeder. While breeding, the diet I supply is equal parts Canary, German rape and teazle seeds, with a little linseed, niger and hemp seeds added; also a little egg food with a small pinch of maw seed should be given two or three times a week, and daily when the birds are rearing young. I also give wild seeds in season as procurable, such as dandelion seed heads, flowery heads of groundsel, shepherd's purse, speedwell, knapweed, thistle, plantain stalks, chickweed, dock seed, etc., when procurable in the green succulent state; and in the dried state, as they can be procured from most seedsmen and vendors of bird foods. The bath I allow freely; it is most beneficial to the health and condition of the birds. I also allow my birds to sit, hatch, and rear their own broods, if they will do so; but I always keep an eye open for signs of poor sitters, feeders, etc., and should I notice any lacking on their part I at once place the eggs (or young, as the case may be) beneath a good foster hen, as I mostly have from seven to twelve pairs of Yorkshires up for breeding.

My personal experience is, when the young hybrids are doing for themselves, and also during the moulting season, it is best to give a little sunflower seed just ripe, in the undried state, daily; also a little of the following—blackberries, elderberries, privetberries, mountain ash berries, and the seeds (or cones) of the pines and fir trees, apple pips, etc.; I find these have a beneficial effect on the plumage and colour of the birds; and they are just as essential to feed the hybrid pairs with to be successful.

My Bullfinch hen built her own nest, and sat her own eggs until due to hatch. As I could not trust her to feed, I placed the eggs under a hen Greenie that had reared me two hybrids the season before. She fed well until the fifth day, when, on my return home from work in the evening, they were both dead. Never mind; I shall keep on trying for the Linnet-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Mule Breeding Methods.

I will now give my readers my experiences in mule breeding. My first aim is the comfort of the birds. Therefore, as I stated above, my cages are double breeders, and are all cleaned well before the birds go in for breeding; and all the places that are suitable for insects I give a good dose of benzoline after each nest of eggs or young; by so doing I am able to keep down the insects to a small minimum. I fix all my perches exact distances from the bottom, also sides; otherwise they will interfere with the working of nest pans, which should be about an inch above the perch. I always use sand, which is a most important factor at this period, with crushed egg shells from the kitchen.

I keep my muling hens in the flight cage or aviary from September until March, as a great deal of the success of the breeding season depends upon how they have been wintered. For winter bathing I always keep a pail of water in the bird room for to-morrow's baths; the water then becomes tempered by the normal heat of the room.

Points when Pairing.

When pairing my birds I examine the toe nails, and if they are sharp I cut off the sharp points, so as to avoid puncturing the eggs. I think there is nothing to be gained by having the breeding pans in the same cage for two or three weeks before they are fit. As to the time to pair up, I am guided by circumstances. When my birds are in good health and breeding condition I run them together, as it is no use mating up birds which are not in breeding form; they won't do any good.

At this period of the year, and until the breeding season commences, I give a little dandelion seed twice a week; it is excellent for keeping the birds in good condition and health.

In establishing a strain of birds to throw light mules, seven years ago, I put up four hens and two cocks, clear Yorkshires, all good strong and healthy birds. Three of the hens had thrown mules with a few light feathers. I choose the birds I think most valuable to keep. Each season I tested each hen with the Finch, and they produced nothing but variegated and dark mules. In my opinion, Cinnamon blood will be found most useful (so far as the production of light mules is concerned). Last season I paired a Greenfinch to a buff cinnamon marked Yorkshire hen, and they bred me two very nice lightly variegated mules. The hen was bred from a buff cinnamon Yorkshire (ten half Belgian blood, and a clear yellow Yorkshire cock, one of my Sib strain. I think I have tried all crossings, etc., both with the Norwich, the Lancashire, and the Yorkshire. In my opinion it is an exceedingly difficult and tedious affair, requiring the exercise of much careful judgment and commonsense. Only those who have tried know how exceedingly difficult in practice is the production of clear or light mules. I certainly intend trying with the cinnamon marked Yorkshire.

The Colour Problem.

I will now attempt to give my reasons why mules are, with few exceptions, dark in colour. In the first place, the colours of the domestic varieties of the Canary, such as green, clear yellow, clear buff, etc., are of newer origin, and on that account not so strongly inheritable as that of the original type, which gives the colour of the latter a dominance over those of the former. In the second place, the tendency to reversion which, as before mentioned, is peculiarly induced by crossing, is brought into play.

With such counter-influences at work, it may well be asked, how is it possible that we are now and then able to produce variegated and even quite clear mules? In my opinion, the sire has no influence in the production of clear mules.

When the hen has laid her third egg I run the Finch out and put him to another hen. The round that the Finch has to go should all be seen to before the breeding season comes round. I let the hens go to nest, hatch and rear their own young. When the young are from fourteen to sixteen days old, I draw the slide and let the Finch in. I keep a close eye on the Finch to see he is not rough on the young. I take the eggs from the nest every morning, as he is likely to be interested in them, and will probably put his long bill through them.

I find things are different with the Linnet, as he generally pairs up to one hen, and if you then separate them he will take it to heart, and more than likely do no more good. Some, I believe, would pair to two or more hens. But if I have a good Linnet, I pair him to one hen for the season.

As far as my experience goes, the Siskin can be paired to two or more hens, and he can be trusted with both eggs and young. The Greenfinch is a great favourite with me, I think he is rather rough with the hens, so I treat him the same as I do the Goldfinch.

While my hens are sitting, I feed them on plain canary seed only. Should I have a hen egg-bound, I put one drop of olive oil in the beak, and anoint the vent with a drop. I tie her up in a muslin bag, all but the head. This in most cases relieves her, and the egg comes away. Should a hen lay soft eggs, I give her lime-water to drink.

While the hens are rearing the young mules I use hard-boiled egg, crushed biscuits, and Spratt's cod liver oil bird food, with best canary seed, German rape, and hemp seed, and a little maw seed twice a week. After the young are three days old, I give dandelion, chickweed, or watercress as green food. I find the weaning-off of the young is a very important thing. I feed the same as when the birds are rearing, but I add a little powdered cuttlefish to the egg food, and crush all the seeds until the young get well on to cracking it themselves. Then, by the time they are five weeks old I commence to reduce the quantity of egg food gradually, also the hemp seed, and I give no green food until after the moult.

In conclusion, Cage Birds Annual contains full and up-to-date information, and the fancier, whether novice or "old hand," will find in it extremely valuable hints and instructions.



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Wild Bird-Life.

The Return of Winter.

It is seldom we get such bad weather in the month of April as we have experienced during the last week. As soon as March is safely over, we look forward to the wild birds nesting, and the first of the migrants to put in an appearance. The winter has been so open that many resident birds have already nested, and here and there young ones have been hatched. With the coming of the north-east winds, bringing snow storms and frost, one wonders how these early broods have fared. In such times adult birds have all they can do to find sufficient food for themselves. As proof of this the writer noticed quite a number of birds, including many insectivorous species, round the poultry runs after the inmates had received their morning feed. As a rule, insect-eating birds are quite content to search the fields and hedgerows for their food. Birds that have young ones are naturally unselfish, and would strive at all hazards to feed their charges, even if they themselves starved in the effort. So possibly, in spite of the severe conditions, the stronger birds of the broods may manage to survive. One effect of the strong northerly gales will be the keeping back for a time of most of the migratory birds which are now due. Should we get an immediate change to a south-west wind, our woods and hedgerows will soon be alive with a twittering army of graceful warblers. Our bird life is plentiful all the year round; even in the dead winter months there are many species to be seen in an ordinary country-side ramble; but with many thousands of extra birds added to the population of the woods (to say nothing of the great increase from natural causes), our walks will be of tenfold interest. It seems hardly possible after the week of winter we have passed through that the Wryneck and Cuckoo are due, and that the Swallows and House Martins should be twittering round the eaves of some south-country cottages. A pair of Wild Geese have just passed, flying northward, at a great height. This is a hopeful sign, for birds as a rule shun the stormy area. These have a long journey to perform before their breeding quarters are reached, for they do not now breed in the marshy tracts of East Anglia, and only the very remote tracts of the north give the solitude and seclusion necessary to such large birds for the propagation of their species.

Stroking a Brown Owl.

The Brown Owl is naturally a very ferocious bird, yet it has been known to allow itself to be stroked while on the nest.

A Catcher of Fish.

The Heron is a grand fisherman, and will occasionally quite gorge himself with good fish. If surprised in this condition, he will promptly disgorge it before seeking safety in flight.

Ring Ouzel in Surrey.

A fine cock Ring Ouzel has been seen at Betchworth, in Surrey, evidently on migration. In consequence of the snow and cold weather, the bird stayed some days before proceeding further on its journey.

England the Birds' Paradise.

Small birds as food are much more popular amongst other races than among the Anglo-Saxons. Every continental market place is at times an ornithological exhibition. Along the South of Europe, all through the Mediterranean, Finches and Warblers, Chats and Thrushes, are at all times liable to become entangled in snares and nets.

An Old Institution.

The Pharoahs owned gilded aviaries on the Nile when history itself was only in bud. Assyrian monarchs had a leaning to "the Fancy" and the calm grandeur of Babylonian halls echoed very probably the pleasant ditties of caged warblers and cooing of Doves. Chinese Emperors have amused themselves with the brilliant-plumaged Finches of their flowery land for innumerable ages; while bird-catching and caging is as old as any institution from the banks of the Ganges to those of the Nile.—(From Arnold's "Bird Life.")



First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

By H. J. FULLJAMES

(Continued from page 325.)

Sometimes Mischievous.

Java Sparrows, both the red and the white, I have sometimes found mischievous in a mixed collection, for a nip from their powerful beak is a somewhat serious matter; generally speaking, however, they may be trusted with smaller birds. Among themselves they are very sociable, and are no more trouble to breed than Canaries, especially those that are themselves aviary bred. The white variety owes its existence to the efforts of our Far Eastern friends the Japanese, who have evolved them out of the original grey, the ravager of the rice plantations in the land of its birth; the whites do not yet breed true to colour, and a nest from white parents may be either grey or more or less foully marked. On the show bench a pair of white Javas stands a really good chance of being placed at the top of a mixed class, but a pair truly without a foul feather or two is hard to find.

Of many of my own pairs that were purely white when I bought them, I have had only one pair which failed to reproduce foul feathers which had been "finger-moulted"; this pair I picked up for ten francs at a fair in Boulogne, and they won a good many prizes for me. It is not at all easy to decide upon the sex of an isolated specimen either of a white or a grey Java Sparrow. Seen together, however, the sexes are quite distinguishable—the beak of the cock bird is decidedly thicker at the base than that of the hen, and in profile he is quite "Roman-nosed" in comparison; in plumage there is absolutely no difference. Besides millet and Canary, Java Sparrows should be supplied with "paddy-rice"—rice in the husk.

Imposing and Gorgeous.

Quite an imposing and gorgeous collection may be made of Weaver-birds alone, and these also are birds that are better kept by themselves, or in association with larger birds, for when in breeding condition they are apt to be very spiteful. With one another they agree, or, rather, they show mutual respect.

Among them are many species, the cocks of which assume in breeding plumage the most gorgeous tints of yellow, orange, and crimson, contrasted in most cases against the deepest possible black, although when out of colour the cocks resemble exactly the modestly garbed hens. The commoner sorts may be bought for as little as two shillings a couple when out of plumage, and, if bought at this time by the dozen, a surprise or two may await the purchaser, for neither the dealer nor himself knows what the birds are, and the coming into plumage in due course may reveal some unexpected bargains. Many of them build the most wonderful nests; even in a cage they will justify their name of "Weavers," for, if supplied with grass bents, or bits of coloured string, wool, or silk, they will weave the most extraordinary patterns among the bars of the cage, pushing the ends of the material backwards and forwards in an incxtricable tangle; if a small travelling cage be hung within, the hen will push the ends of the material through from the inside, and the cock will pass them back to her from the outside, and the occupation tends materially to keep the birds in health. These birds, like many other foreigners, are the better for some insect food in addition to the ordinary mixture of millet and Canary seed.

One which would stand alone.

A collection which for sheer interest would absolutely stand alone, could be made up of those Whydahs which, in breeding plumage, have either all or some of their tail-feathers elongated to several times the length of their bodies. Because of these ornamental tails, the long-tailed Whydahs require a cage of considerably greater height than is necessary for birds not so decorated; nothing less than three feet would be high enough to enable them to keep their tails in proper condition.

Six species of these wonderful birds, not counting those Whydahs which do not develop long tail-feathers, are known to the show-bench—the Resplendent, Queen (or Racquet-tailed), Crimson-banded (or Cutthroat), Paradise (or Shaft-tailed), Pintail (or Red-billed), and the Giant (or Long-tailed or Twelve-tailed). The rarest of them all is the first-named, of which I believe only one specimen has ever been shown. Mr. Maxwell had the honour of introducing this beautiful bird to the show-bench, and it afterwards came into my possession. It was shown at first as a "Long-tailed Combassou," an appropriate, if incorrect, name, for, excepting for its long tail-feathers it very closely resembles the common Combassou, but the metallic sheen of its body plumage is even more remarkable than is that of its more humble relative, and it quite deserves its correct appellation, "Resplendent." The very beautiful Queen Whydah was at that time quite unknown at our exhibitions, and it is only during the last year or two that we have become familiar with it through the specimens shown by Messrs. Townsend and Watts, and the several members of the species which are at the Zoological Gardens.

The elongated tail feathers in this species have bare shafts for the greater portion of their length, the ends only being webbed; hence its popular name of Racquet-tailed Whydah.

The Crimson-banded may perhaps be said to be equally rare, for, although two or three of these were some years ago exhibited in the same season, the species is but rarely seen. I think the first ever shown was my own bird, and the story of its acquisition may be interesting, as showing that bargains are sometimes to be picked up by the observant.

A Lucky Moment.

When the now defunct Westminster Aquarium was "going strong," there was a bird-stall near the centre of the building. Here one evening I noticed two birds, which were just coming into colour, and the stall-keeper called them a pair of Pintail Whydahs. One of the birds was sufficiently advanced in plumage to make it certain that it was a Pintail, but the other was not so forward, and was presumed to be a hen of the same species. Looking closely, I saw a suspicion of red on the throat of the latter, and made a lucky guess that it was a cock Crimson-banded, although I had up to then never seen a bird of the species. I bought the "pair," and in due course had the honour of being the first to introduce the Crimson-banded Whydah to the show-bench, as well as the pleasure of winning a silver cup for the rarest bird in the show.

Not the least beautiful, although the most frequently seen of all, is the Paradise Whydah. Besides the long tail-feathers, the bird in breeding plumage has two tail feathers, of which the web is disposed vertically, and which give it the name of "Shaft-tailed." It has also two long filaments without web. There would appear to be two varieties, one of which has the "shafts" much wider than the other.

The Pintail Whydah is a very pretty species, and its four long tail-feathers are very curious; they each present in section a semi-circular groove, two being curved one way, and two the other, and the four feathers are frequently closed together to form a cylinder, hence the name "Pin-tailed." I have found this bird extremely pugnacious, especially when in breeding plumage, and it is certainly dangerous among birds of its own size or smaller.

The Giant Whydah, as its name implies, is the largest of them all; its body is about as large as that of a Starling, and its wonderful tail extends in old birds to nearly or quite two feet. All of its twelve tail-feathers are prolonged in season, and the web of each is waved in a most beautiful manner, so much so as to give each feather quite a spiral appearance. One of these majestic birds in a very large cage or aviary presents a most beautiful spectacle, as it flies from perch to perch. It is quite harmless to its smaller relatives, and may safely be kept in any collection.

The Whydahs present no difficulty in the matter of feeding; they do quite well on millet and Canary seed, but are all the better for an occasional mealworm or other live food; green stuff, of course, and equally, of course, the bath, for it is quite hopeless to expect them to keep their plumage in condition unless they can bathe frequently. A "Twelve-tailed" Whydah, when he is wet through, presents a somewhat ludicrous appearance; indeed, it is said that in their native Africa, when they are soaked by tropical showers, the Kaffir boys run them down and kill them with sticks for the sake of their ornamental feathers. Their toilet after the bath is with them a matter of great concern, and they will preen their feathers incessantly for a very considerable time until they have got them once more to their satisfaction.

The hens of all the Whydahs are soberly coloured birds, and the cocks, when out of plumage, exactly resemble the hens. It would take a keen judge indeed to sex or even to name a mixed lot of "out of colour" Whydahs, and they are best bought at that time, for, independently of the chance of an unsuspected bargain being among the lot, birds taken when out of plumage reconcile themselves readily to cage life, while those in breeding condition when caught are not nearly so likely to survive, and, in addition, the tails of such are nearly always very considerably damaged, and a whole season is lost, even if the birds live. In their first season in this country they come into plumage in the late summer, and moult into out-of-colour condition during our winter. This, of course, because the seasons here do not correspond with those of their native land, but each year afterwards they accommodate themselves more and more to our own seasons, and their moulting time gradually approximates to that of our British birds.

(To be continued.)

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FREEMANS' TONIC DROPS.

The Roller Canary:

Its Breeding, Training and General Management.

By "SCHOOLMASTER."

(Continued from page 325).

The Question of Water.

Now comes the vexed question whether you must supply them with fresh, clean drinking water. Some fanciers at various times have had serious losses amongst their young birds, which they attribute to allowing the water fountain to hang continually on their cages; consequently they added a few drops of tincture of gentian or Parrish's chemical food. Again, others will only allow the young birds to drink at intervals and then again remove the fountain. A few drops of gentian or chemical food has rather a beneficial effect than otherwise, but should you try the chemical food, do not make it too strong, as it has a tendency to set up diarrhœa in some birds; but these cases are isolated.

Personally, I have never experienced the slightest difficulty in this water question, for as soon as the youngsters are removed from the hen I hang the water fountains on their cages. If you will study this question for a few minutes you will arrive at the conclusion that, after the youngsters leave the nest you cannot prevent them from drinking, and the food does not remain in the hen's crop sufficiently long to become moistened. Watch a hen that is feeding a nest of chicks from three weeks to a month old; she will eat a supply of seed, egg food and green food and then off she goes and forces this up again in the mouths of the young birds; it is apparent that this food has not been in the hen's crop a sufficient length of time to allow it to become moistened. I also supply a hopper of rape, and it is surprising how soon they will begin to crack this seed.

If the hen shows signs of wanting to lay again, give her a clean nest-pan and a supply of nesting material, and introduce the cock again to her cage. Probably he will help the hen to finish off the youngsters.

When they are eating egg food and the crushed hemp for themselves, and have given up crying to be fed, remove them out of the breeding room and put them in a flight cage. After they begin to crack the rape seed, gradually lessen the supply of crushed hemp and egg food; your object will be to discontinue the use of the hemp altogether, and to reduce the egg food to just a small supply each day.

You will now begin to sort out the hens from the cocks, and remove the former back again into the breeding room; that is, if you have only a portion of two rooms at your disposal; but if you have a third room, put the young hens in this until the breeding season is over. All the hens can then fly together again in the breeding room for the winter.

Commencing to Train.

It is now time to introduce the training organ or the tutor. If your bird is songster good enough, place him in the same room as the young cocks. You will probably find his voice louder now, after being in the breeding cage, but you will find that he will sing quieter if you keep the cage shutters closed; but they must be opened at least once every day, say, for an hour. If you do not wish the young cocks to hear him singing loudly remove him to another room, out of hearing. But care must be exercised in this procedure at the back end of the year; so do not remove a bird into a room where there is any perceivable difference of temperature. Supply a bath again when the young ones are fully feathered, which can be ascertained by examining the body underneath the wings; the flesh will be entirely covered over with feathers. If you see the flesh between pen or half-grown feathers, wait a little longer, and for the first few times take the chill off the bathing water.

Young birds have a habit of sleeping at intervals in the daytime, but between naps they are bright and lively. If you find any that seem unwell, isolate them and give them a small quantity of bread soaked (or boiled) in milk; sprinkle over this a little fine sugar and maw seed. If this does not do any good, take all seed, egg food and water away, give them fresh new milk to drink, and supply them with nothing to eat but the prepared bread and milk. Young birds should have this latter diet (i.e., bread and milk) at least twice per week, this being given on different days instead of egg food. It should not be given too sloppy. This is a valuable article of diet, and the thanks of all Canary fanciers are due to its introducer.

You must decide for yourself what the staple seed diet shall consist of, but I would suggest that it be the best German summer rape; and in addition give in a separate pot a small teaspoonful of plain Canary seed per bird each day; and once or twice per week a small quantity of mixed seed can be given, made up of the following: Hemp, linseed, inga, white millet, gold of pleasure, lettuce and maw. Here you have a song mixture that will be beneficial in the moulting season and useful at any other period of the year. But this should be given sparingly, as it is a very rich mixture of seeds.

"Bide a Wee."

When the young fancier hears that all the faulty song tours are uttered with the beak of the bird partly or wide open, probably he will think that after examining his young cocks he has not one faulty singer. But bide a wee, until the moult is nearly over; then, oh! what a different view he will take of them.

Let them stop in the flight cages until the moult is over; this will help towards a good quick moult of the body feathers, as a young bird in its first moult does not cast its wing flights or tail feathers. In a natural way these are moulted in the moulting season of the following year. This exercising in the large flight cages makes the birds grow larger and stronger.

You will find as the moult is drawing to a close that the young cocks' voices are getting louder, and some are opening their beaks when singing; if they are bringing out a note or tour which you think is too loud, take the young bird uttering it out of the flight, and cage it by itself; this will stop it for a few days from singing, but if it still persists in singing this loud tour you will have to keep it right away from the other youngsters. But, of course, if your tutor has this fault it is of no use your removing a youngster for singing the same. Your object in choosing the tutor should be to get one without faults. As the other young cocks come forward in song after they have finished moulting, place them in shutter cages, putting those which you think are the best singers nearest the tutor. After a few days in the shutter cages they will begin to sing again. As soon as you perceive a bird bringing out a faulty or loud tour, take him out of the room immediately, or in a short time it will astonish you—you will find another has picked up this same fault.

After finding their seed and water in the new cages, gradually begin to close the shutters, say, half-way the first time, then a little each day afterwards, until they are closed up. Birds that are singing in a nice low and even tone need not be closed up in the dark unless they begin to get louder, and once they get loud in song you will not get them low again except for the actual time when they are covered up. If you can get ten or a dozen good singers out of every score of young cock birds, then you can assure yourself you are lucky.

Keep your eyes on those faulty singers you have removed, and if one should discontinue to bring out the fault bring it back again amongst your best birds; but should it go back again to this fault, remove it at once. I have known young cocks that have been backward in their song and have not sung until the spring to bring out a fault they heard in November of the previous year, and yet this fault was not in the strain. These young cocks had remembered it, and tuned it over many a time no doubt to themselves in the meantime.

You will naturally have a desire to exhibit one or more of your best and most forward singers. These will be from the earliest nests; and if you have not already done so, you will have to provide yourself with, say, a couple of show cages and a travelling case.

(To be continued.)

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

The League Badge to be ready shortly. Some further interesting expressions of opinion from readers.

Last week we promised an important announcement concerning CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. We were anticipating being able to publish a reproduction of the badge we have had designed and made as the official token of membership of the League, also to announce the date upon which those badges would be on sale. But the fates (in the shape of the manufacturers) have willed it otherwise. A short period must elapse—owing to the intervention of the Easter holidays—before the badges can be completed, but the reproduction of the design we shall put before our readers in our next issue.

The matters of rules, constitution and management of the League are receiving close attention, and shortly after the holidays we believe we shall be in a position to give the complete details.

In the meantime we shall be glad if Societies will discuss CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE at their meetings and send us any suggestions their members feel inclined to advance. We tender our thanks to the many secretaries and bird-keepers who have already written us on various points.

All on the Level.

Sir,—Having been a reader of CAGE BIRDS ever since its inception, I would like to say how pleased I was (although not surprised) to see your intention to form a Cage Birds League. On the lines you laid down I am sure it will be a huge success. In last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS I see Mr. St. John suggests a distinction of subscriptions, also a distinction of terms to apply to same, but with all due respect to his wide and varied experience, I think it would be a big mistake to make any distinction whatever. I say, let us all be on an equal level, let us keep to the one fixed subscription, and the result will be one great army of fanciers whose motto will be good fellowship, and faddists will think above once or twice before they attack us. In conclusion, let me congratulate you on the steady advance in our paper, CAGE BIRDS.—S. J. LEES (Hanley).

Sir,—Allow me to wish Cage Birds League a huge success. I intend to become a member. Wishing every brother member a successful season.—Arthur H. Cowell (Derby).

Sir,—I am glad to say that your Cage Birds League is causing a lot of interest amongst the members of the Reading and District C.B.S., and I believe will get a lot of subscribers.—W. H. Pyke, secretary.

Sir,—As I am already a member of Cage Birds League, I paid a visit to a brother fancier's on Sunday and began talking to him about the League. At last he had to say, Yes, he would become a member. I enclose you herewith 1s. contribution and sixpence for the badge. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success, also Cage Birds League. I have, I may say, got my eye on more prospective League members.—G. H. PECK (Bexley, Kent).

An Opinion from America.

I like your proposition with regard to Cage Birds League, and I think that the badge would be a mark of fellowship between members at shows and elsewhere. But I think that great care will have to be taken with regard to drawing up the rules, so that unscrupulous dealers and cruel bird catchers (for we might as well admit that while we have humane catchers, there are some heartless ones among them) could not hide from the law behind the League. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—R. Walker (Pittsburg, U.S.A.).

One of the Best.

I am pleased to see you forming Cage Birds League. I think it will be one of the best things done for bird-keepers. You may rely on me as a worker for the League in our district, and I trust the League will meet with the support and success it deserves. Kindly enrol me as a member, for which I enclose 1s. for subscription and 6d. for the badge, to be forwarded to me when ready. I wish Cage Birds League every success, also our ever-welcome CAGE BIRDS. May all fanciers have a good season.—G. H. Peck (Bexley, Kent).

Under the White Rose.

WIBSEY and District C.B.S. have issued their syllabus and lists of members' shows for 1911, and, as usual, it is a good and interesting one. Half a dozen members' shows are to be held, with a good classification for each; then several rambles are arranged for, and at two of them the ladies are invited. Good boys! But one is, alas! for gentlemen only; I suppose it is too far for the ladies. Other items are suppers and a cricket match. The first event took place last Saturday evening at their headquarters, Horse and Groom Inn, Wibsey—a meat pie supper; and they were doing full justice to it at about seven o'clock. Then they had a social evening. Their chairman was in fine form, and it would not have been his fault if things were not lively.

BRADFORD WEST had a good discussion on breeding, pairing, etc., under the leadership of Mr. W. A. Cowgill, who gave a good paper on the subject, and then invited questions, to which he gave interesting and useful answers, all quite to the satisfaction of the questioners. In the first place Mr. Cowgill prefers double breeding cages, as then it is much easier to keep the cages clean, without the necessity of disturbing the birds. You can put the nest in one compartment and the food in the other; then all stale food can be taken out as often as required. Pairing and matching he dealt with fully. He advises breeders to study their birds long before pairing up, and also to know as much about them as possible; also to have their own strain—not buy every time they want a fault remedying, but to study it out and breed each season with the object of getting some faults out and some good points in. He stated he had known many who had not put a lot of money into their stock, and they had been very successful in breeding winners; what they had put into their stock and work was brains and patience. Among the questions the most important were, "How can colour be got into a strain?" "What is the lecturer's opinion of double-yellowing and double-buffing?" The questioner stated that he knew a novice who, not knowing any different, had paired up two buffs, and from the progeny paired in the usual way the owner had been very fortunate in getting some good youngsters that had scored well during the last season. The discussion proved very interesting, the novice element present having a fair good time. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Cowgill for his able handling of the question under consideration.

SHIPLEY and District C.B.S. members are very sorry that one of their oldest fanciers, Mr. Hudson, has had the misfortune to lose his wife. The couple some two years ago celebrated their golden wedding, and during the whole time have seldom, if ever, been without birds, both of them taking a wide interest in the Fancy. One of their sons follows the birds also, and is a prominent member of the society, and, along with Mr. Whitfield (who has, I believe, been made an honorary member), was in at the formation of the society. Much sympathy will no doubt go out to the one left.

THE above-named Society have, after a hard struggle, got well into harness again. A couple of years ago they nearly floundered, but by dint of hard work on the part of the officials and members generally, they have now got the upper hand, and are sailing along smoothly. A balance of £9 in hand is what they start the new financial year with—not bad, this!

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

NORWICH C.B.A. ANNUAL SMOKER.

Suggested Coronation Present.

The Norwich Alliance (All England) C.B.A. held their annual smoking concert on April 6th at the Oxford Arms. The president, Mr. F. J. Lambert, was in the chair, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. A. W. Russell, whilst amongst those present were Messrs. W. E. Keefe, W. W. Freestone, J. Parsons, F. Cullington, J. A. Alpe, E. Clarke, J. Freeman, H. Pippin, H. F. Nash, J. Howard, A. Payne, A. D. C. Lewer, R. Roll (secretary), H. Dunham, A. E. Edwards, and W. Hare. Song and toast were judiciously intermixed, contributors to the musical section being Messrs. Goodwin, Shearing, Clarke, Brooks, Burton, F. Clabburn, Fuller, J. Clabburn, and Wood (pianist).

"The King" having been musically honoured, Mr. R. Roll submitted the "Honorary Subscribers and Honorary Officers," to which were coupled the names of Mr. Lambert and Mr. H. F. Nash (hon. auctioneer). Mr. Roll said the association extended to Mr. Nash a hearty welcome on joining them and being there that evening. As to the honorary subscribers, the association owed them a great debt of gratitude.—Mr. Nash, in responding, congratulated the association on the eminence it had attained, and wished it every success in the future. They could rest assured he would do all he could to assist them.

The President, in proposing "Success to the Norwich Alliance Cage Bird Association," said its objects were the advancement of the Norwich Canary and improving the breed. As a show bird the Norwich Canary was recognised as the leading one in the world. The honorary subscribers were pleased to give their support to the association because it encouraged thrift among the members. The money realised by the sale of the stock at the end of the breeding season went to the purchase of extra comforts for the home, clothing for the children; and in the shoe trade, when work was scarce in the long winter months, it was often the means of keeping the wolf from the door, and was of real benefit to the tradesmen in various parts of the city. In conclusion, Mr. Lambert said he should like to throw out the suggestion that in view of the Coronation and the approaching visit of His Majesty to Norwich it would be a good idea to send one of the best Norwich Canaries as a Coronation gift to the Queen. (Loud applause.) The name of the secretary was coupled to the toast, musical honours being accorded.

Mr. Roll responded in suitable terms. He said he was looking forward to the time when the association would be the leading one in the kingdom. As an instance of what was being done, he mentioned with regard to one dealer alone that he had paid out no less a sum than £1,750 for last season's birds. This was an evidence, Mr. Roll said, of what Canary breeding was doing for Norwich.

Other toasts that were popularly received were "The Chairman," submitted by Mr. W. W. Freestone, and acknowledged by the President; and "The Visitors and Kindred Societies," presented by Mr. F. Cullington and replied to by Mr. A. E. Edwards. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.
Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street).
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). J.R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth.**—(J. Nichol, Castle View.) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.)
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Toal Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)
Oct. 26.—**Oxford.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.).
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 6, Neville Terrace, Haxby Road.)
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without).
Nov. 15 and 16.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 19, Bond street.)
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Martinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.E.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Crandington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.).
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 35, Rodsley Avenue.)
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 57, Adams-terr., Kelty).
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street).
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.)
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan St.).
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

How to Breed Canaries.

A lecture delivered before the Hemsworth C.B.S. by Mr. H. Townley.

Mr. H. Townley gave us a lecture on April 5th. There was a very fair attendance of members and friends, but the rough, wintry weather kept a good number away. Those present enjoyed the lecture immensely. Mr. Townley went into details very minutely, and I think by the expressions of the members they were quite satisfied by the masterly way in which he handled his subject. The following is a rough summary of his lecture, as I jotted it down:—

In the first place, I assume you have the necessary birds ready that you intend to breed from. My own particular fancy is the Yorkshire Canary. We will deal with breeding from the standpoint of the Yorkshire, therefore, as almost all breeding is upon the same method of procedure. You want, in the first place, proper breeding cages, with plenty of room. Mine are 36 in. long, 18 in. deep and 11 in. wide; single breeders 18 in. by 11 in. by 18 in. They should have been well washed out and dried, and then lime-washed (I think lime-washing them helps to keep the parasites down). Nest pans should be made of tin lined with moss and horsehair, not cocoanut or wood, as they are only harbouring places for parasites, and try the temper of both the birds and the fancier. Now, everything being ready, I put my birds into the breeders—first a yellow cock and a buff hen, or vice versa—in each of the compartments, and when I see they are fancying each other I take the slide away and run them together, watching them for a time to see all is correct. Two clear yellows or two clear buffs should not be put together, as it tends to deteriorate colour as well as feather. A good clear buff or clear yellow should be paired up to a ticked yellow or ticked buff hen.

The cock should be a good big strong bird and the hen a good strong medium-sized one, full of quality. Little birds may be all right, but I prefer good big strong birds. Don't buy little birds; you can breed plenty of them.

The Eggs and the Young.

Supposing our birds have got nicely paired up, the next thing are the eggs. When the first egg is laid it should be taken away, also the second, and put into receptacles; then, after the third is laid, put the other two back again into the nest. The eggs will take 14 days to hatch, and egg food should then be given to the old birds. I make my own egg food from our own bread and boiled eggs that have been boiled for at least 10 minutes; these I put through an egg sieve. When the young ones have been hatched a fortnight I put a clean nest pan in rather larger than the first one and lined with Swansdown; this gives the young ones more room and prevents the old ones from smothering them. At three weeks old the old ones begin to want to go to nest again; so I put a hanging cage in front of the breeder and place the young ones in. I do this to prevent the old ones from pulling their feathers out for making their new nest with; and I give them plenty of boiled German rape, chickweed lettuce or watercress and plenty of egg food. The young ones soon learn to feed themselves, and the old ones will feed them through the wires, but keep plenty of clean grit in the cage, a small bit of beef suet, plenty of linseed, maw and niger seed, as well as good sound Canary seed, and you young fanciers will not be far out of it in breeding some good strong youngsters. An enjoyable evening was spent.—J. H. Gillings, secretary

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9).—*All queries must be addressed the* **Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Park and Lake Aviculture—**Frank Finn,** B.A., F.Z.S. M.B.O.U., &c. Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Bad Eye, and Sample of Seed.

C. L. B., Birmingham.—(1) See that the bird does not roost in a position where it is exposed to a cold draught through some chink. Keep the perches quite clean. Bathe the eye twice daily with a small quantity of a decoction made by infusing a poppy head in a half-pint of boiling water for about fifteen minutes, then strain and dissolve a heaped teaspoonful of boracic in it. Use it lukewarm, taking only a sufficient quantity for present need each time, and throw it away after use. Give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days to keep the bowels free for a time. (2) I cannot name the exact proportions in any mixture of mostly very small seeds from a small sample. The real proportions in the bulk may be very different from what appears to be the case in a small quantity taken from it. As near as I can judge, the sample consists of one part each Canary, inga, and broken groats, a half part each of hemp, maw, and gold of pleasure, a quarter part each of dandelion and lettuce, and just a trace of sesame and linseed. As an occasional tit-bit in small quantities, and for birds out of condition temporarily, provided over-feeding is not the cause of the loss of condition, it is a useful mixture.

Swelling on Abdomen.

Pickwick.—I cannot tell what this swelling is without seeing it, or knowing more definitely its position; character, that is, whether hard or soft, or apparently filled with fluid or solid matter; and its colour. The latter point alone would have given a much better clue to the cause of the trouble than I now possess. If it is of a yellowish colour, I should imagine it was an accumulation of fat, and if whitish, or white slightly mottled with greyish, I should suspect it was simply an accumulation of faeces. I am rather inclined to the latter opinion, and you can do no harm in trying the following treatment for a fortnight, and then report result, at same time giving the above-named items of information. Give a staple diet of plain Canary seed only. Every third day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts maw, inga, and teazle. Give two leaves of dandelion, or a spray of chickweed or groundsel daily. On the first two days drop two drops of lukewarm castor oil in the vent morning and evening. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, daily for three days, and every second day for the remainder of the week. On the alternate days during the latter half of the first week, and every second day in the following week, give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid. Do not attempt to mate the hen until you have seen the effect of this treatment.

Cinnamons, and Roller Terms.

Tanager.—(1) No, I would not describe the Cinnamon as an unpopular variety by any means, though its popularity is certainly much less common and extensive than that of such breeds as the Norwich, Yorkshire, or Border. In a sense the Cinnamon colour as it appears in the Cinnamon-marked Yorkshires and Borders bids fair to become as popular, if not more so, than any Green or Green-marked variety, and it cannot be less than popular appreciation of the pure cinnamon that is bringing this about. The limited opportunities afforded for showing it is doubtless one cause why the pure Cinnamon is not more extensively taken in hand by breeders. (2) The terms you name are given to distinct and recognised tours in the song of trained Rollers. To enter fully into details is not possible here, and mere written descriptions are eminently unsatisfactory for the novitiate. To properly understand and appreciate them you would do far better to attend a few singing contests with someone who understood them, and could point out to you the various tours as the birds sang. Briefly, the explanations are: "Schöckel," is a tour somewhat resembling a hollow-roll, but with a shaking or rising and falling movement, given in rather quick time, and based on the vowel sounds u and o. This tour has been likened to the movement of a sewing machine, but not so fast. "Hollow-roll" is a deep, soft, rolling tour, based on the vowel sounds u, o, and a, in combination with the consonant sound r, a kind of rururururu. "Bass-roll" is a rolling tour which may be likened in character to the effect of a bass singer. It should be a very deep-chested, full, and soft sound, on the fundamental vowels, o, u, and a, with the consonant r. The "flutes" are so called from the resemblance of the bird's notes to the sound of that instrument, and are based on such sounds as dudududu or dododudu, etc. In each tour there are many subtle variations which it is impossible to go into here.

Seed Sample (Forth View).—No. 1 Canary is a very good all-round sample of excellent quality. But the presence of a solitary mouse spoor and a few stray bitter seeds suggests the wisdom of seeing whether the bulk is much frequented by mice, or possibly much contaminated by them. The sample does not suggest that this is so to any appreciable degree, but it is as well to make sure, if possible. No. 2 Canary, though not actually bad, is very small, and of decidedly poor quality. Much inferior to No. 1. No. 3 is a very good quality of summer rape. No. 4, hemp, is of excellent quality. The best I have examined for a long time.

Cutting Cock's Tail (A. C., Halfway).—Cutting the bird's tail shorter will not make the slightest difference to its powers or capacity to fill eggs. If this bird and his mate are in good, healthy, breeding condition, so that they would have had fertile eggs in the ordinary course without the tail being shortened, you may quite confidently expect them to have fertile eggs now. It would have been different had you plucked the feathers out, as in that case there would have been a drain on the blood supply, whilst the new feathers were growing, and in all probability that would have materially reduced the bird's fertility for the time being. But simply cutting the feathers shorter will have no bad effect whatever.

Another Unsatisfactory Pair (Seifert Rollers).—Probably neither of these birds was in good breeding condition when put together, but having been together so long, there is a chance that they may settle down to business almost any day, and the hen may be too forward to make it quite safe to separate them. Therefore, leave them together, and treat them the same as advised to "J. E. M. G." But in your case, give a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, in the water for two days, and also give four dandelion leaves daily to the pair of birds. You might also read the reply to "Downhearted," and see it any suggestion therein fits your case.

Loss of Voice (Border Fancy).—The bird has certainly been exposed to cold draughts, or got a severe chill in some way. See that it is now kept in a warm temperature—do not overdo it, but still keep it quite away from the cold side—as equable as possible, and do not allow it to hang near or over burning lights in the evenings. In addition to the seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod-liver oil emulsion, and four of sherry mixed in it every second day. Add a pinch of maw on the alternate days; and a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and five each of oxymel of squills and sweet spirits of nitre, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another week afterwards.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

Shell-less Eggs (School Girl). You make no mention of the age of the hen, nor of giving anything in the way of shell-forming material beyond a good supply of gritty sand, which may, or may not, contain shell-forming matter. The cause may be due to immaturity or to some weakness in the lower portion of the oviduct, but from the hen's history and the appearance of the egg sent, I am strongly inclined to think it is merely owing to absence of the necessary material. Give her 20 drops of chemical food in the water every second day for a fortnight. Hang a flake of cuttlefish in the cage where she can conveniently peck at it, or stick it between the wires at the end of a perch, and leave it in all through the season, and renew the supply as often as necessary. When she is about going to nest again, also get a little old mortar from some demolished building and smash it up and mix with the sand you use on the floor of the cage, and scatter a pinch of millet seed on the floor daily.

Mopy Hens (H.W.B.). — You have been feeding these birds rather too sparingly for birds kept in a cold room. If they are quite free from draughts and damp, the following treatment will soon pull them round. Staple diet, a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give each half a teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with a quarter teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seeds. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. Give two dandelion leaves to each daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

Swollen Thigh (J.W.C.).—Sorry I cannot say definitely what is the cause of the swollen thigh without seeing it, or knowing something more definite as to the circumstances under which it arose. If the leg and foot are useless, I should suspect the thigh had been broken in some of the bird's courting "scraps." The swelling would cause the skin to show through the body feathers, if of much extent, but it cannot have lost the feathers off the thigh (or rather what is called the thigh), for the very good reason that it never had any on—at least, no proper quilled feathers, but only short and scanty down. Keep the bird quietly in a cage by itself for a week or two. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part rape. Give a little green food daily. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight. Occasionally add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water to keep the bowels a little free. Do not attempt any local treatment for the thigh. Rest and quietude will probably set matters right.

Marital Strife (Eggs and Bacon, Liverpool).—The first pair in which the cock molests the hen should have had the cock taken away when the hen began to sit, and the hen left to hatch and rear the brood by herself. As the eggs will probably be near hatching by the time this appears, you had better leave them together now, as it is quite possible his demeanour may alter when the heavy burden of being a responsible parent is forced upon him. But keep an eye upon him, and if he continues to behave badly after the young are hatched, remove him until they are out of the nest, and able to leave the hen. There is nothing you can safely give him to make him less vigorous. I suppose you are feeding them on a quite plain diet, whilst sitting as you ought to do. The other pair in which the hen is the termagent may be safely left alone. She is doubtless only bent on "keeping him in his place," during this interesting period. The same remark applies as to feeding.

Cock breaking Eggs (Luke Sharpe).—You did the correct thing in the circumstances by taking away the cock, but you acted wrongly in removing the three eggs afterwards. Even the last laid need not of necessity have been untertile, but if they were you have probably just as likely removed some of those that were fertile, as those that were not. You should have allowed them to remain until the end of the period of incubation, and removed them when it was quite clear they would not hatch, but even then an egg in the nest is no detriment, but rather an advantage for the first few days after the young are hatched. Next time you mate the birds remove each egg in the morning as laid, and return them on the evening of the third day, and remove the cock at the same time, and if a fifth and sixth egg are again laid, simply leave them to take their chance of hatching or not.

Opinion about Mating (J. E. M. G.).—Candidly, my opinion is that you materially postponed the fulfilment of your desires by separating the birds. Had you left them alone, I see nothing to suggest that they would not have quickly settled down and got to business. Give them both a staple of a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of egg food, with a quarter teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Give two leaves of dandelion daily, but see that they are free from night frosts, and not gathered wet. If the birds are still in good vigorous condition after a couple of days of this treatment mate them again, and leave them to manage the business after their own fashion. Continue the above treatment until the hen has gone to nest, then, whilst sitting, give the staple diet only.

Looking Unpropitious (Downhearted).—Really it is much too early to adopt such a non-de-plume. Unless you are keeping the birds in an unfavourable position, where perhaps they have got a bit of a chill since you obtained them, there is little to suggest that anything serious is wrong. The hen is probably not very forward, and only wants a little time and patience to get to work when, if she is a young hen, or anything other than a worn out crock, you may get quite favourable results. See that the birds are in no draught, as suggested; do not keep them where they will be exposed to extremes of heat and cold; nor where they are constantly disturbed by people moving about. Then treat them as advised to "J. E. M. G.," and exercise patience for a little while, when all may come right in the end. If the birds appear to be suffering from colds—coughing or sneezing—not otherwise, give 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken, in the water for three or four days.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

M.W.F.—Dissolve five grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup and administer direct to the mouth; this may be given on two successive days, and then only after or during a period of excitement, as such usually precedes a fit. Give two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to an ounce of water, as the day's water supply, having a period of three days between the doses, and then afterwards give a dose whenever there appears any tendency to constipation. When not giving the magnesia keep the drinking water well coloured with Parrish's Chemical Food, but previous to commencing this, put two drops of laudanum into its drinking water (one ounce) on two successive days. As the bird is rather thin, give a little boiled maize—boil till soft, but the grains should remain whole, drain away all moisture before supplying to the bird—it must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour; otherwise its diet should be confined to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. As it is fond of small seed, give canary and white millet seed, in equal parts, with a little hemp and sunflower seeds as a change; a half teaspoonful of grit (not sand) should be added to this daily supply of seed, and a piece of clean cuttlefish kept hanging in the cage. Please report progress in two or three weeks.

Foreign Birds for Cages.

F. E. N.—Foreign species require more room than is usually given to a pair of Canaries, and a bird-cage, 36in. long, 15in. deep, 15in. high is none too large—a Hartz travelling cage makes an excellent nest receptacle for many species, with the fittings removed, screening it with a twiggy branch; use natural branches only as perches. All the following should succeed and breed with you: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Bronze Mannikins, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Bengalese, Silverbills, White Java Sparrow, and Budgerigars. As regards the latter, you need not fear their beaks, they only nip when handled, and a pair of garden gloves, when this is necessary, will obviate all unpleasantness. Our Nutshell Booklet, 2½d., from our manager, would give you all details re Budgerigars. In CAGE BIRDS, No. 470, January 14th issue, there was a full article on Breeding and Keeping Java Sparrows; you should get this if you do not keep back numbers. You will understand that the above cage is for one pair of birds only. The Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, and Bengalese might breed in an ordinary Canary breeding cage, but the larger size is the better and more likely to give good results. With a little luck, they should at any rate partly pay their way. As you are a novice with foreign birds, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1d., post free, from our manager, would probably save you annoying losses—it fully deals with the above species

Birds for Outdoor Aviary.

Novice.—In an aviary of this limited size, it would certainly be better to have a hinged shutter or shutters, constructed of wood and glass, which could be closed on cold nights, and also during the day during periods of severe weather—if you are troubled with prowling cats, the shutters would be better closed winter and summer at nights, arranging of course for proper ventilation. For breeding purposes your aviary would accommodate one pair each of Budgerigars, Java Sparrows, and Cockateels, and merely as housing quarters, would not accommodate more than a mixed series of sixteen birds of this size. They will thrive and breed, but you will have to remove the young, as soon as they are able to feed themselves. It is no use my naming other species as Finches and Budgerigars do not agree together, at any rate, in a limited space. You could put in a cock Red-crested Cardinal for variety—he will not interfere with the others, and is able to look after himself. "Foreign Birds for Beginner," would help you, 1s. 1d. post free from our Manager.

Parrot with Swollen Joint.

Bombay.—Bathe the joint with hot water, and after drying with a cloth, paint the swollen area with neat whiskey; do this daily so long as the skin remains whole—if the swelling should develop into a sore, you must write again at once, giving the best description you can. Keep its bowels moving freely, but the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery-loose. A dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (2 parts water to 1 part magnesia), every fourth day should suffice, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Examine its mouth, and if there are any whitish spots on mouth or tongue, put a little honey and borax therein daily. Keep the bird warm and quiet, yet where it can get light and air without draught. Diet: Seed mixture, two parts each canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, paddy-rice, oats, maize, and sunflower seeds. Also supply daily ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, or a stale crust of household bread. Grit and cuttlebone must be regularly supplied. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Waxbill and Lavender Finches.

W. E. C.—You have done quite right to separate the birds, and do not put them together again till the Dufresne's head has renewed its plumage. Lightly anoint the bare parts with a little clean vaseline, but do not use sufficient to make its plumage greasy. Keep a millet spray in the cage, picking the seeds out will keep it active. Try it with a little soft food, and if it will take it, let it have a little daily, stirring in a pinch of flowers of sulphur after it is moistened. Give the bird half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in lieu of the Chemical Food every fourth day, but if the voidings become watery-loose you must stop the laxative at once. If the bird will not take the soft food, I should advise with the fingers spotting a little water over the seed, and then dusting them with the sulphur, it would get a little that way. Give a little lettuce daily, also a bit of ripe apple or other fruit, and when you can get flowering (seeding) grass free from frost, give this—a small mealworm morning and afternoon would be helpful if the bird will take it.

Care of Plumage.

Bristol.—Give this bird every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce) so long as the voidings are not watery loose; on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Stop your present seed mixture, and in lieu of same give Canary and white millet in equal parts. For the present give about a tablespoonful of boiled maize daily, boil till soft, drain off all moisture, and then dust with flowers of sulphur, stir up, and supply to the bird—this must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit or stale crust of household bread, or both. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage. The bird is biting off and pulling its own plumage; in conjunction with the above continue the quassia spray and report progress in a month.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Outdoor Aviary and Birds.

England.—Of course, from your particulars I do not know all the details, but the aviary would be more practical and useful if, so far as the flight is concerned, the bottom was taken out, which would give the bird a flight six to seven feet high. Under any conditions I should not mix Parrakeets and Finches—the former sooner or later mutilate the latter. You have floor space for 25 birds the size of a Budgerigar, or about one-third that number of such birds as Cockatiels. I take it you have Green Budgerigars. Get, in addition, pairs each of Yellow Budgerigars, Cockatiels, and Blue-wing Lovebirds; this would make you a nice selection, a good variety of colour, and all birds which should do well with simple treatment, but the majority of the young should be removed as soon as they are able to fend for themselves; or they will become overcrowded and the breeding pairs' domestic arrangements interfered with.

Birds for Indoor Aviary.

Durham.—I take it your greenhouse aviary, 6 by 2 by 6ft. high, with sliding partitions and floors is equally divided, and that each compartment is about 3 x 3 x 2ft. There are two courses open to you, either to have merely a mixed series all flying together, or to keep birds of varying size as pets in the various compartments. A cock Shama would make a grand occupant for one compartment, he is a fine songster, very handsome, fearless and confiding. Diet: Soft food and live insects. A Gold-fronted Green Bulbul would make a gorgeously apparelled occupant for another; he has a fair song, of his own, and is a good mimic of other birds' songs. A diet of milk-sop, ripe fruit, little soft food, and a few live insects, will keep him fit and well for years. Both the above birds are long-lived, once they become acclimatised. A pair of Gouldian Finches should do well and breed in another compartment. You would get full details as to treatment from our Nutshell Booklet, "Gouldian Finches," 2½d. post free from our manager. Two or three cock Tanagers, say, Blue, Scarlet and Superb, would do well in the other compartment, and thrive on the same treatment as the G.F. Green Bulbul. The above birds should prove long-lived with you, once they have settled down, and prove "a sight for the gods." If you have a mixed series, all flying together, then such as Avadavats, Common and Green, Golden-breasted, Orange-cheek and St. Helena Waxbills, Gouldian and Cuba Finches, Long and Rufous-tailed Grassfinch, and Grey and Green Singing Finches, not more than 18 to 20 birds should be kept in undivided aviary. Foreign Birds for Beginners, 1/1 post free, from our Manager, would help you as to treatment, etc.

Keeping a Mynah.

Rekat.—This bird requires soft food, fruit, and a liberal supply of live food. Milk sop is quite wholesome for it, but so long as it lives on this alone voidings are sure to be watery. Soft food: Mix the following—3½ lbs. game meal, 1 lb. fine ground crissel, ½-lb. each dried flies and ants' cocoons. This will keep indefinitely in a tin in a dry place, and last some time. For use, take the required portion and make crumbly moist with boiling water. Mince a little cooked meat, also banana and carrot, and stir into the moistened daily supply of soft food; you will find it will ultimately take to this. It can also have some milk sop daily, but do not make it too sloppy. A little minced raw meat can be given once a week, and a little minced suet every other day. Live insects, it will take any of the following: Mealworms, cockroaches, smooth caterpillars, spiders, beetles, and almost any garden insect that is not of a hairy nature; it should have a liberal supply of live food of some kind. I should also from time to time try it with a slice of some kind of ripe fruit; let it hang in the cage till it ferments, and then remove it. He will take some sooner or later. As soon as it is steady, letting it out of its cage at convenient intervals will tend to its general well-being.

Quails, etc.

H. Harvey.—Californian Quails will agree with the Budgerigars and Lovebirds, and so would the little Painted Quails, but these latter might be bullied by the Californian. In two corners of the aviary you must pile a heap of brushwood over sand at least two inches deep. Send me a ground plan of your aviary and a stamped addressed envelope and I will send you a diagram how to arrange. The hen Painted Quail much resembles the Common Quail, but is smaller, and has a white throat. The cock is brown above, with white shafts to most of the feathers; the throat is black, with a white semi-collar round the front of neck, the sides of face are blue, with two sharply defined white streaks, breast and side of body blue, rest of under surface mahogany-red; wing, blue, red and brown. Size, about that of Lark, but stouter. You could also keep with the Budgerigars, etc., Cardinals, Diamond and Australian Crested Doves, Laughing Thrushes, Foreign Ouzels, Sibias, and so make a very varied series. Will send diagram, etc., of fountain with other diagrams, on receipt of addressed envelope.

Zebra Doves and Bulbuls.

Tanager.—(1) The—hen bird is slightly smaller than the male, and there is less of the reddish tint on her crown; but the difference between the sexes is not great. (2) Their song is not great, but they are interesting, active, and handsome birds. The Green Bulbuls (Chloropsis) are gorgeous in plumage and excellent mimics of the songs of other birds. (3) The Black-headed Siskin has been successfully paired with our English Siskin; the Abyssinian Yellow Sparrow, with the English Tree Sparrow, the Green and Grey Singing Finches, Alario Finch, St. Helena Seedeater and Hooded Siskin, have all successfully paired with Canaries. All the Foreign Serins and Siskins would doubtless readily mate with the domestic Canary. (4) The Firefinch is rosy-crimson, washed

Owing to the necessity of going to press one day earlier this week, many answers to questions cannot be given until our next issue.—Editor.

with brown on the upper parts, and spotted with white on the sides of the breast. The Masked Weaver has a black mask on the face, and is olive-green above, striated with blackish-green; the under-parts are mainly yellow. Bishops are also known as Weavers. The Napoleon is mainly yellow and black; the Orange is mainly fiery orange and black; the Madagascar has the head, neck, rump and entire under surface fiery scarlet, the upper parts are ruddy brown, with blackish streaks.

Re F.B.C. If you send me a stamped addressed envelope per the Editor, the matter can be satisfactorily arranged.

An Ailing Parrot (Mrs. H.).—Glad to note your bird is on the mend. Continue the treatment, and it should lead to complete recovery, but if there should be any relapse write again at once with fullest details.

Black-headed Nun (Learner):—This bird belongs to the Mannikin group, many of which are almost voiceless to the human ear, whatever they may be to each other. They make apparently prodigious efforts at song, with little or no audible result. They will agree with the Silverbills, and form a pleasing contrast with their light fawn coloured plumage. Diet: Canary, white millet, spray millet, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. Hardy and enduring, but must not be subjected to draught.

Budgerigars not laying (Anxious).—You must give them time to settle down; there are few species that go to nest with the regularity that Canaries do. They will not lay during the moult; this is somewhat out of season; are you keeping them where the temperature is very variable, if so, this would occasion an abnormal moult. They are hardy species, and so long as they are not subjected to draught, do not need artificial heat of any kind. As soon as the present severe spell passes, remove them to a cold room, and as soon as you can get it, free from frost, supply flowering (seeding) grass liberally. In the meantime let them have a slice of ripe apple to peck at. Our Nutshell booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our manager, would help you.

Budgerigar Losing Feathers (Lovebird).—I do not retain queries by me, and I cannot recall the circumstances of your case; full details should always be given when repeating a query, but if there is no other way of giving the remedies, the bird can be caught, and instead of giving the remedies in a dilute form, give two drops neat direct to the mouth. However, you may not care to take such drastic proceedings, and with the warm weather coming on, things should soon naturally right themselves, as soon as you can get it free from frost, supply seeding (flowering) grass liberally, and in the meanwhile give a little lettuce or ripe apple, and supply Canary and white millet seed, oats, and millet sprays, also grit and cuttlebone. It is either constitutional weakness with your birds, or else a too warm or very variable temperature that is keeping them in continual moult. Whilst Budgerigars must not be subjected to draught, they do not need any artificial heat. Let your birds have as much exercise as possible.

A Sick Grey Parrot (Reaney).—Continue the treatment already advised. Glad to hear there is an improvement; this should continue, but during this treacherous weather keep it out of all draught. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor yet any kind of animal food whatever. If it craves for sop, soak a little biscuit in equal parts of chemical food and warm water, pouring off all liquid before supplying to the bird. Also a little boiled maize is permissible: boil till soft, but the grains should remain whole, drain off all moisture possible; it must be prepared fresh daily as it soon turns sour. You are quite right in giving the bath, but I should give an intermediate spraying with quassia solution for a few weeks. With the exception of sopped biscuit and boiled maize as above, confine its dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Cockatoo Picking its Feathers (Mary).—As it is only beginning to pick, you may be able to check this bad habit. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the daily supply of drinking water every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, and on the intermediate days, well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Spray the bird twice weekly with a dilute quassia solution and keep strictly out of draught till dry. Diet: Seed mixture, two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each maize, paddy rice, oats, hemp and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit and little green food. Grit, cuttlebone, and water must also be regularly supplied. Do not give any tea, coffee or milk ops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever.

Aviary Queries (J. Rich).—Your aviary must be very exposed (cold), and I fear also almost sunless for the birds you name to fail. Yes, you must have a wood and glass shutter for winter and cold autumn and spring nights. Budgerigars and Cockatoels will succeed with you, but I'm rather doubtful of the Blue-wing Lovebirds; still, they ought to, and they are not costly, so it will be worth a trial. Keep a good thickness of sand over the stone floor; this can be merely raked over (with a short handled rake) every other day, and the bulk of the sand renewed about monthly. The Canaries were put into the aviary too late in the year to stay out last winter; they should have been put out in April or May. Am sending other details per post. As soon as you let me know what birds you decide to keep, I will advise you as to treatment.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Chaffinch's Song (W. F. Wilbee).—Give this bird two or three fat mealworms daily (not more), and sprinkle a few really good ants' eggs on top of his seed supply. Let him have a dessert spoonful of cracked sunflower seed daily. If he is a steady, healthy bird, and you are managing him on the right lines (see the "Nutshell" booklet), he should quickly come on song.

Keeping Mealworms (J. W. W.).—After you have bought the mealworms, keep them in a good sized, flat-shaped tin (not a tall, narrow one) in a warm, dry place, such as a cupboard close to the fireplace. Get some bran and barley meal (mixed in equal part), and put a layer at bottom of the tin, then put in a piece of coarse dry sacking, folded over, then another layer of meal, with, on top, another folded piece of sacking. Arrange to have the tin about two-thirds full. The top piece of sacking can be soaked in sweetened beer and wrung out fairly dry. It will be necessary from time to time to replenish the supply of meal. Bore holes in the lid of the tin for purposes of ventilation.

About A Siskin (Porth Lad).—I expect your bird has laid on too much adipose tissue, a failing of the Siskin if too generously fed. The best thing you could do for him would be to turn him into a good-sized outdoor aviary for the summer months. I note you have now revised his menu, but I advise you to add some good sound teazle to the Canary seed, and a little summer rape. Every other day stir a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia into his drinking water (two tablespoonfuls). Give 4 or 5 doses in all, and I think you will find the condition of the bird very much improved.

A Mule Matter (G. D.).—For two or three days stir a few drops of Condy's Fluid into the bird's drinking water—sufficient to turn it the colour of light port wine. This should be changed (given fresh) three or four times daily, if possible. Use a glass or pot water-vessel (not a tin or zinc one).

An Agreement (No Nom-de-plume).—The pair of Bullfinches, the cock Goldie, and the cock Greenie would agree quite well with the Canaries in the room mentioned. You must provide (in addition to the canary and rape seeds, which presumably you will be using now), teazle and sunflower seeds regularly. They will only need hemp, niger, etc., at such times as you may be thinking of giving them to the Canaries.

Loss of Hen Bullies (J. M. W.).—Many Bullfinch hens are much troubled with egg-binding. Is it possible your birds succumbed to this last May? When the case gets to an acute stage the hen loses control of her limbs—the pain renders her unable to perch. If the trouble is egg-binding, then the hen must be treated in exactly the same way as an egg-bound hen Canary. Your feeding seems to be very good, though I do not think much egg-food is advisable for hen Bullies. My own get just an occasional taste. With regard to the hens you have now, are there no symptoms of illness? Have you handled them to see if they are plump and with healthy-looking flesh (particularly on the abdomen)? If a bird is ill, it must show some outward signs of it. Are they constipated; does the excreta look healthy? Pending further information, I advise you to stir 15 drops of tincture of gentian into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.

The Best Thrush for Singing (Thrush).—The best all-round vocalist amongst our English Thrushes is undoubtedly the Song Thrush. But a really good Mistel Thrush is a fine songster, with very loud rich notes, and he is a bold, fearless fellow, becoming exceptionally tame.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harlow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

A Mystery of Migration (G. J. F. Young).—Our Mr. Norman shall deal in his "Wild Bird Life" column with the matter mentioned in your letter.

Hen Hawfinches Breeding (F. E. Ben).—Presumably your letter is intended to be humourous, but the penalty for "humour" of this description ought to be a good sized dose of strychnine.

A Report (T. H. Tiffen). Many thanks; much obliged to you.

A Points Cup (H. J. L.).—In the case of cups to be won by points, whether scored by nominated birds or otherwise, it is usual for selling and gift classes to be "barred," as you put it. That is the common practice, we believe.

A Drawing (G. Thomson).—Thanks for your very kindly worded letter.

A Cage Rack (N. T. Corrigan).—We will deal with this matter in our next issue, if possible. Thanks for your letter.

The Border Fancy (Novice).—We have published a great deal of instructive matter quite recently concerning the Border Fancy Canary. We shall have a "Nutshell" booklet ready in a few days which deals with this breed; we can recommend you to invest in a copy.

Cuttings (W. Nisbet and others).—Accept our thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

Several Matters (A. H. C. Legg).—Thanks for your letter. Contents duly noted and will be acted upon.

Paddy Rice and Kibbled Oats (L. F. Gaze). Any of the large seed merchants (vide our advertisement columns) would supply you with paddy rice and kibbled oats. Order them direct.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Very interesting and successful British bird show held, and the usual meeting March 21st, Abbetts' Cafe Room, Market Street. Birds were all staged by 8.15, judge, Mr. Young (Liscard). After the judging the meeting was open for discussion on the birds. Mr. Young was only too pleased, he said, to answer questions. Mr. Burn thanked Mr. Young for his services, and Mr. Young thanked the members and friends for their kind appreciation.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Morton; 2, Howlett; 3, Edwards. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Lloyd; 2, Edwards; 3, Greatrix; vhc, Harding. F.M.: 1, Lloyd; 2, Edwards; 3, Greatrix. GREENFINCH: 1, Lloyd; 2, Edwards. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Burns; 2, Harding. Mules and Novice classes cancelled. Next meeting night April 18th; open night, all fanciers invited. New members enrolled after business, 2s. 6d. per annum. —A. E. Lloyd, Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Meeting and British bird show held Trades Hall, Anderson-street, April 7th. Mr. Anderson presided over a good attendance. Decided to hold F.F. show July 8th. The petition re protection of bird-keepers in London and district was put before members, and was well filled up. The following new members were duly elected:—Messrs. A. K. Chalmers, and J. C. Sinclair. Mr. Henderson judged table show, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, Macerobbie; 2, 3, 5, Anderson; 4, 6, Aitkenhead; 7, Priest. LINNET (5): 1, 4, Aitkenhead; 2, 3, Henry; 5, Anderson. SISKIN: 1, Priest. REDPOLL (7): 1, 6, Anderson; 2, Priest; 3, Kidd; 4, 5, Fairweather; 7, Aitkenhead. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 5, Anderson; 2, Priest; 3, Fairweather; 4, Aitkenhead. A.O.S. FINCH: 1, Priest. A.O.V. BUNTING: 1, 2, Priest. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 5, Fairweather; 2, 3, Priest; 4, Anderson; 6, Macerobbie. DARK MULE: 1, 2, Macerobbie.—W. Priest, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Table show of British held headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, when absolutely the finest lot of British birds ever staged in the city were before the judge, Mr. E. E. Smith (Sheffield).

HARDBILL: 1, Colton, Goldfinch, beauty, with a moult should make a stormer; 2, 3, 4, r, vhc, Walsh, 2nd Bullfinch, grand bird, good col. and size; 3rd, Linnet, well-known winner; 4th, large Mealey Redpoll, well marked; r, Chaffinch, looks like Palace winner; hc, T. Bishop; c, H. Bishop. SOFTBILL: Most magnificent class, any of the first five could win in open competition; 1, r, c, Milne, rattling good Nightingale; 2, vhc, Walsh, bonny Tree Creeper, quite at home; 3, 4, hc, T. Bishop, 3rd lovely Pipit, in perfect condition; 4th, same species, not quite the size; also staged a good Bearded Tit.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S

Meeting held April 3, headquarters, Mr. W. A. Bladon presiding over a good muster of members and friends. After the usual business (which included the election of Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, to judge first feather show), the last of a series of table shows for British birds was held. Thirty-six birds faced the judge, Mr. Bladon, and right well he placed them, his awards without exception satisfying all. After Mr. Bladon had judged he was asked to make a few remarks, which he did, and he complimented the exhibitors upon the grand condition of the birds. A very interesting meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon. Will members please note that the next meeting falling on Bank-holiday, it has been postponed until April 24, when Mr. Richards will give us a paper on Mule and Hybrid Breeding, when we hope to have a good attendance? Friends specially invited.

GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Harrison; 2, Spencer; 3, Austin; 4, Buckley; vhc, hc, Richards; c, Hayward. BULLFINCH (6): 1, Austin; 2, Whittaker; 3, Lythgoe; 4, vhc, Smith; hc, Hayward. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, vhc, Whittaker; 2, Boothman; 3, c, Hayward; 4, Richards; hc, Smith. A.O.S. (9): 1, 4, hc, Smith; 2, 3, Hayward; vhc, c, Whittaker. Mr. Smith won special for most birds staged. H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE & DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 3, George Hotel. There was also a table show for British birds. The birds were judged by Mr. F. G. Wickham, who, at the conclusion, gave a very interesting address on the treatment of British birds. Mr. F. Chandler, the well-known footballer and fancier, also delivered an address on "How a Novice should start in Canary Breeding." Mr. Chandler entered into the many difficulties of Canary breeding. The right kind of food to use at different periods, etc. He also dealt with some of the causes of failure. His lecture was very interesting and instructive. At the conclusion he answered several questions. Mr. B. Tidy (the popular young secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Chandler, and said he was sure novices and old hands too, could learn something from the lecture. He regretted that Mr. Chandler was leaving them, just when things looked so prosperous for the society, and he was sure all present would wish Mr. Chandler the best of luck in his new home across the sea. (Applause). Mr. Chandler replied.

LINNET: 1, Churchill; 2, Hyland; 3, Attwood. GOLDFINCH: 1, Attwood; 2, Apps; 3, Burley; 4, Broadbridge; vhc, Tidy; hc, Hyland. A.O.S.: 1, 4, Monday; 2, Hyland; 3, Smith.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in Oddfellows' Hall, the president (Mr. T. R. Wallace) presiding. Secretary reported the society had been successful in engaging the following gentlemen to judge annual show, namely: Mr. J. Holmes (Edinburgh), for Norwich Plainheads, and to assist in the Crest section; Mr. J. Jeans (Camelon), for Borders and Crests; Mr. J. D. Gardner (Bathgate) for British and foreign. The President intimated that before we would meet again, we were parting with another of our members in the person of Mr. D. McFarlane, who is sailing on the 29th to make a home in the United States. He had been a true fancier, and a staunch member for a number of years, and a keen Norwich and Crest breeder. However, our loss is to be another's gain, as Dan is taking some of his well known Plainheads as Dan is taking some of his well known Plainheads with him. The members wish him, his wife, and daughter, who are as keen as himself on the Fancy, every prosperity. One new member was made, namely, Mr. C. Godfrey. Mr. R. Rennie, 19, Pleasance Square, was appointed secretary. We had a table show of Linnets, and O.A.S. British.

LINNET: 1, Moreland; 2, Rennie; 3, Morrie. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, 2, Moreland; 3, Rennie.—R. Hamilton, Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—April 22, Rowley's, Station-rd., 6.30. To discuss F.F. show, etc.—F. Barron.

Ardwick C.B.S.—April 18, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture on Norwich, by Mr. J. Coulson.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne Dis. O.S.—April 18, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Smoking concert, very long programme. Special invitation to all members.—J. R. Colville.

Altrincham C.B.S.—April 18, Victoria Cafe, 8. Important: members please attend.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—April 18, Abbets Cafe Room, Market-st., 8. Open night. Questions and answers. Visitors welcome. New members enrolled. Sub. 2s. 6d. per ann.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—April 20, Albert Restaurant, 8. Discussion on Mule and Hybrid breeding.—W. O. Brooke.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—April 19, Crown Hotel, Crook, 7.30. Selecting judges, fixing classes for open show.—J. Horner.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—April 22, Portland Arms, Jacksdale, 6.30. Committee meeting; special business.—J. A. Mitchell.

Crewe O.S.—April 18, Earl of Chester Hotel, 7.30. Classification of nest feather show, etc.—E. Jaycott.

Chopwell F.S.—April 15, Store Hall, 6.30. Adjourned meeting for election of judges for open show.—J. Brown.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—April 15, Arcade Temperance Hotel, 6.45. Short papers on Crests and Yorkshires. Discussion of district cup scheme.—J. R. Reid.

Cardiff C.B.S.—April 20, Maskells, 8. Date F.F. show, judge, etc.; paper on the Norwich Plainhead. All fanciers invited.—J. W. Dummett.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 19, Half Moon Inn, 8. Important.—H. Todd.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—April 18, Cairns Memorial Hall, George-rd., 7.30. Classification, election of judges, etc. Table show of Brit. (open to professionals and novices), 5 classes—Goldfinch, Linnet, Bunting, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, A.V. Finch. Entries accepted at Secretary's address previous to and at meeting Mr. A. Cochrane, judge.—J. I. Mackie.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—April 17, St. John's Club, 8. Judge for F.F. show; to decide route for annual ramble.—W. T. Mattinson.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 24, White Hart Hotel, 8. Owing to the Easter Holidays, the meeting for table show, cock classes, is put off for a week later, April 24; also important business, guarantees for first feather show.—H. Sykes.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—April 18, Headquarters, 6. Report of delegates to dist. meeting, etc.—A. Dickson.

L. and P.O.S.—April 20, Jeysian Hall, 8. Lecture on colour food, by Mr. J. W. Ramsden.—C. W. Law.

Larkhall C.B.A.—April 22, Miners' Hall, 7. Draw up programme for coming season; better attendance required.—J. Pollock.

Llanelly C.B.S.—April 15, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. Judges next show.—D. John.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—April 20, Parry's Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, 7. Lecture, "My Experience and Treatment of the Yorkshire Canary." Every member make a special effort to attend.—A. H. C. Legg.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—April 22, Crown Hotel, 8. Hall for open show.—A. Wake.

Northern Counties N.C.C.C.—April 19, Lockharts, 65, Grainger-st., 8. Rules, etc. Members and intending members please attend, or send names.—W. Curry.

Northowram C.B.S.—April 19, Queen Victoria, 7:30. Smoking concert. It is expected friends and members of the Sowerby Bridge Society will be present to celebrate the winning of the cup by Mr. F. Townsend. Fanciers and friends invited.—S. Sykes.

North London C.B.A.—April 19, Public Library, Stoke Newington, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "General Management." Friends welcome.—R. P. Harper.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—April 20, headquarters, Trinity Schools, Beresford-st., Woolwich, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. Easterling, "The Yorkshire Canary and its Management." Fanciers invited. Please make a special effort to be present.—Meades and Woolgar.

Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—April 29, Sportsman Inn, Parkgate, 8.30. Arrangements for nest feather show.—G. Watson.

South Manchester C.B.S.—April 20, Jolly Carter, 8.30. F.F. show business.—F. Washbourne.

Stockport B.F.A.—April 18, Boars Head Hotel, 8. Important business.—W. Stafford.

Sale Open Soc.—April 24. Extra good news for all members who will attend.—J. Irlam.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 15, Fawcett-st. Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—April 15, Public Hall, 7. Replies from judges for open show.—W. Melvin.

Walkden C.B.S.—April 18, Institute, 7.30.—H. Howard.

Walthamstow F.A.—April 20, Workmen's Hall, High-st., 8. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House. "In-Breeding."—H. Cooper.

Correspondence.

Early Linnet Mules.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, Mr. D. T. Porter, I may say that I had a nest of Linnet Mules hatched on March 15th. The nest contained three eggs, two of which were hatched and the young Mules are now on the sticks singing. J. SCRIBBINS.

Do Goldfinches Wilfully Waste Good Seed?

Sir,—On looking through the correspondence columns of your valuable paper, I see that a fancier who signs himself "Disgusted" complains that his Goldfinches wilfully waste their seeds, and asks for the experiences of other fanciers. I therefore thought it might interest him to know that I have a Goldfinch and a Siskin; the former has been in my possession for a good many years, and the latter a couple of months; and during all the time I have had the Goldie, I have never found him to waste his seeds, but the Siskin, which is very tame, throws away almost as many as he eats.

GOLDFINCH LOVER.

A Triumph Over Adversity.

Sir,—Perhaps it would be of some interest to your readers to know that I have three pairs of Yorkshire Canaries, which I kept in a cold room, but on account of the room becoming very damp, at the end of November, I had to remove them to a warm kitchen. In consequence of the sudden change of temperature, they all seemed more or less upset. Then in February I had to leave the house owing to its damp condition, and the birds had to travel some distance in a furniture van—the weather being bitterly cold at the time—but the kitchen in my new house being too small to accommodate them, I was obliged once more to put them straight into a room without the means of using any artificial heat whatever. The outcome was, the cocks lost their song, and one hen became very wheezy. But for all that (as perhaps readers will be surprised to know) the wheezy hen has hatched 4 young birds from 4 eggs, which appear to be doing splendidly, and the two other hens are sitting on 5 eggs each, which I hope to see hatched in due time. I think your readers will agree with me that this is a remarkable and early start considering what extraordinary changes the birds had to endure.

R. S. RAWLINGS.

Bird-life in Cumberland and Canada.

SIR,—The following may prove interesting to your readers. Mr. W. Nicholson, of Nicholson Bros., Flimby, caught a fine specimen of a male Waxwing, while out catching Bullfinches in Flimby Woods late in November. I cannot give the exact date it was caught as my brother does not say. I have just had a letter from him by the last mail telling me that he caught it in November, and that it is doing well. He says he was out catching Bullfinches when he heard some strange birds; so in looking around he found the Waxwing and another rare bird in company with it feeding on some elderberries. The other bird proved to be a Hawfinch. He set some limed twigs, and caught the Waxwing, when the Hawfinch disappeared. I might say that both species are very rare in Cumberland, and are seldom seen even by expert naturalists. This is the second specimen of the Waxwing we have taken in Cumberland. I shot one myself, also a cock bird, on the 2nd January, 1893, at Keswick. We have him stuffed, and set up in our private collection of British birds. With regard to Hawfinches I may say that it is over 30 years ago, since I saw or heard of any in Cumberland. I remember when a lad I was out in company with my brother William catching Siskins, Linnets, and Goldfinches, in the month of October, while they were migrating along the coast. We caught three Hawfinches then. I have never heard of any since. My brother William also caught a fine specimen of a cock Black Redstart, in the Allotment Gardens at Flimby in the spring of 1906; which specimen I had in my possession, when I left England for Nanaimo, Canada, over four years ago, when it passed into the hands of Mr. J. Wilson (Workington). I also notice the correspondence in CAGE BIRDS re another rare bird being taken in Cumberland, viz., the Two-barred Crossbill, which was caught at Maryport, and is now in the hands of an old friend of mine, Mr. J. Frostick, of London, and is disputed by Mr. Fulljames, who appears to take it for the White-winged Crossbill, of North America. I had the pleasure of seeing this bird while on a visit to England at either Harrington or Whitehaven Show, in Oct., 1909, and I am sure it is a true specimen of the European Two-barred Crossbill, as this bird has the two distinct white bars across its wings, whereas the American species has only one white bar across the black wings; and its plumage is more or less mixed with greenish colour, while in the former species the plumage of the male is rich rose red, with the wings, tail, scapulars, and the middle of the back black. Another very common Crossbill here is the Pine Crossbill, which is identical in every respect with its European cousin, except that it is a lot smaller—not much larger than the English Greenfinch. I caught a dozen cocks out of a large flock and sent them home to my brother's, but quite a few of them died in crossing the Atlantic, owing to their not being in expert hands to be looked after properly. They still have some of them in their possession. I sent those birds back to them, having an idea that if they paired them up with Bullfinch hens they might succeed in getting some hybrids from this cross. But all the eggs they had from them proved barren. In conclusion I might say that we have had a heavy fall of snow here in Nanaimo, B.C., Canada, since the new year came; consequently bird life is very scarce just now. I was taking a walk on 2nd Jan., and, going through the city, I saw a large flock of Hawfinches feeding on the ungathered fruit that is always abundant at this time of the year. I should think there would be quite one hundred of them. They are a very conspicuous bird by having so much white in their wings. They are not so large as the European Hawfinch, and are slimmer in shape. I also saw a very large flock of Pine Siskins feeding on the older seeds; there appeared to be thousands of them. They are just about the same size as the European Siskin, only there is not much difference in colour between the cocks and hens. They resemble the hen European Siskin in colour, only the cocks show a little brighter colour. Another beautiful sight I saw on my journey was a flock of American Robins, about fifty of them, which is an unusual sight. And what struck me most was that they were mostly all cocks, very few hens being among them. They were feeding on a hawthorn hedge that has been planted around the courent in this city, which produces abundant food for this class of bird, as this country seems to suit the growth of this tree. The haws or berries grow out here to an enormous size. The birds were mixed with a few of another kind of the same species, which are always called Robins here. They also are very beautiful birds, a little less in size, and greatly resembling the European Redwing both in colour and size. I also noticed a few other kinds of birds on my journey, such as Catbirds, Tits of various kinds, Wrens, etc., which ended in a pleasant walk out to see bird life among the snow.

JNO. NICHOLSON.

British Columbia, Canada.

Mules at Bangor and Menia Bridge Shows.

Sir,—In reply to "Fancier," if he were judge or secretary or official of the show, it would give me more satisfaction to know whom I was replying to, but as there is no name I cannot reply to my satisfaction. W. AITKEN.

A Competitive League for the West of Fife.

Sir,—A Conference of Cage Bird Societies in the West of Fife was held in the Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, on April 8th, when delegates were present from Dunfermline, Kelty, Leehgelly, Lochore and Cowdenbeath. It was decided to form an Association to be known as the West of Fife Cage Bird League, and to formulate a scheme for competition among the Societies represented. Mr. Geo. Penman generously agreed to provide a silver challenge cup to be held for a year by the successful Society. Mr. Joseph R. Reid was appointed Secretary pro tem, he was instructed to thank Mr. Penman on behalf of the League. Several rules were discussed, and delegates were requested to lay the scheme before their respective Societies for consideration, and in the event of each Society taking up the scheme the Secretaries to arrange next meeting.

JOSEPH R. REID,
Secretary pro tem.

172, West Broad Street,
Cowdenbeath.

Fife Shows and their Judges.

Sir,—Fife fanciers, if they are anything, are enthusiastic, and in the Bird Fancy are no exception to the rule. We were one of the smallest counties ten years ago, not only in area, but also in birdy matters. One has only to look up CAGE BIRDS in the show season, however, to see the strides we have made. We have shows on every Saturday, sometimes two (unfortunately), and all of them with good entries. But what amuses me most of all is the selection of the judges. In Glasgow and the west they seldom go outside of their own district for a judge, and the same applies to Edinburgh and the north. Why Fife cannot do the same I cannot understand, seeing they have some of the oldest breeders and successful exhibitors in Scotland. We never hear of Glasgow wanting them, nor Edinburgh. Most of the present-day judges at our shows have only been in the Fancy a few years. Of course, there is an older class, whom nobody can object to, but my point is, if Glasgow can command an entry with a Glasgow judge, surely Fifeshire can do the same. I think they could draw a larger entry than they do under the present system if they would only throw to one side the jealousy that exists amongst some of them. I am sure the integrity and honesty of the "Fifer" can stand alongside of either the east or west part of the country.

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Nine White Canaries Reared by a New Zealand Reader.

Sir,—Some months ago I wrote to you telling you I had bred a pure white Canary, having bought a pure white hen 18 months before. I thought your readers might be interested to learn that I have succeeded in rearing nine more young white ones, which are all very hardy and well, and are now half through the moult, as the season is well over with us in New Zealand. My young ones were bred and reared out of doors, and always live out day and night, wet or fine, and show no delicacy of constitution. Three of them are entirely clear, the other six having some grey marks about them. Six of them are undoubtedly cocks; the other three I believe to be hens. They are double-buffed, so they are closely and thickly feathered.

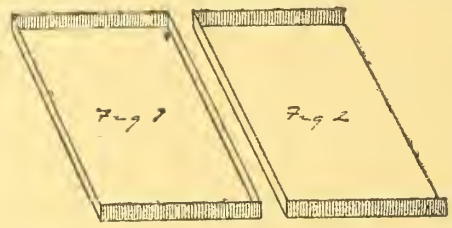
MAUD S. MARTIN.

Wairarapa, New Zealand.

P.S.—Last week I exhibited one clear white and one heavily variegated white Canary at the Wellington Young Bird Show, where they were considered the main feature of the show.—M. S. M.

Useful when Cleaning Cages Out.

Sir,—The sketch is of a cardboard box lid which I use when I clean my cages out; also when I clear the floor of husks, etc. It is handy and light, and cheaper than any shovel. Procure a strong cardboard box, say, about three inches deep; the lid will, perhaps, be about one inch deep. I just cut one side off and smooth with sandpaper, when I have what



I call a dirt tray. Just put it under your cage, and scrape on to the tray, empty into box, and replace lid, which looks better than a bucket and shovel in the bird-room. I have never used any other but this method for months, and I find it answers admirably. Fig. 1 shows the box lid and Fig. 2 the box lid with the slide taken out.

W. CLOUGH.

The Exhibiting of Borrowed Birds in Ireland.

Sir,—Would you kindly put in a few words in your paper for me under the heading of "The Exhibiting of Borrowed Birds in Ireland," as you will see that someone has written a letter signed "Ligoniel," which is my address? I may say that I am the only fancier in this district who shows, and I do not want the fanciers of Ireland to think that I have anything to do with this correspondence. Signing the letter "Ligoniel" is trying to make some of the fanciers think that I wrote it, which is very misleading. Any time I have anything to write, I will sign it by my name. If it is the same writer as "Irish Straight 'Un," he is doing more harm to the fanciers in general than any good he can do. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success; I have been taking it since it started, and have got many a good hint from it.

MALCOM FLEMING, JR.

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to a letter appearing in your last issue under the "nom de guerre" "Ligoniel." Under ordinary circumstances I would not interest myself in correspondence written by a person who apparently is afraid to come out into the open and give his proper name, but as the statements contained in the letter reflect in a certain measure on me as a bona-fide exhibitor, I take this opportunity to reply in a few words to the insinuations made. At the outset, I would have "Ligoniel" to understand that the C.N. and Y.C.C. is fully capable of managing its own affairs without his or any outside interference. Now, regarding the young bird which was awarded the cup in Belfast, the same was a clear yellow as far as I am aware, and was clearly stated as such in printed return. Further, let me add that all young birds shown by me at the above show were bred and owned by me, notwithstanding "Ligoniel's" allegations, and surely it is no fault of mine, however much I may sympathise with "Visitors," if they did not succeed against the "young Dublins." It must indeed have been a great surprise to find that winning Yorkies could be bred in Dublin. In conclusion, permit me to say that it is a dirty bird that fouls its own nest, and "Ligoniel" ought to understand that these discussions, far from tending to promote harmony in the Fancy, only serve to create dissension and disruption, which it has always been my personal ambition to minimise.

W. J. BIRSE.

Sir,—I have been just a little interested in this correspondence, and I have noticed that none of the persons making charges has had the manliness to write over his own name, but shelters himself by adopting a nom de plume. Such parties, in my opinion, should be taken no notice of, and therefore I do not intend to make any reply to them. At the same time, I consider it is necessary for the benefit of the Fancy at large who may read these effusions to say a word or two in defence of the Belfast Norwich, Crest and Yorkshire Canary Club. The sole aim and object of this club is to foster the breeds of birds named in its title, and it holds an annual show in November of the young Canaries reared during the previous breeding season by its members. What fanciers may do or not do at open shows is entirely outside its province. As a general rule, I consider committees in charge of open shows are quite able to safeguard their own interests, and do not require outside interference. In common with other clubs, charges have been levelled at some of our members of showing birds not bred by themselves, but such charges have always been investigated, and when properly substantiated the offenders have been dealt with according to our rules. I think that is all that can be asked of our club to do. That is all I have to say on this aspect of the question, but I must not be taken as countenancing the borrowing or lending of birds in any shape or form, as I consider such conduct highly disreputable. I still hold, however, that our club, as such, has no control over its members or their actions at open shows. I may take this opportunity of stating that as regards our cups, no new rules have been made, and even if allowed to drop into abeyance one season, or two, it does not prevent our rules being carried out when considered desirable. I trust fanciers in general will from the above understand our position in regard to the heading of this letter.

JAMES E. ADAMS,
President Belfast Norwich, Crest and Yorkshire C.C.

Successful Canary Breeding and Exhibiting.

SIR,—My experience as a Canary breeder and exhibitor is only of five years' standing, but I thought this would probably be as interesting and encouraging to beginners as some twenty years' experiences would, owing to the success I have met with. The effect of good management and cleanliness shows itself more still when I say that I have only spent a comparatively small amount in money for the stock I now have. Fanciers, especially those with short experiences, take a deep interest in the ways another new beginner is climbing up the ladder of fame, and this is why I make the above remark. Certainly, we need a certain amount of exhibition strain in our birds, but I remember once hearing a man, who is now prominent in the Fancy, say that a fancier does not require the amount of money to become successful that some people think is necessary, and my experience bears out to some extent this statement. My variety is the Yorkshire Canary. In this, as in any other variety, you must pay strict attention to the birds if you wish to be successful on the show bench. Cleanliness in regard to the seed hoppers, water glasses, and other utensils, and the cages generally, continually having the birds out in the show cages, to get them steady, and, above all, attention to the correct pairing up of the birds are essential points. When we see the faults of young birds off certain parents we must make sure that the partners we put to them when breeding next season arrives are all right in those points, so that we may be likely to get good young ones. Another point worth remembering is to note which way a certain bird is inclined to throw its young. If, for instance, its young are generally thin in neck, you know then that you should put a thick-necked partner to this bird, if you desire to have good young from them. I started in 1905 with one pair of common Canaries. Working with these for that year, I got a good idea as to how to make up the food for them, and deal with them generally. For the 1906 season I bought a hen for 11s., another for 7s., and a pair for £1. I paired up the cock bird with the 11s. hen, and when my first nest birds were a few weeks old I happened to meet the secretary of the Laisterdyke B.F.A. He asked me to become a member, and said he would come and look at my birds. He came, and said that I need not be afraid of anyone seeing my birds. I became a member of his society, and exhibited these four young birds in novice classes. They got 1st and two 2nd prizes and a 3rd. That season I sent one or two birds to Goole and Selby shows, and altogether I got fourteen prize cards, which I thought fairly good for the first season's exhibiting. Every season since then I have had a good lot of prize cards. In the 1907 season I was 2nd at Bramley, in a class of twenty-five, 1st and special at Bradford West, and had best bird at members' show either once or twice. I also sold two birds for 30s. each to a judge of Canaries. In the 1908 season I won 2nd medal in this association's (Laisterdyke) members' competition. This brought me out of the novice classes at the members' shows, and in the 1909 season, I competed in open classes at members' shows, having the satisfaction of gaining 3rd prize in this section, and I have now the best stock of birds that I ever had. I never had a large stock of birds to pick from for exhibiting, so here a beginner may note what good may be got from proper general management. A good bird may be bought now and again, and added to the stock with advantage when the fancier's pocket will allow this: and this, coupled with persistent attention to the birds, and proper general management, is the way to be successful in breeding your own exhibition birds.

HARRY SHOESMITH.

During the few short years of your production of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, you have yearly turned out one far excelling the previous effort. This year's ANNUAL is indeed the cage bird fancier's encyclopædia. Each page conveys a clear understanding on some point necessary for guidance in the bird room, and no fancier worthy of the name can afford to be without it.—J. Patterson (Chirnside).

Bird's Nest in a Sheep's Wool.

Sir,—Tho remarkablo sites sometimes chosen by birds for their nests are recorded from time to time, says "The Meat Trades Journal." Ono of the most remarkable, perhaps, is that recently given in the "Emu," and apparently authtntic. On November 10th last a sheep was being shorn on the farm of Mr. A. Burger, Telanga, Australia. In its wool was found a Starling's nest with one egg. A note in the "Field" adds that the nest of a small bird was once found in a horse's tail in Cape Colony.

Robt. Cockerton.

The Confidence Trick Again.

Sir,—I advertised a Lark and cage in your Cage Birds last Friday week, and I am sorry to say a man represented he had come from Brentford Infirmary, and that ho had been sent hy the matron for the Lark and cage. If the matron did not approve of it he was to bring the Lark back. But I have neither seen the Lark, money, nor the man up till now. I have put the matter in the hands of the police, and I hope he will soon bc brought to justice. I am sending to you hoping you will puhlish it for the sake of other advertisers in your invaluable paper. I certainly expected an exchange, or I certainly should have had your deposit system.

M. Clark.

23, Devonshire Street, Chiswick.

P.S.—The man pretends he knows your features, and invites you to come back with him, making you bclieve he is genuine.

The Virginian Nightingale.

Sir,—I have been reading the Rev. C. D. Farrar's article on Virginian Nightingales, and I think he is very hard on the cock in calling him a "scarlet sin." I havc kept them regularly for more than 20 years, and never knew them injure another hird. The first cock I bought for 7s. 6d. He lived in the dining-room, having his liberty all day and thoroughly enjoying life. He had a collection of treasures, a halfpenny, a bead tassel and other things, which he moved about to various hiding places. He used to steal my thimble, and sometimes helped himself to currants out of the cakes, beakfuls of jelly, a bit of cucumber, etc.—but one could not call those "sins." I have a hen now who must be quite eleven years old. She reared nests two or three summers. She is a sweeter singer than the cock and even a nicer bird. I don't find the cocks lose their colour, but they always have plenty of mealworms, and ants' eggs and Abraham's dried yolk of egg. They are very fond of fruit. Green peas they love, and they used them to feed their babies. The mealworms the hen seemed to drop into the little beaks, squeeze out all the inside and then remove the skin (she is so friendly that I could watch all she did), and she would take a mealworm from my fingers when sitting. The young cocks were not brown, but distinctly pink.

M. Shepherd.

The Lancashires and Lizards of To-day and Yesterday.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Donnelly's suggestion re Mr. Barker Clegg and a lecture on the Lancashire and Lizard Canaries. This would do no harm. I should very much like to hear Mr. Fuller give a lecture on the Lancashire Canary. Most of us have heard Mr. Clegg on the Lizard. Mr. Fuller's long experience should surely enlighten some of us. He might also bring some specimens. I could guarantee some of the winners of by-gone days.

John Henry.

Sir,—I see a letter in your last issue from Mr. A. Donnelly that I put down as "twaddle"; and it will serve no useful purpose. Mr. Donnelly suggests that they get my old friend Mr. Barker Clegg to lecture. Well, I don't think Barker will be able to teach us anything, as he used to belong to an old school of Lancashire fanciers, fanciers that bred Lancashires, not cross-bred mongrels; men that would not buy a stock bird out of a room where a Crest was kept; such breeders as the late T. Peacock, Sam Guest, Jackey Smith, T. Poulton, Bobby Chadwick, Ben Bardsley, Boh Allott, W. Hatton, and J. Sims. These were not mongrel breeders. Mr. Barker knows nothing about Crests or the quick breeding of show birds, but he knows it takes a lot of time to breed a good show Lancashire. I have had the pleasure to hear him lecture—he is all right on a clear bred bird, but on the mongrels he is off. Mr. Compston's lecture is about the same. I have been to two of his lectures, and also heard Mr. House lecture on breeding—all very good in their way, but what the Lancashire fanciers want to know is, why there is so much difference of opinion amongst the Lancashire men. Well, I have read Mr. Barrass's lecture, and smiled; also Mr. Hardy's, and had a good laugh, and thought of the birds his father used to breed. I was in his room and saw them. Now what I would suggest is to get Mr. T. Fitton, of Rochdale, to lecture, as I believe he has given up breeding and sold out. This is the gentleman that could teach Mr. Donnelly and the young fanciers something about Lancashires, as he has bred both sorts, clear bred and cross-bred, and was the first Lancashire breeder to put Crest in the Lancashire. Does Mr. Donnelly know that? This was the time when the Crest breeders bought up all the best Lancashiro birds to improve the Crests, and left tho Lancashire birds in a very bad way. So to get back the big birds quick, he bought a big Crest. Others followed suit, and that is where the mongrel breeding started. So I thiuk Mr. Fitton would bo the right man to lecture. But I don't think ho would care to lecture in the Rochdale club room. I don't think he has been there for about 20 years, or in the Town Hall show. He has walked with me more than once to the Town Hall from his home, hut would not go in. He might lecture at Oldham, which would suit all fanciers. If we can get him to do it, I hope ho will bring that letter with him that he received from the Rochdale Club, asking him to beg pardon for what he said to them. But he did nothing of the sort, and he did right, after the way he had been treated. Perhaps he would bc able to tell the young breeders how those mongrels were bred that Lady Ripon showed at St. James's Hall, Manchester, years ago—the only time her Ladyship showed the ones with black heads, wings, and tails. These were bred from Crested Lancashires in the early days of mongrel breeding. They got nothing. That finished her Ladyship's Lancashire breeding. They "killed the goose that laid the golden egg." I suppose the men who sold the stock hirds never gave it a thought that they would breed back to their Crest fathers and mothers! My old friend, Mr. J. Charters, said to me that they were in the wrong class; they ought to be in the Crest classes. I said they had no class at all. Now, Mr. Fitton, write a paper out and let the young ones know the hest way to breed a good show bird. You know, as you have bred a lot that you have never shown—others have bought and shown and won with them. I well remember those two grand clear yellow Coppies you bred, shown hy Mrs. Fitton at the last All England Show at the Wheat Sheaf, Derker Street, Oldham—two stormers, very few have been bred like them for many years. Write it out and (like a "Jim Overend"), if you don't care to read it to them, I will, and reply to all they want to know. Re Mr. Donnelly's other letter, I don't see much in it. He says I don't know anything; well, that is all right, if he says so it must be so. He also says you never hear those that win grumble; well, ask John Garner and J. Beswick, of Stockport. I should have said the members of the L. and L.F.A. must have thought I knew a bit, Mr. D., or they would not havo put me on the list of judges. It may be news to him to know that they wanted me to judge the last club show at Hyde. O yes, Mr. D., it was moved and seconded that I should judge; hut I wanted to show. I moved Mr. A. Wellings judge, and am very pleased he did, as he put your fat heads down, what few were shown. I am sorry I am so slow at learning, but if the Editor of the champion paper, Cage Birds, will grant me space, I don't think the readers will think me as slow as you try to make me out to be. You do not know how many winners I have hred, Mr. D., in my 33 years of breeding; and as for not seeing you, I was not a member when you was hon. sec. in the painting and faking of mongrel days. I was a member many years before you were hon. sec., and have been a member nearly ever since. You mention Mr. J. Dewsnap's name, but no slight to him was ever intended. I have always found Mr. Dewsnap a gentleman, hut I do object to him getting you to write to my friends as he said last week, after the meeting he would get someone to "warm" or show me up. I may say I have eight pairs of Lizards paired up at home, and 13 out of the 16 are Mr. Dewsnap's strain; also I have 6 gold hens and 3 silver cocks in Nottinghamshire hreeding for me, I think, the oldest Lizard breeder living, and all Mr. Dewsnap's strain, so you will see what I think of it. I may say 1908 and '09 winners have nothing to do with the winners of 1910. Don't say Mr. Dewsnap did not get you to write for him, as, take my word for once, I know all this is written without fear or favour.

E. Fuller.

Proposed League for North Yorks, South Durham & Dis.

Sir,—The following communication has been addressed to secretaries of societies in the North Yorks and South Durham District:—"Hartlepool C.B.S.—At our monthly meeting held on Wednesday evening, April 5, it was decided to write and ask the societies in this district if they think it advisable to form a league, or federation, for purposes of club competition, or otherwise, as may be jointly arranged. Will you please bring tho matter before your society at your next meeting, and, if favourable, suggest a date for a meeting of delegates if the suggestion is approved of?—Yours faithfully, Ernest Woodhead, Hon. Sec. Hartlepool C.B.S.' There may be some societies whose secretaries' address I have not been able to obtain: if so, I shall be pleased to hear from them re the above letter.

E. Woodhead.

38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.

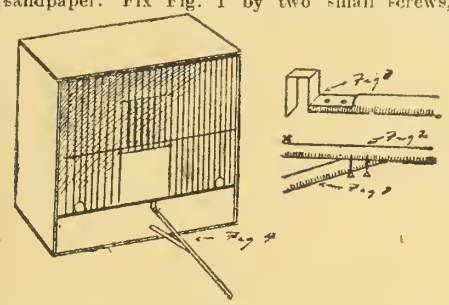
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Illustrated Ideas

No. 498.
A Handy Perch.

Sent in by Mr. H. Pickles, 1, Baxandall Street, West Bowling, Bradford.

I send you a good hint for perches for fanciers who desire to let their birds fly out in the bird-room for exercise before pairing up for breeding. First obtain two pieces of wood about 12 inches in length by about half an inch in width, cut one of the pieces as in Fig. 1, then round and smooth off with a piece of fine sandpaper. Fix Fig. 1 by two small screws,

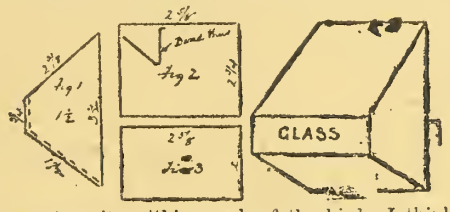


but be careful not to let the screws project through the other piece of wood, Fig. 2. Next you require a piece of thin zinc or tin; bend this as in Fig. 3. Fix this to the end marked X Fig. 2 by screws; then you have a cheap substantial perch. If required, you may fix to the other end a seed hopper. The perch is fixed to the cage front (see Fig. 4).—H. Pickles.

No. 499.
A Useful Seed-box.

Sent in by Mr. W. Isherwood, 22, Railway Street, Farnworth, near Bolton.

I forward you a sketch of a seed box I have made and have been using for some time. I find it better than the ordinary square-bottomed box generally used; it has not so many corners in which to harbour dust and insects, and it is far easier to clean out. You are sure, too, the



seed is quite within reach of the birds. I think the sketch will explain itself. Fig. 1 wants bending at the dotted lines at right angles for soldering the bottom part to; also for holding the glass. Fig. 2 wants bending as shown. Fig. 3 is for the top front. The figure on the right shows the completed seed-box.—W. Isherwood.

Classes for Foreign Birds.

Sir,—The Barnsley and District C.B.S. hold their annual show on November 11th and 12th, and as I am not a Canary fancier, but a foreign bird fancier, I should like some foreign bird classes. As we have not had them before, I wondered if some of your readers would please oblige me with some particulars of classification, as I am thinking of guaranteeing at least two classes, and shall try to get someone else to do the same (for one, at least). I should like to know what classes are the most popular and would be an attraction to the public. We have engaged a room that cannot be beaten for the purpose, being large, lofty and heated, also lighted, with electric light.

L. W. Wood.

Keeping Birds in Small Cages.

Sir,—It is evidently Mr. Canning's opinion that those who agree with him have "commonsense" and that those who differ from him are without. Well, we are all entitled to our opinions, but "the truth is not in him" when he states that I "attack the Fancy generally" and "cry aloud for the hand of the law to stop us from keeping birds." I only attack those who keep birds in (too) small cages. I suppose Mr. Canning's "8 in. square cages" will be (if for Linnets) about 4 inches back to front, and I trust the law will shortly prevent him using such. He says "a larger cage means more work," and also that many fanciers keep more birds than they could attend to if in larger cages. The advice is often given in Cage Birds not to keep more birds than one can properly attend to, and that includes decent cages. Fewer birds means less chance of winning prizes, and so the birds have to suffer. Then Mr. Canning says "a small, well-displayed stock will not keep a man," and utterly gives himself and his case away by stating, "If it would, he (i.e., the dealer) would undoubtedly use larger cages." Why would he use larger cages (more work), Mr. Canning? Let me answer: Because he knows that it is cruel to keep birds in such miserable quarters. But in my opinion a small well-displayed stock would attract custom and pay, and by way of illustration I may say that I shall travel 50 miles this week to make a small purchase from a dealer who is noted for the cleanliness and hardiness of his stock, although there are a dozen ordinary bird shops within a mile of my office. I am pleased to hear that Mr. Canning has no illusions, owing, no doubt, to his common-sense, and I freely give him credit for all the good qualities he claims. I regret his recent loss, and am very glad to hear that Mr. St. John helped him so kindly and so well. There is one thing I should like to say to Mr. Canning, and that is, that I have not the least idea who he is, whether dealer or amateur, and that the only matter between us is a difference of opinion as regards the size of a birdcage. If I ought to know who Mr. Canning is, may I explain that I am a bird lover rather than a "fancier."

Scrutineer.

An Appeal for the Widow of a Blackburn Fancier.

Sir,—With reference to the death of our brother fancier, Mr. F. G. Johnson, we beg to appeal, through the medium of Cage Birds, for help for Mrs. Johnson and her young family. Mrs. Johnson is left in very bad circumstances, having five little children. One child was horn the day after Mr. Johnson's death, and the oldest is only nine years of age. Tho members of the Blackburn and Dis. C.B.S. aro doing the best they can, and will be pleased to receive any donation that any brother fancier can sparo for such a deserving case. All donations received will be publicly acknowledged by us. Donations received up to date: Mr. Jeff Walsh, £1; Mr. S. Tweddle, £1; A Friend, 1s.; Mr. J. Cook, 15s.; Mr. P. Walsh, 1s.; Mr. D. Cook, 1s.

Cook and Walsh.

6, Charlotte Street, Blackburn.

Concerning Goldfinches and Goldfinch Mule Breeding.

Sir,—The Goldfinch seems to be the general favourite of the Finches, as the melody of his notes and beauty of plumage are very pleasing to the ear and eye. It may truly be said that he is the most beautiful of our native birds. He is also easily reconciled to captivity, and becomes quite familiar. Hemp seed is the food by which to familiarise them with the cage; be sure to mix canary and teazle seed with it, and vary their grain; in fact, on this point I think too little attention is paid in regard to cage birds of all descriptions. Variation of food keeps the birds in good health, lengthens their days, and brings them more to their natural way of living. The Goldie is naturally an active bird, and in a cage he soon finds work to do in removing everything that he possibly can remove; and from my own experience a single Goldfinch, if not mated and in an aviary, is sufficient to make all the other hroods fail in hatching. A tip from an old fancier: Keep your perches all at a similar height, as it is the aim of Goldies to have possession of the highest perches in the aviary. He is a bird much sought after for Mule breeding. I have found that Mules from this cross are more rohust than from other crosses. The Goldie-Canary Mule resembles the male in form of bill and colours of the head and wing, and the female in the rest of body. Isolated cases have been read of where Mules mated and produced fruitful results; but I have always had doubts if any authentic cases were known. It is due to this freak of Nature that the hen Mules are held in such little estimation. But tho value of the hen Mule in hreeding time is inestimahle; let her be used instead of your usual bad feeders, and the youngsters will be surprisingly well looked after.

John Blessington.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners-up.

*A True Canary Story.

We had a Canary which used to fly about the room. One morning the window was open and he flew out. Two days and one frosty night he stayed away, but to our great surprise the next evening he came back to his cage, which had been left open on the window sill, and sat quietly there until we brought him in.—Sent by Faith Rycroft (age 9), Lark beach, Camhridge.

*The Robins Song.

'Tis for us the gracious Hollies
Robe themselves in scarlet fine,
Holding up their leaves so stiffly
That we hungry birds may dine
When the cold, inhuman winter
Gives us frost instead of dew.
If the Hollies hid their berries
What would little Robins do?

—Sent by George Jenkinson, 18, Julian Street Grimsby.

**A Bold Bullfinch.

One day, when I was fishing, I noticed a Bullfinch (as I afterwards learned) making a great fuss about something. I watched it for some time, and saw a weasel make a jump for the bird, but miss it. All at once the Bullfinch swooped down upon the weasel; then the latter seemed to catch it. The bird cried aloud. As I saw this I picked up a few stones and ran towards the spot. As soon as the weasel noticed me it ran, carrying the bird in its mouth. It ran a few yards, and then dropped the bird. I went towards the place where the bird lay, and when I picked it up its wing was broken and all the feathers out of its breast. I placed it in my fishing basket and went home. I kept it till it was completely better, then let it away. —John Macdougall (age 14 years), 9, Yarrow Gardens, Kelvinside, Glasgow.

PARKGATE & RAWMARSH C.B.S

General meeting held at new headquarters, the Sportsman Inn, Parkgate, April 8th, when we had a fair muster of members. We made two more members. After the business we had a discussion on the prospects of the coming breeding season. Several members have young ones doing well; and all report hens sitting on eggs. Next meeting at the Sportsman April 29th, 8.30; we hope all members will be present, and those wishing to join.—G. Watson, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held April 1, Fawcett-st. Cafe., Mr. Farrer presiding. Following were appointed markers to visit members' birdrooms, and make a note of birds. Messrs. J. and F. Riseborough (Monkwearmouth), W. F. Swan and C. Waters (West District), G. Davidson and W. Reid (Hendon District). Decided, that the visits be made in June and September, and that the markers report to the secretary at the first meeting following visit.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Last table show of the season, held White Swan, April 4th, but owing to the bad weather the entry was below expectations. Will members kindly note there will be no meeting on April 18th, it being Easter Tuesday? It has been decided to hold meetings monthly (first Tuesday in the month) instead of fortnightly during May, June, July, and August. I hope members will show their appreciation of this alteration by turning up in good numbers. A series of lectures is being arranged for these months. Nest Feather Show date will be announced at our next meeting, May 2nd.—J. E. Wood, Sec.

UDDINGSTON AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held Reading Rooms, April 6th, Mr. J. Shepherd (treasurer) in chair. Rules were read over and finally passed. A motion to confine our show to a radius was discussed; it was agreed to make the distance five miles from post office. A proposal to compete for cup at First Feather show points to be added to annual show. Totals were left over for further discussion. Agreed to give a special to the member who secures most new members during the year. One new member was proposed and admitted to membership. All present signed the National B.B. and M.C. petition to Home Secretary. Next meeting first Saturday in May, 8 p.m. instead of Thursday, as formerly.—Jno. Kilpatrick, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Meeting held Tokio Cafe, April 6th, Mr. Dent in chair. Decided, after discussion, to appoint Mr. Dent delegate to the proposed meeting re the formation of a Lancashire and Cheshire Union on similar lines to the Yorks. Union. Decided to hold First Feather show St. Wilfred's Rooms on July 1st. Mr. P. Waring was once more elected to fill the post as judge. Reports as to success or otherwise in commencing the breeding season were numerous. Some appear to have made a good start, but the spell of cold east winds has made birds very backward; and irregular laying and non-sitters seemed to be the chief cause for complaint. Mr. Taylor promised to give us a lecture on Norwich, but owing to sickness at home had to disappoint us. However, time passes very quickly when a number of men with the same hobby are gathered together, and a very pleasant meeting was spent.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

NORTHERN COUNTIES N. & C.C.C

First annual meeting held March 22nd. Chairman, Mr. R. W. Smith, presided over a good attendance. Balance-sheet showed a balance which was considered very satisfactory. Election of officers: Presideut, Mr. J. Currah; vice-presidents, same as last year; chairman, Mr. R. W. Smith; vice, Mr. W. Coxon; auditors, Messrs. Hooper and Davidson; committee, Messrs. A. Hermiston, R. Topping, T. C. Crawhall, A. Holden, F. Ayre, R. Hope, Hooper, Davidson, Laidlaw, Wellsbury (local), E. Cowling (Morpeth), H. Seely, J. Dixon, T. Griffiths, W. Woollett (Choppington). Decided to leave rules over until next meeting, April 19th; and also to have two table shows on June 7th and July 19th, judges to be selected later. A discussion arose on how it would be best to raise funds to get a cup for competition next show season. It was decided to have a prize drawing, some of the members present promising Canaries for same. Fanciers wishing to join can do so now. Subs., 2s. 6d.; radius, Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmoreland. For further particulars apply to secretary, 60, Grosvenor-gardens, Newcastle.—W. Curry, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.S.

Meeting held Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, April 4th, Mr. Hannay (president) presiding, supported by Mr. A. Lees (hon. vice-president), Mr. Bell (vice-president), and a good attendance of members. Ten new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. W. Davidson (Dumbarton), R. Todd (Caldarvan), W. Gillies, W. Gordon, A. Hamilton, D. Turner, W. Collins, F. Grier, J. McKenzie, and G. Stammers, all of Alexandria and Bonhill. The wild-bird petition having been handed round, was well filled up. The chairman announced the lecture for the evening: "Breeding Canaries for Exhibition." The lecturer, was an old breeder and exhibitor, whose advice was certain to be of much value. The lecturer dwelt on the pleasure to be derived from breeding Canaries. He pointed out that it was unnecessary to dwell on breeding cages, so many being on the market at prices to suit all, each doing the work for which it was intended equally well. Each should aim at providing a room for their birds. Good exhibition birds were each year reared in secluded corners of kitchens, sculleries, etc., care being taken to see they were kept free from disturbance as much as possible. The 1st of April was quite early enough to pair birds. He believed in taking away the eggs, replacing them on the third evening, so that they hatch out evenly on the fourteenth morning, when a little fresh egg food with green-food are placed in cage. Green-food he preferred to any in starting was with young dandelion leaves, then dandelion whiteheads, as many as they would take, finishing the season with chickweed. He gave egg-food at least three times a day, and saw that the young were properly on hard seed before taking away egg-food. As an evening was to be devoted to colour-feeding, and another to hand-washing, he would not touch upon these topics, but he advised the novice to study the points in the variety he intended breeding. Armed with this knowledge, let him select a bird from a good strain. His next step is to take note of the points see where it excels and is deficient, according to the standard by which his variety will be judged; then having made certain of this he will look out for a mate, who must be of the same strain. It should predominate in those points your other bird is deficient in; that is to say, the one bird should be strong in those points the other is weak in. In this way you equalise; otherwise you deteriorate. He believed in inbreeding on a proper basis, as it increases hereditary power, and stops variation. His motto to gain the coveted goal was: Gain knowledge, have patience, and study your stock. An enthusiastic discussion took place on the making of egg-foods, green-foods, and their value, various seeds, and other interesting items. A very hearty vote of thanks, brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. The secretary, A. H. McLean, will be pleased to hear from anyone desiring to join (annual subs., 2s. 6d.). At next meeting, May 2nd, Mr. A. Lees will give a lecture on the more popular of our soft-billed British birds. —A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

BEAMISH AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held club-room, Mr. J. Boyle in chair. Mr. J. Hands was elected judge for our annual show, Nov. 25. We would like the new members to turn up at these meetings.—W. Knowles.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

The following gentlemen and well-known fanciers have been appointed district delegates, and will be pleased to furnish particulars of membership, etc., to fanciers in their immediate neighbourhood:—Messrs. W. R. Dunn, Old Station House, Portobello; A. M. Gardiner, New Buildings, Newton Grange; G. Brown, 1, Coalhill, Leith; J. Allan, 13, Elm Place, Leith; J. Hamilton, 3, Corstorphine Park, Eskbank; W. B. Smart, 13, High-street, Loanhead; J. P. Thomson, Slateford; T. Porteous, 13, Saunders-street, Edmir (north side). Other appointments will be made later.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

DONCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 8th, Victoria Rooms, Mr. Trueman in chair. A very interesting lecture was given by Mr. A. Spencer on pairing, breeding and preparing young for show, which was much appreciated and enjoyed by a good muster of members and friends. Several questions were asked, and were very ably answered by the lecturer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Spencer for the manner in which he bestowed the benefit of his long experience in the Fancy on the members. This brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—G. Beecoby, Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

General meeting held Three Tuns, Eastwood, April 8th; Mr. Mitchell occupied chair. He placed before members the petition of the N.B.B. and M.C., which was signed by all present. Several interesting letters were read out, one being from the secretary of the Sutton-in-Ashfield C.B.S. asking the members to entertain them at headquarters on Easter Monday, which was heartily agreed upon—to give them a fancier's hearty welcome. Also to give a welcome to any fancier who would like to spend a few hours amongst us. The club room will be open to all fanciers from two o'clock; tea will be provided 5.30 p.m. Judge elected for open show, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Also arranged to give a silver medal to be competed for by British birds for most points shown at the two F.F. shows 1911. Also arranged to hold a table show of British birds on May 6th at Portland Arms, Jacksdale. Three classes provided: Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Twite, Siskin, Linnet or Redpoll, A.O.V. British Hardbill; birds to be staged by 6 p.m. Judge, Mr. C. A. Martin. Entrance fee, 1s. Will the committee please note that a special committee meeting will be held at the Portland Arms, Jacksdale, on April 22nd at 6.30 p.m.?—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

I would draw the attention of fanciers and members to the adjourned annual general meeting, which will be held April 18th in Duncan's Rooms, 71, London-street, Glasgow, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of office-bearers, date of show, classification, etc. All duplicates and unsold tickets, with cash, from subscription sale, must be handed in at this meeting. The tickets have gone so well that we expect to clear over £45, and after clearing the £21 deficit on show, this will leave the association in a strong financial position, and give the management every encouragement to continue holding another great open show. There is a strong feeling that the next show should be held during the New Year week, and there is no doubt that the gate money, which has been the principal failure at past shows, would then be greatly increased. In any case our old date is not available without clashing, as "Bathgate" have already taken this. A show of British and Foreign birds will be held on April 25th, at 7.45 p.m., in Mr. A. Muir's Rooms, 176, Saltmarket, Glasgow, with the following six open classes: Brit. Goldfinch, For. Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Bramble, or Chaffinch, and Bullfinch hen; entry fee, 2d. each bird, open to all-comers. Valuable specials in each class, and we trust fanciers will support us with a good entry. During the show the prize draw for seven exhibition season tickets will take place; admission to show free on showing subscription sale ticket. Members and friends should attend the above adjourned meeting, and give the association the benefit of their views on the most suitable date for holding our next show. I have still a few books of subscription tickets for sale, and shall be pleased to forward a supply to any fancier requiring same.—Fred. Bowman, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

General meeting held April 6th, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson in chair. Our chairman announced he had a disappointment for us, as Mr. T. C. Crawhall was unable to give his impressions of the late Palace Show owing to a sudden and painful bereavement; but we hope to hear it in the near future. The members passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Crawhall in his great loss, and instructed the secretary to convey the same. Six new members were elected, which augurs well for 1911, and if we can only keep getting a few each meeting night, Newcastle will soon be "on its own" as regards membership. The new members are: Messrs. R. H. Gills, A. Boyd, M. McEwan, G. Croft, W. Heslop, and J. Gillespie. Annual nest feather show classification was thoroughly discussed, and the classes increased to 33; so we have a classification now that should tempt members to bring their birds out and make it a success. The annual picnic, which was fixed for Whit-Monday, it was decided to hold at Hartford House grounds, through the kindness and trouble of Mr. W. Scott. Mr. Scott gave us a splendid description of the lovely grounds, which we have permission to visit. Altogether we have the prospect of a splendid day's outing. Secretary instructed to write and thank Mrs. Burden and her son for their kindness, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Scott. It was one of the most enjoyable evenings spent by us, and as harmony is the soul of success we trust 1911 will be Newcastle's record year. Will members who intend going to the picnic kindly let the committee know at the May meeting? Subscriptions are now due, and according to rules should be paid now to enable them to compete at the annual show.—J. F. Atkinson, Sec., 8, Trewhitt-road, Heaton, Newcastle.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

At a meeting held Nutclough Hotel, April 6th, Mr. W. Spencer in chair, it was decided to have a ramble on April 29th to Withers Reservoir, Cragg Vale, meeting at Nutclough at 2 p.m. All fanciers and friends will be heartily welcome. Also decided to hold annual show December 23rd, provided no Yorks. Union show is held on this date.—A. Pickles, Sec.

CRAMLINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held April 7th, but the attendance was unavoidably only fair. It was agreed to advertise our show in CAGE BIRDS under its guarantee scheme. Four new members were enrolled. The Society is open for membership to the whole of Northumberland. Next meeting, May 3rd, in the Ante-room of Co-operative Hall (the ordinary meeting room), when new members can be enrolled.—J. R. Chestney, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, April 4th, Mr. Parker in chair. Letters were read from Mr. Hopkins re the formation of the Lancashire and Cheshire Union, which evoked some discussion. Decided to refer the matter for further consideration to next meeting. A circular from Mr. Ramsden was read giving details of the terms on which his specials will be granted to society. One new member was proposed and elected.—J. Swindley, Hon. Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Palmer Hall, April 3rd. There was a good attendance. On account of getting the birds dry early, the washing display was given first. Three or four birds were put through the tub in a masterly style by Messrs. Yates and Brooker. These were evidently not the first they had washed. The one secret the members wanted to know was how they kept the birds so quiet during the operation. Both gentlemen pointed out where novices were likely to go wrong, and it was felt we were very lucky to have two such good teachers. While the birds were drying we got to business. Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. W. H. White and S. R. Holdaway. Sec. instructed to send a letter of sympathy to the widow of the late secretary of the East Reading Society. The petition of the N.B.B. and M.C. was passed round, and signed by all, and Cage Birds League was favourably commented on. The classification for Y.B. show on July 12th, was gone over and a new class for large Foreign and one for Novices, added, making 19 classes in all. Mr. G. H. Acton, with his usual generosity, offered 5s. towards special prizes, and the secretary would be glad to hear of any other member, who would like to give a special for one section, as he wants five more. Mr. J. Yates again very kindly offered to judge, which was accepted with great pleasure. Fanciers living in the Maidenhead district should see our cups now exhibited in Mr. Goldsmith's window. Would-be members should note there is no time like the present.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held March 23rd, Mr. Shepherd chairman. Following gentlemen elected members: Messrs. J. Owen, J. Willis, Isaac Smith, J. W. Witherley (Sheriff Hill), J. Wood (Elswick), W. Westgarth (Benwell), Deighton (Willington Quay), and T. Leck (Crookhill). This looks well for the future of our club. The late secretary presented his report and balance-sheet, which showed a balance of 6s. 5d. to the good. Both were unanimously adopted. A letter was read from Mr. Coomber regretting he would be unable to fill the position of secretary owing to his removal from Newcastle. His resignation was accepted with deep regret, and Mr. Roberts Tindale was elected with great applause to the vacant position. In Mr. Tindale we have a good man as secretary. The report of the recent smoking concert and prize distribution was presented, and showed income and expenditure to balance exactly. The next feather shows are to be held as near as possible to the same dates as last year, the first June 7th, judge Mr. Shepherd. Mr. Potts offers a pair of polished horns for most points in novice classes at next feather shows; Mr. Crawhall a silver cup for most points in champion section. Mr. Tomlinson promised 10s. towards novices' cup for the autumn shows, and Mr. Coomber a like amount. Mrs. Leach has also kindly promised a pair of canvers in case for the best heavily variegated bird bred and shown by a member. Please note Mr. Tindale's address is: 14, Affleck-street, Gateshead, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.—T. C. Crawhall, late Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

On April 6th, we were entertained to a lecture on British Birds, illustrated with lantern views, by Mr. Geo. Crabb. There was a very good attendance, some sixty members and friends being present. Mr. Crabb spoke for two hours, using 75 slides, in all, to illustrate his remarks. All the larger birds were mentioned in his remarks, also the smaller Finches, and Wrens and Robins. Mr. Crabb had some very good slides of the Great Tit. He spoke at some length on the Kingfisher, illustrating his remarks with a very fine series of nine slides. Included in Mr. Crabb's illustrations were some slides of curious nesting places. Some of the birds had built in letter-boxes, some in old boots, pumps, flower-pots, and such-like. The lecturer had some very good photos of birds and their nesting places, which were handed round after the lecture. Special praise is due to Mr. R. J. Pretty for the very fine slide of the L. and P.O.S. advertisement, which was distributed at the Crystal Palace Show. Mr. Crabb said his idea in regard to this lecture was that he might induce members to think of his cases of stuffed birds, and give him any birds that might have won at any time; birds of importance, which members might have the misfortune to lose. In passing a vote of thanks, Mr. Couzens said it was most gratifying, both to the lecturer and the committee, to see such a large number present. He hoped some of the visitors would be induced to join us. He said the society are arranging for a very fine cinematograph lecture on bird life, etc., to which he hoped all the fanciers in London would muster. Fuller particulars will be announced in due course. The following gentlemen were elected members: Messrs. T. Miller, J. Robson, A. Silver, W. Shakespeare, and D. W. Tatten.—C. W. Law, Sec.

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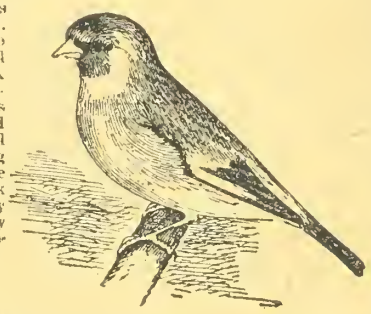
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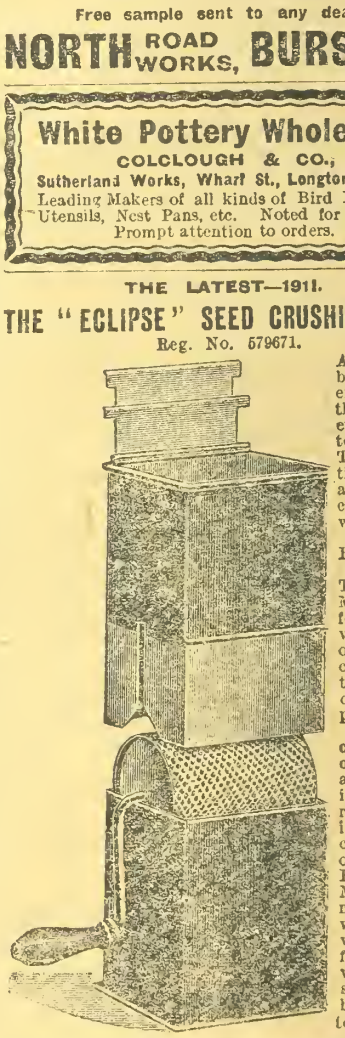
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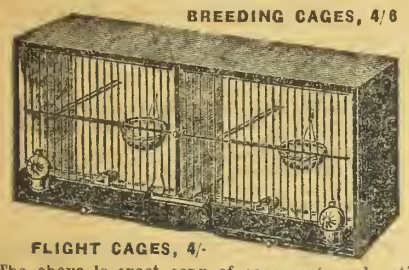


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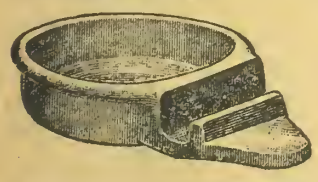
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ILFORD F.S.

The first of the season's shows was held at the Scrafton Hall, April 11. It proved an unqualified success; it eclipsed any "monthlies" yet held by the society. Messrs. Stevens Bros. secured the special prize for the best cage bird with a Border Fancy. Mr. Skinner judged.

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CLASS 1: 1, 3, Mr. Hallstone; 2, 4, Mr. Watson. CLASS 2: 1, 2, 3, Mr. Watson; 4, vhc, Mr. Grainger. —W. Richinson, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

A very successful show of British and Foreign birds was held at headquarters, All Saints' Church Rooms, on April 10. After the show the usual business was transacted. Three new members were enrolled. Mr. H. Wood promised to offer a set of carvers for best First Feather show in July. He was heartily thanked for his kindness. Messrs. Richardson and T. Wright judged and gave entire satisfaction.

LINNET: 1, Moffat; 2, 3, Chittenden. GOLDFINCH: 1, Campling; 2, O'Reilly; 3, Dawnton; vhc, Zimmerman; hc, Dawnton; c, Cass. BULLFINCH: 1, Zimmerman; 2, Hunter; 3, O'Reilly; vhc, Dawnton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Chittenden; 3, vhc, Cass. A.O.S. BRIT: 1, 2, Shorney; 3, vhc, Hunter; hc, Chittenden; c, Cass. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Shorney; 3, Hunter; vhc, Chittenden; c, Cass. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Zimmerman.—H. Thompson, Sec.

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Members' show of British birds, also a judging competition, held April 5th, when about 40 birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Pounsett. The quality of birds was grand, and a credit to their respective owners. Mr. Stevens brought a fine team of large British, winning with a grand Blackbird staged in lovely condition. A good number of members took part in the judging competition, and nearly all selected the winning Goldfinch and Chaffinch, these being two good birds. Mr. Hayling won the competition with 13 points, Messrs. Lewis and Sallis being equal for second place with 10 points each.

GOLDFINCH: 1, Brown; 2, Hope, sen.; 3, C. Smith. BULLFINCH: 1, Lewis; 2, Brown; 3, Elstone. LINNET: 1, Brown; 2, Roberts; 3, C. Smith. GREENFINCH: 1, Stevens; 2, A. Smith; 3, Elstone. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, A. Smith (Chaffinch); 2, Stevens (Corn Bunting); 3, Lewis (Siskin). LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Stevens, Blackbird, Starling, and Magpie.—W. Pounsett, Assistant-Sec.

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Meeting and table show of British birds held Clarendon Hall, April 13, when a very fair turn out of birds was staged. The quality of the birds was excellent, and each was staged to perfection. Mr. J. L. Burnett judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. During judging the meeting was held in the side room, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a large attendance. Two new members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. D. McLean and W. Freckleton. As this is the last table show of the season, it is pleasing to note the series have been highly successful, being well patronised with entries, owing to the specials offered by the club for competition. Will members please note that subscriptions are now due?

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REDRUTH.

Redruth and Dis. C.B.S. held their 2nd table show, Ambulance Hall, March 30. There was a good attendance of members, as there was a judging competition. The quality of the exhibits was of the highest order. The winners in the judging competition for the prizes were: 1, J. Clemo; 2, L. Winn; 3, R. G. P. Nelson. Mr. F. Collins (Camborne) judged, and his decisions were well received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Sherman, grand cl., lovely head and neck, good size and col., will make a topper; 2, Keen, tick head, good quality and type; 3, vhc, Kemp, tick neck, very neat, all-round bird; hc, Ferrell. BUFF: 1, Ferrell, grand type, good head and neck, tight as wax, in lovely condition; h, hc, Kemp, good head and neck, nice quality feather; 3, c, Clemo, tick buff, nice type, a little small; vhc, Sherman. BRIT.: 1, 2, Woolcock, Siskin leading, good lacing, type, and col., neat cap, minus bib, 2nd Yellowbunting, nice V mark, good cheeks; 3, vhc, hc, c, Crews, Greenfinch, lovely type, wing bars, very steady. FOR.: 1, 2, vhc, Nelson, Lavender Finch, lovely little bird, nicely spotted, 2nd Red-headed Finches, well marked, but a little gone over the eyes, vhc black red-crested Finch, rarest bird in class, but out of condition, and would not show; 3, hc, c, Woolcock, Grey Java, in the pink of condition, looking well.

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Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.)

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.

Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)

Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.

Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).

Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.

Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 35, Rodsley Avenue.)

Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Th., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.

Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).

Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty).

Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)

Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street).

Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr, R.G., C.W.

Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.

Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).

Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.

Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)

Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street.)

Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.

Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)

Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yurks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)

Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

Singing Contests.

HUNWICK.

Linnet sing held at Hemelton Inn, April 17th, when 30 birds entered. Result: 1, G. Ridley; 2, A. Brady; 3, Million.—G. Franks.

SPENNYMOOR.

Linnet singing contest held Butchers' Arms, April 15th, when 43 birds entered. Result: 1, Lockhurst and Brady; 2, 3, G. Ridley. After contest a show was held, when 28 birds entered. Result: 1, A. Brady, one of the best Linnets seen for some time; 2, G. Ridley; 3, G. Martin.—W. Fairless.

CASTLEFORD.

Easter contest, held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, before a large company of friends. Some very good singing was heard from the 49 birds entered. After some very close singing the prize winners were:—1, J. Kirk; 2, T. Piper; 3, A. Fowler; 4, W. Dobson; 5, A. Longfield; 6, A. Sweeting; 7, O. Potter; 8, W. Dobson; 9, T. Piper; 10, A. Longfield; 11, T. Price 12, O. Potter. Our hostess (Mrs. Parker) presented the prizes to the winners. We spent a very enjoyable evening, a few friends and members giving a good song or two. A vote of thanks was passed to our hostess.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held April 16th, at Britannia, Worksop Road. 15 birds were entered for 3 prizes: 1, Driver, 54 seconds; 2, Bisby, 52; 3, Worrall, 46; 4, Bisby, 45. Also Monday, April 17, an all-England contest was held, and 16 birds were entered to compete for honours. Worrall and Driver divided 1 and 2, 69 secs.: Driver, 3, 66 secs.; Worrall, 4, 62 secs.: Driver, 5, 58 secs.; Spothy, 6, 55 secs.; Bisby, 7, 54 secs. Contests every week-end.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, April 15th, when 24 birds entered for three special prizes (3 minutes time singing). Mr. Watson, 1, 71 secs.; Shepherd, 63secs.; Watson, 62secs.; Cole, 57secs.; Robinson, 57secs.; Bisby, 56secs.; Thompson 55secs. April 16th, when 18 birds entered for three special prizes (3 minutes time singing). Mr. Watson won with his famous "Old bird Scraper" with 94secs.; Watson, 2, 67secs.; Thompson, 65secs.; Watson and Wadd, 52secs. each. On April 17th 24 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes time): 1, Thompson, 83secs.; Williamson, 2, 68secs.; Thompson, 3, 58secs.; Baker, 4, 43secs.; Wadd, 43. Whitsuntide Club going strong; any members wishing to join should apply to Mr. J. Grundy or to Wm. Brown, secretary, No. 11, Bold Street, Attercliffe Common, Sheffield.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, April 15th, when 16 birds competed. Some excellent singing was heard. Result: 1, T. Lambert; 2, 4, W. Weaver; 3, N. Oldroyd. Judge, Mr. C. Jackson; timekeeper, Mr. F. Littlewood.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor, April 15th, when 36 birds entered. Result: 1, Wilson and Adams; 2, 4, Boyd; 3, Bailes. Also Easter Monday, at Black Horse, Elvet, when 24 birds entered. Result: 1, Bailes; 2, Showler; 3, Foster. Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon) judged both contests.—T. Cameron.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet S.A. first club contest of season held Mersey Hotel, Mersey-st., when sixteen members sung for £4 15s. worth of prizes, and some fair singing was heard. Result: 1, 2, J. Mather, 99 and 96; 3, J. Lawton, 84; 4, Randles, 78; 5, 12, G. Molyneaux, 71 and 38; 6, 13, A. Clarke, 66 and 24; 7, 10, F. Hughes, 61 and 46; 8, W. Mather, 56; 9, C. Corbeth, 55; 11, J. Coan, 39. Judges, Messrs. A. Clarke and C. Corbeth. Minute man, Mr. F. Hughes. Open contest held after club contest, when 23 birds were entered, and a friend gave a substantial prize to the entry. Result: 1, J. Statham (Leigh), 139; 2, F. Hughes, 110; 3, T. Statham (Leigh), 98; 4, G. Wilcock, 92. Judges, Messrs. A. Parker and W. Peet; minute man, Mr. H. Perrin.—C. Corbett, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club first club contest held April 15, headquarters, when the singing was exceptionally good, particularly in quality; and some close judging had to be done. For time they were not so close as usual. We gave 8 copper kettles 4 for time and 4 for quality and we intend giving the same at our next club contests just to show there are no favours. Winners for quality: 1, T. Statham; 2, J. McAllister; 3, J. W. Jones; 4, P. O'Neil. For time: 1, R. Statham, 154; 2, J. Statham, 101; 3, J. Parkinson, 71; 4, E. Page, 64. The judges were: for quality, Messrs. J. W. Jones, T. Gibbins, and W. Barnes, and for time, Messrs. J. Ellison and J. Cavanagh; timekeeper, Mr. J. Yates; birdman, Mr. B. Jones. I should like all fanciers to note that our next open-to-all-England Linnet contest will be held Elephant and Castle, Bag Lane, Atherton, April 29, when £1 will be given to an entrance fee of 1s.; so I should like to make this contest a record.—J. McAllister, Sec.

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BLACKBURN.

Open to all England, Easter contest, held April 15 Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when we had a very good entry, birds coming from Globe Inn Linnet Leigh Club, of which some seven members belong to our club; also we had a very good entry from the Wigan Linnet Club, held Weavers' Arms; also members residing in Wigan; birds from Clitheroe, Rishton, Gt. Harwood, West Houghton. The singing was very good. Result: For quality: 1, Globe Inn Linnet Club; 2, Joseph Dobson; 3, 4, W. H. Topping. For time: Messrs. P. O. Neil, and R. Leyland. For quality, Messrs. Holmes and W. H. Topping. Referee, Mr. J Dobson.—T. Slater, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Central Linnet and C.C.—Our club is progressing wonderfully, and is now in full swing. Open match for time and quality will be held at Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, off North Street, April 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. Usual match April 23rd, 1 o'clock. Result of match, April 9th: 1, Tom Dobson; 2, B. Smith; 3, Dobson. Timekeepers, Messrs. Waite and J. Hargreaves. Very good contest held April 16th, when 18 good time and quality birds faced the judges, Messrs. Tate and Butler. Mr. (Old Tom) Dobson again winning. It will be interesting to some old Leeds fanciers to again see the name of the old man, counting again, as it is 15 years since he hung a bird. He has been a breeder and fancier for 60 years and has a well stocked aviary at Kirkstall. On April 9th he brought some of his Roller Canaries down, and a very pleasant evening was spent listening to his ancient birdy anecdotes.—Joe Hargreaves.

GREAT HOUGHTON.

Great Houghton and Dist. Linnet Association, held at Old Hall Inn, April 16th, a great Linnet Contest (open to all England), when 30 of the best picked birds of Yorkshire sang (time singing), for three good prizes, and three specials. Some extraordinary singing was heard. We had visitors from far and near. After a speech by Mr. Harry Allen, several gentlemen were made members, Mr. Allen showed us a great many points, including how he trained his Linnets in the field. Mr. Ben Midgley thanked Mr. Allen for his kind remarks. Mr. Midgley hopes to see the Great Houghton Club second to none. The following gentlemen won the prizes: 1st and special, Mr. Fowler (a young novice; it was the first prize contest he had ever entered), score, 72 secs.; 2nd prize, Mr. Busby (Barnsley), 66 secs.; 3rd, Mr. Ben Midgley, 63 secs. Judge, Mr. H. Allen. Timekeepers, Messrs. B. Midgley and G. Howell.—Jas. Halpine, Sec.

Wild Bird-Life.

Structure of Early Nests.

While rambling across the downs and the more exposed uplands, the writer found evidence of the severity of the weather during the first week of the month in the remains of several dead birds, which, although in fairly good condition, were unable to stand against the north-east wind, snow, and severe frost. On the other hand, some individuals must have passed through it quite cheerfully, for many nests in the bare hedgerows are completed, and some species are even sitting upon freshly-laid eggs. A nest in early April, although a thing of interest as being among the first of the season, has not by any means the beauty of a nest of the same bird later on. This fact particularly struck us while looking at a Thrush's nest which had been robbed of its contents, the broken egg shells lying scattered upon the ground. The nest was in the hedgerow quite bare of leaves, and although the branches upon which it rested had a nice sprinkling of ivy growing among it, the nest itself was composed of such ordinary looking material that what might have been a perfect picture as far as surroundings go, was spoilt by the main object. In these early nests dried grass or hay from the vicinity of the neighbouring rick forms the main substance, the nests being simply lined with mud in the usual manner. Some of the later nests will have a few twigs, leaves, and moss included, giving a little local colour to the whole; then, when surrounded by green leaves and growing branches, they form quite a different picture, especially when the lonely turquoise-blue eggs with the brownish black spots are included. The work the making of one of these nests entails upon the birds is not by any means slight. Journey after journey must be performed to the rick yard for the hay, which is placed in a strong, compact mass quite two inches thick all round; then the mud, for the interior, of the right kind and consistency, must be found and conveyed to the spot, to be gradually shaped by the mother bird's breast as it slowly dries. And to what end, after all this care and work? The first hooligan who passes by will ruthlessly purloin the contents and scatter them in sheer destructiveness upon the ground. To the poor birds, it is a case of "Love's labour lost."

Bird Parasites.

Swallows and Martins are two of the many species of birds which are very much infested by insects. It is supposed that they try to rid themselves of these pests by rapidly vibrating the wings whilst flying, and by frequently dipping into running water; but this latter is a rather dangerous proceeding, as occasionally one gets drowned while performing it.

Blue-headed Wagtail in Sussex.

For several years a pair of Blue-headed Wagtails nested in Sussex, in the neighbourhood of Winchelsea. But far too much publicity was given to them. Consequently, collectors made an annual rush to the spot—with the usual result. This is how many of our rare species become extinct. The collector is as much to be dreaded as the sportsman.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

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W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge Cage Birds, Specialist Mules, British and Foreign.

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Our annual meeting will be held on April 22 at 6 p.m., Market Tavern. A good attendance of members is desired to discuss the matters appertaining to the welfare of our society.—Grayshon and Allen, Secs. Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.

A Sad Loss.

I am sorry to have to report the loss of the Hon. Mrs. Bourke's "Dartford Warbler," writes Mr. V. Wynn. During Mrs. Bourke's absence in Venice, the cook, who was entrusted with the care of it, let it out by mistake into the room and then went down to dinner. When she returned, she found to her horror that the poor little mite had flown on to the fire that was burning in the room, and was lying dead inside the fender. It is needless to dwell on the remorse the cook suffered at this deplorable result of her thoughtless action. Mrs. Bourke feels this loss dreadfully, as the "Dartford Warbler" was the bird she liked best out of her select collection, and she fears she will never be able to replace it. This fine bird took 1st and special at the City and Suburban Show and 3rd at the Horticultural Hall (the only times shown), and it is interesting to recall that this and Mr. Frostick's are the only specimens ever exhibited in this country.

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Twitterings.

I have been appointed temporary hon. secretary to the Kent County C.B.A., writes Mr. A. Hendry, 36, Clarendon Place, Dover.

Allow me to thank you for the excellent drawing of my light Goldfinch-Canary mule which appeared in your issue of April 15, writes Mr Fred. Archer (Huddersfield).

Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) has, we hear, been elected to judge the Houghton-le-Spring first feather show on July 1, and the Leadgate annual show on January 6 next.

Mr. J. Sheppard, sec. of the South Birmingham O.S., informs us that his society has decided to hold two shows, the first to be held on June 28 and the other on July 22.

Before our society is much older, writes Mr. Daniel John, the Sec. of the Llanelly and Dist. C.B.S., we shall hold a washing competition (open to members) for a suitable prize.

The Brighton Cage Bird Association annual show will be held on Nov. 8, 9, instead of Nov. 15, 16, as originally fixed, when Mr. C. A. House will again officiate as judge, writes Mr. Will H. Gibb, the Hon. Sec.

Mr. J. Symes (of 24, Church Lane, Hornsey, London, N.), who advertises in our columns, supplies an excellent honey (clear or granulated), which we can confidently recommend. It is sold at sevenpence, post free, per 1lb. jar.

The members of the Shettleston and Dist. C.B.S. are all pleased with Cage Birds Annual; they think it would be good value for double the money, and that no fancier should be without a copy of it, writes Mr. A. Berry, the Sec.

Kindly note that I have changed my address from Neville Terrace to 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road, York, writes Mr. H. Thompson, Sec. of the York C.B.S. Mr. A. Hurst, of Accrington, is to judge at our open show on November 4.

Will Lochgelly fanciers please note that local membership closes on July 31, and that any member not paid up, or joining after that date, will not be eligible to compete for members' confined cup? writes Mr. Wm. Whiteford, Sec. of the Lochgelly C.B.S.

I wish Cage Birds every success, which it well deserves. I have been taking this journal for tho last 9 years, and am still as eager now for it as when I first took it up, and am off to my agent every week on arrival of mail.—C. Chamberlain (Port Elizabeth).

Will members of the Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C. please note that the next meeting and show of British birds will be held on Thursday, April 27, instead of Tuesday, April 25, as previously arranged? writes Mr. F. Taylor, the Sec.

We keep getting fresh recruits in our society, and they all say they read Cage Birds. I am intending to send you a list of the members who are going to join Cage Birds League; the number, I think, will be about twenty.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec., Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.

The Doncaster and Dist. C.B.S. have secured the services of Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) to judge Canaries, and of Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle) to adjudicate in the British bird, mule, and hybrid sections at their annual open show on Nov. 24 and 25, writes Mr. G. Bescoby, the Sec.

I am sure readers of Cage Birds will be pleased to know that Mr. Alex. M. Gardiner has again been returned a member for the School Board here, writes Mr. Andrew Anderson (Newton Grange). He was third in the poll of nine for seven seats, and as he was fifth in the election two years ago this result speaks for itself.

The 1910 balance sheet of the Poplar and Dis. C.B.S. shows the society to be in a sound financial position, the balance in hand being £7 13s. 6d. The assets of the society, the secretary (Mr. H. W. Cook) informs us, are £11 10s. apart from the cash in hand. The members are to be congratulated on their financial standing.

Our annual show, writes Mr. T. Cameron, Sec. of the Bo'ness and Dis. F.A., is fixed for Nov. 4, and the following gentlemen have been appointed judges: For the Norwich section, Mr. S. Holmes (Fountainbridge); for the Border Fancy section, Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton); and for the British bird section, Messrs. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh) and R. V. Raine (Cathcart).

The judges for our annual open show on Oct. 28 are, writes Mr. John S. Harris, Hon. Sec. of the Dysart C.B.S.: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. John Thomson (Kirkcaldy); for Border Fancies, Mr. Robert Lambie (Whitburn); for Norwich and Crests, Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh); and for British and Foreign birds, Messrs. Robert Gilmour and Christopher Whiter (both of Kirkcaldy).

The 1911 programme of the Sheffield and Dist. C.B.S. is a very attractive one, including a question-by-ballot night, a talk on Crests, a washing exhibition, and a judging competition. Particulars of membership (the radius is 20 miles) may be had of the Sec., Mr. A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Hillsboro', Sheffield.

Please announce through your valuable paper, Cage Birds, writes Mr. F. Whiting, of Brockford, Stowmarket, that owing to the growing demand for my seed-dressing machines, my stock is entirely exhausted, and I must therefore stop advertising for a few weeks until I have some more made up.

Having secured the services of Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith) to lecture in the Co-operative Hall here under the auspices of Dunfermline and Dist. C.B.S. on April 29, I would like to draw your readers' attention to this, writes Mr. Robert T. Campbell, the Sec. We are throwing the meeting open so that all lovers of British birds may have the opportunity of hearing this able band at so interesting a subject. The lecture will be of special interest, as Mr. S. will have with him all the food stuffs suitable for the Softbills, and will show and explain the taking of the birds by the pocket apparatus. We are making an early start (six o'clock), so that all members may have full benefit of lecture and get home by late train and cars.

OBITUARY.

Mr. ADAM MELROSE (Galashiels).

As secretary of the Galasbiels O.S., I am very sorry to have to announce the death of our much-respected member, Mr. Adam Melrose, who passed away on April 11, at the age of 57 years, writes Mr. C. Lugton. His funeral took place on Friday. Among those present we noticed fanciers from Edinburgh, Duns, Selkirk and Walkerburn; there was also a large turnout of members of the above-named society, of which he was an active and energetic member for over 30 years. Scotch Fancies were his outstanding hobby, in the breeding of which he excelled, having bred many winners in his day. He was a great believer in pedigree breeding. Once when I questioned him on a doubtful-looking pair he had put up, he replied: "They are no muckle tae look at, but a ken hoo they are bred." His services as a judge were much sought after. We are sure his many friends in the Fancy will join us in offering kindly sympathy to the widow and grown-up family who are left to mourn his loss.

On April 11th, writes "J. E. N.," there was laid to rest at the Norwich Cemetery the devoted wife of Mr. T. Roberts, of Gloucester St., the popular local judge and exhibitor of Norwich Canaries. There was a large number of fanciers and friends at the graveside. By desire of many officials of local cage bird societies, the deceased lady was borne to the grave by members of the Canary industry, the sad duty being undertaken by Messrs. W. W. Freestone, J. Hall, E. Clarke, H. E. Dunham, W. Harl, and B. W. Pill, representatives of five associations. A large number of floral tributes were placed upon the grave. Among the large number of messages of condolence received by the bereaved family was one from Mr. G. H. Roberts, M.P. for the city of Norwich, deeply sympathising with them in the great loss they had sustained.

London Federation of C.B.S.

The council of the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies has instructed me to call a special meeting, to be held at the Feathers Hotel, Westminster, London, S.W., on Friday, April 28, at 7.45 p.m., to meet representatives of non-affiliated societies with a view to their becoming affiliated to the Federation. If I have omitted to send a notice to any society that is eligible for affiliation, will they kindly take this as an invitation to send representatives and let me know their intention? I should be glad if all concerned would note that I am now the secretary of the Federation.—James Bray, jun., Hon. Sec., 67, St. Dunstan's Road, Hammersmith, S.W.

Rare Birds for the Zoo.

Few people who visit the Zoo give much consideration to the means by which the wonderful tropical birds are caught, or of the great army of men who are engaged in searching for these rare birds, says the "Evening Times." One of these collectors, Mr. W. Frost, is now in Calcutta with thirty large cases containing cages with no less than 700 birds awaiting shipment for London. He is proud of the fact that he has captured specimens of the rare Sun-bird, some types of which have never been seen in England. To an interviewer he said:—"Once you explain the habits of a bird to a native bird-catcher, he can invariably get it for you. I have with me an old man, Parwani, who collected birds for the ex-King of Oudh. He has a marvellous knowledge of birds in his part of the country." Asked whether he had any other rare birds, Mr. Frost replied:—"Yes, the Minarets and the Maroon Oriole. Then there are some Blood Pheasants from the Himalayas, light green with splashes of red, blood-red splashes on the breast. I have also a large collection of Blue Fly-catchers, which are rare; there are only three of them in England. Then there are different species of Sun-birds; the Violet one is difficult to get, and the only one in England now secured a prize at the Crystal Palace show." No little difficulty is experienced in keeping the birds in good condition, and the question of feeding is a very serious one. The Sun-birds have milk and honey and the white of egg. The other birds are largely fed on green flies specially prepared for them, and Mr. Frost had to get no less than a ton of these insects.

My Experiences in the Bird Fancy.

FRED ARCHER (Huddersfield).

The writer of these instructive notes has had a very successful career recently on the show bench, his birds having won high honours at the leading English and Scottish Exhibitions.

In response to the Editor's request, I have pleasure in giving readers of Cage Birds a brief record of my experiences as a bird fancier. It is now more than twelve years since my interest in birds was first aroused, and through these years my enthusiasm for, and devotion to, the hobby has been of an ever-deepening nature. I have been a regular subscriber to Cage Birds, and I have derived great assistance from the advice and the articles which have been given with such unfailing regularity by the experts. From the weekly reading the desire to visit all the shows which distance and the shallow capacity of a working man's pocket would allow was but the natural order in the sequence of events. For years past I have visited all shows which it has been humanly possible for me to attend, and by close observation of the birds and their environments, and by a careful study of the methods of the different fanciers, and especially of those who have made for themselves a reputation in the hobby, I have learned much. And this knowledge has enabled me to estimate what kind of birds I should require in order to ensure success at the shows.

Points for Beginners to Note.

I have some diffidence in offering advice to your readers, but it may not be out of place for me to suggest to all new beginners that the following points are worthy of their serious consideration. First, never show your bird in a dirty cage. A clean and sweet cage will enable your exhibit to do fuller justice to yourself and to its own merits; for, however fine your bird may be, it is obvious that he cannot show himself at his best in dirty and uncongenial surroundings.

Secondly, put your birds down in the best possible condition, or don't exhibit at all; for it is not fair either to yourself or to your bird to enter a competition under such self-inflicted handicaps. To secure the maximum of condition the fullest attention must at all times be given to feeding and to the bath. In feeding I use the best Spanish canary seed, adding hemp, maw, summer rape, and dandelion, as experience and discretion direct in the case of each bird, and I find that my birds both like and do well on this mixture. I am a great believer in the bath, and have strong convictions that attention to this function, and to the keeping of the cage sweet and clean, are primary factors in securing the fullest condition for the birds.

Two Favourites and their Food.

In respect to classes for birds, the Redpoll-Bullfinch and the Greenfinch-Bullfinch are my favourites in the hybrid section. I have two of these birds, and have been exceptionally successful with them, as the undermentioned records reveal.

If I have shown both birds at one show I have invariably secured first with one and second with the other; or if I have shown them at different exhibitions I have secured firsts with both on the average of two cases out of every three. The cross of each is of a rare blend, and a good specimen will always command a high price.

Both these birds are fed on the mixture mentioned above; but to it I add a little sunflower seed, for which they show a decided partiality.

The light Goldfinch-Canary Mule is another specimen I am very fond of, and can honestly recommend. I have one in my possession now which has done exceedingly well on the show bench. Size is a most important factor of success in connection with this bird, and a good big one will, nine times out of ten, beat the smaller bird, however good. My Crystal Palace winner, as was seen in your drawing, was not the biggest Mule on show, but there was not another exhibit in the class which compared with mine for condition, and it was to this fact that his success was due. Readers will, therefore, see my reasons for so strongly advising attention to details which will secure them the maximum of condition in all their intending exhibits, and these are only to be secured by ceaseless attention to the necessary details, if they would have their efforts attended by success.

We have secured the services, writes Mr. Wm. Melvin, the Assistant Sec. of the Stonehouse C.B. and F.H. Society, of the following gentlemen to judge at our annual show on November 4, viz.: Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) for Norwich, mules, and hybrids; and Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) for Borders and British birds. Our society is in a flourishing condition. We had four new members at our last meeting, and we have prospects of more.

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By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 347.)

No. 3.—My Crimson Finches.

A short time ago a group of workers among the poor of town and country alike were discussing the woeful state of the feeble-minded and the possibility of legislation to ameliorate their condition and restrain their production. Arose in the midst a man of education and influence, who ridiculed the idea of the Parliament of these Isles taking up its time with trifles of this sort—if, indeed, such persons really exist; and I must say, he went on, that throughout my wide and varied business experience I have never come across individuals corresponding to those you have described; and as a railway director I have unequalled opportunities of judging the characters of men in all stations of life.

As I read these words I thought of my readers; and I believe it will describe the expression of very many of them regarding Crimson Finches. A good many are rather sceptical as to whether they really exist.

These little birds very seldom come over from Australia, and when they do, not more than half a dozen at a time, and owing to their pugnacity probably some of these will be killed before the voyage is over. They generally arrived in a more or less pecked about condition owing to their friendly attentions one to another. Some of my readers will ask, what is the use of trying to keep these pugnacious little birds? I suppose much on the same principle as we do other apparently useless things.

Personally, I abominate golf as a hideous waste of time and energy, though of course I recognise that it has its uses in providing occupation and amusement for the local unemployed, and in keeping one's visitors out of the way during the day time. In the same way the importation of Crimson Finches enables more than usually enterprising dealers to get a living, and it also permits of people with more money than they know what to do with to buy them. And really, Crimson Finches are most fascinating. I can never resist their grace and beauty, although I know so well their evil disposition. If I see a pair I am bound to buy them.

An Ambition Unrealised.

My ambition for years has been to breed Crimson Finches, but so far misfortune has dogged my footsteps. I have had many a near shave of success; but what is the good when it all ends in disaster? My Crimson Finch hens have never seemed averse to what is today called "woman's special work," but luck has so far failed me. Generally it has happened that the cock has been the cause. In nearly every case he will scalp his partner sooner or later, or else leave her "in puris naturabilis," or, as the old lady said, not even in that!

Since I began keeping Crimson Finches, and growing reminiscent, it is quite sad to think what a lot of pairs I have lost. It quite reminds me of the little child who, called to muse upon the insecurity of mortal life, said with deep feeling "What a lot of people have died this year! Our two cows and the Princess Alice!"

But, you will remind me, Crimson Finches are so expensive. Well, they are in a way when you consider that they are not exactly free livers. Forty shillings a pair does seem rather a lot to drop on two ounces of feathers and a long tail; but alas! how it irks some people to spend. There are any number of people about who will cheerfully spend five shillings on a pineapple, but churlishly grudge the same price for a bird. What a good job it is that we can't borrow birds as we borrow books; what a poor time some dealers would have!

I don't like to remember how many years it is since I acquired my first Crimson Finches; but a lot of water has since flowed under the bridge of time. I bought them from a private source, and for Crimson Finches they were really in excellent condition, the hen having only had a few face feathers removed. Still he was very spiteful, and the slightest notice on my part led to the most wicked exhibition of temper on his part, and a fierce chase of the poor hen all round the cage. I had heard such terrible accounts of the quarrelsome temper of Crimson Finches that I did not like to trust them in mixed company, as I thought if a Crimson Finch will scalp his own lawful wedded wife, what would he do to an unprotected female? Accordingly I put them in a large box cage with fine front, and rigged up a snug nest-box in the top corner, well lined with soft hay. The cock soon made for this, and having snugly ensconed himself he began to invite the hen to join him in the most dulcet toues. The last I saw of them that night they were sitting snugly side by side like a small Darby and Joan; but, alas! these peace preliminaries did not last.

For a few days all went well, and then one morning I found the poor little hen dead on the cage bottom; and there was only one verdict that could be suggested Wilful murder; and the culprit, Master Crimson Finch. Why he did it heaven only knows; but why does anyone murder someone else? All that year he had to live alone, as I could never hear of a mate. Perhaps, like the lady to whom Henry VIII. offered himself after one of his wives had "died suddenly," they excused themselves on the ground that they had only one head to lose. At any rate, none were forthcoming. In the spring of the next year I got a letter from Mr. Hamlyn saying he had some good Crimson Finches on hand, would I like any? I wired "Yes; send me a good hen." And he did.

An Alluring Amazon.

She was a real beauty, a little gem, and I thought she looked well able to take care of herself. Still, I was going to run no risks, so I put her in a cage by herself where the cock could see her but not get at her, and watched what would happen, like Moses' sister. The cock assumed his most dashing air, and fairly swayed from side to side with excitement, his tail going like a little pendulum. He really looked so good and holy that I felt it would be a sin to keep them apart; so after a week I caught the cock and transferred him to the hen's cage, on the theory that a lady is generally mistress in her own house.

I was amazed to see what termagent airs she at once put on, and how she reversed the usual order of things, and fairly chased her suitor round the cage; but I suppose it was only a bit of flirtation and pretence, for next morning they were quite friendly, and sitting side by side in the nest-box.

Some weeks later, on a warm summer morning, I was delighted to see the hen lining the nest-box with feathers I had considerately supplied for this purpose; and now my hopes began to rise like the tide. What if I should succeed in breeding little Crimson Finches? What a feather it would be in my avicultural cap! In about a week the hen began to look a little thick, and I felt a bit anxious, as egg binding is so often fatal to these tiny Finches. One morning I was delighted to see her looking quite fit once more, and as she went in and out of the nest-box a good bit, I felt pretty sure there was an egg. Two more days went by, with more visits to the nest, and then the hen began to sit steadily. For twelve days nothing happened but the daily round, the common task, that falls to so many of us, and then on the following morning I saw a tiny fragment of egg shell on the floor, and then I knew that we had gone another stage on the journey towards success. I did not dare to show that I had made any discovery, as any foolish conduct of this sort always spells disaster. Still I knew that things were going all right, as the cock kept feeding the hen, and she fed the babies.

A Slump In Babies.

For a week all went well. The youngsters were fed on fresh ants' eggs for the most part. These I got by an advertisement in Cage Birds, and they were beautifully white, plump and fresh; and by spreading them out on a tray in a cool cellar I was able to keep them quite good for ten days at a time. The great thing is not to let them heat. They want to be spread out in a single layer and apart from each other as far as possible. I do not think Crimson Finches would attempt to rear without ants' eggs. They seem to care for little else—at any rate, in my case. The week came to an end, and then, alas, I found a little corpse on the floor.

I think that all little birds should be black in the skin; they are better than pink ones. They look more decent, more clothed, more respectable. It is the same in Egypt, where in the heat of the day the fellaheen shed their robes and bend hour after hour over their tasks. The brown and the black harmonise with the landscape, and there is no offence; pink skins are showy, pretentious, almost vulgar; thence the deduction may be drawn that all little birds, before they are clothed with feathers, ought to be dark in colour. Day by day a poor little pink morsel was dropped on the floor until, as the nigger song says, there were three.

That completed the tale of bricks so far as my baby Crimson Finches were concerned, and when I looked in the nest there was nothing. That ended my breeding chances; for that season the birds made no further attempt to replenish their earth, and before another season came round "the Man with the Scythe" had parted them for ever, and new interests and new species called off my attention before another breeding season. One can't breed everything. I got a good offer for the pair about this time, so I let them go; and for all I know to the contrary, they may by this time be the parents of a happy family.

This is the end of my story. The quest has not been accomplished; but what of that? As one grows older one begins to realise how impossible it is with our limited human experience to distinguish between real and ultimate good. The blessings of life come riding on storm clouds, its curses are often wrapped in silver paper and honeyed words. Life is a long pursuit, and in the end the prize too often eludes us. But, if increase of wisdom be the goal of existence to us poor creatures of earth, any way by which knowledge can be acquired or experience reverently used must be a gain.

That it may be so in this case is the reason why I have written this little experience. If every time we put up a pair of birds to breed, success crowned our efforts, how soon we should tire! It is the hope that springs eternal in the human breast that keeps us going. At any moment a turn in the road may bring us in sight of the longed-for goal; but, alas, how often we see only the long, dreary vista stretching out before us!

(To be continued.)

My Five Favourite - Finches. -

By I. THOMAS. (Otley.)

In writing this essay on five favourite British Birds my hope is to give instruction to the novice and to encourage the amateur in keeping and exhibiting British birds. This is one of the most healthy and interesting hobbies a working man can undertake. When he becomes thoroughly interested in this study he will find he is becoming a more healthy man and more humane; and he will begin to realise that life is worth living. Let him rise early on a Sunday morning in the beautiful month of May and take a long walk in the country. What joyous sounds he will hear and beautiful sights he will see! Let him study the Nature before him—the distant hills and clouds, the winding river, the swift running brook, the beautiful woodland and hedges, and above all the glorious morning song of the birds. All these scenes he will find full of bird life and harmony. Then he will remember that beautiful Psalm in which occurs the passage, "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy glory."

Warbling His Song.

No doubt the first bird song he will hear as he leaves the town will be that of the Starling, warbling his song to his mate on the vane of the church spire. Then, as he crosses the bridge over the river that leads him to the country, he stands and looks into the dreamy waters below; and while he is musing there he is aroused to his senses by the darting from under the arches of the beautiful Kingfisher, whose green back and blue wings shine brilliantly in the morning sunlight.

He does not journey far before he hears the "pink, piuk," of the Chaffinch; then the beautiful Wagtail runs before him, darting at the flies at intervals. Then he hears the croaking Rooks who are busy feeding their young in the trees of the park beyond.

Now he is in the country, and the Lark is singing his glorious song in the skies as a welcome to him to this Paradise of all bird lovers. Here it is he first covets these feathered beauties of creation; and then comes the thought: Why not have these with me always? Thus comes the advent of another recruit to the legion of bird fanciers, and he requires the instruction and encouragement of his elder and more experienced brother fanciers to help him forward in his new hobby. In giving this paper I shall deal only with the species that any ordinary working man can afford to keep without their taking up too much of his leisure time or demanding too much of his hard-earned money: I mean the hard-billed birds, or seed eaters.

The Poor Man's Cage Bird.

I shall take as my first subject the poor man's cage bird, the Greenfinch. This bird is perhaps the least interesting of the Finch tribe, but when once accustomed to cage life it becomes more interesting to his owner. He can be got remarkably tame by kind treatment and companionship. When buying British birds, get the biggest and the best you can always of whatever species, as a good bird takes no more keeping than a poor specimen, and he will pay you far better.

Although it is a common bird, I dearly love the Greenfinch, and when properly attended to he returns your love twofold. Feed him well and keep him clean, is my motto. As a good plain diet I believe in the following seeds: Sunflower in abundance—this is a fountain of natural colour for him (I generally crack or crush it for him)—also the best of Spanish canary at all times; a large percentage of rape, turnip and charlock seeds in summer and hemp and linseeds and crushed oats in winter. These will keep Greenie in the best of condition. Don't forget to let him have plenty of water for washing purposes, as he is a great bather.

In procuring a specimen for show I should recommend a wild caught bird: it is always larger and more robust than a hand-reared one. It is a bird that is easily tamed. I should recommend the fancier to get two cocks—one buff and one yellow. Select the largest you can (from the stock of a respectable dealer), having rich broad yellow grassy green breasts and large, broad, round heads; see that the wings meet perfectly down the back and that the ends are flat on to the tail. Make sure they are good in yellow of flights and that the birds are thoroughly even in colour, with no greyness on breast or light colour. Also take note of the feet, and see that all the nails are on, as judges want to judge whole birds.

Colour-feed the buff bird to the best of your ability with tasteless pepper in very small quantities, or he will refuse to eat; aye! and will pine away and die rather than touch it if once he turns against it. Then you have him for the colour-fed classes, and the yellow bird for the unfed classes. See that he shines like a Starling and is feathered like a Java Sparrow, perfectly steady, perk, and cheeky, before you enter him for a show, and then await and see what are the results of your labour.

You have now, we shall suppose, entered your Greenies in two classes—fed and natural colour. See that they are clean when sent off to the show, and that the perches and cages are clean. Paint your cages for the Greenies a French grey inside and also the wires, and the outside of cage black; or, if not French grey, paint the inside and the wire front with aluminium paint. This affords a splendid contrast to your Greenies, and will no doubt help your birds to take the judge's eye and demand from him some sort of congratulation.

How to Choose and Feed Bullfinches.

From the extreme richness of colour displayed throughout its plumage the handsome Bullfinch has long been a favourite of bird fanciers. The beautiful crimson breast, delicately shaded grey back and deep purple black head, tail, and wings, the latter crossed with a nice band of white, are known to nearly all bird lovers.

Now, in selecting this bird as one of your team, keep to the same rule as in the case of your Greenies. Select the biggest birds having the best colours, as a big good one will always beat a little good one. See that you get a bird of good size, rich, deep coloured breast, with grand, broad, round cap and bib, with good carriage. Having procured what you consider will be a fair specimen when moulted, you must consider his keeping in health and his education for the show bench. His staple food should consist of canary seed with sunflower, teazel, thistle, and hemp. Give also as a special luxury groundsel, dandelion, shepherd's purse, lettuce, and watercress in season; also in winter such wild seeds as dock, plantain, nettle seeds, privet berries, blackberries, elderberries, etc. If these are not procurable through living in large cities, you can always give them in preserved form, such as blackberry jam, black currant jam, etc. All these he will relish, and they will improve his colour.

When your Bullie is moulted, and in proper form and feather, you begin to prepare him for the shows. Handle the cages you have him in as often as possible; talk to him and gain his confidence; then he is ready to face the judge. Let him have a good run of his show cage previous to the shows; let him have a few hours per day in it; this will restore his confidence, and he will not feel strange when placed on the bench.

(To be continued.)

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The Fashionable Roller Canary.

Its song; the selection of hens and pairs; breeding; feeding, etc: Being a translation from "Canary No. 12" by Herr Haupt (Dresden), read before the Leeds Roller C.C. on April 1, and procured by Mr. T. W. Walton.

May I be permitted to write of my long experience of this extensive subject—the breeding and rearing of Roller Canaries; and I trust that some of you may turn to advantage my ideas and practices. We all know, especially the older hands, that it costs a lot of trouble and endurance before we commence to reap any benefit from our work. Of course, we are not all blessed with abundance of cash, and we all, more or less, expect to get some incidental gain.

We can say that if you follow the experience of the older fanciers you can make some profit, especially if you breed for prominent song. Unfortunately, this is not always done, some breeding for quantity, which brings them very little gain; and they at last are glad to sell their stock to a dealer for a few shillings.

How can we alter this? I think, in the first place, by a thorough knowledge of your stock birds. I call special attention, in the first place, to the song. The bird "in song" you can expect to be healthy, and to sire healthy youngsters. The breeding cock should be slender, strongly shaped, and the abdomen low to the breast bone. The hens should have a full, plump breast, the breastbone not sharp. The abdomen should have a broad, oval ending; you should not find liverspots on same. The call note should be soft and deep, if possible. Hens like this will come into breeding condition first; but hens with rumps like the cocks should not be used for early breeding. They start later in the season, generally do not rear many youngsters, and often are a vexation to the breeder.

I would again point out the necessity of giving the utmost attention to the hens, especially in the winter time, and to their food.

The song of the cock stock bird should be deep and as full of variety as possible. You should not use cocks that bring scratched or hard aufzug, sharp schwirre, schnetterlike bell or acute sharp flute. It is from the cock that you expect to produce your best tours. He should commence his song with hollow roll or bass. None of the faulty tours just mentioned should be heard in a refined breeding room. Slight aufzug, soft schwirre, high bell, or thin flute, which are perhaps brought out at the end of the song or with the other tours make less mischief in the breeding room.

It is best to keep a good breeding register; otherwise it is nearly impossible to pair the birds together, according to their hereditary transmission. You should put the hens into the breeding cages at least a couple of weeks before commencing, in order that they may get used to the cage. You can then also observe their habits better, marking the cages with the book number. The cocks also should be put into larger cages for a week, so that they may regain their strength after their long imprisonment in the song box.

I prefer to run one cock with several hens, but be careful to keep the hens you are going to run with the one cock in cages as far apart as possible; then the sitting hens will take less offence when they hear the cock that was mated to them making love to the other hens.

Now comes the time when you intend commencing. You should choose the hens that are most forward (such as have been described). Give them pans and nesting materials, and watch carefully which hen starts building first. When the nest is almost completed, run the cock in, either in the early morning or evening. Very likely the hen will sit for him as soon as he starts to sing.

After the pairing, take the cock away. Continue this until the first egg is laid; this will ensure all the eggs being fertile. The following nests will be full if the birds are paired twice. The cock will be ready to go to the second hen after a day's rest. I always had better results thus, than by permanently pairing, as I consider that they waste their time and strength in useless fighting, which fighting you should avoid as much as possible. I will here say I have had great experience in all the different systems of pairing, and can therefore honestly recommend this way to all who read this.—H. T. Davis, Sec.

I have my copy of Cage Birds Annual for 1911, and I find it is the best sixpennyworth I ever had, as it is complete in every way. It is a wonder how you can put out such a book at the price. I have given some fanciers here "a read of it," and they have never seen anything to beat it. I wish your paper, Cage Birds, every success.—S. F. McIntyre (Airdrie).

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution; one star the runners up.

*A Parrot and his Playmate.

Mr. Archer, London, possesses two strange pets, one is Poll, a Parrot, and the other, Gyp, a terrier. Mr. Archer has had Poll for some years, but Gyp is a pup which he has only had for five weeks. As soon as Gyp was brought into the house Poll at once adopted him as a playmate and friend. On Sunday mornings Mr. Archer may be seen with his two pets taking a stroll—Poll perched on his shoulder and Gyp running by his side. Whenever Gyp moves from one part of the house to another, Poll immediately flies to rejoin her companion. Copied and sent in by William Robertson (age 13), 21, Lawrence Street, Partick, Glasgow.

*The Yellowhammer.

Now I, Yellow-hammer,
Desire to give praise
For plentiful orchards
And sunshiny days.
The spring gave me many
A bud for my bill,
And sent me a sweetheart
From over the hills.

—Sent by Maggie Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street, Paignton.

**What a Jackdaw Did.

A Jackdaw which had been taught to talk escaped from its cage, and in the course of its flight saw a man ploughing. It followed the trail of the plough to feed on the worms that were turned up. Presently the ploughman heard a voice behind him saying, "I'll nab you yet." He turned round, but saw no one. Although surprised, he went on with his work, when again came the words, "I'll nab you yet." This was enough. He turned and ran as if for his life, and meeting his master, told him what had happened. The farmer laughed heartily, and told him he was troubled with a guilty conscience. To quiet the man, he went back with him to the plough, making fun of him and his fears while on the way. The plough had scarcely started when the Jackdaw, who it is supposed discovered two worms, cried out, "I'll nab you both; I'll nab you both.' At this, both the farmer and the ploughman took to their heels, and did not stop till they were both out of the field.—Sent by E. C. Jenner (age 11), Teston, near Maidstone.

PELTON FELL & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Institute Hall, April 8, Mr. J. Stanger in chair. We had a good turn up of members. Ballot taken for best feather show judge; result, Mr. J. Riseborough (Sunderland) elected. Carried, that best feather show be 6d. per cage, to be held on August 5. We settled to hold our annual and open show December 23; will other societies please notice date? We had two members nominated: Messrs. R. Bewicke and W. Catchpole, both of Newfield. Annual show judges will be elected next meeting, May 6. We are enrolling members at every meeting, and would be glad to welcome more (subs. 5s. per year and 1s. entrance).—Wm. Forster, Sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, 397 New Cross Road (April 6th), Mr. S. Alwin in chair. Mr. Tadman was elected a member. Quarterly balance sheet presented by the secretary, showing the society to be in good financial position. The proposed Ramble to Hildenboro' is to take place on Sunday, May 21st (particulars later). Young stock show arranged for June 8th (in addition to the monthly meeting of June 1), Mr. Meades judge. Also another Y.S. show July 6th; Mr. Robson, judge. Mr. Robson will give a lecture on May 4th, on "How to become a successful breeder and exhibitor"; Mr. Silver on June 1st, and Mr. Meades (on "Colour-feeding"), on August 3rd. Owing to Mr. Lewcock being unable to attend, his paper was duly read by the Chairman.—Barton and Hearn, Secs.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Quarterly general meeting held April 5th, headquarters, Mr. G. Davidson in chair. Various correspondence was dealt with, and the communication from the Cockermouth F.A.'s chairman re formation of a joint County of Cumberland Bird Show was fully discussed; but this society does not see its way clear to fall in with the conditions as stated, there being only five (?) societies holding shows, and of these three at least are joint shows, and include poultry, etc. A rough draft of schedule for our open show on October 25th and 26th was formed. Fifty-four classes will again be given, although slight alterations are made from last year's classification. The country rambles were next discussed, and it was decided that the first of these take place on the last Sunday of this month, secretary to notify meeting place and destination through the Fancy Press.—J. C. Bell, Sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, held April 3rd, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, a good number of members being present. Mr. Kinder presided. Almost the whole of the evening was spent in discussing the revised Yorkshire Union rules, one or two of which have more disadvantages than otherwise, especially to the smaller societies. The rule "that all societies pay their equal share of judges' fees, whether holding an open show or not," and the rule "that no members' shows be held during the hours an open show is in progress," is simply off, and it is crippling the small societies at both ends. However, I hope the Union will not go down in membership as the mischief is done, and we shall have to "grin and bear it," and try to repair the damage another year, when I think there will be a better return to the annual ballot.—H. Raistrick.

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Some Diseases of Birds,

And How to Recognise and Treat Them.

G. YATES, M.R.C.V.S.

the appearance of the discharge there is usually a little feverishness, and the bird seems mopy and dull. Later the discharge loses its thin watery character and becomes thicker, tending to obstruct the breathing. During this time the bird continues to feed, and with suitable treatment the trouble will soon disappear.

Occasionally, however, the catarrh assumes a chronic form, and in this case the discharge is often confined to one side of the head only, and generally arises from disease limited to that one side. In the acute form there is little interference with health when the discharge becomes apparent, and it is seldom that death occurs from this cause; when it does it is generally due to the extension of the inflammation to the bronchial tubes and lungs. Exposure to draughts and moist conditions of the air are the principal causes.

Treatment should be early attempted by supplying warmth and by liberal feeding, with the addition of a little green-food, together with the administration of the following medicine:—Tincture Camphoræ Co., 3 drops; Sweet spirits of nitre, 3 drops; Glycerine, 5 drops. Give in the drinking water (four tablespoonfuls) fresh night and morning until the symptoms disappear. In cases that are of a chronic nature, attempt at treatment is useless, and it does not materially interfere with the health of the bird.

LARYNGITIS

This is a localised trouble—an inflammation of the larynx, popularly known as the "voice box," though this is not the case in birds, for in them the vocal cords are situated in the syrinx which is a modification of the windpipe, situated at the point where the windpipe divides to form the two bronchi, and varying very much in its complexity. Birds subjected to draughts, cold air, etc., are the principal sufferers, particularly where the subject is delicate and predisposed.

The symptoms depend upon the degree of the affection. In mild attacks there will be scarcely any noticeable change, but at other times the symptoms become alarming, owing to the fact that the mucous membrane of the larynx becomes swollen so that the opening into the windpipe is considerably narrowed, interfering with the proper intake of air, and the bird is seen to breathe heavily, a mucous discharge appearing at the beak, and there is noticed a difficulty in swallowing. A bird so affected should be allowed plenty of air space, avoiding draughts, whilst four drops of Glyco-Heroin, obtainable from any chemist, should be given in the drinking water (four tablespoonfuls) fresh twice daily until recovery occurs.

BRONCHITIS

Bronchitis is a very common ailment in birds, and is more often encountered where birds are kept in insanitary surroundings, which, with overcrowding and bad ventilation, inhalation of dust (irritants), and adverse changes in the weather, all tend to produce this disease. Although in itself not often fatal, yet the disease has a tendency to extend and invade the smaller bronchial tubes and the lungs themselves, producing broncho-pneumonia which is in all cases fatal. But with early recognition and suitable treatment this should be avoided.

Singularly enough, there is not much interference with appetite, the bird feeding. But in the intervals between "meals" it assumes a listless attitude. In the larger species there will be observed a slight noise of a wheezy character, this is not always perceptible in the smaller birds, but in most there is gaping. Provided the disease does not extend, then recovery occurs fairly rapidly, and there is no recurrence.

The bird should be placed in a well ventilated room, at the same time ensuring warmth. No alteration in the diet is necessary, but a little green food, if procurable, will materially assist in recovery. Give a course of the following medicine:—Carbonate of Ammonia, 3 grains; Tinct. of Squills, 3 drops; Glycerine, 5 drops; twice daily in drinking water. This, of course, is for one dose. Enough can be dispensed by any chemist to last one for a

Seasonable Hints for Bird Breeders.

J. C. BARNES (Sheffield.)

This well-known judge and breeder deals with six important points connected with breeding procedure, and explains his own methods.

One Hen or Two?

(1) Regarding running a cock with two hens. This I am not in favour of. It is done in many cases with good results; of that I am aware. My advice is, if you wish to keep substance and stamina, in your stock, great essentials nowadays, either in breeding or showing, make a practice of running a cock with one hen. The progeny is stronger and larger, and the allround results better.

(2) Keeping both cock and hen together during incubation. Some fanciers, as soon as the hen has laid her complement of eggs, and has begun to sit, remove the male bird, declaring the hen will sit and feed better without him than with him. That is an opinion. My idea, and what I always practice during the breeding season, is to leave the cock with the hen whilst she is sitting, providing he does not molest her at all. If he should, out with him—clean away from her. Again, I contend that when both birds are left together, and the young ones hatch out, there are two attendants to wait upon the wants of the new arrivals; therefore the progeny get fed better and develop more by being well cared for.

A Springtime Menu.

(3) Method of feeding. Egg and bread crumbs I prefer to any other mixture for the feeding. Boil your eggs (new laid, if possible, and I always use the very best procurable), say, for 15 minutes, let go cold, and then either chop very fine or press through a fine zinc sieve. The bread that you use should be at least two days old; more if possible. Run this through one of the mills advertised in CAGE BIRDS, or crumble fine between your hands. To one egg put about twice as much bread crumbs, with a little maw seed and soft sugar added. Rub well together. Administer this to your birds three times a day if convenient, as the oftener they are provided with fresh food the better they will feed. A little hemp seed you can give with advantage; in fact, I use a great amount during the summer months, and you will find your birds will feed on this equally as well, if not better, than they do with the egg food.

As regards green food, this I never use until the young birds have attained the age of three days; then I give little and often of the following, preferred in the order named: dandelion, watercress, and lettuce.

German summer rape, boiled for 15 minutes or so, then let go cold, and given once or twice a day in small quantities, is greatly relished, and partaken of with good results.

What to do with the Eggs.

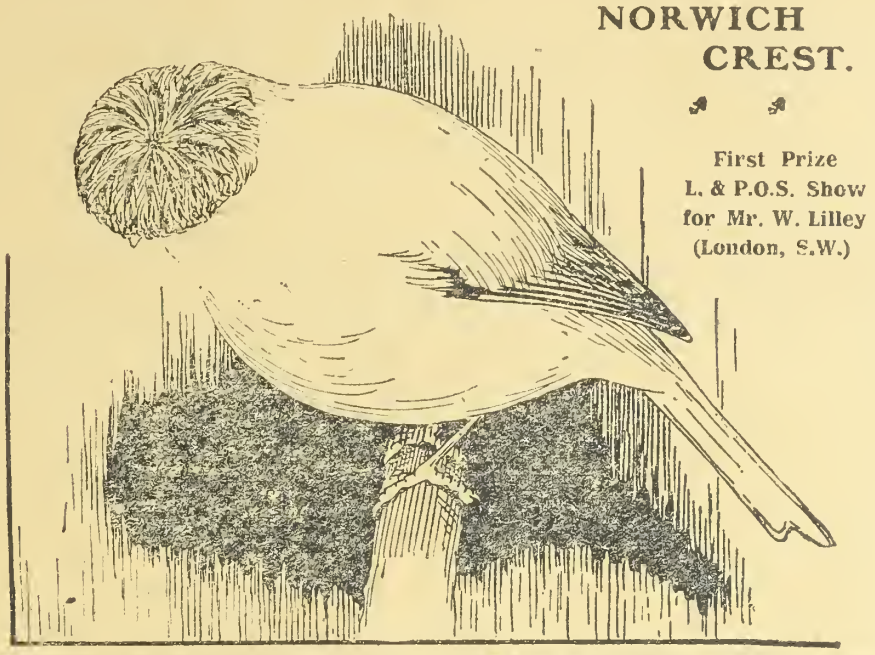
(4) Removing eggs as they are laid. As each egg is laid, I take it from the nest (replacing the first egg with a dummy for the hen to sit upon) and place in a box partitioned into squares, each square numbered, so as to correspond to the number on my breeding cages. When the third egg has been deposited I return same on the evening the third was laid, and sit my hen, booking her to hatch 14 days hence. The reason that it is advisable to remove the eggs as they are laid is that they all hatch out together, and each youngster has an equal chance of getting fed by the parent birds, whereas if the eggs are left as they are laid they hatch out at different periods. The young ones vary in size, and the weaklings which come out of the shell last often go at once the way of all flesh.

Weaning the Young.

(5) Weaning youngsters. When the young ones attain the age of 28 days, or thereabouts, it is fairly safe to remove them from their parents. Place them in a large flight cage, so as to give them ample space to develop. Provide them with the usual egg food and a little crushed hemp for a few days, then give a little crushed canary seed amongst the crushed hemp. By degrees work them off this kind of food on to the whole canary seed.

Don't be in too big a hurry as regards getting them on to the hard seeds, as, if you do, bad results will crop up. Work slowly. Water I give from the very first when the young ones are placed on their own. Some fanciers don't give any water for a matter of six weeks or so, for fear of complications of bowel troubles, and so forth. In the water I mix a little Parrish's Chemical Food, just enough to make the water port wine colour; or I give a little of Allen and Hanbury's Byno Phosphates amongst the water. This method prevents the birds from contracting much harm should any of them partake of water rather too freely.

(6) It is perhaps hardly necessary for me to say that the usual method of pairing birds up is for one to be yellow and the other buff; and, for preference, one a clear and, the other ticked or marked.



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Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 250).

The Black-headed Grosbeak.

A couple of years since I saw at a well-known London dealer's two large and handsome Grosbeaks, which interested me greatly. They were reported to be the Rose-breasted Grosbeak, but this was an obvious error. Not only did I fail to identify them, but they were so unlike that I concluded they belonged to different species. A year later, amongst a collection of skins made by a neighbour in California, I came across a specimen closely resembling one of the Grosbeaks. Quite recently at the same dealer's I noticed two Grosbeaks exactly resembling those seen two years ago, and have been at some pains to identify them. I find that they are the Black-headed Grosbeak (*Hedymeles melanocephalus*) of California, and are a true pair. The male is a remarkably handsome bird, and his size alone at once arrests the eye. He is quite as bulky as our English Hawfinch, but has a longer tail and is much better proportioned.

The following description is taken from a duplicate skin in my neighbour's collection, kindly given me. Head, chin, and sides of face deep black; nape rufous; wings lustrous black with broad white bar across primaries and conspicuous white margins to the primary coverts; rump bright buff; tail black, tipped with white; throat and breast deep orange-red; centre of breast and under parts of wings brightest yellow; length 7½ inches. The female is also a striking bird, but quite unlike the male. Her head and back are dark brown, mottled with some black; above the eye is a very distinctive, broad, white streak, and a light buff central stripe runs from the front to the back of the crown; breast pale yellowish; flanks lightly streaked with brown. I have since seen two more specimens, one of which resembled a female in every respect, except the brighter colour of the breast, and was presumably a young male; the other resembled an adult male, except in head markings, and was perhaps a male in its second season.

Some, at all events, of the American Grosbeaks do not acquire the adult plumage until the third season. For instance, a young male Blue Grosbeak (*Guiraca cyanea*), bred in my aviary in 1909, after its first moult, only showed two tiny blue feathers, and in its second season was only blue in patches.

This species winters in Mexico, from which country these particular specimens were imported. Another of the attractions of this fine bird is its melodious and powerful song, on account of which it is highly esteemed as a cage bird in its native land. My neighbour, who has taken its nest in California, tells me that it builds in swampy places. Despite its powerful beak, it seems a peaceable bird. It is also probably hardy, though this is by no means always the case with some of the larger Grosbeaks. Perhaps I may here venture a suggestion, which is that the Grosbeaks are frequently fed on much too heating a diet, such as hemp and sunflower seeds. I give them oats and live insect food, both of which the present species will eat with avidity.

The Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

There is another species closely related to, and sometimes confused with, the above. This is *H. ludovicianus*, which obtains its popular name from the rich rose colour of the breast. The head, throat, neck, and upper back are black, the rump white, the wings black with a white bar. The female is brown, streaked with dark brown and blackish, but we may note a resemblance to the female of the Black-headed Grosbeak in the yellow under wing coverts, and the three buff stripes on the head. This species is found in summer chiefly in the Eastern United States, wintering in Central America, Cuba, and Jamaica. Like the former, it is a fine songster and its clear fluting notes are heard not only in the daytime, but in the hush of the summer night, when the full moon shines brightly. As a general rule, when the male of any species is brightly coloured and the female a brown bird, the latter has to undertake the entire duties of incubation, but in this case we have an exception, for the male is quite as often seen on the nest as the female, and is much attached to the young.

The young are chiefly fed on live insect food, and the adults are also fond of the same diet, for which reason it is known to the farmers in Pennsylvania by the descriptive but inelegant title of the "potato-bug bird." It has been found to breed freely in captivity, and is altogether one of the most desirable birds that the aviculturist could possibly possess. If our dealers were only enterprising enough to import a few, which could easily be done, as it is a fairly plentiful species, and winters in an area not protected by legislation (except Jamaica), I predict they would sell like hot cakes.

Disaster to Indian Birds.

A consignment which should have been of the greatest interest to aviculturists has just reached this country. It originally contained many rare species in pairs, and some which had never been imported before. Unfortunately, after passing Gibraltar, the steamer encountered the full fury of the recent blizzard with disastrous consequences to the birds. The following species have, however, landed safely: 3 Purple-browed Rosefinches, 1 Red-mantled Rosefinch, 2 (unidentified) Rosefinches, 3 Streaked Laughing Thrushes, 2 *Zosterops palpebrosa*, 1 Blue-fronted Redstart, 3 Grey-headed Ouzels, 5 Orange-headed Ground Thrushes, 2 Giant Barbets, 3 Crested Black Tits, 1 hen Dhyal, 1 Shama, 1 Blue-cheeked Barbet, 1 Black Bulbul. The greater part of the above species were trapped in Northern India by the Army Officer who brought them home. The conditions are, of course, very trying. First there is the long railway journey to the port of embarkation; then the sweltering heat of the Red Sea (it is impossible to keep either mealworms or gentles very long in a high temperature); the Mediterranean is sometimes rough; then comes the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel, which are usually at this time of the year both stormy and very cold. To my mind, to give Indian birds a fair chance, they should be disembarked at Marseilles and brought thence overland.

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The badges, it will be remembered, are sixpence each, and can be obtained in three forms: (1) To insert in the button-hole of the lapel of the coat; (2) To hang upon the watch-chain; and (3) in the form of a brooch. We shall hope to be in a position to supply them to members in a very short time now. The fee of membership to the League is 1s. The objects of "C.B.L." have been set out in recent issues, and we shall have more to say upon this point next week. In the meantime, the enrolment of members goes steadily on—several secretaries of societies have already notified us of batches of their members anxious to join and assist in carrying on the good work.

Sir,—I am pleased to see that Cage Birds League is taking on so much. I think that when it gets a full start it will do a lot of good, as it is quite time we had something of the kind to fall back upon. I enclose you 1s. 6d. for contribution and for badge when ready.—J. Fisher (Northampton).

Sir,—I will become a member of your League. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS since it started. I have worked among birds ever since I was a boy, and in my time have kept most kinds of birds. I have no birds at the present time, not being very well in health; but I intend to go in for Crests when I get better. I wish "C.B." every success.—J. PARK (Shettleston).



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A Certificate for Framing

SIR,—I see that Cage Birds League is highly praised by all bird lovers, and I would like to say a few words in favour of our League. If not too late, I would propose that all members who join the League have their names and the date of their joining the League written on a certificate, which no doubt could be got out in some design such as would represent Cage Birds League. This would not only make a first-class picture, but something we could keep in commemoration of the good work it represents. It would not cost much more, and I feel sure all our bird lovers as well as myself would gladly contribute to the above, and without the slightest hesitation be in favour of my proposal. I wish CAGE BIRDS and Cage Birds League great success and good luck.—F. W. Netherclift (West Ham).

One Good, One Wrong.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of April 1 a letter by Mr. Claude St. John, headed, "A Compromise." May I be permitted to state that I readily agree with his statements regarding Cage Birds League? I think the idea of having two grades is very good, while I think the idea of enrolling clubs en masse is wrong, as I expect the entrance fee would have to be paid out of the club funds, and a few of the members might object, and so cause strife in an otherwise peaceful gathering; whereas if everyone paid his own subscription there would be no drag on the club funds, which sometimes have quite enough taxes on them already. If preferred, the specials (as arranged) could be given for competition between members of C.B.L. only. I wish CAGE BIRDS and Cage Birds League every success.—CHAS. WATTS (Bow, London, E.).

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Foundling Chicks.

G. F. (Atterboro').—It is most likely that the hen was in the habit of flying off the nest, and in this way accidentally dragged out the young which would get entangled in her plumage or claws. You should raise the nest pan to the level of the perches or if a very little higher so much the better, as this will cause the hen to hop on the side of the nest before taking a fly to the perch, and thus allow any entangled youngster a chance to draw her attention to it, or to drop back into the nest. When the young are getting large and strong, if the hen has any difficulty in reaching to feed them you may then suspend the pan a little below the level of the perch from which she may want to feed them. After the young are hatched you should make a point of glancing over the floor of the cage each time you give fresh food to see if any youngster has been dragged out, and if so revive it in your hands until able to move about fairly well and then replace it in the nest. By the way, examine the hen's claws to see if they are overgrown, and if so, clip them to the proper length, but be careful not to make them bleed. You must not put the Goldie with the other hen until she has reared her young and is ready to begin nesting again. You should address a query to Mr. Weston on this point as it really belongs to his department.

Breeding Songsters.

Songster.—In breeding for a good ordinary type of songster it really matters little whether you go in for Seifert, St. Andreasberg, or Hartz. To a very great extent these terms are meaningless as far as the type of bird or its ability is concerned, and at best indicate the type of song the bird has acquired rather than any difference in the bird itself or its abilities to learn a good type of song if taken in hand for tuition at the proper time. It is therefore of no importance for your purpose whether you get Seifert or St. Andreasberg hens so long as they come of a really good singing strain. The birds usually sold as Hartz are simply such as have failed to acquire a really good type of song, or, perhaps, been through no proper course of training, and it would therefore scarcely be advisable to go that low down the scale when looking for the birds you want. For the Seifert cock you want a ticked or lightly marked yellow hen and if it is of a really good singing strain of bird it is of little moment what adjective is attached to it. The quality of the young will depend much more upon the nature and thoroughness of their tuition. They should not be allowed to hear any common singing birds from the time they are hatched. One or two really good singing Roller cocks will make their best companions, or failing that a Roller organ should be kept going at intervals for their benefit, until they are getting through the moult, when they must be caged up separately and kept under tuition constantly until they are in full song and the style of their performance has become fixed. If any particular difficulty occurs by the way, then I shall be glad to help you as far as possible on hearing of it.

A Trio.

Starlight.—(1) I take it you are certain the sexes of these birds are correct. Does the cock sing lustily when fighting, as you term it, the hen through the wire slide, and does he at other times feed her through the wires, she, on her part, popping down to him when he calls to her? If this is how things are going, then all you need do to "reconcile" them is to just draw the slide and let them go ahead, not interfering with their bickerings afterwards. If they do not act as described, give both a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water for two days. Give a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day, and mix with a quarter teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure. On the alternate days, give the cock a half-teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle, and the hen ditto of equal parts inga, linseed, and millet. Give the cock two or three leaves of dandelion daily, and the hen one small leaf—just enough to make her want the offerings of the cock. (2) Full details for working one cock with two hens were given a fortnight ago. The birds would probably do best in separate single breeders, or the two hens in each side of a double breeder, with the wires in slide blocked over, and the cock either run with each alternately each day, as you suggest, or allowed to put one hen to sit first, and then removed to the other. (3) Have never used the special food you name, so cannot speak from experience, but I have heard of others doing well with it. You should get the part of "Our Canaries" dealing with foods for young, and be guided by what you find there.

Making a Start.

Novice.—(1) As you have a fancy for Rollers and also only wish to commence by breeding songsters, you cannot do better than go in for Rollers. As songsters pure and simple they cannot be beat. (2) There is no indication of the length of your room from door to fireplace. If the cages would be not less than six feet from the fireplace the spot you have marked would do very well, otherwise on the opposite wall not too near the window would be better. This is the place I should favour in any case, although if no fires are kept in the room your choice would do very well irrespective of distance. (3) The size of aviary must depend solely upon your taste and inclinations. (4) Two pairs would do nicely for a start and not overburden you with attention to their needs. For economy's sake if you give home-made egg food it would be as well to say three pairs, as then one egg would just about feed them round two days, the one-half being preserved in the shell in a cold place covered with fine oatmeal to exclude air until the second day. (5) Answered separately. (6) You will find full instructions for feeding before and after mating in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," House's "Canary Manual," or "Our Canaries," any of which our Manager would send you. (7) Answered separately. (8) No, if you want the birds in pairs box-cages—a separate cage for each pair—are almost essential to success. Finally, instead of having an aviary as you suggest, I think you would do much better to get a nice little stack of cages fitting into a skeleton rack or on shelves, so that you could move any cage if necessary without disturbing the nest. Three tiers consisting of three single breeders on top, and two large flights below would suit your requirements very well.

Opinion on Seeds (R. T. B.).—No. 1, a very good sample of rape of the type favoured by high class German breeders. No. 2, an excellent all-round sample of hemp. No. 3, a very fine sample of Canary. All the above are of the best quality and eminently suitable for feeding the highest class of stock. No. 4 is also a good sample of Canary, very little inferior to No. 3 except in size, which is decidedly smaller. It would do quite well for feeding good birds but No. 3 is decidedly better.

Seed Sample and Bird Dying (R. M.).—The Canary is very small, but plump and bright. As the small sample you sent contained several undoubted mouse spoors, I did not investigate quality or flavour further. Get a sample less obviously contaminated, and if it is a larger seed also, so much the better. Cannot say whether this seed was the cause of the bird's death—only a post-mortem and analysis could decide such a question beyond doubt—but probably it was not, or some of your other birds must have suffered. It might have been due to a severe chill, consequent upon the prevailing weather at the time. See that the birds are not in the way of a cold draught, and that the attic is not subject to damp.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

In Part (Novice).—I am replying to what appear the most urgent portions, or first required, of your queries. The remainder will unavoidably have to stand over a week. No. 5.—If you get House's Canary Manual, 1/2, and "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., both post free from our Manager, and get the published parts of "Our Canaries," and the remainder as they appear you will be thoroughly well equipped in general knowledge to prevent you going wrong. No. 7. Yes, for all general purposes an aviary with wood back and sides is to be preferred. No. 10. Yes, provided it is kept scrupulously clean and fresh egg and bread food is decidedly to be preferred.

Hens Eating Eggs (First Clutch).—A vicious habit, in nearly every case, is the cause. You were, however, feeding the hen much too highly whilst sitting, and as this is her first clutch it is possible this may only be a temporary lapse. At any rate she is worth trying again. As an initial lesson, if she still has her nest, you might try the dodge of putting in a china egg, and also an ordinary Canary's egg from which the contents have been blown, and the shell filled with cayenne and mustard mixed to a soft cream with a little vinegar. Seal the blow-holes before putting it in nest, and let her investigate these as much as she likes. Give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water for two days. Continue your present feeding until the hen has gone to nest again, but when you set her next time drop off all the extra items of diet and limit her to the staple of Canary and rape only. Give a very little egg food on the twelfth day of incubation, and gradually go on to the daily supply necessary for the young if any are hatched.

Nervous Yorkshire (Dan).—It is very probable the birds are in an overfed condition. Treat them for a fortnight as advised to "Parc." Meantime, you must try to overcome the nervousness by gentle and judicious management. At present I suspect they are in a secluded place, where they rarely see or are seen by anyone, which would largely account for their obvious nervousness when anyone enters. Go about all your work methodically, and without flurry and bluster, frequently speaking or "tweeting" to the bird whose cage you are attending to, and twist the green stuff you give them in the wires at the end of a perch, "tweeting" to the birds meanwhile. Make a point of seeing the birds two or three times daily if possible, if only for a few moments each time, giving them a scrap of fresh green food or something—bathe, or fresh water, etc.—each time you go in. By these means, you must gradually win their confidence, and make them see that your visits are associated with some good to themselves. Kindly and judicious treatment and constant attention will do much to remove this nervousness, but medicines are useless. Keep them in a bright, well lit position.

Not Nesting (Curious).—Yes, there is the best of good reasons for the birds not going to nest in that you put them together much too early, and before they were ready for mating. Now, however, they appear to be coming in conditiou quite satisfactorily, so you had better leave them alone, and continue to exercise patience for yet a little while longer. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day with a quarter-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Give two or three fresh crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. Your other queries, dealing with British birds, should have been on a separate sheet. See Mr. Weston's replies.

Not Feeding Young (Ireland's Eye).—There are so many causes which might lead up to this troublesome phenomenon that it is impossible to name any cause from a mere statement of the fact. The recent snap of cold weather might have been responsible. If the hen is a young one, it is quite probable she may have gained knowledge by experience with the late brood, and will do better with the next. If she has not laid her clutch of eggs when this appears, give 20 drops of chemical food in the water daily until she has done so, and give a spray of chickweed and a leaf (one only) of dandelion each day. If she has laid and commenced to sit, give the plain seed diet only, and during the last three days of incubation give a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea, in the drinking water. When young are hatched, feed as advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager, or look up these replies in a few back issues. You would also do well to read the paper on "Sweating" hens, in Part VIII. of "Our Canaries."

Prolific Egg-Eating Hen (Urgent).—An overdose of chloroform—that's the best, and about the only rational, remedy for a hen that is so exasperating as to lay two eggs at a time, and at once set to and eat them. This excessive production in the first place may be due to over-feeding, and you would do well to give her two or three weeks' treatment, as advised to "Parc.," and let her have plenty of space for exercise, either in a flight or aviary. If her eggs are shelled and appear quite normal, it might be worth while mating her, or keeping her mated if this has already been done, and providing her with a specially prepared nest pan in which the eggs will roll out of her sight and reach as soon as laid, and you can then set them under a pair of foster parents, or distribute them among other hens with small clutches which happen to be just commencing to sit. The special nest pan you require is described and illustrated in Part VII. of "Our Canaries," which see.

Altered her Mind (P. D. R.).—The snap of cold only temporarily checked the nesting ardour of the hen, and by this time she is probably again under way with her domestic arrangements. If she is not, give six drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days, and in addition to the usual seed diet, give a small teaspoonful of egg food (to the pair of birds) every second day, and for a week or so mince up three or four mealworms, and mix with it each time. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, and millet, and one part each teazle, black rape, linseed, and gold of pleasure. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily. A fortnight of this treatment should suffice, or less if the hen goes to nest within that time.

The intervention of the Easter Holidays makes it impossible for us to get all the Queries received answered in time for publication in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—EDITOR.

Very Wheezy (Novice, Aldershot).—I doubt whether any treatment will do this bird any permanent good. You must first of all remove the cause, which will be found in exposure to cold draughts; impure air, such as hanging near the ceiling or where the air is fouled by the fumes of burning lights in the evenings; or in extremes of heat and cold. See that all these causes are strictly avoided, and keep the bird in a comfortable, but not overheated, place, in a pure fresh atmosphere. Feed on a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day for a fortnight give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it. On the alternate days give a quarter-teaspoonful of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure mixed together. Give a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together, two days in every three for a week, and every second day for the next week after. At the end of the fortnight suspend treatment for a week, and then repeat the above course again.

Egg-breaking (Novice, Leicester).—These mischievous propensities are frequently due to excess of lusty vigour, but it seems to have become a settled habit in this bird, and for this reason it will never be safe to trust him where eggs are get-at-able. It is certainly not due to his being too pure bred, as this vice is by no means a monopoly of the purest bred Norwich, or indeed any other breed. Fortunately it is the right sex you have to deal with, so in future when you expect the hen to lay, shut off the cock overnight with the wire slide, and remove the egg next morning before re-admitting him to the hen. On the evening of the day the third egg is laid shut him off permanently, or take him away to mate with another hen if you wish to do so, then you may give the first hen the three eggs back, and leave her to sit, hatch, and rear the young by herself. You must, of course, follow these tactics with each hen you mate him with, and when you do not wish to move him to another hen whilst one hen is sitting, cage him by himself for singing. You may, if you think fit, try him with an initial prepared egg, as mentioned in reply to "First Clutch," but as he will never be trustworthy, the above procedure is far the best.

No Energy (Parc.).—First of all, see that the cage is in no draught, but at same time keep it in a bright and airy place, free from great fluctuations of heat and cold, and not exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Next examine cage carefully for the presence of red mites, and if any are found, thoroughly overhaul it, and eradicate them. For the next fortnight, give a staple diet of plain Canary only, and a small teaspoonful of summer rape twice each week. Give a spray of chickweed or two dandelion leaves daily. Limit diet strictly to this for a fortnight. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. At the end of the fortnight put it on the ordinary diet for singing birds frequently given in this column.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Cockatoo in Poor Plumage.

Mrs. A. H. Y.—Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia every fourth day in the drinking water, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue this for one month and then report progress. Diet: Seed mixture—Two parts each Canary and White Millet seeds, and one part each maize, paddy rice, oats, hemp, and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage; add a pinch of grit to the daily supply. Give a little boiled maize daily—boil till soft, drain off all water and then stir in a little flowers of sulphur. (Note.—This must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour.) It can have any of the following it cares for in reasonable quantities: Ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, plain cake, stale crust household bread, potato (without gravy), and lettuce. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Spray the bird weekly with quassia solution, choosing a sunny genial day for the purpose.

Parrot with Growth on Foot.

Mrs. E. J. G.—The bit of everything is not good for the bird. Confine its dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. A pinch of grit (not sand) should be added to the daily supply of seed mixture, and a piece of clean cuttlebone kept hanging in the cage. A crust of stale household bread or piece of plain cake would come under the category of biscuit. Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking-water (one ounce), and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. So long as the surface (skin) of the swelling remains unbroken, foment with hot water, dry and paint with tincture of iodide daily. Should the skin break, you must stop the tincture at once and report nature of the sore. Let it take as much exercise as it chooses, as this will all help. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. If you have a vet. near you could show the bird to, it would be wise to do so, as probably the swelling could be taken away and rapid relief thus given.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

An Ailing Parrot.

M. B. W.—I can add but little to my former reply. These cases take time, and the recovery of many Parrots, when apparently in extremis is little short of marvellous. Use a little healing (zinc) ointment for the sore at the side of the beak—this will give the bird some relief. There is another alternative, viz., to hand the bird over to some vet. for a few weeks, so that it could have skilled treatment and almost continuous observation. A cure would be very probable under such conditions. I do not remember whether your bird gets boiled maize; if not, supply a little—boil till soft and then drain away all water—it must be prepared fresh daily, as it does not keep fresh. The lettuce is very wholesome and can be given in preference to any other green food. Do not give any more castor oil, but every fourth day give Dinneford's magnesia and water in equal parts, and on other days keep the drinking water well coloured with chemical food. If the bird will take it, a piece of stale crust or biscuit moistened in equal parts of chemical food and warm water will be a help.

Cockatoo in Bad Plumage.

W. Gerrett.—It is a very difficult case to deal with. By some means a bandage must be arranged over the sore, but it must first be fomented with tepid water, dabbed dry with a cloth, and then anointed with the ointment; after which it had better be left for a few days, and then the bandage removed and the operation repeated. I should give boiled maize daily—boil till soft, drain away all water, and then well dust with flowers of sulphur—it must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour. In addition, you must supply seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, and a little boiled potato (dry); keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (one ounce), and on the intermediate days give either citrate of iron or Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water. If you cannot manage the bandage you had better take the bird to your local vet., and get him to dress and bandage the wound—this would probably be the quicker method, and mean less suffering for the bird. Keep it quiet and out of draught, and tempt its appetite with anything it fancies, save tea, sops, etc. Bread or biscuit sopped in chemical food and water will be wholesome if it will take it. Report progress in a week or two please.

Green Singing Finch.

Serin.—In addition to the dietary you are supplying, give a millet spray as a change, renewing it as picked clean, also keep a slice of ripe apple between the bars of the cage, and supply a little lettuce or groundsel in lieu of the dandelion. Examine it for parasites, and if these are troubling the bird, scald out the cage, and get rid of them from the bird either by the quassia bath or pyrethrum powder. This bird is not a free breeder in a cage, but there is a prospect of its doing so. Fix up a Hartz travelling cage after removing the fitting and cutting away two of the bars for the birds to get in and out. This species crosses rather readily with the Grey Singing Finch, and also with the Canary, but not so readily as with the former. In either case, when there are young to be fed, you must supply a little of some good soft-food mixture daily, and green

food ad lib. If you live near the country and can get live ants' eggs and other small insects success should be very probable. Give the bird a dose or two of Dinneford's magnesia—half teaspoonful to the ounce of water—with three days between the doses, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. If the skin of the bare parts is hard, lightly anoint with clean vaseline, but do not use sufficient to run among the plumage.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

S. J. W.—Get some Dinneford's Magnesia and mix a little with an equal quantity of tepid water, and let the bird have a few sips during one day, and after an interval of three days repeat the dose. On other days let it have a few sips two or three times a day of tepid water and Parrish's Chemical Food. Stir a little flowers of sulphur into the daily supply of boiled maize; the boiled maize should be prepared fresh daily as it soon turns sour. Keep a tin of Canary and white millet seed in the cage and supply such ripe fruit as you can induce it to take. A little plain biscuit moistened in chemical food and water is also very wholesome for a young bird. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. The bird should be kept warm and out of draught. I consider the winds (no matter how warm the sun) too treacherous to subject a young bird to out of doors. If the bird is very weak, a few sips of very weak brandy and water may be given as a stimulant. Report progress in a fortnight.

Blue Tanagers, Quail, etc.

M. G. P.—(1) The Blue Tanager (*Tanagra episcopus*) is a native of South America. It can be put out of doors now as soon as the weather becomes settled. In the county of London I had this species out of doors all the year round for four years, and the birds are still alive. (2) These lovely little birds are often disappointing at first, but they ultimately settle down and become fairly confiding, but all Quails are fond of getting to cover. For the first year I always make a practice of keeping one wing cut of Painted Quails, and this is really good general practice with all species: after the moult it is generally safe to leave wings entire. (3) All Parrots, Parrakeets, etc., are destructive to shrubs, and Finches also to deciduous trees and shrubs, but the latter not usually so to fir, laurel, box, etc. There is only one species of Cockatiel, and this is quite harmless with small birds. (4) Yes, the Californian Quail I have found it, and heard of it as harmless with small birds, though a friend did have Finch fledlings just out of the nest destroyed by one. Everyone finds the Pekin a satisfactory bird.

Grey Parrot Weak (Mrs. A. H.).—Give this bird at once five drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the mouth, and if this does not act, repeat the dose in about 12 hours. Bathe its legs with hot-water (not hot enough to cause discomfort), dry, and then paint with neat whisky daily till relief is given. The bird must be kept warm, quiet, and out of draught. A supply of seed mixture should be kept in the cage, as the milk sop should not be continued any longer than can be helped. As soon as possible the diet should be confined to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, with grit and cuttlebone. Well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food daily for the next month, but every fourth day, in lieu of the chemical food, put in one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia. Grit is best supplied by adding a pinch to the daily supply of seed mixture. Please report progress a fortnight hence.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Wart-like Growths (Sparrow).—I am sorry to hear of your trouble, and I am afraid I can do little to help you, for the case is one entirely outside my own experience. I expect the growths are the result of the presence of bacilli of some kind, and I should not be surprised to find that the trouble is of a contagious nature. Pity you did not send the body of the hen to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination. He, no doubt, could have elucidated the mystery. I should scrub the cage, perches, water-vessels, etc., with a strong disinfectant, such as "Izal," or Cook's "Cofectant" fluid), and keep the cock strictly isolated. A few drops of Condy's Fluid in the drinking water (sufficient to turn it the colour of light port wine), might relieve the mouth trouble of the cock bird. Give it fresh three or four times daily. I think you would be well advised to communicate with our Mr. Yates and get his opinion.

Bullfinch Weak (Fancier).—Your feeding is quite correct, but I should give the sunflower a little more liberally for a time; also try him with a little soft food (either egg-food or insectile food), and two or three small mealworms daily. Use a glass or earthenware water vessel and give a course of compound syrup of hypophosphates B.P. (Fellow's Syrup), half a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water. Give fresh daily for four days, then on alternate days over a period of a fortnight. This will "build up" your bird, give him an appetite, and enable him to throw off the weakness resulting from the accident. I have had great success in my own birdroom by the use of this syrup (ask your chemist to give you one ounce). It is not, of course, a "cure-all" (i.e., is no use for inflammation of the bowels and the like).

A Linnet "Gone Off" (Brown Linnet).—The position seems suitable enough as regards light, etc., but there should be no draught from the window falling on the cage. Birds often "go off" in seemingly unaccountable fashion just about this time of the year, and I am inclined to put it down in many cases to "pairing fever," that is, they get into too rank a breeding condition, the remedy for which is the provision of a wife. Try your bird with a course of the tonic recommended "Fancier" this week, and for the time being give him an unlimited supply of whatever he fancies in the seed line (whether hemp, niger, maw, etc.). If he doesn't eat he cannot, of course, last long. Some flowering chickweed, dandelion, and groundsel would be helpful.

A Linnet Matter (G. Quinton).—Your Linnets have gone into soft moult, as fanciers term it—that is, a moult out of season. Evidently you have been exposing them to variations of temperature—a fruitful cause of this trouble, and which needs to be guarded against in the case of birds kept in living rooms. I frequently hear of cases where the fire is dispensed with for a day or so (owing to some domestic reason), then resumed, and this kind of thing can spell disaster to birds kept in the said room, a fact which is not appreciated by many bird-keepers. It is also folly to take a bird out of a warmed room and hang him out of doors at the first hint of spring sunshine, and regardless of whether the wind be a bitter east or a balmy south. It is kindness of a very mistaken description. You can do little beyond keeping your birds comfortable until the soft moult is over. Every other day stir into their drinking water a teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food (obtainable at all good class chemists).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—April 27, headquarters, 7. Table show of British. Election of judges for open show.—R. Forster.

Amble C.B.S.—April 29, Gardeners' Arms, Amble, 6. Subs. due, etc.—J. T. Crackett.

Barrington C.B.S.—April 22, Social Club, Choppington Station, 7. Fix classes for annual show, Dec. 23. Judge, Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead).—T. Griffiths.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—April 25, Bankfoot School, 8. Questions and Answers. Friends and fanciers invited.—F. Gelder.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—April 29, Forresters' Arms, 7.30. New members enrolled, last night; hall for show, etc.—G. Harper.

Brighouse C.B.S.—April 24, Wellington Inn, 8. Important.—F. Mitchell.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—April 30, First Ramble, meeting place, Edestown, 1.30 p.m.—J. C. Bell.

Cinnamon Marked C.C.—April 22, Market Tavern, 6. Annual meeting, election of officers, balance sheet, etc.—Grayshon and Allen.

Choppington C.B.S.—April 22, Railway Hotel, 7. Classification for annual show.—T. H. Seely.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—April 29, Butchers' Arms, Middle Chare, 7. Nest feather show date, and paper on Norwich Plainhead (discussion to follow).—J. Hedley.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 22, Flying Dutchman, 8. Members' show business, date for smoking concert, also all changes of address wanted.—J. Roe.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—April 24, Church Institute, 69, Paddington Street, W. Lecture by Mr. J. Tyson, entitled: "Advice to Novices." Interested visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—April 29, Co-operative Hall, 6. Lecture by Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith); subject, "British Birds."—R. T. Campbell.

Crewe O.S.—April 25, Earl of Chester Hotel; business urgent. Judge for nest feather show.—E. Jaycott.

East Ham C.B.S.—April 27, headquarters, Hartley Avenue Schools, 8. Committee meeting and special lecture.—E. C. Smith.

Darwen C.B.S. — April 25, Central Temperance Club, 7.30. Lecture on Canary Breeding, by Mr. N. Tomlinson.—W. T. Singleton.

Derby C.B.S.—April 29, Derwent Hotel, 7. Classification for open show.—W. Stevens.

Eccles C.B.S.—April 26, Diamond Inn, 8. Special meeting, important business. All members requested to attend specially.—H. W. Jones.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—April 29, Church Schools, 7.30. Important.—H. Gornall.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—April 28, Marie Stuart Halls, 8. Important business.—R. Heggie.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.—April 27, 71, London Street, 8. Competent business and show of British: Classes, Brit. Goldfinch, For. Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin.—F. Taylor.

Great Horton O.S.—April 22, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Green C.A.—April 27, Oldham Hall, Oldham Street, Liverpool, 8. General business. Discussion on coming show season.—G. Green.

Grimsby O.S.—April 27, Slatters Rooms, 8. "My Jamaica Tour," by A. Sutcliffe, Esq. Hope all will attend.—Towl Bros.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F. — April 25, Lellos Dining Rooms, 7.30. Selecting judge for Y.B. Show, Yorkshire Union matter.—A. Roberts.

Heywood O.S. — April 25, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. R. Schofield on "The Management of Canaries."—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—April 27, Spencer Hall, 8. Table Show, Brit. Judge, Mr. G. E. Weston.—C. W. Law.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—April 27, Nutelough Tavern, 8. Arrangements for Ramble, etc.—A. Pickles.

Halifax O.S.—April 22, Griffin Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. Waterworth (Halifax) on "British Birds found in our District." All welcome.—J. F. Thackray.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 26, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Arrangements for H.M. Linnet Show, May 10th.—R. Charleson.

Morley C.B.S.—April 22, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Union judges' fees, also time of holding members' shows.—A. Gledhill.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—April 24, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Paper on Mule and Hyb. Breeding, by Mr. Richards. Friends invited.—H. Boothman.

Musselburgh O.S.—April 29, Gray Horse Tavern, 7. Booking of hens; last meeting for new members.—W. Nisbet.

National Brit. B. and M.C.—April 27, Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. New classification.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northern Brit. B., M. and F.B.C.—April 26, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 7.30. Table show: 1, Linnet; 2, Greenfinch; 3, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite; 4, Foreign.—G. Taylor.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 25, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.A.—April 25, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business, etc.—J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—April 24, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Lecture on Yorkshires, by Mr. Woodhead; hope to see a good number of members and friends.—J. Critchley.

Polmont C.B.S.—April 22, Boyd's Tea Rooms, 8.—R. L. Leitch.

Pontypridd, Pwllgwarm, F. and F.S.—April 22, Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, 8. With the object of increasing membership, so as to run a show this year. Fanciers earnestly invited.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Poplar C.B.S.—April 27, 8.—H. W. Cook.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—April 27, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. J. Dewhurst.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 26, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Rochdale O.C.—April 24, Club Rooms, 8.30. General meeting, to receive suggestions for improvement of first feather show.—R. Blincoe.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—April 26, Alexander Hotel, 8. Important matters re open show. (Special meeting).—W. C. Lockwood.

Sale Open O.S.—April 24, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Judges for F.F. Show, etc.—J. Irlam.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—April 27, Wharfe Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on "Green and Cinnamon Mark Breeding," by Mr. J. E. Helliwell (Halifax).—Fanciers and friends invited.—Suteliffe and Walker.

Sheffield O.S.—April 25, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Committee meeting. Very important; nest feather show, etc. Every member of committee should attend.—Bishop and Colton.

Shepshed C.B.A.—April 24, Pied Bull Inn, (our headquarters), 7.30. To draw up programme for table shows. Members and intending members please attend. Subs., 2s.—A. Edwards.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 30, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Tong C.B.S.—April 25, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Discussion on the Yorkshire, opened by our President, Mr. L. Hodgson. Members and friends invited.—W. Walker.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—April 25, headquarters, 8. Fixing date nest feather show, and date for annual Ramble.—W. G. Andrews.

Warrington C.B.S.—April 27, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Lecture: "My Method of Rearing Canaries," by Mr. W. R. Knowles, nest feather show. Business: Consider advisability of holding open show. — G. M. Nelson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—April 22, headquarters, 7.30. Classes and hall for N.F.S.—W. Elliott.

Yorks. County B.B. and M.C.—April 29, Market Tavern, 7.30. Election of officers and year's balance etc.—Lane and Jowett.

LEGAL QUERIES.

Answered by "Barrister-at-Law."

J. H. M. Mitchell.—We cannot publish the details of your complaint for various reasons. Assuming all the facts to be as you state, then you have a clear right of action against the firm. You can sue them for the return of the money and for damages for failure to observe this agreement. You can also recover the amount of the carriage money paid by your wife. Should they send the amount claimed after plaint has been issued, they are liable for the costs incurred in issuing the plaint. If you employed a solicitor he could demand his costs from them. If the case is contested, and your solicitor won, you would get the usual order as to costs with the judgment. There are two kinds of costs: (1) party and party costs; (2) solicitor and client costs. The costs you are entitled to with the judgment are the former costs; but you are personally liable in any event for solicitor and client costs, which, however, in case like yours, would be comparatively small.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. Parr.—The cock Roller Canary had died of an infectious disease, a septicæmia, in which the causal organism exists in the blood stream; the spleen was very much enlarged, and the lung acutely inflamed. This disease bears no connection to septic fever, nor is it so fatal, but equal care should be used to prevent its spread by strict isolation of sick birds, and disinfection of cages, etc., occupied by the deceased.

M. C.—Cock Canary succumbed to broncho-pneumonia, originating in an attack of bronchitis. Keeping its beak open denoted bronchial trouble, with inability to inspire freely. It is a very fatal disease and one which seldom answers to treatment. The dieting was in every way correct, and would have no influence in the production of the disease.

Mr. John Jones. — The Canary was in a very emaciated condition, but at the same time there was no evidence of existing disease. Its death was brought about by exhaustion following pneumonia. I trust you may come to some amicable arrangement with vendor. I will, of course, enter more fully into the matter, but should require more detail than you have given me, as to length of time on rail, etc.

Blue Pigeon.—Pneumonia, following catarrh of the air passages, was responsible. The feathers would have reappeared with time, internal remedies would have been useless for this, local application of cocoanut oil, or an ointment of precipitated sulphur would have hastened their appearance. I have carried out your wishes with regard to the disposal of remains.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

An Apology (Festy Gibbins).—We cannot publish this apology until you send it with your full address attached, and witnessed by two other persons, giving their full addresses, too (not for publication, but so that we may satisfy ourselves as to the bona fide nature of the apology).

Cage for a Goldfinch (H. Smith).—We will deal with this matter by means of an article. It may interest others amongst our readers.

A Spring Perch (J. Freeman).—We are afraid this is not sufficiently novel for our "Illustrated Ideas" column. We have seen similar perches in the dealers' shops.

Catching (Mato).—You cannot legally catch birds in the suburbs (the near suburbs, that is) of London; they are protected all the year round. There is not such a thing as a "license" permitting bird-keeping.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

The Art of Painting and Preparing Cages.

Meeting, April 10th, at headquarters (60, Paddington Street), with Mr. A. W. Curtis in the chair. Letters were read from the Dean of Carlisle (expressing pleasure at the Association's continued prosperity) and Mr. S. Turner. Mr. C. Sadler was elected a member. The quarterly statement of accounts, showing cash balance of £21 11s. 1½d., was confirmed as read. The sale of the three last Cage Birds Annuals was effected, thus giving, as a result, a special prize of 5s. for the young bird show on July 1st (one extra copy sent). A discussion ensued as to the conditions under which the forthcoming "home-made cage" competition was to be judged. After giving various kinds, the appointed judge (A. W. Curtis) explained that full details would be sent out in the secretary's usual circular. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Shepherd for so ably presiding at the last meeting, in the unavoidable absence of both the chairman and vice-chairman. The chairman then called upon Mr. H. Peverell to give his demonstration on the art of preparing and painting cages, etc.

In bewildering array, bottles, tubes, tins, brushes of all descriptions, and samples of painting on numerous pieces of prepared wood, were placed upon the table in front of Mr. Peverell, who said he would endeavour to instruct the members in the best and most economical way to prepare a cage for painting, making paint, and painting. The elementary principle to observe, as a preliminary, in the art of painting, was scrupulous cleanliness. The starting point, then, was to dissolve half a packet of Hudson's Extract of Soap in half a pail of water (not too hot) as the most effective means. In washing the cages in the solution there Mr. Peverell commenced washing operations upon an old show cage) an old half-used paint brush was the most effective for the purpose. Care should be taken to start at the bottom of the cage, and work upwards, otherwise it marked it. To obtain an even surface, and to break the face of the old paint, so that it may more readily adhere to the new, it is, he said, necessary to use a piece of pumice stone, being particular to see that both are kept constantly wet whilst undergoing the process. After rinsing in plenty of cold water, dry with a sponge, and finish with a chamois leather. Never use soda, as it takes off the paint. It is a good plan before painting breeding cages to use a little disinfectant in the water.

Making the Paint.

Having placed the cage on one side to get tho roughly dry, Mr. Peverell proceeded to make his paint. Taking a suitable-sized piece of white lead ground in oil, and placing it in a tin can and pouring in a small quantity of ordinary light oak varnish, he commenced to amalgamate it with the aid of a short length of 1-inch wood. Having reduced it to the consistency of a thick cream, he proceeded to strain it through a piece of lady's old silk stocking that had been previously wetted into another tin by rubbing it through with a fitch. Any piece of old cloth would, he said, answer the same purpose, providing it was not fluffy. The finer the texture the better would be the body of paint, and the easier would it pass through when wetted. The correct article is a strainer, but as fanciers only use paint about twice a year, that was unnecessary. To obtain the Hedgesparrow egg tint, Mr. Peverell squeezed from three tubes (Windsor and Newton's, 3d. each) a small quantity of Prussian blue, Emerald green, and raw Sienna on to a pallet board, mixing it together by the aid of a palate knife, and when sufficiently blended, turned it into the white paint already mixed, thus producing the desired colour for the inside of the cage. Here Mr. Peverell paused to say how useful it was to buy tubes of colours, for whatever shade of colour that was squeezed it was all ready to hand at a moment's notice, without the least trouble, and they could be kept indefinitely.

However good your paint, it would be useless if proper brushes were not used. For instance, it would be utter folly to start painting with a new brush, for it would result in streaky coarse marks, and leave a percentage of the hairs from the brush adhering to the painted surface. The best brushes to use were the ordinary Sash Foot, which are obtainable in various sizes at prices ranging from 6d. each. Before using a new brush, it is essential to bind it half way up with string, fastening the ends up with a small tack on either side. This prevents the hairs spreading whilst painting, and as it wears down a layer or two is gradually undone (here Mr. Peverell demonstrated with a brush, which to be thoroughly understood must be seen). After showing and explaining the use of fitches, varnishing and dusting brushes, etc., Mr. Peverell painted the show cage already prepared.

Painting Precautions.

The first caution was never to dip the brush in the paint without afterwards patting it against the sides of the can to remove all surplus, so as to prevent the paint dropping about. The correct mode of painting the show cage was to begin at the bottom and top, then both sides, and lastly the back. The brush should be wielded up and down, then cross-ways, and then once more up and down finishing with lighter and slower strokes, leaving the cage lying on its back for 30 minutes, when it would settle beautifully even, and without the trace of a brush mark. For the outside of the cage, the best and most economical was twopennyworth of vegetable black (enough for 20 cages), mixed with equal parts of japanner's gold size, turpentine, and ordinary oak varnish. This in itself will not produce the deep black tone so much required, so it is necessary to give it a second coat of ordinary Black Japan which then gives it a depth of colour and surface of unsurpassable soundness.

In painting roughly made cages or boards equal parts of common whiteuing and white lead should be mixed together with japanner's gold size to the consistency of a paste, but if too stiff to use, ease it with a little turpentine. This should be laid on with a broad knife (price 6d.), drawing it both ways to get an even surface. This will dry hard in the course of three or four hours.

In painting new cages the knots must first be "killed" by brushing them over with a liquid called "patent knotting." After this the first coat or priming should consist of raw linseed oil, and white lead. The next coat, equal parts of white lead, varnish, and turpentine, and lastly white lead and varnish with the desired tint added. To produce a glossy surface upon the finished work, it is necessary, after each coat has been well dried (two days interval if possible), to rub it down with pumice powder, using a 4-inch by 2-inch piece of felt, keeping both felt and paintwork constantly wet, otherwise it will raise the colour.

The following were answers given to various questions asked by the members: Mr. Peverell was a strong advocate of French oil varnish and white lead against all enamels. He did not care for drop black, as it was not a good dryer, and was very treacherous to use. For stopping holes, crevices, etc., the best thing was white lead, mixed with whitening. A white ground was preferable, as it gave a better colour to the finished work. French polish is useless over varnish, as it has no lasting properties. In putting on a finishing varnish the best results are obtainable whilst in a temperature of over 90 degrees. Brushes will keep in water when not in use, also in linseed oil, but the best way is to rinse them in paraffin, and afterwards wash them in soap and hot water, and they then keep indefinitely. Varnish brushes should always be kept in linseed oil. After glass-papering a surface, the dust should be removed by a brush called a duster. Patent dryers, and terebine he considered useless. To preserve the bloom on the paint, the surface must first be rinsed in cold water before washing and the washing water should not be hot. He was not aware of what enamel was composed of. He would not recommend zinc ground in turps in preference to white lead, as it is of a greyish appearance.

Various other questions were also asked, and in conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Peverell for his interesting demonstration, and for the masterly answering of questions put to him. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.—Victor Wynn, Hon. Sec.

(*Concluded on previous column.*)

Correspondence.

An Appeal for a Port Glasgow Fancier.

SIR,—The subscription sale on behalf of Felix Graham has been postponed until April 29. All books and moneys still out must be returned before the above date.

G. FORRESTER, Sec.

Clune Brae Head, Port Glasgow.

The Keeping of Blackbirds.

SIR,—Seeing in CAGE BIRDS of April 8 an article by Mr. Ford on the feeding of Thrushes and Blackbirds (which I read with interest), I should like to ask Mr. Ford if he can give me any information on how to keep the tail feathers from getting broken, as my Blackbird always breaks his. I think that Mr. Ford's Blackbird "Jimmy Driscoll" looks splendid on CAGE BIRDS frontispiece. Perhaps Mr. Ford can also give me a wrinkle on how to arrange my cages when I am cleaning the birds out; or any other little information. I look forward every Friday to CAGE BIRDS with great pleasure.

A. HOPKINSON.

A Trio of Popular Birds.

Sir,—The Linnet is greatly outclassed by the Goldie for plumage, but it is not the quality of plumage that makes his possession so desirable; it is his fine song and docile disposition that bring him in such request, perhaps more so than the brilliant Goldfinch. The tender attachment to which these birds are so susceptible is astonishing. The bird has apparently a very flexible throat, as he will easily pick up and unite with his own strain the song of other birds; but they should be taken from the nest for this purpose, as other birds do not pick up foreign strains so readily. The Linnet lives a long time in captivity if taken care of, and he has the advantage over other birds of singing all the year round. The nest is usually found in some low bush or furze, nicely interwoven with grass and wool, and lined with hair and feathers. He readily mates with the Canary, as they greatly resemble each other in their habits and nature. Fine Mules for song are the result. To keep him in good health, feed him on teazle, dandelion, and thistle. The Siskin is a bird of passage, and is found in great numbers in the southern provinces of Russia. He is more common in Scotland than in England. He will easily mate with the Canary. The song of the Siskin is not disagreeable, but greatly inferior to that of the Goldie and Linnet. The Bullfinch is a bird in much demand. His charming plumage and noble appearance make him a great favourite. He has no song. He pipes about three notes; but he can be readily taught to pipe tunes, even so far as to excel his master. As a hybrid breeder, he is valuable.

JOHN BLESSINGTON.

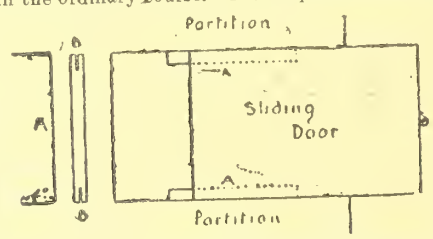
Birds Seen and Heard During an Easter Ramble.

Sir,—The wife and I are resting on one of the prettiest and best-wooded commons in Surrey. We are listening to the birds singing around us. I am also wondering if an account of the birds seen during our Easter holiday would be deemed of sufficient interest by the editor of "C.B." for publication in our paper. I mention this to the wife. She says: "Try; you never know. I am sure you can write as well as some." Her faith in me is great, I will admit; still, I'll try. I will start at the beginning, viz., Good Friday morning. We left home on the tandem at 8 a.m.; weather grand. The first birds seen were, of course, Sparrows, with nothing else for the next five miles. The next we saw, to my surprise, was a Great Tit, quickly followed by Thrushes, Blackbirds, Chaffinches, and Crows. We only saw two Greenics and a Lark in addition to these for the following twenty miles. The most common birds, next to Sparrows, were the Chaffinches. By the way, what a difference there is between the country Sparrows and their London cousins! One would hardly know them at first sight, their markings, bib, etc., showing up in a way never or rarely seen on the town-bred birds. All birds to a bird-lover are handsome, but I have often stood and admired an old cock Sparrow and thought, "Well, you are handsomer than some of our other Britishers, which are more kept and more thought about." How would a class for Sparrows at one of our big shows take on? If it did, I am sure many would be surprised at the beauty of the pick of them. They are hard to steady, I know, but so are some other birds. But I digress. We arrived at our journey's end in fine form after an enjoyable ride, made more so by our interest in the birds we noticed. It is surprising how much shorter the hills seem when you are thinking of something else. A call on relatives and meeting two friends made the time pass quickly, and we soon found it dinner-time. After dinner off we went to the woods, and nearly the first bird we saw was a Pied Wagtail, which was quickly off on seeing us. Robins and Hedge Sparrows came next, with Thrushes singing all around. The Nightingale is said to be our best songster, but a Thrush is not far off, particularly so before he is quite singing his loudest. Anyway, the Thrush I am referring to now is good enough for me anywhere. Robins, Chaffinches, and Hedge Sparrows were also singing strongly, and a Blackbird made off with his well-known screech, as if of fear that we had come to look for his mate's nest; but not a nest could be seen anywhere. Once into the middle of the wood all is silent, except for the double call-note of the Great Tit and of the Tom Tit. At other times I have seen many other kinds of birds in this wood, but of these I will tell more perhaps at another time. Suddenly we hear a harsh note, and a bird dashes by. It is a Jay rushing through the wood. We stop in the wood for a couple of hours, and then off we go to tea. Looking for birds is nice, but you get hungry nevertheless. After tea a walk over the common, a visit to a fancier, and a look over his birds passed the time away. The only other species of bird heard was a Yellow Hammer in full song. Next day we were off for a long walk through the valley and up the hill. A Peacock was calling loudly when we left (this was, of course, not flying loose, but in a gentleman's garden). We also stood and admired the Geese and the young ones on the common—four Geese with 39 young Goslings. How would this suit our Canary breeders? Here we saw the same kind of birds mentioned before, including another Wagtail or two, and a few Wood Pigeons. After a stiff climb to the highest point in Surrey, and after staying to admire the scenery, we returned home to a late dinner and early tea, after which we follow the usual custom of Saturday nights—go up town and admire the shops, just as if we had never seen any before, and were not born and bred in the town of the biggest number of shops in the world. On our way a very large flock of birds passed high overhead, travelling at a great pace in the shape of a wedge from west to east. Possibly they were Starlings, but they were much too high up to see. Next day (Sunday) off we went for another long ramble. This time we found the first nest, it being a Thrush's containing two eggs. A little further on we found a Hedge Sparrow's and Blackbird's nests all ready for eggs; and within a few yards we espied several more nests freshly made, besides many of last season's. Our next find was a grand Blue-headed Duck with two drab-coloured hens. And what a colour was the old drake's head and the gloss on the feathers! Oh! if I could only get that gloss on my British birds. Farther on we came to about a dozen Guinea Fowls with their peculiar call, "Come back, come back," the two cocks being easily picked out from the hens. We came next to a spot which was a veritable Paradise for birds. We saw here all the birds I have mentioned above and others. Several Black-headed Tits were there, and many Yellow Hammers, Greenies, etc., and two or three Linnets. One old cock Yellow Hammer looked grand, as he sat on the top of a bush singing his well-known song. Doubtless the reason for this fine collection of birds was the nearness of many fowls which had to be fed, and also a wired-in place for young Pheasants. Two or three very fine Turkeys were strutting about. We were loth to leave this place, but time pressed and dinner-time approached. Afternoon and evening we passed sitting and reading on the common. Next day (Monday) we went off to the meet of the Drag Hounds, this proving of great interest. After dinner we sat on the common, where I write this, resting before our ride home, after one of the most enjoyable Easter holidays I can remember.

C. BOTTING.

Sliding Door for Partition of a Breeding Cage.

Sir,—Below will be found an idea which I claim to be original. It is only intended for those who have double breeders having too narrow an entrance to allow of a sliding door in the ordinary course. Cut a square out of the



wood partition and in the top and bottom of it (the door) cut two saw marks "B" about ¼in. deep. Then bend two wires, as at "A," so that they can be knocked into the wood; cut them about ¼in. from each end. Thus the door will fit on the wires. We shall then have a sliding door which requires no unsightly slides, which offer a home for red mite.

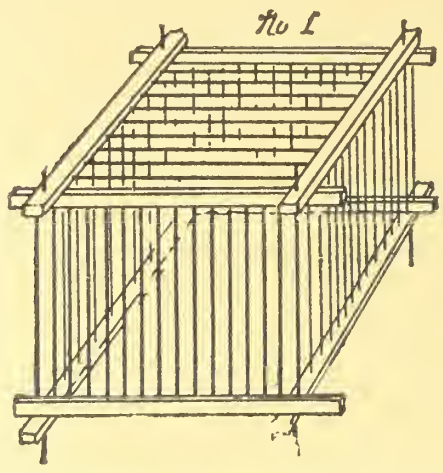
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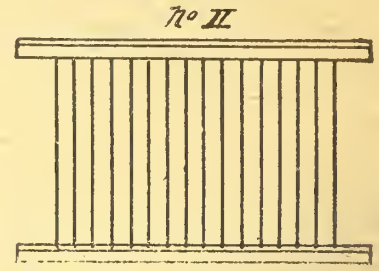
Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland.

Sir,—If your correspondent "Ligoniel" will refer to the 1st of April issue of CAGE BIRDS he will get an answer to his question No. 1. As regards question No. 2, eight members paid their annual subscriptions. No. 3, three societies applied for the club's patronage—Banbridge, Larne, and U.O.A., Belfast. On the committee of the U.O.A. being informed of the position of the club, it was then unanimously agreed that no patronage of any other club would be asked or accepted for that show.

J. STEWART.

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A Hint for Bird-catchers.

How to make a secret call cage.

Sir,—This cage will be found useful for bird-catchers, who do not wish to be seen carrying cages. Simply make five doors, the same as in sketch 2. Bore a hole in each end, and a knitting-needle run through from top into ground. The cage can be built in a few seconds.

F. BRANFORD.

The Training of Chaffinches.

Sir,—Would any reader of CAGE BIRDS or our good friend Mr. A. Woodruff kindly say how to train Chaffinches to sing covered up? I have one or two good birds, but they will not sing in the black handkerchief. Is there any particular food they should have?

E. GRANTHAM.

The Accrington Watch Competition.

Sir,—The winners of the two gold watches in connection with the watch competition of the Accrington and District Cage Bird Society are Mr. William Crawshaw, Crown Hotel, Accrington, and Mr. Robert Haydock, 26, Canal St., Clayton-le-Moors. The members of the above society thank all who have in any way assisted them to tide over their financial difficulties.

A. TAYLOR, Secretary.

The Lancashires and Lizards of To-day and Yesterday.

Sir,—I see in CAGE BIRDS that Mr. Fuller says my day is past. I can't help that, Mr. Fuller; I have had a good day, and shall try again. In your last letter you say you object to my getting Mr. Donnelly to write letters to your friend. I have never done that; I can write my own letters, and no letters have been sent with my consent. You say I said after the meeting I would get someone to warm or show you up. I have never said so, and your informant has told you an untruth. I did not stop after the meeting. I know who your informant is, and could show something up if I wanted to. I don't need to defend Mr. Donnelly, as I think he can hold his own.

JOHN DEWSNAP.

A Strenuous Fortnight.

Amazing Recovery of a Hen Canary.

SIR,—I find the experiences of others so interesting, that I am writing mine, if you consider them worth a little space. On February 9 I was full of excitement to welcome two new hens for mule and hybrid breeding. Spotless cages, seed, and baths were all ready, and at 11 a.m. I cut the string and opened the box. A beautiful colour-fed Norwich was soon eating bread and milk and enjoying a bath; but the poor little Bullie hen could not extricate herself from the case, and was apparently dying. I laid her on the cage floor and wetted her bill with warm milk. For two days she was fed every hour from dawn to bedtime. Her extreme tameness saved her life. A slice of apple was the first thing she could be bothered to eat herself. I called her "Cupid," because it pierced my heart to look at her. But no one would have it, so now with her extreme docility "Gretchen" is enquired for. In spite of being told by the dealer, "return when better," postal order went instead; for who could be so cruel as to send the poor mite another journey? Assuredly it would be her last! But where are my hybrids coming from? The Norwich, a real "orange girl" (quickly named Nell Gwynne, after the famous actress who started life selling oranges), was the admiration of all beholders. Content and blooming, she was my hope. A keen cold morning I placed her in the sun, as usual, in a large double cage, one end in shadow, to find her an hour later apparently in a fit. Could it be a sunstroke? Seizure after seizure for four intermediate days. I sat on the floor and put her feet in warm water and held cold swobs of cotton wool on her head for many half-hours. Sometimes her left leg twitched, sometimes she turned her dear face to the wall and tap, tap, tapped involuntarily, hour after hour. No sign of sleep or rest at all. One compartment I lined with flannel as her paralysed feet could not hold the perch. If the worst was over, and she ate a meal, an attack quickly followed. At first I was hopeful when she ate, but soon found it made her worse, and I only allowed her 3 or 4 pecks at rusk and milk at a time. From Monday until Thursday in this desperate plight spoilt her fine feathers. In spite of fresh sand twice a day, she was such a deplorable hopeless object. Her left eye had fallen in (this does not sound true), and her leg lay along the ground. I went out and got a bottle of chloroform, also one of nut vomica, "a powerful nerve tonic." Half a drop is an infant's dose, but "Nell Gwynne" got two in her water pot, and every hour a peck at rusk and milk, 6 hird seeds, and about a dozen of maw a day. Only dry arrowroot biscuit was left before her, which, though blind and shaking, she worked away at, getting very little off. I had made up my mind the next bad attack in mercy to use the chloroform. From Thursday to Saturday the symptoms were in abeyance. Ringing the dentist's bell had cured the toothache! Ten days later her illness had left no trace. "Nell Gwynne" bathes and flies with the best; her lovely plumage is once more our pride and glory. I hope her quite human comprehension that I meant well by her will continue, and that, the best of friends, we may together rear children who will make a name for themselves in the bird world. The twitching leg, the tapping bill, and that dreadful eye, could only be credited by those who saw them.

SUNDERLAND.

Redpolls and Goldfinches and their Hybrids.

Sir,—Without any effort on our part we are into spring, the period of activity and rejoicing in every direction. And nowhere is there greater activity or more rejoicing than among British birds. The woods resound with their sweet melody, and all around we see evidence of new life. No one can listen to the morning and evening songs of our familiar friends without being inspired. Many a weary wanderer has rejoiced at hearing even a tiny woodland Warbler. Fanciers are more immediately concerned with the British birds they have in their own homes. Were reliable figures available, it would be quite a revelation to know the number of feathered friends that pass annually from natural freedom to a state of captivity. There is an impression abroad that it is inhuman to keep birds that love freedom, and naturally are ever on the wing, confined in a cage. But those who argue in that way are not acquainted with the way in which the birds are cared for. Fanciers are, as a rule, the most considerate; indeed, their first concern seems to be regarding their feathered pets. I have known men—and your readers know them—who pay a visit to the bird-room the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, not to mention making it the first journey at dinner and tea times, to ascertain if the birds are right, and to supply their wants. The Redpoll is frequently the first bird to find its way into the home. It may be on account of his modest cost, but often it is because of his attractiveness. Lively and nimble, he is all alert. He seldom rests when in health during the daytime; he is ever on the move, jumping from perch to perch, and from wire to wire. Once an inmate, he usually comes to stay. He seldom loses his good name unless he gets out of the cage; in which case it is most difficult to get hold of him; and then he tries the temper of the best-tempered. But once back into the cage the trouble is soon forgotten, and he returns to his former position in the affection of the owner. He can be bred with the Canary, the Goldfinch, the Bullfinch, etc. A hybrid from the last-named is difficult to obtain, but one between a Redpoll and a Bullfinch is valuable, and a male has been known to fetch twenty to thirty pounds. He mates freely with the Canary, but it is an ordinary mule, and has to compete with the Goldfinch-Canary. The Goldfinch-Redpoll hybrid is really a charming hybrid. It resembles both parents. He is worthy of better treatment than what he gets usually at our British cage bird exhibitions. With the development of exhibitions there may be provided a class for each distinct hybrid, which would be a strong encouragement to produce hybrids. The Goldfinch is the most beautiful of the Finch tribe, and is a general favourite in the aviary. The British Goldfinch is small and tight in build and feather. In a prime condition he is of splendid plumage—a deep, rich blaze, well tanned and nicely mooned, with bright yellow bars. He is quite at home in captivity. The Siberian Goldfinch is larger, and carries the same plumage on a larger scale. He is generally reckoned to be not quite so hardy, but this is as much a question of opinion as anything else. The British and Siberian Goldfinches are used extensively for producing mules and hybrids. The Goldie is commonly put up with the hen Canary. The progeny is unequalled as regards whistling. As a long liver he is unsurpassed. He is a suitable husband for the Bullfinch hen, and the progeny is a successful winner on the show bench. The hybrid by him requires to be colour-fed, so as to bring out to the full the rich plumage. The Goldie can be used with other hen Finches with excellent results.

THOS. SMITH.

The Proposed Union for Lancashire and Cheshire.

Sir,—With reference to the above, I should be glad if secretaries of societies in Lancashire and Cheshire would let me know as early as possible what is their society's decision re the above.

Jno. Hopkins,
126, Bury New Road, Bolton.

An Egg Food Problem.

Sir,—I have several pairs of birds flying loose in a room. Could any of your readers advise me how to avoid the egg food intended for the young being eaten by the other birds not nesting?

Madam.

The Springburn, Possil Park, and District C.C.

Sir,—Referring to the letter of Mr. McLeod in Cage Birds of April 11, re the above-named club calling a meeting at the Reid Hall, Queenshill Street, Springburn, I may say that this advertisement caught the eye of a good number of fanciers in the district, and they turned up at the hall and held the first meeting. I was elected secretary. Mr. Twamley (Springburn), as treasurer, proposed that we hold another meeting at the same place on April 26, at 8 p.m., to enable other fanciers to come and join the new club. If they cannot attend, will they drop me a postcard?

John Waugh, Secretary.
489, Springburn Road, Springburn, Glasgow.

Is it a Record in Canary Breeding?

Sir,—Perhaps the following will be of some interest to fanciers. On March 25 I put together a last year's cock Canary and a two-year-old hen. On March 29 she laid her first egg. She laid five eggs altogether. On April 14 she hatched four young ones, out of the five eggs, and all are doing well at present. Will some fanciers please say whether this is a record or not—a total of twenty days from the time of putting them together to hatching the young birds out? I have paired the same cock to another hen since, and she is now sitting on four eggs. This is my second attempt. I tried last year without success. I wish all a successful breeding season.

J. Speakman.

The Handrearing of Blackbirds.

A Reader Relates His Method.

Sir,—The Blackbird makes, in my humble opinion, a better cage bird than the Thrush; not that it sings any better, but it looks better in a cage, and is generally fancied more. Still, both are very desirable pets if you have the room for them; and they can be kept for years if properly fed and looked after. These birds do well out of doors, but should never be placed in a draught or hung in the blazing sunshine without some kind of shade over them. Some fanciers I know much prefer an old Blackbird—one that is caught after its moult, and subsequently tamed down to cage life. But as a rule an old bird does take some taming before you can steady it. Some will tell you (and they may be right) that the song of Blackbirds is more natural if the birds are adult caught. That is, of course, quite feasible, but you often have to get several, even then, before you can get a good one to sing. Some birds I have had which had been caught never did sing well in a cage, whilst others would do so quite readily after only a few days' confinement. Some would refuse food no matter what one offered them, whilst others were just the opposite, and would take anything. The great thing is to have a bird tame; and the best way to tame one is to bring it up from the nest by hand-rearing. Remember that if you can get the early nests, three out of four, or four out of five, from these nests will generally be cocks; in fact, I have had from these early nests all cocks. And this is a great advantage. The young from the late nests are nearly always hens. This I have found out from experience and careful observation, as I have always been a great lover of the nesting habits of birds, watching them and their ways, both with the naked eye and through glasses. These birds I have brought up on a bread and milk diet, with crushed hemp seed; but this feed I have long since given up. I like best: barley meal, hard boiled egg, and crushed puppy biscuit, with a teaspoonful of soaked ants' eggs. I find that the birds will do well on this, and will thrive rapidly. I don't much care for the scraped raw meat for them; but if they should look a bit "dicky," I might give them a little to strengthen them. I never think of giving these birds either earth worms or meal worms when hand-rearing them. I generally find that they are more delicate than the Thrushes, but when you get them well established there is not much between them, for both will live for years if well looked after. After they are able to feed themselves and are well on whatever mixture you select (any good mixture can now be got), they should be caged singly, as they will do much better thus, and hung out of doors, so that they can hear the old ones singing. These birds are very fond of bathing, and should have a bathe daily, the bath to be hung on the door if possible to keep the cage dry; and it should be cleaned out daily, or the birds will soon get their feathers messed up, and then is the time they begin to droop. Very fine sand answers the purpose of floor-covering very well; I prefer this to sawdust, as the birds can pick up the grit, which is quite essential for them under cage treatment. Another thing worth considering is, Blackbirds should always be moulted out of doors. I know that some fanciers have not the convenience for doing so, but every effort should be made to do so if possible, for the birds not only come through the moult quicker, but better. Great care, of course, must be taken to see that they are not placed in a draught. The young birds at their first moult will not attain to their best plumage, but in the second, and particularly the third years, the best results will be obtained. These birds can be taught to pipe short tunes quite readily if one happens to be able to whistle; this whistling would have to be repeated daily when you go to feed them. A pair of these birds would breed quite readily in a large aviary, or they might be tried as a cross with the Thrush. Anyway, they make nice aviary birds. That is, if you have a large-sized outdoor aviary. On one occasion I kept a cock Blackbird and a cock Thrush in a large home-made cage at the end of my house. My ideas were: how well they would look, and how they would sing one against the other, both of them being very tame with me, I having hand-reared them. Although they were tame enough with me, they had not been together long before they were not by any means tame with each other; the battles they must have had before I noticed them! For the cage bottom was covered with feathers, and one bird was badly injured about the eyes. That lesson taught me never to put two cocks together in a cage, if it were a large one. There are now, and have been for some time, freak specimens of this bird and the Thrush, but it is very rarely you can get the chance of finding a nest with them in. I have never been so fortunate, although several birds with white plumage have been seen about here (in Ramsay). One bird was found dead recently that had a pure white tail and white in its wings—"cause of death not known"; but plenty of feathers were found near it, as if it had been in some battle.

Nimrod.

Missel Thrushes versus the Jackdaws.

A Tragedy of Bird Life.

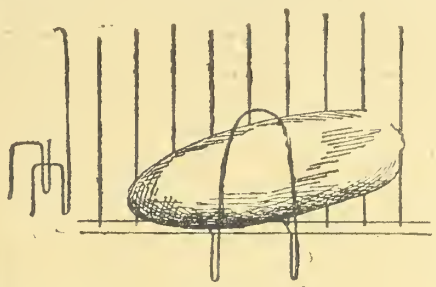
Sir,—Doubtless all parent birds do all they can to protect their newly-hatched young ones from harm, but no British bird that I am aware of is more determined and aggressive than the Missel Thrush. The following instance came under my notice last year:—A pair of Missel Thrushes had a nest of young in a sycamore among the clump of trees on the south front of Cheltenham College; one morning a young bird, nearly full-fledged but unable to fly, had fallen from the nest; intending to try and return it, I picked up the little waif, when instantly, with a scream of rage, one of the old birds flew in my face with a force that could scarcely be credited. I felt the effects of the blow for hours afterwards. However, I placed the little bird behind a wire screen under the building, where the old birds could gain access to it, and had scarcely done so when a marauding Jackdaw from the elms opposite came on the scene. Now this Jackdaw and its vicious mate were very much in the black list; a pair of Blue Tits had reared a family in a cavity under a stone step of the building, and one lovely morning had brought out the little fluff balls, like bumble bees, to introduce them to the outside world, and with endless fuss and twittering were leading the little mites about the lawn; when, with a raucous caw, down came one of these Jackdaws and snapped up a poor little Tit. Catching it by the head, he struck it heavily on the ground and swallowed it in a moment, and though several willing hands besides my own tried hard to save them, in a few minutes the pair of Jackdaws had accounted for all the family of youngsters, and the poor little pair of Tits were left wild with grief and excitement. As soon as the black brigand had noticed the little Thrush, he perched on the parapet straight above it. But before his plan of attack could mature, with a rush and a shriek, one of the old birds stooped at him like a Falcon. Not even the "Tar Baby" himself, or any boxer who ever donned mittens, made a swifter "duck" than did the Jackdaw, and the Thrush passed over it; but no sooner had he stood up again than the second Thrush struck him like a bolt, and knocked him into the space between the parapet and roof. After a few minutes, during which the birds returned to their nest, the Jackdaw crawled out of its hiding place and started to fly away; instantly the Missel Thrushes attacked it furiously, almost bringing it to the ground, so that it was with difficulty the discomfited bird flew off through the cedars in Thirlestaine House gardens, and I lost sight of them all. But the end was not yet. Several days after, when crossing the cricket field, just at the spot where annually the county wickets are pitched, and where Mr. Jessop either delights or disappoints the crowd, I walked so close to a Jackdaw, without its flying away, that I picked it up to find the reason. Wasted, till it seemed only a bunch of feathers, and blinded frightfully, the poor bird was a pitiful sight; its eyes had been pecked till there was a ring of raw flesh round them, oozing with matter. It was so close to the scene of battle I witnessed that I have no doubt it was the same bird the Thrushes had attacked, and it was trying to find its way home. I bathed its sightless eyes, but it refused all food, and died the same evening. The remaining Jackdaw departed from the elm, and our small birds were left for a time in peace.

Peregrine.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 500.
A Cuttlefish, etc., Holder.
Sent by Mr. W. Hibbert, 52, Edenson Street, Beswick, Manchester.

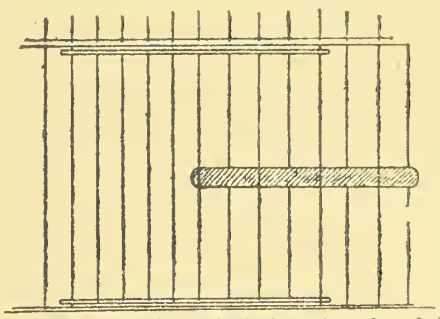
I send you a sketch of a holder for cuttlefish, green food, or anything to be given to the birds. It is made out of cage wire and fits on the cage front. The idea is my own. I have taken Cage Birds the best paper for bird



fanciers) now for a few years, and I have not seen it illustrated. It is easy to make, and is very handy. I think the sketch will explain itself.—W. Hibbert.

No. 501.
A Useful Spring Door.
Sent by Mr. V. J. Diss, 147, Bergholt Road, Colchester.

I send you a sketch of a spring door I use on my cages, one which I find very useful, as no fastener is required. This is a very simple hold-



fast—simply a piece of clock spring threaded under and over the wires about four inches long. It costs almost nothing. The spring must not be fixed in any way.—V. J. Diss.

Plentiful Pigeons.

Woodpigeons appear to be more plentiful than ever this winter, and "country shoots" have been arranged in many districts. The landowners in Essex have been compelled to organise a raid upon the birds in pure self defence.

A Sea Parrot.

A queer-looking bird is the Puffin, sometimes called the Sea Parrot on account of its Parrot-like beak. This bird breeds on the Farnes and St Kilda, arriving in the early part of April. It nests in holes dug in the peaty soil, and lays one white egg. The young ones are fluffy-looking objects—mere balls of black down.

London Sparrows' Enemy.

The domestic cat is practically the sole enemy of the London Sparrow, and the total consumption of the young birds by cats must equal, if not exceed, the slaughter of grouse in Scotland during the month of August. London Sparrows prefer to nest in the ivy and other creepers, and the young are easily secured by the watchful enemy.

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In the Courts.

HILARIOUS HOUR AT SHEFFIELD.

On April 13, at the Sheffield Quarter Sessions, the Court had a brain-freshening interlude of comedy, says the "Yorkshire Telegraph and Star." Talking Parrots were discussed, and the Recorder, counsel, and witnesses vied with one another in humorous repartee. The Recorder was lenient, and bound over two brothers, namely, James and Stephen Marshall, bird dealers, of Nottingham, who were convicted of obtaining money by false pretences, the sums amounting in six instances to between £1 and £2 10s.

Squawking or Talking Parrots.

The prosecution's allegation was that accused had effected several sales of Parrots on the understanding that they could say "perfectly proper words," as Mr. T. E. Ellison (counsel) remarked, such as "Pretty Polly," "Polly wants her breakfast," and "Any mortal thing," or could imitate fowls and cats. Stephen Marshall, whose case was first heard, left a wrong name and address. In no instance did the Parrots talk. Two died, and one lived, but did not live to talk.—Mr. Coutts Trotter (counsel for accused): It is better than talking to live. (Laughter.)

Harry Foley, meat salesman, now living at Grindleford, said his birds died.—Counsel: They didn't say anything before they died, did they? (Laughter.)—No, sir.

Your Parrots are both dead and silent for ever? (Laughter.)—Yes, sir.—Counsel was putting another question when Mr. Coutts Trotter objected. Just at the moment one of the Parrots in court squeaked. "Even the Parrot protests," remarked counsel, amid laughter.—Witness said that they died within fourteen or fifteen days, but they should have spoken before that, even in the changed surroundings.—Mr. Coutts Trotter challenged that view.—Witness retorted: I will bring you a bird, and if it doesn't talk in two hours, I'll give you the bird. (Laughter.)—Mr. Coutts Trotter: Very well. That offer may be considered.

William Jones, of the Corner Pin, Burlington Street, said accused came to his house with two birds, which he said could mock a fowl, a cat, and repeat anything after a person.—The Recorder: This bird (one of those produced which was gurgling horrible noises) does seem able to imitate fowls and cats. (Laughter.) I don't see much grievance there.—Mr. Ellison: It depends on the cat. (Laughter.) It would be a very unpleasant cat to have in the room.—Witness said he gave £2 5s. for the bird he purchased, accused telling him that he had kept the bird to teach the others to talk. It has only screeched, and my missis asked me to take it out into the kitchen. (Laughter.) She could not stand the screech.

Mr. Coutts Trotter: Do you know what the bird is?—I call it a Rose-breasted Cockatoo.—Counsel: Would you be surprised to hear that it is a Galah Parrot,—The Recordor: What is that?—Counsel: Galah Parrot, sir. I can give you the proper scientific name. (Laughter.)—The Recorder: No, don't. (Renewed laughter.)

Better than Ducks.

Mrs. Jones bore out her husband's view.—Mr. Ellison: Did it say anything at all?—No, but we made a lot of attempts to teach it. (Laughter.) It could squawk, and could make a better noise than the ducks out in the back yard. (Renewed laughter.)—The Recorder: Have you ever succeeded in making it imitate anything you wanted?—No, sir. I couldn't make any impression on it at all.—Mr. Coutts Trotter: Mrs. Jones, you get rather angry when you think about this Parrot transaction, don't you?—I do, sir.—Did you have that feeling rising up when you tried to teach the Parrot? (Laughter.)—No; I tried to teach it with patience.

E. S. Wilson, bird dealer, said the birds produced were Rose Cockatoos, and worth about 9s. 6d. each. There were isolated instances of such birds uttering just a single word.

Accused said he never sold the first Parrot to Foley as a talking Parrot, but to learn to talk, and he gave a wrong name and address so that if the birds died the purchasers could not find him. (Laughter.) They expected the birds to be replaced. He could not guarantee the birds to live. It was untrue that he had said the second bird had been used to teach the other birds he had; but it could talk, and so could the one sold to Jones, if they had sufficient time to become accustomed to the strange surroundings.

A witness stated he purchased a similar bird from accused, which began to talk after he had had it fourteen or fifteen months, and another witness deposed to having a bird which, after eight or nine months, would say three or four good sentences.—Mr. Ellison: Can it say "Not Guilty"? (Laughter).—No; but it can say the dog's name.—The Recorder: What is the dog's name?—Gip. (Laughter.)—Mr. Ellison: What did the dog say? (Loud laughter.)

Charles Harris, manager for Do Von and Co., large Bethnal Green Parrot importers, said the birds were worth 15s. to 25s. if they could not talk, but £3 15s. to £5 if they could. They were Galah Parrots, and fresh surroundings might stop their talking for a long time.

Counsel for the defence held that it was simply a case of puffing of wares, and described the charge as ludicrous, preposterous, and oppressive.

The verdict was one of "Guilty." The second defendant then entered a plea of guilty, and both brothers were bound over, nothing else being known against them.

Club Reports.

AMBLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 1st, Gardeners' Arms, when the following classes were arranged for first feather show: Norwich 2, Borders 2, Yorks. 1, A.O.V. Can., Linnet, A.O.S. Brit. Bird. Mr. H. Scely (Chopping-ton) was elected judge.—J. T. Crackett, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Second "smoker" held April 15, ex-Councillor Jas. Young presiding over a large gathering, which quite equalled the first "smoker." Mr. Young said it was a pleasure to be chairman of such an enthusiastic body of fanciers, and he had no doubt the society would be one of the foremost in the county. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—W. Nisbet, Sec.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Finch show, held Mar. 29th, and in the absence of Mr. A. J. Marley, who was to officiate as judge, Mr. P. Pine, one of our members, kindly undertook the judging, his awards being well received. As the number of birds staged was small, it was thought it would be a good opportunity for a judging competition, with two prizes for 1st and 2nd nearest the judge's awards. The business closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. P. Pine, which was responded to enthusiastically.—H. W. Cook, Hon. Sec.

LEADGATE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Open Linnet show and usual monthly meeting held Church Square Hall, April 1, Mr. E. Westthorp presiding. This was our first venture in open show business. It proved a decided success, there being 37 birds to face the judge, Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell), his awards giving entire satisfaction. There were 4 prizes. 1, Mr. W. Davison (Chester-le-Street); 2, J. Maddeson (Newcastle); 3, W. Adams; 4, G. Harling; vhc, J. W. Elliot; hc, R. Humphery; c, T. J. Colling. After judging we held our meeting, when it was decided that Mr. W. Foster (Pelton Fell) judge Y.S. show July 8, and Mr. W. Reed (Sunderland) judge annual show January 6. We enrolled three new members; this concluded a very pleasant evening. J. A. Turnbull, Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Very successful table show of British Goldfinches, held headquarters, Railway Hotel April 12, when some very good Finches were put down to be judged by our vice-president, Mr. P. Hart, whose awards gave every satisfaction: 1st, Hampson; 2nd, Clark; 3rd Banks. After the show, Mr. Hart gave us a very good lecture on the Goldfinch. The Goldfinch, he said, was his favourite. He dealt clearly with the points that we wanted to go in for, and the faults to avoid. He told us how to feed and treat them, and also impressed upon us to use the bath, and always show them in a very clean and good condition. A little time and trouble given in this way would well repay anyone. We had a very good attendance. When the lecturer had finished, we had a nice discussion; several of the members asked questions, which Mr. Hart readily answered, and all admitted it to be a very instructive occasion. We concluded by giving a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hart.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting, held Arcade Temperance Hotel, April 15th, Mr. J. Simpson presidiug. Secretary reported that Messrs. J. Penman, and J. Leitch had promised silver cups to the society. Decided, that Mr. Leitch's cup be given for the best Canary and Mr. Penman's for the best hybrid, Mule, British or Foreign bird, at the annual show. Secretary was instructed to get tenders for show printing. The following sub-committee, Messrs. Petrie, J. Simpson, Cowan, A. Beveridge, and the secretary were appointed to draw up a code of rules for the society, and lay same before next meeting. Report of conference submitted. Agreed, that we proceed with the scheme, and four delegates were appointed for a year, namely, Messrs. A. Cunningham, D. Wright, J. Simpson, and the Secretary. The delegates were given some suggestions for the next meeting of the League. Mr. A. Simpson reported that a gold medal had been promised for competition at the annual show. On the conclusion of the business, Mr. J. Veitch gave a short lecture on Crests and Crestbreds, and Mr. Joseph Reid one on Yorkshires. Questions were asked and answered. Three new members joined, and one was proposed. Next meeting, 17th May, Arcade Temperance Hotel. An invitation to be present at a lecture on British Birds was received from Dunfermline C.B.S., and it was hoped as many as possible would be present.—Joseph R. Reid, Sec. (Please write on one side of the paper only.—Ed.)

ASHTON-U.-LYNE & DIST. C.B.S.

Lecture on the Yorkshire Canary.

Lecture delivered by Mr. H. Foden on April 4, on Colour-feeding, Washing, and Staging the Yorkshire Canary. Mr. Foden was concluding his lecture of March 14 on the Breeding and Rearing of the Bird of Position, and "old hands" in the Fancy, as well as the novices, received many valuable tips. Prefacing his lecture with a washing exhibition, he washed two Yorks., which looked very dirty. He gave an able and thorough lesson on how to wash a bird for the show bench. While the birds were drying he proceeded with his lecture, and the following are a few of the many useful tips thrown out. Removes birds from flight to moult in breeding cages in pairs; advises a hole in the side of each cage about 2 inches from the top, about 1½ inches in diameter, with a wire down the centre, the hole in each cage to be exactly opposite the hole in the cage next to it. This causes the birds to stand up to see the birds in the other cage. Starts colour-feeding 1st round birds at 10 weeks, 2nd round at 8 weeks, 3rd round at 6 weeks. Makes food as follows: 1 egg, 6 tea biscuits, 2 teaspoonfuls colour-food to start with and increases up to four. Birds well into moult, give 2 teaspoonfuls of linseed meal mixed with colour-food, but advises to grind your own seed in seed mill, thus insuring sound and wholesome meal. If using egg-cake he found the following a good recipe: 1lb. flour, ½oz. baking flour, 6oz. castor sugar, ¼lb. mutton suet, 6 eggs, grind up and use as necessary. Takes seed-box off and adds 1 teaspoonful of Canary seed to each bird's lot of food. Believes in rum and saffron, but if economy is an object, he suggests 3d. saffron to 1 quart of boiling water; let this cool, bottle, and add to drinker as required three times a week. When birds are well through moult, gives tonic as advised in previous lecture—i.e., 1 gill port, ¼lb. honey, 3d. common citrate of iron, put honey in hot water to dissolve, pour in port, put citrate of iron with these in a pan to dissolve on the fire, and when cold bottle, colour drinking water to port-wine colour. Impressed on all the necessity of keeping birds in good condition during moult, as otherwise colour results were far from satisfactory. To this end he advised all to keep birds on soft food right from the nest, of course, only giving after six weeks old about twice a week. Questions he invited as being the best way to gain information, and he was soon bombarded with these. Answers: Covers up during moulting. Does not use hot pepper till nearly finished, and uses then as he considers it good for fastening colour. Mixes colour-food and gives the night before, thus getting colour well into food. Washes three days before show; next day if birds do not bathe, sprays them. Believes in glycerine in washing water, but not as a spray. Borax softens water, but has a tendency to draw the colour. Leaves birds in room where washed, covered up, to cool with the room. Bath on next day in the birdroom. Birds coming back from show he gives ¼ part milk ¼ part luke warm water as a pick-me-up. Gives colour-food two or three times a week during show season. Cleans out as usual during moulting. He gave two instances re dirty cages. 1st, dirt almost up to top of front rail; the owner believed a certain amount of heat was derived from it, and therefore helped birds to moult; 2nd, 8 cages stacked on top of each other had a large cobweb with a spider in it; the owner said it was a preventative for red-mite, but lecturer sarcastically remarkked: "I did not see what was between the cages." He believes in Spanish for exhibition birds. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Harley, and seconded by Mr. Baron, and a few complimentary remarks by the chairman concluded a most enjoyable, interesting, and instructive evening. —J. R. Colville, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe, April 15, Mr. J. Farrer presiding. An animated discussion was held on matters relating to membership of the club. New members will be welcomed. —J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

DEAL, WALMER AND DIST. F.A.

Sixth annual meeting held April 6, when Councillor Redsull presided. Balance sheet read and passed unanimously, showing the association to be in a good position financially with a balance of £9 19s. 10d. The association are holding a 20-mile radius show in November.—W. H. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

MORPETH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Special meeting held April 15th, headquarters, Earl Grey Hotel, to reconsider next meeting. It was proposed that we alter our date to May 13th, as April 29th will not suit, other societies in the district holding theirs on same date. This will give members of other societies a chance to come and hear Mr. Clark's lecture on "The Common-sense of Canary and Canary Hybrid Culture."—Jas. Nicbol, Hon. Sec.

NORTHOWRAM AND DIS. C.B.S.

On April 3rd, at the Queen Victoria Inn, Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) gave a very interesting lecture on pairing and breeding. He dealt with the room, cages, and the most suitable birds to put together; he also gave the members a good idea about young birds. He illustrated many excellent points. His 18 years' experience proves he knows what he is talking about. Questions were asked and were answered in a very praiseworthy manner. The chairman, Mr. S. Smith, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Dean; Mr. H. Tasker seconded, and this brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—S. Sykes, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held April 6, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. T. Flemming (president) in chair. After the correspondence had been dealt with, the business of the grand draw of Canaries was proceeded with. The following have promised birds, viz., Messrs. A. Hobson, C. Hobson, Bennett, Falding, Thorpe, Drabble, and Lindsay; in addition to which, others will be brought. The financial statement and auditors' report were submitted and accepted. Judges engaged for the three shows are: Nest feather, July 8, Mr. G. Browning; open show, December 9, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; final show, December 28, Mr. J. C. Barnes. A very nice show of British was held, six different varieties being on view. Mr. W. T. Furniss judged, and made a few remarks on the birds staged. Awards: 1, 2, 4, A. Hobson; 3, c, Lockwood; vhc, hc, Scott. Mr. A. Hobson also gave a brief talk on British birds, showing how to pick out winners, and the best way to steady them; the best seed mixture for various birds; wild seeds, and several other items were very interesting to British bird fanciers. Messrs. J. W. Atkin and A. White were elected members. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hobson for his remarks, and to Mr. Furniss for judging, brought the meeting to a close.—J. Woolhouse Assist. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting, held April 12th, headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath. Chair occupied by Mr. Willmott (vice-chairman), 20 members being present. The shows were decided upon, the first to be held June 28th, and the second July 22nd. The secretary announced that two silver medals had been given the club for competition in the novice section, and same gentleman had also provided the award cards free of cost. This was received with applause, and it soon brought others anxious to follow this splendid effort to make the club's first show a marked success, the total number of specials promised at the meeting being 12; so members please note and do your best. The question of judge was left over until May meeting, so the Secretary could write several of the leading experts in the district and report on same. Decided and passed that a novice who had won two money prizes in open competition be not eligible as a novice to exhibit in the Novice section of the 1911 shows (nest feather only). A show manager was elected for all 1911 shows. The secretary reported and read the letters which had appeared in the Press upon the proposed nest feather show festival for the district; the meeting was fully in sympathy with the movement and hoped the secretaries of the societies mentioned would take same up and report their decision. Chairman Willmott makes a special request to all members for their attendance at the May meeting so that all may have a voice in the passing of special show rules along with the classing of the birds, and prize money awards; also a prize list is open for specials, etc. Secretary will also be glad to receive all changes of address by return, as all will be notified of the meeting. Rule books are now ready (price 2d.), and the several overdue subs. for the quarter ending July 15th will be esteemed.—J. Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

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PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

General meeting held April 4, President in chair. The following gentlemen were appointed to judge show in November, viz., Messrs. G. Marlin (Hamilton), and J. Hogg (Oakley). Mr. Leckie delivered his splendid paper on the Mealy and Lesser Redpoll, and it was a treat to the members to hear such a discourse. At the close Mr. Leckie was given a vote of thanks for his kindness.—J. Bell, Sec.

SHETTLESTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Houston's Restaurant, April 8. There were a good turn out of members, Mr. McFarlane presiding. Agreed, to lower annual subscription to 3s. 6d. (from 5s.), and a motion was made that we confine our show to a 3-mile radius. Our next meeting is to be held on May 13, when a lecture will be given by Mr. Christie (Glasgow); we hope to see every member present with a new member. A. Berry, Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Meeting held April 10, Irwell Castle Hotel, Mr. Lythgoe in chair. We had a very good muster of members and friends (including Mr. Woodhead, who promised to give us a lecture on Yorkshires on Monday next), to hear Mr. Cook's lecture on Norwich. He cut his lecture very short as time was getting on, and we might want to ask a few questions. We kept him very busy as he had a good number of questions, and he answered them as only Sam Cook can. A hearty vote of thanks brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—J. Critchley, Hon. Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held Drill Hall ante-room, April 10, Mr. T. Taylor in chair. Mr. J. Halfpenny was unanimously appointed treasurer in place of Mr. T. Wildridge, resigned; and the following three members were elected to Committee: Messrs. P. McCue, T. Peel, and J. Grewar. After considerable discussion it was agreed that local membership be closed July 31, when all members' fees must be paid; any member not paid up or joining after that date, will not be eligible to compete for members' confined cup. Delegates' report from newly-formed West of Fife Cage Bird League was then read, and after a long discussion it was agreed to go on with the League. Delegates appointed for next meeting: Messrs. W. Duff, J. Sneddon, P. McCue, and W. Whiteford. Three new members were nominated and accepted. Chairman intimated that as all business was now well forward, there would be no general meeting till first week in July.—Wm. Whiteford, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Meeting held Lion and Key Hotel, High Road, April 3, Mr. J. A. Bartlett in chair. Chairman explained that owing to the Leyton Constitutional Club being in liquidation, we had been obliged to find a meeting place temporarily. Next meeting (May 1) will be held as above, when the committee hope to be able to announce they have arranged for new headquarters. The Chairman called on Mr. J. S. Clarke for his promised lecture on the Crest. Mr. Clarke suggested that a discussion take the place of the lecture, and said he would be pleased to discuss any question the members cared to put to him. This was unanimously agreed to. Questions relating to double cresting, double buffing, uses of yellow blood, cinnamon blood, cinnamon Crest breeding, the high price of the variety, and many others were most ably dealt with. A vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke was proposed by Mr. S. C. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. F. Wallace, and carried with acclamation. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed a very pleasant evening.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Meeting held April 8, at headquarters, The Railway Hotel. Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), a well-known breeder and exhibitor, delivered a lecture, of which the following is the gist:—Gentlemen, it is not my intention to read a paper, as I prefer to not my intention to read a paper, as I prefer to "toddle" on in my own way, to give you my ideas and methods, gained by long practical experience, and extending over a good number of years—ideas I have found to work well. Nevertheless, my advice to you is to keep to any methods you have proved to advance the welfare of your stock. Further, I should like to point out that you must not think you have only to do as I tell you, and you will breed a roomful of winners, because you will be very much mistaken, as birds, like human beings, have their funny little ways which we have to study; and we have to use our own judgment a good deal during the breeding season. Mr. Clarkson commenced with the breeding of Yorkshires and the way he managed them; the next question he tackled was taking away the young ones from the nest, and when to do so; also what he did after taking them away. He also gave us some good points upon the wild birds, and the breeding of Mules and Hybrids. The lecture was of a very interesting nature. Our chairman, Mr. E. Padgett, asked if there were any questions. The following members asked questions: Messrs. Pownal, Swaine, Taylor, Pynah, and Padgett. The lecturer answered these in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. Oddy proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer. Mr. Swaine seconded. Mr. Clarkson responded, and said he hoped he had done a little good.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held April 6th, Mr. T. G. Hunt in chair. Apologies were read from Mr. P. Thomasson, and also one from Mr. A. J. Marley explaining the reason for his inability to judge Finch Show. Chairman moved adoption of the balance-sheet, which was accepted. Scrutineers were appointed for the ballot papers, viz., Messrs. P. Hunt and A. Barber. Officers for the forthcoming year:—Chairman, Mr. T. G. Hunt; vice-chairman, Mr. P. Wyatt; treasurer, Mr. T. G. Hunt; auditors, Messrs. Braithwaite and Priseman; secretary, Mr. H. W. Cook; committee, Messrs. Pine, Kidman, Priseman, Braithwaite, Cowles, Barker, Francis, Wyatt, and Teasdale. Our delegate on the Federation gave his report of recent meetings, and it was unanimously decided that same be adopted, and that we continue affiliated for the ensuing year, our delegates to represent us being also appointed, in Messrs. P. Hunt and Mr. P. Wyatt. Secretary gave report for past year, congratulating the members on the healthy state of the society, and whilst regretting his inability to bring out the young stock and annual shows at a profit, the principal fault was with the members, owing to their bad support at both shows; and it was to be hoped they would rally round better during the coming shows. He also pointed out that it was hardly fair to expect one-half of the members to support the other half. The report was carried. Votes of thanks to retiring officers were now proposed, and all were thanked most heartily. The secretary, in thanking the members, stated it was to be hoped that those members who had neglected their duties would come forward with their support. They did not want members on the books, paid or not paid, whom they did not see from one year's end to another. A discussion brought the business to a close, and a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded meeting.—H. W. Cook, Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, April 5th, when a good number of members were in attendance, Mr. H. Cook in chair. After a fair amount of business it was decided unanimously to hold a nest feather show at Albion Hotel on July 8th, a local judge to be elected at one of next meetings. Will our members kindly note that our meetings in future will be held every four weeks?—G. Lawton, Gen. Sec.

WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held March 30, Mr. Walters in chair. Mr. Metcalf gave a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, which was very interesting and instructive. Mr. Knowles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Metcalf, which was seconded by Mr. Weston. Mr. Bretherton, another old member, has rejoined. Mr. Baxter (Runcorn) will be proposed at next meeting, when it is to be hoped there will be a good muster of members to discuss show business.—G. M. Nelson, Sec.

SOUTHEND & S. COUNTIES O.S.

Interesting meeting held headquarters, April 12th, the chair being taken by Mr. Hutson. The standing rules were revised, and some additions made. Two new rules are: (1) That all birds shown shall have been the property of exhibitor at least one month before show date. (2) Any bird faked or trimmed disqualifies all entries made by owner of faked bird. An interesting discussion and conversation employed the members for the rest of the evening, several bemoaning the fate of lost young birds owing to the recent cold spell. The members' motto seems to be "Nil Desperandum," and they are keeping their "peckers" up. There seems to be plenty of young stuff in and around Southend, one member alone having over twenty youngsters in the pans.—Wm. C. Lockwood, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

The following gentlemen have been nominated for official positions of the club for the ensuing year; should any gentleman desire his name to be withdrawn, I should consider it a great favour to receive an early intimation of the same:—President (one required), W. H. Shackleton and R. Sutcliffe; vice-president (one required), Messrs. F. Hammond, R. B. Wright, T. Ogden, and W. Crabtree; hon. sec. and treasurer, Messrs. F. Armstrong, F. Hammond, and J. Crowther; committee (inside), Messrs. H. H. Towers, W. A. Cowgill, R. Halliday, F. Townsend, S. Dean, W. Crabtree, H. Hill, T. Ogden, F. Hammond, W. H. Shackleton, H. J. Chittenden, H. W. Walsh, L. Ogden, L. Dykes, R. Sutcliffe, H. W. Battye, P. Drake, J. Crowther, J. Bailey, J. Thomas, A. Sutcliffe, E. Clegg, J. Wilcock, and J. Greaves, (outside), Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, A. Ambler, T. C. Crawhall, A. Hirst, J. Currie, and R. B. Wright.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

At the table show of British birds, held under the auspices of this society, the judge, Mr. E. E. Smith, remarked that it was the hardest task he had had for some time to select what he considered were worthy of premier honours. The show was followed by a very interesting paper on British Birds, which was read by the secretary. It referred to the various species of British, the best methods and food for keeping them in health and vigour, together with notes on moulting and preparing for exhibition, the best species to exhibit, etc. The paper was heartily enjoyed by the crowd of members present. The questions that followed were many, and they were ably answered by the secretary. We had some important business to transact, namely, the alteration of date of nest feather show; we were compelled to alter this, as we could not get a suitable hall for the original date. The revised date is July 22nd, in Forresters' Hall. Will all members kindly note this and other date on their syllabus? We had another addition of new recruits. Now, you members, don't forget next meeting, May 2nd; arrangements for nest feather show.—John A. T. Wardale, Press Correspondent.

SWANSEA AND DIST. C.B.A.

A splendid meeting was held at the Market Coffee Tavern, April 11th, Mr. J. H. Ford presiding. Decided, to fix date and place of first feather show at next meeting. The classification was proceeded with. Decided, to have twenty classes: Nor. 4, Yorks. 4, Bord. 8, A.O.V. 1, Mules and Hyb. 3; also 21 classes for old birds. A suggestion was thrown out that to give a little encouragement to members to make a large entry we should have a trophy for competition, which was enthusiastically taken up, and 27s. was subscribed towards it. After this splendid response the following resolution was carried: "That the cup subscribed for by the members be competed for annually at the first feather show for the best young bird bred by a member, to be won twice by a member before becoming his property (not necessarily in succession), and that the Society give a gold-centred medal to the winner." One of the members, who wishes his name not to be mentioned, said that if the cup was won by the same member in 1911-12, and therefore becomes his property, he would give the society another cup in the place of it, to be won on the same conditions. We are greatly indebted to the donor, who has on several occasions shown the great interest he takes in the society and the Fancy generally. It will put fresh zeal in our F.F. shows, and I hope all members will show their gratitude by giving us a record entry. The final stage in the table show for this season will be at next meeting, when nine classes for British will be open for competition. The entries the earlier part of the season were disappointing, but now there are at least four members running very close to each other for the two specials for most points. Our next show is bound to produce a record entry.—S. H. George, Sec.

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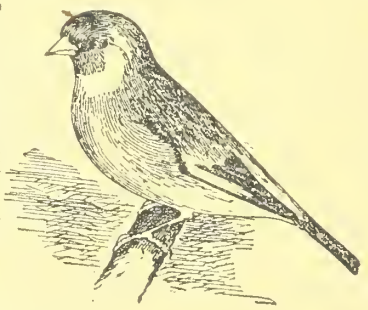
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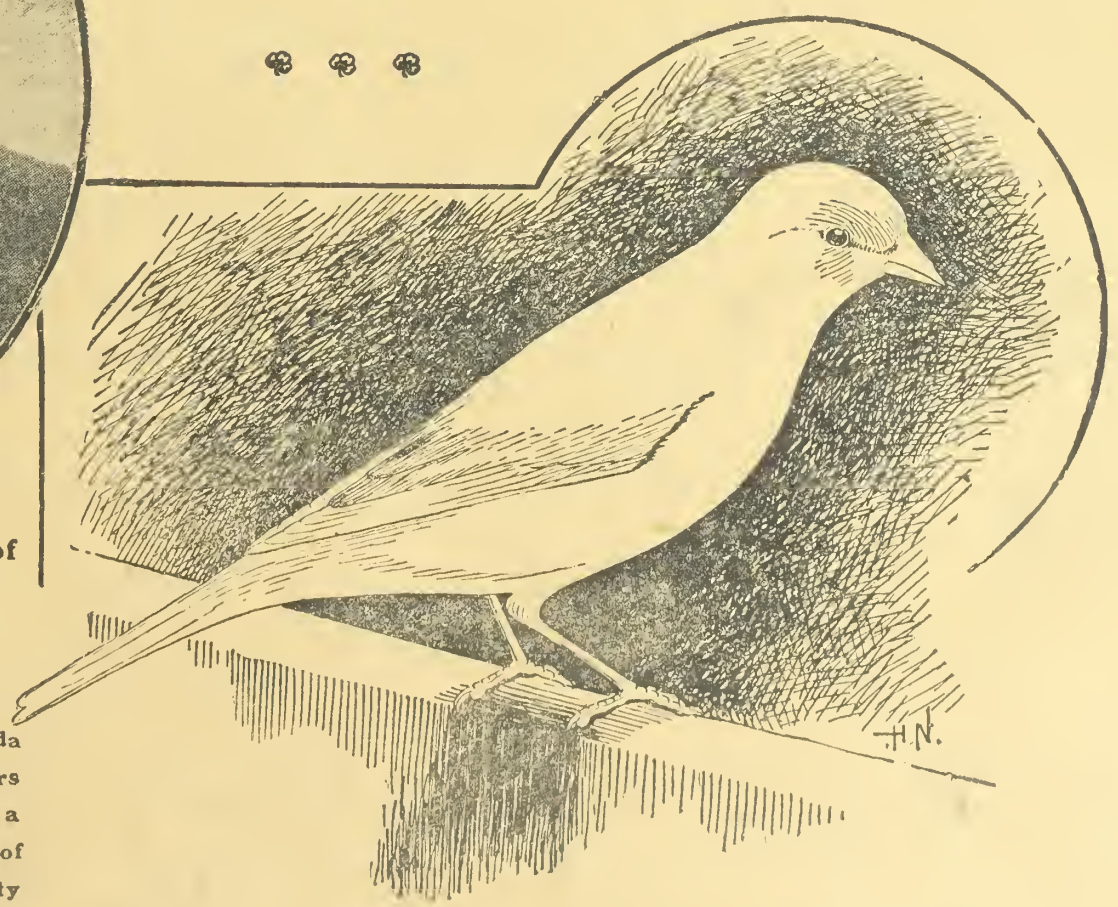
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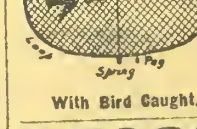
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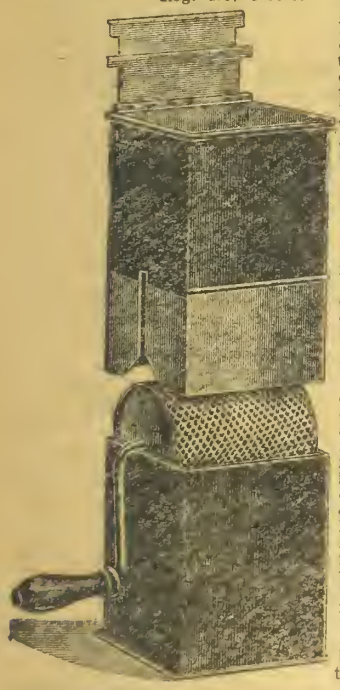
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WARRANTED cock Linnets, caged September, three 2/-, six 3/6, 7/- dozen; cock Goldfinch, full song, 2/6, 3/-; cock Redpoll, 6d., three 1/3; cock Goldfinch Mule, 4/6; cock Thrush, here him sing quarter mile distance, 4/6: Baker, Philip-st., Bedminster.

PAIR hand-reared Larks and Linnets and Yellowhammers, pair each Canary-reared Linnets, Greenfinches, Goldfinches, house-moulted Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Redpoll, Siskin; 8 pairs Norwich Canaries, sell or exchange pullets: 32, Melbourne-st., Leicester.

EXHIBITORS.—The following cocks selected from hundreds, for outstanding size, colour, etc.: Linnet 5/-, Corn Bunting 2/6, Yellowhammer 2/6, Chaffinch 2/6, Greenfinch 2/6, Mealy Redpoll 2/6, Bullfinch 3/6, Lark (in song) 1/6; approval: Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

SELECTED for song, Song Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each; cock Shrikes, 3/- each; Yellow Wagtails, Wheatears, Winchats, Pipits, 2/- pair; Blue Tits, Robins, Bramblefinches, Greenfinches, Redpolls, Yellow Buntings, Chaffinches, Linnets, 1/- pair: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

GIANT Mealy Redpolls, cocks, 2/6, hens 1/6; Lesser Redpolls, cocks 1/-, hens 9d.; cock Twites 1/-, hens 9d.; cock Siskins 3/6, hens 1/6; cock Hawfinches 8/6, hens 3/6; cock Woodlarks 5/-, hens 2/6; cock Robin, singing, 3/6; White Jackdaw, 50/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

"ICE.—Linnets, large giants, for show, muling, contest singing, 1/6, 2/-, 3/-; Greenfinches, like oil paintings, 1/-; Twites, like Yorkshire Canaries, 1/-; Cheshire spring cock Larks, in full wild song and finger tame, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; I send all birds on seven days' approval, so send at once to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

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LARGE yellow Norwich hen Canary, house-moulted cock Bullie and house-moulted cock Chaffinch, 3/6: Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Essex.

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Real English, warranted cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6; hens, 1/-; cock Linnets, 10d., 1/-, and 1/6, 3 2/6, 6 4/-; cock Larks, caged off, singing, 8d., 10d., 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 3 2/-, 6 3/-; cock Greenfinches, 6d., 9d., 1/-; cages for any above, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 2/-; I have shown you testimonials and proof of quality I supplied for years; estab. 1879: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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PAIRS of Border Fancies, properly matched, 10/-, or single to suit; approval: Armour, Newmilns, Ayrshire.

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TYPICAL Borders, winning strain, cocks 5/6, 6/6 and 7/6, hens 2/6 and 3/6; deposit: Jessop, 439, Springvale-road, Sheffield.

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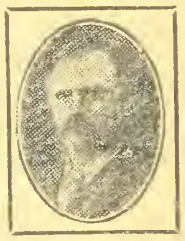
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BUDGERIGARS, healthy, outdoor bred, green 5/6, yellow 7/6 pair: Gibbons, Denmark House, Luton.

NOTICE, grand African Grey Parrot, talking, 30/-; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

PARROT, young, brilliant plumage, make a talker, 4/6; tame monkey 20/-: Vernum, 16, Reporton-road, Fulham.

GREY African Parrot, talker, acclimatised, £2 10/-; 2 young Greys, £2 5/- each: King, 35, Exley-st. Liverpool.

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WHITE Australian Cockatoo, clever, plain talker, finger tame, quiet, brass mounted cage, genuine bargain, 40/-: "Windmill," Weald, Sevenoaks.

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, with red tail, perfect health and plumage, full particulars on application: Mrs. Wright, The Gadlys, Bagillt, North Wales.

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"THE BUDGERIGAR."—Its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, breeding, moulting, and exhibiting; see Nutshell booklet No. 18, price 2½d. post free, from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—P.S.A. Rooms, May 2nd. Harry's farewell and photos.—J. R. Colville.

Ardwick C.B.S.—May 2, Onward Hall, 8. Proposal for ramble; F.F. show business; election of judge for same.—J. Spencer.

Ayr C.B.C.—May 1, Good Templar Hall, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. R. McKay, on "The Making and Mixing of Egg and Colour Feed."—J. Swan.

Border City (Carlisle).—May 3, Headquarters, 8.15. —J. C. Bell.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—May 2, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Balance sheet on draw and nominations for cup. —W. Elliott.

Bootle C.B.S. — May 2, Mr. Thompson's Dining Rooms, 8 p.m. General monthly meeting.—F. E. Hawkes.

Bradford East O.S.—May 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Venue of Cinderella Club show; revision of names and addresses for Union handbook, etc.—H. Hill.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Apr. 29, Victoria Hotel, 8. Urgent business.—M. Skirrow.

Blaydon C.B.S.—May 6, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Schedule for annual show, club patronages, etc.—G. Havver.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—May 4, T. Hartley's, Alexandra Cafe, 7.30; very important.—J. Wilson.

Barnsley C.B.S.—May 6, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Washing exhibition, by Mr. J. Simmons; fanciers and friends invited.—F. C. Sims.

Bolton O.S.—May 1, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, 8. Passing of new rules, etc.; classification for F.F. show.—P. Brierley.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—May 6, Welbeck Hotel, Soresby Street, 7.30. General meeting.—C. H. Naylor.

Clapham C.B.A.—May 1, Avondale Hall, Landor Road, 8.30. General business.—A. L. Priest.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 3, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. Stevens, "Mule and Hybrid Breeding," and open show business.—A. S. Treasure.

Coventry O.S. — May 3, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. C.B.U. and nest feather show date, etc.—A. J. Barratt.

Chester C.B.F.A.—Postponed to Tuesday, May 9th. —J. Swindley.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—May 6th, Portland Arms, 6.30. Table show of Brit., Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Twite, Siskin, or Redpoll, A.O.S. British bird; special business after.—J. H. Mitchell.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—May 1, at Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Schedule for young bird show.—J. Southworth.

City Wakefield O.S.—Apr. 29, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Fanciers invited.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—May 3, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Special meeting.—S. Mole.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 2, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Advice to Novices."—W. Hodson.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—May 3, George Hotel, 8. To arrange schedule, etc.; open show, etc.—E. S. Black.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—May 4, 142, High St., 8. Annual show, patronage, etc.—J. Finnie.

Ealing and Hanwell F.S.—May 3, Hanwell Library, 8 o'c. Lecture; fanciers invited.—W. Bird.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—May 4, Reigo Street Hall, 8.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—May 1, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbey Mount, 8.—D. D. Horne.

Falkirk O.S.—Apr. 29, King's Head, Roberts Wynd, 8. Last meeting or three months.—W. Niven.

"G.P.O." F. and F.S.—May 2, Davies' Dairy, 25, Little Britain, E.C. (near new G.P.O.), 8.30.—A. Watson.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.S.—Apr. 29, Anchor Restaurant, 119, Cleethorpes Road, 7.30 General monthly business; show date fixed, Dec. 1st and 2nd; visitors invited.—W. Yardley.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—Apr. 29, 122, Ingram St., 6.30. Table show of Mealy Redpolls, Twites, Siskins, and Redpolls (Lesser).—T. Drysdale.

Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Greenock O.S.—May 3, Co-operative Halls, P.G., 7.30. Members please attend.—J. Forrester.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—May 5, Rose and Crown Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. H. Charlesworth.—T. Smith.

Hanley C.B.S.—May 3, Albion Hotel, 8. Nest feather business, etc.—G. Lawton.

Hull C.B.S.—May 1, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Discussion, rearing, and feeding young birds, introduced by Mr. G. W. Oliver.—E. R. Ridley.

Hirst Universal C.B.S.—Apr. 29, 7. General business; and bird washing exhibition.—R. Middleton.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—May 2, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Show business.—W. Cottingham.

Ilford F. and F.S.—May 9, White Horse Hotel, 8. General meeting; arrangements for next monthly show; election of judges for young stock and annual shows; distribution of prize cards; election of new members, etc. At 9 p.m., W. G. Rae, Esq., will lecture: "Thirty years in the feathered Fancy." Members and their friends invited.—J. H. Priestman.

Kettering C.B.S.—May 1, Rifle Band Club, 8.15. Washing competition; Mr. F. Hunt washes first bird as exhibition; also two classes for table show (Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite, Blackbird, Thrush, or Starling); fanciers welcomed.—J. Roberts.

Liverpool O.S.—May 4, 66, Dale St., 8. Important show business. Metcalfe and Hillmen.

Llanelly C.B.S. April 29, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. All members to bring collecting books.—D. John.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—May 6, Council Schools, Sawley Rd., committee meeting 7.30 p.m., members 8 p.m. Election of new member; reconsideration of rule 7.; queries for members' mutual edification. All interested heartily welcome.—G. T. Wall.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 6, Miners' Hall, 7. Canary singing contest; fix radius for membership. J. Pollock.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—April 29, Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, 6. Balance sheet, etc. J. Rukin.

Longton C.B.S.—May 2, Castle Inn, 8. Classification for F.F. show and discussion on medals.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.—April 29, McMenemy's Hall, 6.30. Delegates' report of dist. meeting, etc.—D. Grant.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. May 2, White Swan, Market Place, 8.15. Fixing date of nest feather show; lecture.—J. E. Wood.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—May 3, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Mr. R. Haliday (Shipley) will entertain us with "A Night of Questions." Also open show business re patronage and classification. Members and friends invited.—J. E. Hudson.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—May 1, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture by Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) on "Cage Birds' Ailments, etc." Friends invited.—H. Boothman.

Middleton C.B.S.—May 1, Old Boar's Head, 8. Y.B. show.—J. Oldham.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.—May 4, 65, Grainger St., 8. General business and advice to novices.—J. E. Atkinson.

Northern Lizard Club.—April 29, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7. First annual report of club, etc. Good attendance requested.—G. Davidson.

New Cross C.B.S.—May 4, headquarters, Bond's Coffee Rooms, 397, New Cross Road, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "How to Become a Successful Breeder and Exhibitor." Subs. due. Time of train for ramble. Members kindly bring friends.—Barton and Hearn.

Nelson C.B.S.—May 1, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. F.F. Show, to allot specials, etc.—J. Gregson.

Oswestry C.B.S.—May 4, Castle Refreshment Rooms, Bailey Street, 8. Fixing up First Feather Show and enrolling new members.—E. J. Evans.

Otley O.S.—April 5, Queen's Head, 8.30.—J. Thomas.

Oxford C.B.S.—May 4, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, New Inn, Hull Street, 8. Show business.—A. F. Fifield.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—May 1, Church House, 8. Nest feather schedule, etc.—T. H. Tiffen.

Partick C.B.C.—May 5, Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 8. Selecting judges for annual show, fixing date for same. New members cordially invited.—W. Priest.

Paisley, Tannahill O.A.—May 6, Mr. Lockie's, 2, St. James Street, Paisley, 7.30 p.m. Large turn-out requested. No new members will be admitted after this meeting.—J. Stewart.

Peterborough C.B.A.—May 4, White Horse, 7.15. Monthly show; Mr. A. Watts judge.—H. Popple.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—May 1, Fleece Hotel, 8.—H. Raistrick.

Portobello C.B.S.—May 2, Masonic Hall, 8. General business. Members who have not booked their hens are requested to do so.—J. Bell.

Provincial Roller C.C.—April 29, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6.—A. Percival.

Preston O.S.—May 4, Tokio Cafe, 8.—J. P. Leeming.

Queensbury C.B.S.—May 2nd, Baptist School, 8. Business important.—D. Jagger.

Rotherham C.B.S.—April 29, College Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. W. Dransfield on "British Birds." Fanciers invited.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 3, Temperance Club, Coal Lane, 8. General meeting. Lecture by Mr. J. Lees on "Norwich Plainhead."—E. Hartley.

Reading C.B.S.—May 3, Palmer Hall, West Street, 8. Mr. G. W. Maisey lectures on Yorkshires. Fanciers invited.—W. H. Pyke.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—May 1, Commercial Hotel, 8. Will members please bring their books in?—J. H. Lewis.

Sheffield O.S.—May 2, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Arrangements for Nest Feather Show, etc. Fanciers and friends invited.—Bishop and Colton.

Shipley O.S.—May 2, Prince of Wales, 8. Specials, members' shows, rules.—A. Tillotson.

South Manchester C.B.S.—May 4, Jolly Carter, 8.30. Alloting specials F.F. Show.—F. Washbourne.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—May 1, headquarters, George Hotel, 8.30. Table Show for Brit. General business. —B. Tidy.

South Wales Roller C.C.—April 29, Edinburgh Temperance Hotel, Llanelly, 8. Question of rings for members.—J. Welch.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—May 6, headquarters, 7.30. Questions and answers for members.—A. Jarvis.

Sheffield C.B.S.—May 4, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangements for Nest Feather Show.—A. Hobson.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—May 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Schedule for F.F. Show.—J. W. Lowes.

South Shields C.B.S.—May 3, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. —J. Barrass.

Spennymoor C.B.S.—May 3, County Hotel, King's Street, 7. And every first Wednesday in each month. —C. Ramsey.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—May 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Important show business and election of new members.—J. Pitchford.

Scottish Norwich P.C.—April 29, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 5.30. Election of president and five vice-presidents.—J. Brown.

Tunstall C.B.S.—May 3, headquarters, 8. Classification for F.F. Show.—Evans and Brough.

Thatto Heath O.S.—May 1, Nutgrove School, 8. Final arrangements for F.F. Show.—R. G. Tyson.

Uddingston O.S.—May 6, Reading Rooms, 8. Rules for cup F.F. Show: Business. Intending members invited.—J. Kilpatrick.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—May 2, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. Lees, "More Popular of our Softbilled British Birds." Visitors invited.—A. H. McLean.

Windsor C.B.A.—May 4, headquarters, 8.15. General.—E. A. Stickland.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—May 1, 6, Broadway, 8. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House, "Odds and Ends." Fanciers welcomed.—H. Smith.

West London F.A.—May 4, Bush Hotel, 8. Mr. Wesley Page will lecture on "Foreign Birds."—J. Dewhurst.

Wallasey C.B.S.—May 4, headquarters, 8. Discussion on rearing young birds, to be opened by Mr. T. T. Woodman; and arrange syllabus for 1911-12.—W. Mallinson.

Wigan C.B.S.—May 6, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Distribution of members' specials, etc.—W. Ridge.

Walkden C.B.S. May 2, Institute, 8.—H. Howard.

Wombwell B.F.A.—May 6, Wesleyan Schoolroom, Park Street, 7.—J. Hudson.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—April 29, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Election of treasurer, sub-committee, payments of delegates' expenses for past year, and other important business.

Spring Song.

The song of the Greenfinch is round and melodious, spoilt only by the long drawn out "zee" with which he ends it. The shy Bullfinch pipes, hiding himself in the hedgerow where the brambles are thickest. Every few minutes a Chaffinch sings, and another answers him from a distance. There are Linnets singing everywhere, their breasts daily becoming richer in colour, until presently one will hardly recognise the brownish bird of the winter months.

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British Birds & Their Hybrids.

Their Management and Exhibiting.

F. WINES (Yeovil).

A lecture recently delivered by this well-known West Country fancier before the Yeovil and District F. and F. S.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: Your Secretary asked me the other evening if I would give a paper on British Birds, by way of a little instruction, and so help to spread a little enthusiasm in regard to British birds and their hybrids. You will kindly excuse my shortcomings, as it is some years since I attempted such a thing; but I will do my best to make what I have to say as instructive as possible with the little knowledge I possess, and I trust I shall be able to do something to awaken enthusiasm.

Great Scope for Success.

I have often felt that South Somerset offers a fine field for progress and improvement in these two sections of the Fancy, viz., British birds and their hybrids. Any southern fancier taking up with these birds thoroughly will find far greater scope for success than is presented in the Canary section. It only needs tackling properly to make headway, and to taste the sweets of success. Once there has been a real good show in these sections at a Yeovil show, or a South Somerset show anywhere, others will follow suit, and soon these shows will compare with any other representative exhibitions in the Kingdom.

And we want, too, to see this little show of ours flourish. I am quite sure that, with a little pushing, the whole of both sections can be worked up to standard pitch, and ours will equal both in quantity and quality the show of any other district—I mean in regard to the British bird and hybrid sections.

The Need for Guarantors.

Now, one of the first steps towards a successful show is to get various persons interested to guarantee a class, or classes, according to their desire, or means, and so cover any possible loss from short entries. When exhibitors pick up schedules and find classes so secured, they invariably send their entries there, for they are sure of receiving prize money, and will also know that men who run the risk on the class, or classes, will do their best to see that those classes are properly looked to; and such men feel proud to know their guarantee against any loss has bred confidence in exhibitors. And this is no exaggeration, for I can point out to you several leading shows where prize money in all, or nearly all, classes, is subscribed by guarantors and banked months beforehand. If the classes pay their way by having sufficient entry fees to cover all prize monies, the guarantee fund is returned to the respective subscribers. If the entries fall short, the difference is taken from this fund, and the balance returned to the guarantor.

I have suggested a system worth adopting by all show committees, and I have shown how any club can offer unlimited classification without running any risk; and perhaps some of your members will fall in with the ideas and so advance the status of your society and your shows.

Necessary Things to Learn.

Now for a few moments' consideration of the birds. Let us see if we can find any ways and means to secure a few show specimens to warm up our enthusiasm a bit. We want first to acquire a knowledge of the various birds we mean to keep and exhibit. We want to find out the kind of cages to keep them in; the food to give; the sort of show cages to use for the different specimens, so that they will look well when on view; and other minor matters relative to success.

Mules and hybrids can all be kept practically in the same manner, and as they consist of seed-eaters almost entirely, various Finch mixtures, and egg food, and ripe wild seed of various kinds (many times written on and depicted in the Press by various authorities) may be given them; and in the moult, colour-feed them as you do Canaries, when you will, if you have a good stock to work upon, be in the running for prizes.

I will touch briefly upon the standard quality of merit in the different birds to be shown. The highest standard of excellence is the Clear Mule or Hybrid. The next standard of excellence is the Evenly Marked, and the third, the Self Dark Mule or Hybrid. All the rest are of a nondescript character, and are intermediates between the standards of excellence; and so, as they approach nearer and nearer the particular standard, they are of more value as show specimens. Those pertaining to clear and evenly marked are of much more value than those that are nearly self dark. These few outlines will serve somewhat to guide you toward possessing the right sort for show. Yellows in all crosses are more difficult to obtain than buffs, particularly those with size, shape, quality of feather, and good markings, etc.; therefore, when you happen to possess a good yellow, you may expect to be amongst the winners oftener than not.

Various Crosses Considered.

The Goldfinch-Canary is the most numerous in the Mule section. The Linnet-Canary, the Greenfinch-Canary, the Twite-Canary, and the Canary-Bullfinch follow numerically in the order named, and many beautiful specimens there have been out.

Hybrids between two British birds are very attractive in a show, and when you see Goldfinch-Bullfinches, Linnet-Bullfinches, Greenfinch-Bullfinches, Goldfinch-Greenfinches, Linnet-Greenfinches, Redpoll-Siskins, Siskin-Greenfinches, Redpoll-Linnets, Bramblefinch-Chaffinches, Redpoll-Bullfinches, at shows, it speaks well for the perseverance of many persons who must have spent years to produce them. Of all these, it is claimed by some that the Canary-Bullie is the most rare. Well, at the present time, I believe I am correct in saying, there are three crosses of greater rarity and these three are the Redpoll-Bullfinch, the Siskin-Bullfinch, and the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch; and there have been only a few of these shown.

Keeping and Moulting British Birds.

We now come to consider a few of the British birds. There is here such a large field for work that one hardly knows where to start. Let us take the Finches. Linnets, Siskins, Redpolls, Twites, and Buntings first, as they generally appear in schedules. We must secure large, good-shaped, well-marked, good-coloured, and well feathered, healthy birds of each species we mean to show. We must, in order to attain the highest results, use those ways and means so often quoted and published within the last three or four years.

We come next to the process of moulting the birds out successfully. All kinds of soft-billed British cage birds, and, of course, all birds practised upon, will not turn out a success, for there are many outside reasons why a bird has a poor moult, or fails to take the various foods which go to produce the beauty of plumage, quality of feather, and high condition necessary to complete and perfect its appearance.

The Menu.

I get a supply of Finch and Linnet seed mixtures; I also get hemp seeds in bulk, and supply all seed-eaters with the mixture. With the exception of Bullfinches and Siskins, I add hemp seed to the birds' diet. Sunflower seeds and groats I crush, and also give to all of them. In the way of green foods, I give dandelion, and groundsel, and sometimes watercress and chickweed; and we should do well to collect the following wild seeds and plants as they come ripe in the summer and autumn, tie them up and hang up in bundles for use; give the birds a supply during the moult, and through the early winter, viz., plantain (of which we may get plenty with little trouble), poppy-heads, nasturtium, marigolds, various thistles, hardheads, blackheads (or, to use the proper name, knapweed), small-leaved plantain, starbelia (or corn spurry), wild turnip, charlock, catlock (or ketlock), red neize, and sheep-sorrel; we also want various berries—elder, mountain ash, privet, hawthorn, bramble, etc. All these assist those bird, which will eat them to improve the colour during moult. You may procure them ripe in the moulting season, and when the various birds are yet at liberty in the open country, you may see them feeding regularly on the seeds and berries just quoted.

I had intended making a few remarks on soft-billed British birds, but I fear I have made this paper too long already, so I will conclude by asking you to persevere and cease not in your efforts until you attain the highest degree of success.

A Tip for Exhibitors.

Just one word more, which will be very appropriate at this particular time, viz.: I get my British birds used to me by giving them a little tit bit each time I go into the room, and it is surprising how soon they get to know you, and will take it from your fingers. In preparing the British birds for show, get your birds accustomed to being taken out in your hand; place them on a corner of a silk handkerchief, and exhale warm air on the feathers gently. I then take another corner, and gently draw it over the feathers, removing all dirt, and I well open out the feathers; it beautifies them if they are separated for a few minutes, and it will greatly assist in bringing out the colours of the head and wings in Finches, Linnets, Bullfinches, and their allied mules and hybrids at the early shows, and indeed all the season. I thank you all, gentlemen, for allowing me to address you.

The Shows.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting held St. Philip's Schoolrooms, Westmoreland Street, April 13th, when we had a question night by ballot, and a very interesting time we had, novices getting enlightened very much. Also, we had a British bird show, when some very nice birds were staged. Mr. Furniss placed the cards, and made a few remarks on same. We made two new members in Messrs. Wood and Simpson, bringing the total of new members up to 27.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Ritson; 3, Rose and C. Scott. Next meeting, arrangements for nest feather Show.—J. Scott, Sec.

BATH AND DISTRICT F.A.

Table show and judging competition, held Foresters' Hall, April 20th, when there was an excellent attendance of members and friends. Mr. R. Hallett presided. About 20 birds were staged in the cage bird section, the majority Britishers. Some really good Yorkshires were shown. Mr. A. C. Brackstone judged. During the judging the secretary (Mr. W. H. Knowles) stated that the inter-show arrangements were being pushed forward. Owing to the success of the present show, it was decided to hold another on May 18th. Two members were elected. A pleasant evening was concluded by a vote of thanks to the judges.

YORKS.: 1, 2, Russell. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, 2, Chivers; 3, Russell. YELLOW BUNTING: 1, spl, 3, Russell; 2, Chivers. A.O.S. BRT.: 1, 3, Russell; 2, Chivers.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

April table show held, when Messrs. H. James and F. Dandridge judged the British birds and Canaries respectively, their awards appearing to give every satisfaction.

YORKS.: 1, Cadman Bros.; 2, Pearson; 3, Gibb; vhc, hc, c, Boxall. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Gravett; 2, Gibb; 3, Pinyown. BUNTING: 1, 2, 3, Cadman Bros FOR.: 1, Gibb; 2, Akehurst; 3, Sharp. SISKIN: 1, Cadman Bros.; 2, Sharp; 3, Gibb. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Cadman Bros.; 2, Absalon. REDPOLL: 1, 3, Cadman Bros.; 2, Sharp; vhc, Jacobs; hc, Gibb. Messrs. Cadman Bros. won the special offered by Mr. F. Dandridge for the most points in the show with a splendid team of British. The following is the complete list of points gained by those who have judged at two or more monthly shows: W. Cadman 203, A. Goble 200, E. Cadman 196, H. Akehurst 190, S. Sparks 178, G. Absalon 156, F. Dandridge 105, E. Brooks 84, E. Jacobs 52.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Second of the season's series of table shows held Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie-rd., open to professionals and novices. A capital entry of nearly 50 British birds faced Mr. A. Cochrane, who officiated as judge. The exhibits were of the tip top order, some real stormers being staged in great style. Mr. Cochrane's findings gave general approval.

GOLDFINCH: J. Brown; 2, Watson; 3, Allan; 4, Geo. Mackie. LINNET: 1, 7, J. I. Mackie; 2, Russell; 3, Hay; 4, 5, Allan; 6, Ferguson. BUNTING: 1, sp. (Yellow Bunting), 3 (Meadow Bunting), Watson; 2 (Willow Warbler), Russell; 4 (Reed Bunting), Allan. SISKIN, ETC.: 1 (Siskin), Watson; 2 (Twite), Allan; 3 (Lesser Redpoll), 5 (Mealy Redpoll), J. I. Mackie; 4 (Mealy Redpoll), Goodall; 6 (Mealy Redpoll), Geo. Mackie; 7 (Mealy Redpoll), Russell. FINCH: 1 (Bramble), Watson; 2 (Chaffinch), 4 (Bramble), 5 (Chaffinch), J. I. Mackie; 3 (Greenfinch), Ferguson; 6 (Greenfinch), Allan; 7 (Bullfinch), Geo. Mackie.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

Singing Contests.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual Linnet contest held Rock Inn, April 16th, when Mr. Kirk was 1st, Mr. Piper 2nd and 3rd. Also April 23rd; Mr. Dobson 1st, Mr. Piper 2nd, Mr. Kirk 3rd.—R. Taylor, Sec.

SPENNYMOOR.

Linnet sing held Butchers' Arms; 30 entries. Some splendid singing was heard, the best birds of Durham competing. Result: 1st and 3rd, Wilson and Adams (with their favourite "Bulldog"); 2nd, R. Boyd. Judge, Mr. M. Brown; timekeeper, Mr. G. Ridley.—Jos. Gardner, Sec.

GREAT HOUGHTON.

Great Houghton and Dist. L.A. contest, held Old Hall Inn, for time singing, April 23rd, when we had a very good attendance, and a good number of entries. 1, G. Howell, 47 secs.; 2, Jas. Halpin, 43 secs.; 3, B. Midgely, 32 secs. Next open contest May 7th, when we hope all Linnet fanciers in the district will attend.—Jas. Halpin, Sec.

HULL.

Weekly contest, held headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook Street, when 16 good birds were entered. First prize (toilet set), Mr. Wakeling's "Young 'Un"; 2nd (clock), Norton; 3rd (clock), Broadbent. Contest held this week, only 13 birds entered. Mr. Wakeling gave a shaving set for first prize, won by Norton; 2nd (clock), Thundercliffe; 3rd (photo frame), James. I regret to state that our big sing, which should have been held on Easter Monday, did not take place, owing to members not paying up. Agreed that it take place not later than May 27th; numerous prizes, including a silver cup, to be given as a championship of England.—Fred Allen, Hon. Sec.

STANDISH.

Open-to-all-England Linnet singing contest held 22nd April, when 17 birds sang for 6 prizes for quality and time. Winners for quality: 1, 2, 3, W. Jones. For time: 1, R. Literlandt, 243; 2, Geo. Randall, 61; 3, R. Statham, 58. Judges for quality, Messrs. Wm. Milligan and Feston Gibbins; for time, Messrs. T. Darbyshire and G. Milligan. Minute man, Mr. J. Ryding; bird man, Mr. M. Yates.—Geo. Milligan, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Grand Linnet singing contest, held Prince Albert Hotel, Good Friday, when our worthy landlady gave three good prizes. Result: 1, 2, Chippendale; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and C. Lorriman. Usual contest at above headquarters, April 16th, when some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Chippendale; 2, Ward; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and A. Jennings. Also sing, April 23rd. Result: 1, Chippendale; 2, Sellars; 3, Soloman. Judges, Messrs. A. Binns and A. Turner.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held St. Lawrence' Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, when 20 birds competed; some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, 2, W. Weaver; 3, W. Wilson; 4, F. Littlewood. Mr. C. Jackson kindly judged, and Mr. F. Littlewood acted as timekeeper.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest for time, held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, before a good number of fanciers and friends. We had 40 birds to sing for three good prizes. After a very close finish between the first six, the winners were: 1, A. Fowler; 2, G. Kirk; 3, T. Piper. Anyone wishing to join to sing for our Whitsuntide contest can do so by applying at the headquarters. CAGE BIRDS has brought our club from the bottom to one of the biggest Linnet clubs in Yorkshire. We wish the paper every success.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Open Linnet contest, held Weavers' Arms Schools, April 22nd; 22 birds entered from Wigan, Leigh, Westhoughton, Blackburn; some very good singing was heard before a fine company. Winners for quality: W. H. Topping 1, 3,; T. Mawdsley, 2. For time: 1, R. Layland, 111; 2, B. Wharton, 100; 3, A. Parker, 60. Judges for quality, Messrs. W. H. Topping and J. Macfarlane; timekeepers, Messrs. R. Macfarlane, E. Parker, and T. Burton. After the match the members spent a very nice evening with songs.—A. Parker, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held "Britannia," Worksop Road, April 23rd, when 15 birds were entered for 3 special prizes. Worrall, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Contests every week-end.

Weekly Linnet contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, April 22nd, when 24 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes' time singing): 1, Thompson, 61 sec.; 2, Bisby, 55sec.; Wadd, 48; Bisby, 47; Williamson, 47; Bobs, 45sec. April 23rd, when 22 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes' time singing): 1, Wadd, 61sec.; 2, Thompson, 51sec.; 3, Thompson, 50 sec.; Williamson and Wadd, 49sec.; Williamson, 45sec.; Robinson, 44sec. Contest every week, and Whitsuntide club going strong.—A. Brown, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Lark F.A. contest held April 21st, when 15 birds contested and a very good and enjoyable contest took place. There were five prizes. Winners, 10 minutes' hanging: 1, R. Airey, 9min. 48sec.; 2, F. Lea, 8min. 39sec.

Kindly publish corrected report of All-England contest held April 15th, for time and quality (4 prizes). Prizes for quality singing; 1, Globe Inn Linnet Club, Leigh; 2, Joseph Dobson, Blackburn; 3, 4, W. H. Topping, Blackburn. Prizes for time singing: 1, 4, Wigan Linnet Club, Wears Arms, Wigan; 2, J. Woodward, Westhoughton; 3, J. Fender, Blackburn. Judges for quality: Messrs. W. H. Topping (Blackburn) and Joseph Holmes (Chorley). For time: Messrs. P. O'Niel (Leigh), R. Leyland (Wigan). Referee, Mr. Joseph Dobson; bird man, Mr. John Roberts. Next contest for members only takes place Old Red Lion for quality singing only, on May 6th. Will our distant members take notice of this?—T. Slater, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Central Linnet and C.C.—Result of club match held Plasterers' Arms, Skinner Lane, April 23rd: Mr. T. Dobson, 1st and 2nd; C. Burn 3rd. Timekeepers, Messrs. G. Tate and Butler. Next match, April 30th, 1 o'clock.—Bob Smith, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. King's Head usual quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon-st., April 15, when 20 birds entered. 1 and 2, shared by T. Stead and H. Hayes, 3 shared by H. Wigfield and C. Prince. Judges, Messrs. J. and W. Naylor and J. Melia. Also on April 16, when 22 birds entered for 4 good prizes. After very good singing the result was: 1, H. Hayes; 2, T. Stead; 3, Sissons; 4, shared by A. Varley, C. Prince, S. Butterfield, and W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs. J. Melia, C. Cooper, and W. Naylor. On April 17, Easter Monday, all-England match for quality. Visitors and singers from Durham, Barnsley, Morley, Sheffield, Dewsbury, Horseforth, Derby, etc. After very good singing, the result was: 1 and 2 shared by W. Bisby (Sheffield) and W. Sissons; 3, W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, J. Melia. 25 birds entered. On Easter Tuesday we had a quality and time match, Castleford Club turning up in full force, and birds coming from all parts of England. The room was packed, and the birds did record time, the quality being very good. 56 birds entered—record entry for the year, time singing five seconds a break, which takes a lot of doing, as lots of birds were doing a lot of 4 and 3, which did not count. Quality winners: 1, Hayes; 2, P. Maddan; 3, W. Sissons. Judges for quality, Messrs. A. Jennings and W. Naylor. Time: 1, J. Kirk (Castleford); 2, W. Sissons (Leeds); 3, A. Sweeting (Castleford). Time-keepers and tappers, Messrs. D. Clegg, J. Melia (Leeds). W. Dobson, J. Nelson (Castleford). Also usual quality singing contest April 22, when 12 birds entered. 1, T. Stead; 2, C. Prince; 3, H. Hayes. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, S. Hardcastle, J. Melia, also April 23, when 26 birds faced the judges, Messrs. W. and J. Naylor and J. Melia; visitors from all parts of Lancashire, when very good singing was done, to the delight of a very good company: 1, W. Sissons; 2, T. Stead; 3, C. Prince; 4, H. Hayes.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Cuckoo and Swallow.

The Cuckoo has been heard, and a Swallow seen in the county of Surrey. An easterly wind was blowing at the time with a dull sky, and the air not at all warm.

How Dotterels were Caught.

When Dotterels were plentiful the birds were caught upon the marshy sheep-walks by means of nets with the mesh just large enough to admit the bird's head. After dark the catchers gently drove the Dotterels towards the nets, while others stood just behind them with lanterns, which attracted the sleepy birds, only to become entangled in the nets.

Pipits Singing.

Meadow Pipits arrive soon after the Wheatears. One may observe a little brown bird singing in the air, much like a Lark, but not so strongly. He rises to a certain height, and then descends in a slanting direction, with outstretched wings, singing to the ground. Apparently he has no method as to his descent, he will come down anywhere, he is so wandering and irregular in his course.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
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England.

*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.
Oct. 7.—**Longton.** (Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street).
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth.**—(J. Nichol, Castle View.) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embaukment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) J.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.** (A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)
Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.) H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.)
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without).
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Magford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 35, Rodsley Avenue.) J.R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B., W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street).
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T.,
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hd., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfc., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

Club Reports.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters April 19th, Mr. Mortlock in chair, and there was a splendid attendance of members, also several ladies. The feature of the evening was a lecture by Mr. J. Robson, entitled "General Management." This proved one of the finest ever given. Several points as to early breeding and consequent results appeared to hit rather hard in several quarters, judging by the various questions raised. Another point was the advisability of keeping a proper breeding record and the marking of youngsters, and samples of rings were on view. At the close of the lecture, Mr. Robson was bombarded with questions, the majority being upon actual cases experienced this present breeding season. Many other items too numerous to mention were discussed, but owing to the lateness of the hour, the chairman was forced to close the discussion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Robson.—R. P. Harper, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual general meeting, held April 6th, Feathers Hotel, Westminster, president, Mr. R. L. Crisp, being in chair. He presented the prizes to the respective winners. The result of ballot was announced by Mr. V. Wynn, who very kindly acted as scrutineer, as follows:—President, Mr. R. L. Crisp; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. G. Elsmore, J. Robson, A. E. Pattrick, H. Knight; committee (London), Messrs. H. Smith, H. E. Trugham, F. Easterling, J. Tyson, C. W. Mahey, and G. J. Warley; (provincial), Capt. Fellows, Messrs. H. E. Parrott, F. J. Gibbs, H. Creber, W. A. Dyer, J. Lashbrooke; treasurer, Mr. Crisp; auditors, Messrs. Males and Tringham; secretary, J. W. Rennie. The balance sheet, which showed an increase of £1 8s., was approved. Notice of motion by Mr. Easterling: That no judge shall adjudicate at more than one show in the cup competition—Carried. Notice of motion by Mr. J. W. Rennie: That three 10/6 specials be competed for at three shows in champion section for most points; the shows to be ballotted for at annual meeting after the show season—Carried. Notice of motion by Mr. R. L. Crisp: That a fresh president be elected yearly—Lost. The following recommendations to the committee met with the favour of the meeting. 1. Points to count, first seven, and so regulated according to the number of entries. 2. Eight shows for champion section, instead of ten. 3. The cup and trophy competitions to be held jointly at four shows. The challenge cup having been won outright, it was decided to have another cup, the following sums having been given or promised: Mr. R. L. Crisp £2 2s.; Mr. W. G. Elsmore £1 1s., Mr. J. W. Rennie £2 2s., Mr. A. E. Pattrick £1 1s., Messrs. Hawes Bros. 10s. 6d., Mr. F. Easterling 5s., Mr. C. W. Mahey 5s., Mr. H. Bousfield 10s. 6d. Mr. H. Knight promised a lady's gold watch chain on the same conditions as the 10s. 6d. specials. Also decided, to have prize cards for the club. Meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the president.—J. W. Rennie, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 12th, Mr. Tindle in chair. Balance-sheet presented and passed. Following judges finally selected: Messrs. J. Robson, J. H. Roe, J. Bailey, J. F. Dewar. Following gentlemen were proposed and elected members: Messrs. J. W. Lawson (Gateshead), and Hutson (Birtley). We had a good turn up of members to hear Mr. Shepherd's lecture on "Our British Birds," but through unforeseen circumstances he was not able to be with us. We hope to have the lecture at some future date. We spent a very pleasant evening together. Mr. Maddison, our noted British bird and Mule breeder, being present, we found in him a good substitute. A great many questions were put to him as to his experiences in the Fancy. He made the room ring with laughter at some of his answers. Will members please note that their subscriptions for 1911 are now due, and have to be paid in to the secretary by the end of May according to rules?—A. Holden, Sec. and Treas.

Cuckoo!

Across the lawn with hasty stride
Houseward the Vicar came and cried,
"Come out, and hurry up, my dear,
The Harbinger of Spring is here:
I've heard him twice—there!—didn't you?—
'Cuckoo!'"

"'Blithe Spirit, bird thou never wert!'
So Shelley's lines, I think, assert,
'Thou wandering voice!' Oh, I must go
And let the good 'Spectator' know
He's calling here, days ere he's due,
'Cuckoo!'"

Behind the Vicar's orchard trees
The gardener's boy lay at his ease,
His hollowed palms together pressed,
And 'twixt his thumbs with skilful zest,
Cooking a knowing eye, he blew—
"Cuckoo!"

—Habberton Lulham in the "Evening Standard."

ASHINGTON & HIRST DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held. Mr. Rowleys, April 22nd, Mr. J. Miles presiding. Mr. W. Hall was appointed secretary in place of Mr. Barron, who has given up, owing to ill-health. Decided to have a first feather show, and to fix date and place at next meeting, May 20th. Will anyone in the district wishing to join please send their names to me?—Wm. Hall, Sec., 107, Rosaland Street, Ashington.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Membership for 1911 (continued).—A. H. McLean (Balloch), Robert Carmyllie (Broughty Ferry), J. McMahon (Glasgow), S. Kennedy and J. Kennedy Wm. McArthur (Paisley), James Orr, John Orr (Glasgow), D. Martin and J. McLennan (Edinburgh), W. Beattie (Dundee), W. Thornton (Blackhall), W. Montgomery (Cockerhill). Readers are reminded that the membership closes on 31st May next.—T. Smith, Hon. Sec., and Treasurer.

STIRLING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Douglas Hotel, April 1st, Mr. W. Summers in chair. Following gentlemen proposed and have consented to judge annual club show, November 18th. Norwich and Crests: Mr. J. Winter (Edinburgh); Scotch Fancies and Borders, Mr. Hamilton (Hamilton); Mules, British, and Foreign, Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart). We have extended our radius this year to 15 miles, and if any fancier inside that wishes to become a member, I will be pleased to supply him with any information. Membership fee, 2s. 6d. and 6d. entry money for each bird. Next meeting, May 6th, for enrolment of members.—W. Bishop, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters, April 20, Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair. Agreed, to engage Mr. R. B. Gibb as Yorkshire judge at open show. Full list of judges: Scotch Fancies, Mr. C. Berwick (St. Andrews); Borders, Mr. Mossie (Annbank); Yorkshires, Mr. R. B. Gibb (Ibrox); Crests, Mr. W. Paul (Uphall); Plainheads, Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin); Mules, British, and foreign, Mr. A. W. Watson (Edinburgh). Delegates at West of Fife C.B. League gave their report. The following were appointed to attend next meeting: Messrs. J. Stenhouse, J. Veitch, A. Anderson, and A. Dickson. Mr. J. Cordery was granted permission to try and collect as much as will purchase a cup for best Mule or British bird shown by a member at open show. Secretary reported donations of 25s.—A. Dickson, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Meeting of council held recently, Douglas Hotel, Eden Quay, Dublin, Mr. P. Gillen presiding. Unanimously decided that Mr. H. Norman be elected to judge the Canary section at open show, to be held November 2nd and 3rd. Mr. G. Wilson (Cumberland) will judge the Britishers. Mr. W. Hawkins (Queenstown) has kindly decided to present a cup for the young bird show (decided to be held July 7th), said cup to be presented to the winner of the best bird in the show of the opposite sex to the winner of the Rowan cup, and to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, and to be called the "Wm. Hawkins' Cup." Birds to carry the society's closed ring. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the best thanks of the council be conveyed to Mr. Hawkins.—D. Carroll, Hon. Sec.

WEST. COUNTIES O.S. (Plymouth)

Monthly meeting, held at Morley Street Oddfellows' Hall, Plymouth, on March 18th, when the following arrangements were made for the coming season, viz., Nest feather shows, May 17th, June 28th, July 19th. Classification to be two Yorkshire, 2 Norwich Crest, Crestbred, Cinnamon, A.O.V. Canary and 3 Mules, closing with 4 British and 2 Foreign. Mr. Lugg (Messrs. Speller and Baker's), promised a special prize at each show for the best British Hardbill. The classification for open show was agreed on, the schedule remaining as last year, with the addition of an extra non-flight class in Yorkshire Section. It was also decided to apply for patronage of S.Y.C.C., S.N.P.C., and C.C.C. The members heard through Mr. Snell that Mr. W. H. Tavener, who held the post of secretary to the W.C.O.S. some few years ago, had lost all his stock by a gas accident, and a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to him in his misfortune.—T. Pope, Hon. Sec.

NORTHOWRAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

A smoking concert was held at the Queen Victoria Inn, April 19th, when a good attendance of Northowram and Sowerby Bridge members and friends were present to celebrate the winning of the cup by Mr. F. Townsend of the last-named society. The cup was filled several times by prominent gentlemen, and toasts were heartily honoured. These were interspersed with musical items, the evening proving most successful. Mr. J. Farrar sang in fine voice, and Mr. T. Sutcliffe, in "Cabman's Story" and "Vanity Fair" was very much appreciated. Mr. McAndrew created loud applause by his songs, while Messrs. J. Farrar and H. Tasker were greatly admired for their rendering of duets; Messrs. McGrayan and J. Wallocks also contributed. Mr. J. E. Priestley accompanied very efficiently. Mr. F. Townend acted most efficiently as chairman. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.—S. Sykes, Sec.

CODNOR PK & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

The members entertained the Eastfield Side C.B.S. at the Portland Arms, Jacksdale, on Easter Monday, when a most enjoyable time was spent. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the tables were cleared for the programme presented by Mr. J. H. Mitchell, Mr. J. Adnitt (Vice-President) occupied the chair, and an able chairman he made, too. J. H. Mitchell proposed the toast of "The Eastfield Side C.B.S." It was, he said, a great honour to give a toast to such a hearty lot of fanciers as the Eastfield Side, and he hoped it would not be the last time they would assemble together, for there was nothing that made friendship more than a jovial time together. Mr. C. H. Martin seconded, and Mr. Amedley and Ambrose then sang to us. The latter, whose age is 74, rendered a song in a most excellent voice. Mr. Ambrose has been a Canary breeder for the last 50 years. He caused much laughter with his "jokes" and "toasts." J. H. Mitchell suggested that the two societies purchase a cup between them and put it up for competition at the two open shows for most points gained by each society at both shows, the society that gains most points at both shows to hold cup for twelve months. This suggestion came in for a long discussion, several questions being asked which J. H. M. explained. The Eastfield Side C.B.S. then threw out a challenge to play the C.P. and E. C.B.S. at cricket this coming season, which was accepted. A most enjoyable evening was spent with such vocalists as Messrs. Smedley, Wright, Crawthorne, Mitchell, and Ambrose. Mr. Crawthorne obliged at the piano. Our society is trying to arrange the return gathering for Whit Monday. Then for the match.—J. H. Mitchell.

CLYDEBANK AND DIST. C.B.C.

Meeting held 118, Glasgow-road, Mr. Sheriden presiding over a good attendance. Decided to hold First Feather Show in Clydebank Shipyard Dining Hall, July 1st. Mr. Miller (Anniesland), who gave great satisfaction at our pair show, has again kindly consented to judge. Annual show fixed for Oct. 28th, Conservative Hall, Kilbowie-road. Mr. Allan Roberts judge. Mr. McGown gave a very satisfactory report of subscriptions collected for cup, and was highly complimented by the members, the amount to date being £4 9s. 6d., which, with other subscriptions coming in, should bring us up to the desired £10. The club is fortunate in having secured Charles Don, Esq., as hon. President, who is a benevolent and, as is well known, an ardent sportsman; he has promised a handsome cup for competition. Members please note change of meeting place to Clydebank Shipyard Dining Hall. Next meeting, May 18th, 7.30 p.m., when it is expected our Hon. President will be in attendance. Following new members proposed and seconded, viz., Messrs. D. Ramsey, J. McBride, C. Hamilton, T. Ross, J. Ward, and J. Spence.—James Hart, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Adjourned annual general meeting held April 18th. The President (Mr. R. B. Jarvie) occupied the chair, and there was a large turn-out of members, over 60 being present. Before business, the Secretary was kept busy receiving duplicates and cash (over £30 being paid that night) for subscription sale in aid of the club's funds. Mr. R. B. Jarvie was unanimously elected President, with Mr. W. Hutchison and Mr. R. T. Anderson as Vice-Presidents. Mr. F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross, was re-elected Sec. Treas., Mr. J. Strank. Following were elected on committee; Messrs. A. Maxwell, J. Brown, F. Taylor, R. Thomson, H. Appleyard, F. Paling, D. Graham, C. Martin, J. Kidd, G. McLaggan, A. K. Chalmers, J. Laurie, T. Forrest, T. Godber, A. Sloan, J. C. Sinclair, J. McLeod, S. F. Wood, A. Roulstone, E. Barron, J. McLay, Allan Chalmers, and M. Craig; Auditors, Messrs. C. B. Whitelaw and A. Muir. Date of show next considered, and after a lengthy discussion, in which everyone took part, it was eventually carried to hold show on January 2nd and 3rd, 1912. Other business, including classification, had to be left over until next meeting, which will be advertised in Fancy Press, and I respectfully ask Scotch Fancy exhibitors wishing classes added to become members and attend the meeting.—Fred Bowman, Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Cairns Memorial Hall, April 18. Mr. Charlton presided over a capital attendance. Six new members were admitted. Membership now totals 69, and with an extra special push the total of 100 could easily be attained. Tynecastle Hall has been definitely fixed for the annual show, at a very nominal charge; also permission given to stage birds on Friday evening previous to show. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Whitefield for the active part he had played in securing the Hall under such excellent terms. Secretary intimated that one of the members contemplated partnership, and it was desirable to come to some definite understanding re partnership members. It was finally decided that both individuals of a partnership must join individually, and in a points competition the points won to count half. It was unanimously decided to appoint a sub-committee to draw up a classification for the members' approval at next meeting, the following gentlemen kindly consenting to act thereon: Messrs. Brown, Thomson, Craig, Whitefield, Watson, Goodfellow, Denholm, and Todd. It was decided to delay the appointment of judges until next meeting. The question of staging was remitted to the hands of Mr. Whitefield and secretary. It was intimated that Mr. John Galloway was presenting a handsome special to the best bird exhibited by a member at table show that evening. The meeting was finished in good time, and adjourned to the adjoining hall to survey the awards placed by Mr. A. Cochrane, this gentleman receiving applause for his kindness in officiating as judge.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

ASHTON-U.-LYNE & DIST. O.S.

Members spent a most enjoyable evening on April 18th, at headquarters, P.S.A. Rooms. A smoking concert and presentation to Mr. H. Foden, the late secretary, and Mrs. Foden, constituted the programme. Mr. and Mrs. Foden are going to Canada, and thus another genuine fancier and successful breeder is lost to England. The artistes providing the entertainment were: Concertina solos, Mr. H. Foden; tenor solos, Mr. Baxter; humorous songs, Mr. E. Barstow; dulcimer selections, Mr. H. Gospel; Lancashire elocutionist, Mr. Platt; Indian club swinging, Mr. J. Dowling; and accompaniments, songs and patter, by Mr. Don. Favier. Every item was pleasingly rendered and enthusiastically received. At an interval in the programme, the chairman, Mr. Foxall, made the presentation to Mr. Foden on behalf of the members. He presented an enlarged photographic group of the members, handsomely framed in fumed oak, and having a silver plate with the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. H. Foden by the members of the Ashton-u-Lyne and Dis. Ornithological Society in recognition of his seven years' services as secretary, April 18th, 1911." To Mrs. Foden was presented a beautiful gold pearl set brooch, in a velvet case, to show the esteem in which she is held by the members. Mr. Foxall, in an able and complimentary speech, pointed out that Mr. Foden was one of the originators of the society; he had rendered energetic services as secretary since the beginning. The speaker expressed the general feeling at the loss the club was sustaining by Mr. Foden's departure. He also referred to Mrs. Foden's many good qualities as a fancier's wife, and her ready welcome to all visitors, even if their "boots were dirty." On behalf of the members he wished them success in their new home. "Harry" made a feeling reply, thanking all on behalf of his wife and himself, and stated that the picture would always be a valued possession, and a reminder of many happy times spent amongst the members. The company, upstanding, sang "For he's a jolly good fellow," and "For Auld Lang Syne." Usual votes of thanks to the artistes, chairman, etc., brought to a close what will always be a memorable evening in the history of the society.—J. R. Colville, Sec.

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NORTH SHIELDS & DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 23, at headquarters, 37, Howdon-rd. The attendance was poor, due no doubt to the inclement weather. After the usual business, Mr. Whittaker gave a practical illustration of egg-food preparing, which proved both instructive and interesting. The meeting closed with the best thanks to Mr. Whittaker. Mr. Hunter presiding. Will members please remember nest feather show in July? R. P. Fox, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held Howard Hotel, Glossop, April 1st, but I am sorry to say very few members put in an appearance. Mr. F. Hamer (Oldham) was confirmed as a member. Owing to the small number present it was decided to leave the auditing of balance-sheet until next meeting. On a suggestion from Mr. A. Hordern, it was decided that we have a First Feather Show, at Shaw, on a date yet to be fixed. The proposed Lancashire and Cheshire League was discussed, it being eventually decided that the Secretary (Mr. J. Rukin) be appointed delegate. Mr. A. E. Bosworth (Rawtenstall) proposed that we have a rule with the object of compelling anyone residing in same house as a champion to show as a champion. Next meeting Old Board's Head Hotel, Manchester, April 29th, 6 o'clock, when it is hoped we shall have a good muster of members. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Garner, as chairman, concluded meeting.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH (Open) O.A.

Adjourned meeting, to conclude general business, held March 11th, Buchanan's Hotel. A large number of members present, a fine spirit prevailing. The officials were gratified at the interest taken, and hope this interest will be kept up. Mr. D. Martin (president) occupied chair. Arising out of the minutes was Mr. W. Thornton's (Blackhall) decision re secretaryship, he having been elected at the previous meeting; unfortunately he intimated he could not accept, which was received with much disappointment. Mr. A. Begbie again proposed the re-election of the present secretary; seconded by Mr. W. Whitefield, and unanimously agreed to. In accepting office for the third term, I desire to return my sincere thanks for this further proof of their confidence in me; and they may depend upon it I shall do all I can to carry out my duties in a faithful and satisfactory manner. It was decided by a majority of votes to run this year's exhibition for two days, it being felt that the work to be overtaken was too much for a one day show. On the first day judging takes place, giving those who officiate in that capacity ample time in which to handle the exhibits; catalogues, too, will have all the results printed in the different classes, and will be on sale in the evening. On the second day prize money will be paid from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the sale of birds will, as usual, be at 3 p.m., and immediately after, the committee will be able to render assistance to the exhibitors in boxing the birds, etc. We are sure our supporters will appreciate the motive for the change. Date of show fixed for Dec. 8th and 9th. Buccleuch Parish Hall, Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh, again chosen and secured. Classification: Scots, 21 classes; Belg., 3. Prize-money, 32s. per class—1st 12s., 2nd 9s., 3rd 6s., 4th 3s., 5th 2s. The finely got up prize cards of Mr. Garrioch, Edinburgh, were again selected. Following gentlemen elected judges (having since agreed to undertake the duties): Messrs. A. M. Baird (Paisley), R. Brown (Duns), D. Caldwell (Baillieston), and W. Rodgers (Colinton); Belg., Mr. J. Kean (Edinburgh). The secretary was requested to write for patronage of the United Kingdom B.C.A. Should this meet the eye of Mr. W. B. Cobb, the esteemed secretary of that association, I hope it will remind him of the application. The name of Mr. R. Menzies (Edinburgh), with his permission, was added to the honorary committee (already published).—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

General meeting held club-room, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, April 20, Mr. J. Perkins in chair. There was a good muster of members and friends. Four cups were allotted to be won outright for members gaining most points at forthcoming shows—one for champion Nor. or Yorks, one for novice Nor. or Yorks, one for A.O.V. Can., and one for British, mules, hybrids, and foreign. Decided, that country outing take place May 27 to Dartford, to go by brake, and then a ramble round the district, which abounds with bird life. Mr. Easterling kindly promised a gold centre medal for best young bird shown at young stock show, July 1, instead of June 24, as previously arranged. Mr. G. Gardner is to judge. Also decided, to hold members' show only this year, to take place Dec. 2, when Mr. H. Norman will judge. This brought business to a close.

The Chairman then called on Mr. Easterling to give his promised lecture on the "Yorkshire and its Management." Mr. Easterling was accorded a hearty reception. The lecturer said it gave him very great pleasure to be favoured with the invitation to come down again and give a little advice to the novices, more especially on the subject announced—"The Yorkshire and its Management." As there had been so much said on this subject, both through the Press and by papers being read, he hoped they would bear with him if he repeated anything that had been said before. He here passed round a coloured plate which he thought would be a very good starting point for this evening's chat. The plate depicted an ideal show bird, also an ideal stock bird. The lecturer based his remarks upon the difference between a stock bird and a show bird. He enumerated the bad faults in Yorkshires—large and coarse beaks, flat heads, guttered backs bad wing carriage, and drop tails. He proceeded to explain the way to out-breed these bad faults, but he said it was easier to breed bad faults than to breed them out. It is only, he added, by careful study and carefully selecting your birds that you can expect to succeed in breeding the ideal bird that is wanted on the show bench to-day. He also impressed on all present the necessity for cleanliness in the cages; also the foods should be fresh, and given often, great care being bestowed on the sand trays, which should not be left to get dirty. It was better to clean them out twice a week, than to let them run a week.

The lecturer having kept all his hearers rivetted for about three-quarters of an hour, said he would be very glad to answer questions. Queries came thick and fast. The lecturer was ready with an answer, to the general satisfaction of all. The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Easterling for so kindly coming among us, and giving us such an amount of information, which he hoped all would find of advantage. This was carried with acclamation. Mr. Easterling suitably replied, and this brought a very pleasant and interesting evening to a close. Next meeting May 18, when we are to be favoured with a lecture from Mr G. Gardner. We give fanciers a hearty invitation to pay us a visit. Fanciers would do well to book this date.—Meades and Woolgar, Hon. Joint Secs.

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Twitterings.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) is, we hear, engaged to judge at Tunstall, Nov. 2; Doncaster, Nov. 24.

Buckie Show has been fixed for Nov. 8th, write Messrs. Melvin and Bunyan, the joint secretaries.

I have removed from Mantua Road, Battersea, to 47, Winstanley Road, Clapham Junction, London, S.W., writes Mr. H. Tuff.

Kindly notify my change of residence from New Bilton to White Lion Inn, Althorpe St., Leamington, writes Mr. C. Brooks.

Our show will be held this year on July 5 and 6, write Messrs. Opie and Kemp, secs. of the Redruth C.B., etc., Society. The cage bird judge will be Mr. J. H. Payne.

Kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. W. H. Knowles, hon. secretary of the Bath and District F.A., to 17, Victoria Road, East Tiverton, Bath.

Mr. Alex. McFarlane has consented to judge our First Feather Show, to be held on July 8th, writes Mr. Wm. Priest, secretary of the Partick and Dist. C.B.C

When "A Collier Reader" gives us his full name and address, and complies with our rules, we shall be pleased to give the matter to which he refers our attention.

We have engaged Mr. J. C. Barnes, of Sheffield, to judge our annual open show on Nov. 2nd, writes Mr. H. Evans, hon. sec. of the Tunstall and Dist. C.B.S.

Kindly note that I have removed from 2, Lady Menzies Place, Edinburgh, to 208, Easter Road, Leith, writes Mr. David D. Horne, sec. of the Edinburgh Eastern O.S.

Mr. H. Norman has, we are informed, been elected to judge at the Y.C.C. of Ireland (Dublin) open show on November 2nd, and at the Llanelly show on November 28th.

I have been appointed hon. secretary to the East Lothian C.B.S. in place of Mr. Turnbull, who has left the district, writes Mr. James McHolme, Cherry Tree Cottage, Haddington.

Will readers kindly note that the Oxford Show being advertised under Show Dates Fixed is being run by the Oxford and District Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, the sec.

We have, writes Mr. D. Carroll, hon. sec. of the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland, elected Mr. H. Norman to judge the Canaries and Mr. G. Wilson (Cumberland) the British bird section at our open show on Nov. 2 and 3.

The North Wales C.B.S. have fixed on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, as the date of their first open show, writes Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. sec. Will secretaries of local shows kindly note this in order to avoid clashing?

We have altered the date of our open show from Oct. 21 to Oct. 14 to avoid clashing with the date decided upon by the Nottingham Permanent O.S., writes Mr. W. Cottingham, sec. of the Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S

The Wombwell B.F.A. will hold their second annual Nest Feather Show on the second Saturday of July, writes Mr. J. Hill, the assistant sec. pro tem. The judge will be Mr. G. Podmore, of Doncaster.

We are holding our First Feather Show on July 8th, when Mr. Albert Hirst, of Accrington, will place the cards, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, sec. of the Heywood and Dist. O.S. We have been obliged to put our show a fortnight later on account of the Coronation festivities taking place in our town on our usual date.

May I suggest to the Glasgow fanciers, writes "Scotch Fancy," that a Canary show at the Glasgow Exhibition would be a splendid side show, and, in addition to being an attraction, would afford an opportunity to catch fresh breeders, while birds would be purchased, which would be a good thing for breeders. If somebody would move, I have no doubt but that the issue would be first-rate.

The 1911 handbook of the Ilford and Dist. F. and F.S., whose headquarters are at the White Horse Hotel, Ilford Broadway, contains a list of the officers of the society, the rules a list of the members' names and addresses, an excellent list of fixtures, and four memoranda pages, ruled for particulars of shows. Information respecting membership may be had of the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. H. Priestman, 56, Sunnyside Road, Ilford.

This month's "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—contains articles by Mr. H. Willford ("My Waders' Aviary"), Mr. Wesley T. Page ("The Great White-headed Weaver" and "Freely Imported Species and Their Treatment"), Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A. ("Nesting of the Ruddy Finch"), Mr. A. Sutcliffe ("A Holiday in the West Indies"), and Captain Perreau, F.Z.S. ("Birds In and About the Station"). Book notices and reviews, editorial notes, and items of correspondence, etc., complete a capital issue.

Will Mr. B. Gunton, who ordered a copy of "Ailing Cage Birds," kindly let us have his address, when we shall be pleased to forward same to him?

On Monday, May 1, at the headquarters of the society (6, The Broadway, Wimbledon, S.W.), at eight o'clock, Mr. C. A. House is delivering a lecture before our members entitled "Odds and Ends," writes Mr. H. Smith, the hon. sec. of the Wimbledon and District C.B.S. All fanciers will be welcomed.

We intend holding an open show this year, and it will be held on our usual date—the date which we have held since the commencement of our society five years ago, viz., November 10 and 11; and we have secured the services of Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) as judge, writes Mr. J. H. Elwell, sec. of the Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.

Will you kindly ask through "Twitterings" for the full address of Mr. Wylie, of Ontario, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool). Somebody called and bought some birds on the above gentleman's behalf when I was away, and unfortunately the wrong sex were given, so probably I may be put down as a "rotter," and I wish to rectify the mistake if possible.

The New Cross and Dist. C.B.S. are to be favoured with a lecture by Mr. Robson entitled "How to Become a Successful Breeder and Exhibitor," at 397, New Cross Road, on May 4, at 8 p.m. sharp, write Messrs. Barton and Hearn, hon. secs. Fanciers and friends welcome. Anyone wishing to accompany us to Hildenboro' on Sunday, May 21, should kindly write.

The Cage Birds Annuals sent me have been sold to our members, and they all say that it is a really grand sixpennyworth. Those fanciers who have not had a copy yet will some fine day wake up and find they are all sold out, which would be very disappointing to them indeed. There is a great deal to be learned from this year's Annual. I wish your valuable yearly and Cage Birds the greatest possible success.—Arthur H. C. Legg, hon. sec., Mid-Rhondda C.B.S. (Glam.).

A remarkable feature of the great business built up by Mr. W. Rudd, the renowned bird specialist, of Norwich, is the astonishingly large number of orders he executes for foreign clients, which evidences the measure of satisfaction felt by his customers. Mr. Rudd has within the last few weeks sent out consignments of birds to Italy (2), Switzerland (2), Egypt (Cairo and Port Said), Belgium (2), South Africa, Gibraltar, Calcutta and other parts of India, United States (including several very large shipments to Pittsburg, Brooklyn, and other centres), Canada (Victoria, Toronto, and Quebec), Trinidad, etc.; while consignments of cages and his other specialities have left for France, Belgium, Egypt, Italy, United States, Ceylon, South Africa, India, New Zealand, Canada, Java (Netherland Indies), Brazil, etc.

Mr. J. R. Meikle, secretary, Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A., writes:—At the annual exhibition, Sept. 24, 1910, the winners of second prizes in Classes 2 and 4 have returned the prize money, both exhibits proving to be hens. The following alterations have in consequence been made:—Class 2: Mr. J. D. Maxwell (Laurieston), 3rd, takes 2nd place; Mr. W. Rodgers (Colinton), is now 3rd; and Mr. J. Dalgleish (Leith), becomes 4th. Class 4: Mr. J. H. Buchan (Portobello), 3rd, takes 2nd place; Mr. J. McLennan (Piershill), is now 3rd; Mr. J. D. Brown (East Kilbride), becomes 4th. The additional prize-money has been remitted to the above-named exhibitors. A very large number of our membership tickets have yet to be accounted for. Fanciers, let us have a record year. We will publish some time in June a full list of members for 1911.

A Canary's Green Egg.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. J. Scott, sec. of the Walkley and Dist. C.B.S., Mr. Woolhouse told us of a Norwich Canary that has laid a pure green egg; which interested the members immensely.

In the Brighton of Scotland.

It may not be generally known writes "A Wanderer," that there is an enthusiastic breeder of Canaries in Bute. I landed there on a wet day, but determined to make the most of it. I went up the Baron Road and larded in the Nursery. I was not long in finding Mr Lister, and got a right hearty reception. He has erected a new aviary, and is looking forward to a grand year's breeding. He deserves to succeed. No one is more devoted to his birds. Everything is nicely arranged; in fact, it is a model aviary. Visitors who have spare time might do worse than look in, as the writer did. The atmosphere in Bute is very bright and clear.

"Too Much Sentiment."

At a recent meeting of the Chester Farmers' Club, the chairman, Mr. Robert Shepherd, said there was too much sentiment about the preservation of birds. The boys of his young days used to take the nests and eggs of Sparrows, Thrushes, and Blackbirds, and there could be no doubt that that did a great deal to keep the numbers of these birds down. At present, if a boy was seen with a nest, he was taken up by a policeman and punished. The preservation of birds had been carried too far. The Blackbird and the Thrush were not only pests to fruit-growers, but they injured the public by making fruit scarce and dear. The public would have to pay for this sentiment in the end. Other members of the Club (according to the "Manchester Guardian") wished to have the Sparrow, the Woodpigeon, the Thrush, the Blackbird, and the Starling included among the farm pests to be attacked.

KING GEORGE AND HIS BIRDS.

His Majesty's Aviary at Buckingham Palace.

It is not generally known that our Sovereign King George V. is a great bird lover and possessed of a fund of knowledge in ornithology. He has an aviary of small birds—Canaries, Gouldian Finches, Diamond Sparrows, and Banded Finches principally. When he was Duke of York this aviary opened directly out of his dressing-room. When he removed to Marlborough House the aviary was in a room adjoining his bedroom, and it has now been moved to Buckingham Palace, where it stands in an apartment close to the King's.

His Majesty's favourite bird, "Joey," a Cockatiel, is (says the "Daily Mirror") very ill at present. It is Joey's privilege to be the King's constant companion. He sleeps in the King's bedroom, and by day is free to disport himself untrammelled by bars.

Found in the gardens of Marlborough House some years ago, he at once attached himself to his Majesty. Of a morning he perches himself on the King's finger or on his shoulder, and chatters in the soft, crooning calls of his breed.

Every now and again he interrupts himself to exclaim in a curiously human and unparrot-like voice, "Poor Joey," "Poor old Joey," or even to venture on the audacity of calling his Sovereign master peremptorily by his Christian name.

Recently Joey was found by the King to have suffered injury, probably as the result of flying against the window. His left shoulder was damaged. At first the King attended to his pet himself, but as the bird got no better expert advice was called in. It was then found to be too late to operate, and the poor little bird's condition is grave. He is being watchfully tended by the most skilled expert obtainable, but it will, in the most favourable circumstances, be a long while before he recovers.

It was with great regret that the King was obliged to leave his little pet behind when he went to Windsor, but Joey's condition precluded all thought of his travelling. And daily his Majesty telephones for information as to Joey's health.

A WELSH FANCIER HONOURED.

A meeting was held at Parry's Temperance Bar on April 20th, 1911, writes Mr. J. T. Lloyd (assistant secretary), at which we gathered together to show our appreciation of the services of our worthy secretary, Mr. A. H. C. Legg, to the Mid-Rhondda Cage Bird Society. We presented him with a nice oak framed photograph of himself, and I had the honour of presenting him with it. I briefly pointed out the good work our worthy secretary had done for us, and the gallant way in which he came forward to save the society when it was very nearly stranded through our late secretary leaving us at an excessive speed. I was proud to be able to say that Brother Legg and a few more real fanciers had put their shoulders to the wheel and brought the society to a safe harbour again. Mr. Legg replied briefly, and said that he felt proud to receive such a beautiful present, and that he could not help coming to the rescue when he saw his help was needed, although he held office elsewhere at the same time. He felt proud that we had such faith in him, and that we had presented him with this grand photo of himself—something, he said, he could look upon with pleasure in time to come. He hoped the society would continue to have the same confidence in him in the future as at the present. Our worthy chairman, Brother Jelley, also spoke, and said he was sure that if things had been a little better in the district (Mr. Legg would have had something even more valuable, but he knew our worthy secretary realised that a little given with a free heart was better than a lot given grudgingly. We had a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting, in the course of which Brother Morris gave us a grand lecture. (A photograph of Mr. Legg appears upon our front page this week.—Editor.)

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A CAGE RACK.

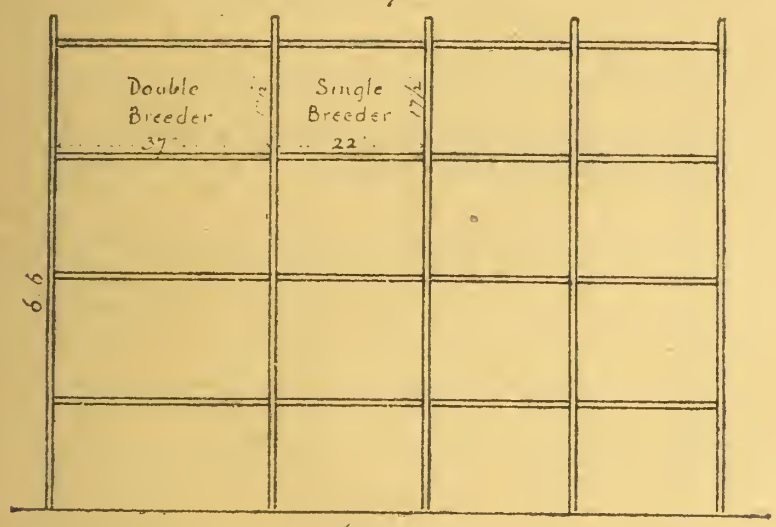
A Cheap and Easy Way to Make and Fix it. . .

By H. NORMAN
"Cage Birds" Artist-in-Chief.

In this series of articles, breeding cages (single and double), nest boxes and pans, nursery cages and travelling cases have been dealt with, their making, etc., illustrated and described.

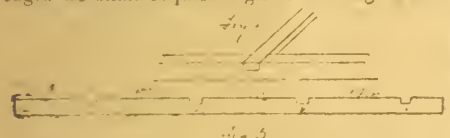
The young novice who has followed the advice given in previous articles upon constructing breeding cages must continue his carpentering exploits and make for himself a rack on which to stage them in his bird room. I know well enough that a cage rack is not absolutely necessary, and that cages can be stood upon one another and some of them placed upon shelves or even hung upon nails driven into the wall. But to the careful and methodical breeder these makeshifts are far from satisfactory. In the breeding room all about us should be as neat and as tidy as possible, and seeing that a simple rack, such as I propose to show the way to construct, adds greatly to the smart and tidy appearance of the room and is, moreover, a very inexpensive affair, it seems to me most young fanciers would desire to make one and have the bird room and its appliances well up to date.

Fig 1



The average fancier is not a house-owner, but generally a tenant, and not always a tenant of one house for many years; consequently the staging I shall propose will be one that is as easily removed as his cages: the fancier will therefore be able to take his staging to his new home and refix it quickly, getting his new birdroom into order in a very short period.

We will presume that we require a rack for, say, a dozen cages, nine of them single breeders and three of them double ones. As we require our staging to be strong and movable we must make it of fairly stout wood, so I think we had better make it of ordinary slate battens, which can be procured of almost any length, and is generally two inches wide, by ¾ of an inch in thickness. To stack a dozen cages we shall require eight 9 ft. lengths and



ten 6ft. 6in. lengths, and an extra length for odd purposes. It is possible we may have to buy our wood in greater lengths than will be required: in which case the extra length can be dispensed with.

First proceed to make a frame as in Fig. 1. Take one of the lengths measuring 6ft. 6in. and mark off 16 ins., this will be the distance from the floor to the first cross-bar. Having done that, cut off a piece the width of the bar and fit it in fairly tight as in Fig. 2. Now measure off 17½ inches, and make another cut for the next bar; and so on, fitting all four bars at equal distances of 17½ inches, as in Fig. 3. Cut and fit all five uprights in the same manner, laying them side by side so as to mark correctly, or our frame will not be square when completed, and then we shall have trouble to get the cages to run in their allotted places easily.

We have allowed 37 inches between the uprights for the double breeders, and 22 inches for the single ones; this gives about an inch to spare each side, so that there is no difficulty in getting hold of the side of the cage to take it out of the stand where required.

When we have completed our work we screw together, putting in two one-and-a-quarter inch screws in each joint on the two outside uprights and one in the centre ones. Of course, one can use nails if desired, but screws are better if the frame is to be taken to pieces later on.

Having made one frame, proceed to make another exactly like it. Now we fit the two together, being careful to have the joints at the back so that our frame shows a good face. Cut off ten pieces eleven inches long, and screw one at the top and one at the bottom of each frame so that they stand wide enough apart to receive the cages and other cross pieces as shown in Fig. 4. Stand the frame against the wall in its proper position and fix it by means of screws through the bottom pieces into the floor. Now, to keep it rigid the top will have to be made fast to the door post or window frame of the room. This can be done either by a bar of wood, by a stout wire, or by an angle iron.

If the rough slate batten is used, this will make quite an inexpensive affair. The fancier can, if he likes, plane it up a bit before making; and give it a couple of coats of paint when finished. But if he uses it in the rough, he can give it a coat of creosote, which will turn it a dark brown, and will help to keep down insects. The whole cost of wood, screws, etc., will not be more than five shillings.

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*The Friendly Sparrow.

Last week we put out our Canary, and were surprised to see a Sparrow bring it a worm. We hung it out the next day, and it brought it another one. Then we told our neighbours, and they began to hang theirs out, and the Sparrow fed them every morning, but it always came to ours first.—Sent by W. Mather (age 13), Market Street, Rainhill, Lancashire.

*A Pet Canary.

Our neighbour has a very tame Canary. Although they have a lot of children, it is never afraid. One day lately it flew right outside, and perched on top of our house. The gentleman came out and just held out his finger and whistled, when Dickie came down at once, and went in with him as if he were quite glad to get home again. It always gets flying about the house, but that was the first day it had gone outside.—Sent by Nettie Sharpe (age 11), Cora Linn, Union Street, Motherwell, N.B.

**A Robin and a Rat.

One day a gentleman was walking near a farm in Cornwall, when he was attracted by the strange antics of a Robin, which was flying round and round. When it saw that the gentleman had noticed it, the Robin began fluttering off in the direction of the hedge. The gentleman followed, and found in the hedge the Robin's nest, with a huge rat devouring one of the little ones. At this disturbance the rat scurried away, but not before the man had given it a good whack with his stick. The Robin then began to rain pecks and blows on it as punishment, and when it had finished the rat had scarcely strength to crawl away. Then the Robin perched on a twig and poured out a thankful song to his deliverer.—Sent by Ella F. Wright (age 11), 109, Great Western Road, Glasgow.

First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping. . .

By H. J. FULLJAMES

(Continued from page 366.)

Those who can give up a room for the keeping of a number of foreign birds are in much better case than those who are limited to a large cage as their only available accommodation. If the birds have the whole room for their flight, the window should be fitted with a removable wire frame, so that it may be opened in fair weather, and such a contrivance is advisable in any room in which birds are kept, for it may happen that even if the birds are in separate cages one may at any time get loose, and escape through the open window if it is not guarded by wire.

Domestic Murmurings.

The floor should be covered with well-fitting oilcloth or linoleum, and a fillet of wood about an inch in depth fixed on the floor in the door opening, will tend to keep in stray seed husks and sand, and preserve the amenities of the household. I have in mind an enthusiastic fancier, and I believe there are others, who would not adopt this simple device, and, as a result, there were frequent murmurings and complaints of the "messiness" of bird-keeping from the members of his family who had not such keen interest in the birds, as had the master of the house. There should be no need of such complaints, and a little consideration on the part of the one most interested would save a lot of friction. I, myself, have had as many as three large rooms entirely given up to my birds, and no trace of their occupation was ever visible in any other part of the house.

The walls of a birdroom should be covered either in enamel paint, or washable distemper, not with wall-paper, and no perches should be driven into the walls, or the birds will soon peck away the plaster at the perch ends, and make the room unsightly.

Quite the best form of perching convenience for small foreign birds is furnished by twiggy shrubs growing in pots or boxes, which may be changed, as necessary, and a few swinging perches made of curtain rods may hang from the ceiling in convenient places. Nest boxes of various patterns should be placed about the walls, as far apart as may be, and, if the room be not overcrowded with birds, many little surprises in the way of family additions will await the owner.

In such a room the ever necessary bath is best given in the shape of a shallow vessel of zinc, stood in the centre of a much larger one, leaving quite a foot all round. The large tray will save much mess from the birds' splashings, and those who have never seen the delight of a number of foreign Finches in their daily ablutions will have little conception of the shower which they set up when they are all bathing at once.

Seed is best given in hoppers with glass fronts and small feeding holes, the trouble being that most of these have no tray underneath to catch the husks thrown down by the birds. This may be easily remedied by tacking a shallow cigar-box to the back of the seed hopper in such a way, that its front and ends project beyond the front and sides of the hopper. If this simple device be adopted, scarcely any husks will find their way to the floor.

Mice are a frequent trouble in bird rooms, and care must be taken that the seed hoppers are placed where these pests cannot reach them, for they not only eat the seed, but contaminate what they leave, and many mysterious deaths are due to seed poisoned by the evacuations of mice. The seed, as bought from the corn-chandler, is not always without suspicion, for mice are as much a nuisance to the corn-chandler as to the bird-keeper. I remember once being supplied by the local dealer with some canary-seed, which smelt very strongly of mice, and the seller admitted that his shop was infested, but he said that he thought the seed was all right so long as he winnowed away the husks left by the mice!

As already mentioned in previous instalments, only canary-seed, white millet, and spray millet are necessary as stock seeds for any seed-eating foreign birds; the brown or red millet which forms so conspicuous a proportion of most packet seeds, is absolutely only so much waste. It has no dietetic value, and is not eaten by the birds.

An Appreciated Addition.

Although seed forms the daily bread of all Finches, yet a small tray of soft food should be provided, for most of the birds like a little of this, and if breeding is going on, it is absolutely necessary for the proper rearing of the young. This is best made up in some quantity by taking equal portions, by weight, of ants' cocoons, of the best quality (no others are of any use whatever), preserved yolk of egg, and either "dried flies" or finely powdered silk-worm pupae. To this mixture should be added an amount of powdered sweet biscuit equal in weight to the whole, and the material so prepared will keep indefinitely, only needing to be slightly moistened in some way before offering it to the birds. There are several ways of doing this, and either may be adopted as a change—a little water, or boiled potato, or grated carrot, or lard or dripping may be added to the stock mixture, taking care it is not made sloppy; in consistency it should be what is called "crumbly moist"; that is to say, it should be damp enough to just hold together if squeezed in the hand, but dry enough to fall to pieces in the food vessel.

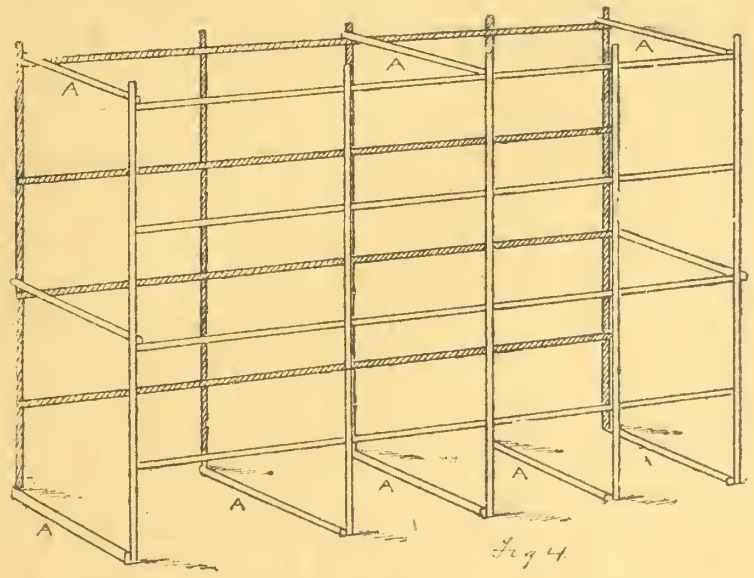


Fig 4.

Food moistened with lard or dripping has the recommendation of keeping useable for some days after being mixed, but with the other moistening mediums only sufficient for one day's supply should be mixed at once, and any remaining uneaten should be thrown away next morning. For other feeding extras the reader is referred to the instalments of this article in our issues of March 25th and April 1st.

If there be an objection to the turning of an entire room into an aviary, a portion of it may be wired off from floor to ceiling, with a wide skirting board at the bottom to keep in seed husks and sand, and with a door just large enough to admit the owner. The side of the room facing the window should, if possible, be chosen, and the wire partition may be either of 3-8 inch wire netting, strained on a wooden framework, or, preferably, properly made panels of stout cage wire. If the latter be used, a much better view of the birds will be afforded if the wires be placed horizontally, instead of vertically, as in a cage front. It is curious why this should be so, but the difference is very marked indeed.

(To be continued.)

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red else.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

An Aviary.

Semper Fidelis.—It is quite a matter of individual taste whether you have the netting in front 3ft. 6in., and the boarding 2ft. high, or vice versa. Personally I should prefer the greater depth of netting as giving a more fitting appearance to the whole. There are one or two other points you do not mention. First, I see no provision for ventilation in the covered-in portion. This should be remedied by having a space about five by eight inches cut out of the end at the back near the roof, and covered on both sides with perforated zinc, fixed so that the perforations are not in juxtaposition. Second, the skylight over the wired flight is neither necessary nor advisable, unless the front is so closely blocked in by building that light cannot get in that way. If the front is only moderately open to the light, discard this skylight and make the roof solid. See that the position is quite free from damp. Norwich should do well in it or Borders, Common Rollers, or Yorkshires, but whatever you get, you must procure hardy stock that is quite inured to normal conditions of life. I take it your intention is to have the birds flying loose, in which case six hens and two cocks will be quite sufficient to stock it, and for these hang about not less than ten nesting sites. Common German travelling cages, with the short bars removed, are excellent for this purpose.

Tied on Perch.

Teardrop.—The condition of the bird's claws point to its having left its youth behind it—perhaps a good distance in the rear, and that being so, I fear its condition is quite irremediable. The overgrown claws are certainly the cause of his awkwardness, and, to a great extent, his inactivity, and you should cut them back to a normal length at once. First, well soak the feet in warm water, and wash quite clean; dry them, then hold the foot between the tips of the thumb and forefinger, with one claw at a time drawn out. Hold up the claw before a strong light and you will see a small pink streak penetrating a little distance down the centre from the toe. That is the blood-vessel. Nip off the claw a little short of the extreme end of that streak, and all will be well. Do one at a time, keeping the others securely protected in the tips of the thumb and finger. A pair of nail scissors is the best implement for the job. For the rest, read reply to "Constant Reader, Pendleton," and carry out all instructions given there as to general treatment and avoidance of causes. For one week give plain canary only, with a fair supply of green food daily, and the whisky, salts, and potash mixture named in the reply referred to every second day. For the next three weeks afterwards feed as advised in the reply, and give in the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Cold, Seed and Books.

L. L. M.—(1) The cock is suffering from a catarrhal cold, which is not unlikely to be due to a draughty position, and may also be largely accountable for the nests of clear eggs. The cock was clearly not in the proper condition for mating, in addition to which you put them together much too early, and have thus quite spoilt your season with them, as you should not, in any case, take more than one more nest from the hen this year. See that they are in a fairly comfortable place, quite free from draughts, vitiated air, and extremes of temperature. Give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and sweet spirits of nitre, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week. (2) The staple you are now giving (three canary to one summer rape) is the only stock mixture you need make up. More elaborate mixtures are neither necessary nor advisable for general use. As an occasional change, a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, and millet, one part each teazle, black rape, and broken groats, and a half part each of maw, gold of pleasure, and linseed is as good as anything you can get to give a pinch now and again. (3) Get the parts of "Our Canaries" already issued, and the remainder as they appear, and "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., for general information. For information on all breeds of Canaries, get House's "Canary Manual," 1s. 2d., and for Yorkshires, Battye's "The Yorkshire Canary," 1s. 2d. Our Manager can send you all these post free at prices named.

Colour Feeding and First Moult.

Financier.—(1) To colour-feed from the nest get the purest tasteless feed you can obtain, and avoid any which seems to contain an excess of added oil. The correct proportion of hot pepper to use for this purpose is absolutely nil. Use the pure cold pepper alone. Make your egg food with equal parts of bread crumbs, crushed sponge cake, and egg, and begin when the birds are five or six days old to add the colour food to the first feed you give each day, in just sufficient quantity to commence with to give the egg food a decided pink colour when the whole is well blended. Gradually add a little more each day, until by the end of a week you have it a brilliant pink or salmon colour, and then begin to add the same strength to the evening feed as well as the morning feed. Continue this until the plumage is full grown. It will not be necessary to add colour to any fresh feed you give during the daytime. The first moult begins, as a rule, from about the middle of August to September, and not at any definite age. The earliest broods will probably be quite 3 months old when the moult begins, whilst many of the later-hatched birds will barely reach two months old when they start moulting. Only the small body feathers are shed, the tail and larger wing feathers being retained until the second moult.

Nests and Crippled Young.

Invicta.—You omit to say in what manner the young are crippled in wings and legs when they leave the nests, so I cannot presume to speculate upon the cause. Very few hens which successfully rear the young would be likely to be so clumsy as to sit upon one or two so heavily as to maim them in any way, and if they did, it is most highly improbable that the same birds would be the sole victims of her clumsiness during their helpless period, so you may discard that theory. If you thought a hen sat heavily or two closely, a nest egg, or an unfertile egg left in the nest among them for the first week would be a sufficient protection. Certainly a large hen should not have the nest reduced in size with the object of protecting the young, but rather the reverse. The nest for any

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size hen should be a nice cup-shape, not too deep, and of such diameter that she can sit in the cup and turn quite round pivot-wise in a comfortable manner, without disarranging sides of nest. Watch a good hen building her nest and you will see how she manages to do this, and you may take the proportion of herself and her nest as a standard for others. Do you remove the eggs as laid? If not, it is quite possible that the crippled birds are the last to hatch out, which get crushed underneath their elder brothers and sisters, and never get a fair chance in life.

Swelling of Tongue.

E. G.—I confess to being a trifle nonplussed as to the actual condition of a bird with a swelling on its tongue, that coughs and sneezes a little, and always has its beak open; and the details you give do not help to elucidate the case. What is the swelling like, and what colour; and how big is it, and what part of the tongue does it appear to grow from? These are points I should like information upon. Also, are there any fowls about in close proximity suffering from diptheritic roup? You may try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if that does not have a good effect, write again and give full particulars on the above points. First of all examine the mouth well, and if there are nodules of cheesy-looking growths about the tongue or inside the beak, remove them with the end of a match stick trimmed to a chisel-shaped point. After removal cover the place with flowers of sulphur by means of a small camel-hair pencil. Keep cage and perches, and all food and water vessels, scrupulously clean, and the floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk, the size of hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, and in the first week also dust it slightly with flowers of sulphur each time before putting on the sugar. On the alternate days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw. Give a daily supply of dandelion, chickweed, or groundsel tips, but see that they are grown and gathered in a quite clean condition. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together, every second day for a week.

Ceased Singing (Ignoramus).—Glad to hear "Canary Breeding for Beginners" has determined you to start this interesting hobby. If you follow the advice given there you will not go wrong. It is quite a common occurrence for cocks to cease singing, as you say, when mated. There is nothing wrong, and he will certainly start singing again when once more caged by himself.

Swelling on Abdomen (Pickwick).—Sorry the dislocation over Easter prevented a reply in last issue. I still think you would do well to follow the treatment advised in my last for at least a week, and then dissolve twopennyworth of citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, and give 20 drops of this in the water daily for a week to brace up the system. If the blab contained fluid it would probably have been absorbed before now. It is just possible it may be an air sac, so if it has not disappeared you may try pricking it superficially with a perfectly clean needle.

Opinion on Seeds (E. V. D.).—The Canary is extremely small, and of rather poor quality. Its only good point is that it appears to be bright and clean. The rape is black winter rape, only of use in a general way for large coarse seed-eaters. A pinch occasionally as a change will do Canaries no harm, but it is not suitable for regular use. The hemp is thoroughly bad, and unfit for food for any kind of bird.

More Samples (X.N.).—The Canary is a nice large, clean, and sweet seed of first-rate quality. The hemp is also a very good all-round sample, quite above the average I have examined of late. The rape has probably been badly stored, and has every appearance of being infested with mites. It is a sample that I should totally reject myself.

Seeds (W. E. C.).—No. 1 packet is a sample of good quality summer rape—quite good enough for the best class of birds. No. 2 is a mixture of about four or five parts rape-like seed—which I fancy is known in some parts as bird turnip—to one part canary. Both kinds are of very fair quality. I am not quite clear what you mean by wanting to know their relative value. If you mean which is the best as a staple food, I should say at once that neither packet is at all suitable for such a purpose. As a staple diet for Canaries, get some good sound canary seed and mix three parts in bulk, with one part of the summer rape, as in No. 1 packet you sent, and this will form a thoroughly good and serviceable staple diet.

Unfertile Eggs (Unfortunate). — By unfertile I assume you mean the eggs were "clear," and presented the same appearance as a newly laid egg. It is not possible to say with certainty what was the cause of this, beyond the fact that they were not impregnated by the male germ. It may have been the snaps of winterly weather which put the cock out of condition temporarily, or he may not have been in good breeding condition when mated. It is quite likely the next clutch will be better. To assist towards this end give the pair of birds a teaspoonful of egg food every second day, sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold pleasure seed, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Give two or three leaves of dandelion daily.

Out of Song (Constant Reader, Pendleton).—You are probably keeping it in an unfavourable position, and perhaps feeding it incorrectly. Keep it in a bright airy place, in a box-cage for choice, and see that it is quite free from draughts, and extremes of temperature, and not exposed to the heat or fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Also see that the cage is perfectly free from red mites—his constant picking of his body is very suggestive of these pests being troublesome. Having attended to all these points treat as follows for two or three weeks: Staple diet, a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a week, and twice a week afterwards, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry mixed in it and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, and on two other days each week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. Give a spray of chickweed or leaf of dandelion daily. In a teaspoonful of pure honey well mix as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, as much grain of Paradise as will cover a sixpence, and reduce all to a soft paste with a sufficient quantity of finely powdered biscuit, and give a piece of this the size of a pea-nut stuck on the wires twice a week. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whiskey, ten of glycerine, and a pinch of Epsom salts for three days.

Egg-food Substitutes (H. M.).—Sorry, but it is impossible to make invidious distinctions of proprietary foods here. It would raise a hornet's nest about our ears, and be very unfair too. Lots of people have done well with all the best known foods which you may see advertised in our columns. In addition to this you will find the best known substitutes given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which you say you possess, and in "Our Canaries," details of practically every known serviceable method of feeding is given. The best staple food for Yorkshires is a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Egg food should be an addition to this, and not vice versa, as you should not make egg food a staple diet by any means. Altogether you had better read up the information on feeding generally in the books referred to, then you should not go wrong on any point in feeding.

Altered Aviary (F. Thompson).—Very glad to hear the alterations in your aviary have had such good effect, as I expected would be the case. There does not seem to be really any great need for further structural alterations, as you may, of course, have the door open in calm or sultry weather. If, however, you do not mind the little extra outlay, there is just one more point which would probably make the place as perfect as it can well be. That is to super-impose a second roof of boards over the present one with a space of two inches or so between them. To do this, nail a lath two inches square down each side of the roof on to which nail the boards to form the second roof. Leave the bottom edge with the open space between the two roofs and leave the top roof an inch short of reaching the extreme top in order to allow a free passage for air to circulate between the two layers of boards. Whitewash, or paint, with white, the top surface. This should give you an ideal roof for the hot summer months.

Asthma and Gas (Fulwood).—Yes, it is quite possible for a bird to be affected with a type of so-called asthma more or less through the cold, damp days of winter, and then apparently get all right in the spring. It would be more properly called catarrh, and with the advent of a milder, dry atmosphere in the spring, the chief exciting cause disappears, and the bird naturally recovers its usual healthy condition. The remedy lies in keeping such a bird in a comfortable, dry place during the winter months, and quite free from draughts, extremes of heat and cold, or vitiated air. If it is now quite free from symptoms, active and vigorous, and not breathless when given a little flutter round the cage, there is no reason at all why you should not mate it if you wish. Being in a room where gas is burned will not necessarily make a bird suffer from asthma or wheeziness. It would do so if the bird was hung near the burner, where it was affected by the fumes, and also the heat when burning, or near the ceiling where all the foul and vitiated air collects, or in an ill ventilated or cold, draughty place; but not otherwise. And in the same circumstances any room, whether with or without gas, would produce the same effect.

A Mating Problem (Market Cross).—The Border cock and Roller hen should produce some nice, shapely birds, though they should not be more diminutive than either parent, which, however, cannot be described as giants. If the young are tutored under a good Roller cock, they should make very good singers, better than pure Borders, but not so good as pure Rollers. The opposite mating—Roller cock and Border hen—would have rather better than this. Although it cannot be called a very unusual cross, it is much less common that a Roller-Yorks, or Roller-Norwich to breed good-looking singers. The apparent squabbling between the Border and Norwich on their second mating is most likely due to the cock being in a little higher condition now owing to the season being more advanced and timely. The three clear eggs in first nest show he was not in very good condition then. This quarrelling and fighting, as you call it, is simply the usual manner in which most very vigorous birds woo their mates. It is not only possible, but very probable, that the eggs will prove fertile. Let them paddle their own canoe, and don't be too inquisitive, nor interfere with their arrangements.

Curious Hen (Confederate). — She would be a curiosity indeed to be healthy, as you say, and yet have the symptoms you describe. She is very far from being healthy and vigorous, and is, in fact, a hen I would not care to breed with. If she has not started nesting, separate her for a fortnight or so, and treat as follows: Keep in a comfortable place, quite free from draughts, impure air, or extremes of temperature. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, not more, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Give a spray of chickweed or two dandelion leaves daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and every second day for another week afterwards. On the alternate days in the latter period give 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. If the symptoms have quite disappeared and the hen is quite active you may try mating her again.

Maw Seed and then Moulting (J.A.).—The sample of maw seed is of just fair average quality—in no way exceptional, but quite good enough for use. I cannot tell whether the hen you recently purchased and which is now moulting will be in a fit condition to breed with this season. So much depends upon the cause of the moulting, the general condition of the hen, and her age. Keep her in a quite comfortable place, free from all draughts and foul air; give a little egg food or crushed sponge cake every second day, and mix in it four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion. On the alternate days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw and a few grains of hemp. Give a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel daily for a week. Staple seed diet: Three parts Canary to one part rape. Do not pair her until she is quite fine in feather and all traces of moult have disappeared, and she is quite sprightly and active and calling to the cock. At best you may not be able to get more than one nest from her this season.

Keeping Eggs (Non-Sitters).—If the eggs are kept in a small box or similar receptacle well covered with bran or meal, and kept in a cool, but not very cold, place, and given a half turn morning and evening, they will keep quite well for a week or so. After this time they begin to lose their virility, take longer to hatch, and produce more or less weakly chicks. The actual length of time that must elapse before they quite lose fertility depends largely upon the health and vigour of the parent birds, as well as upon the manner in which they are kept. Some will retain almost full virility for a fortnight, but I consider a full week the only quite safe limit to keep them. You did quite right to set the clutch of eggs under the second hen, and assuming they were fertile when laid, and you stored them properly, they have probably hatched out all right by now.

Loss of Voice (Birdie).—I cannot at the moment lay hands on my previous reply to your query, and do not remember all the details of it. You may, however, treat the bird for two or three weeks as advised to "Constant Reader, Pendleton," and then report result. In the meantime I may turn up the former reply, and will, if necessary, advise you further. I would not yet regard the loss of voice as permanent, although it is quite possible it may be so. You should take the utmost care in removing and avoiding all the ordinary causes which lead up to the vocal loss, as suggested in the reply to which I have referred you. The season of itself would not be responsible for the loss if the particular exciting causes were avoided.

Crest-bred Hen Ill (Mac.).—I suspect the hen was not really egg-bound, but suffering from an inflamed condition of the ovary due to the sudden snap of cold affecting her just as she was rapidly coming forward for laying. I have generaly found a hen after being affected in this way to be sterile for the rest of the season at least. Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and then if she seems in good condition and anxious to mate you may try her again. Staple diet, plain Canary only. Every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts summer rape, black rape, inga, and millet, with a slight sprinkling of yellow mustard added. Give a spray of chickweed or young tips of groundsel daily. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whiskey, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day.

A Stand-offish Hen (Interested). -You cannot justly describe a hen as out of condition when she sets to when mated and builds a nest and lays five eggs, and probably would have sat them had you allowed her to do so, even if, as you say, she would have nothing to do with the cock, the latter being, as you again say, in very fine breeding condition. If your ideas are correct then I imagine he must be a very "faint heart" indeed. As a matter of fact, I fancy the only fault lies with yourself, in being too meddlesome and presuming to know more than the birds themselves. You probably do not know how they have managed their affairs in the early mornings, and with a quiet, steady-going pair, it is quite possible for mating to take place unobserved any time, and had you allowed the hen to sit the eggs I think it is quite likely the result might have proved to your satisfaction that the hen had not really been so stand-offish as you supposed.

Effect of Vibration (Novice).—Most certainly. I do consider it worth trying again in such circumstances as yours. It is most unlikely that the vibration caused by passing trains will have the slightest effect in preventing the eggs hatching. Lots of fanciers breed successfully in even less favourable spots as far as proximity to a railway are concerned. A moment's thought of the number of wild birds that rear their broods on a railway embankment should suffice to convince you that too much importance may be attached to the effect of vibration. You omit to say whether you opened the eggs that failed to hatch. I should imagine had you done so you would have found them "clear," and, then, the obvious cause of their failure to hatch would be infertility, doubtless owing to the cock being out of condition. See reply to "Unfortunate" on this subject.

Flabbergasted (F.V.).—Though very brief and lacking in details, your query is truly a staggerer, as the immortal Dick Swiveller would have said. You say you paired up five pairs of last year's Canaries, all from the same nest, with the result of over 20 eggs which have proved an utter failure. To be literally correct this implies a most exceptional brood of ten young, with an equal division of sexes. I fancy there is a little slip of the pen somewhere. I suspect the eggs failing to hatch is owing to infertility, possibly due to the snaps of cold about the time they would be laid. You should treat the birds as advised to "Unfortunate" before they go to nest again. By the way, if your pairs are brothers and sisters, even if they come from separate broods, you would do well to exchange half of them, in order to make up each pair with two unrelated birds. This close in-breeding is not advisable, especially when you have no definite object in view.

Not Sitting (Trouble done).—There is no good in arguing with a hen when she makes up her mind not to sit. The only rational proceeding is to transfer the eggs to another hen if one is available, or distribute them amongst two or three which have eggs that are at the same stage of incubation or very nearly so. Do you leave the cock with this hen while sitting? If not, you must do so next time and see how that plan works. Some hens will not sit when the cock is removed, though they may be model sitters as long as they see him in the cage with them. Very frequently, however, such a hen refuses to feed the young when hatched, so that it is still advisable to endeavour to have a foster hen available in case of need. The staple for Rollers should be two parts Canary to one part rape. If the hen has quite forsaken the nest, give her a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw on the alternate days. Give a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

Aviary Queries.

H. Harry.—The aviary is well arranged, and should prove a success; but it is no use planting trees and bushes in a Budgerigar aviary. Keep the open portion of flight part turfed and the other part sown with oats, wheat, Canary, etc.; this will introduce green growth and supply wholesome food for the birds. The aviary would accommodate about 20 pairs of Budgerigars and Lovebirds, 1 pair Cockatiels, 1 pair Rosella Parrakeets, 1 pair Red-crested Cardinals, 1 pair Californian Quails (suit your aviary better than the painted). Watch the advertisements, and if you see pairs of Laughing Thrushes, Ouzels, or Blackheaded Sibias offered, try and secure a pair of them. All are handsome birds, full of character, and interest, and are about the size of Blackbirds or a little smaller, and require much the same treatment. They are not common, and their value is 60s. to 100s. per pair. Wishing you a very successful season. If I grasp your diagram aright, I take it the back of roofed-in portion of flight us close boarded; in such case, with the combination of the shed, no further protection will be necessary.

A Weak Grey Parrot.

Reeves.—No bird can stand draught for long, but your dietary has also been at fault. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scrap or any kind of animal food whatever. For the present confine its dietary to boiled maize; a seed mixture of Canary, white millet and a little hemp; also ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit—a little potato and vegetables may be given (without gravy). Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. After the boiled maize is prepared add 10 to 15 drops of chemical food, and continue this for a month at least. You can give a little weak whiskey or brandy and water, but I should not give the milk. Give several doses of Dinneford's magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ounce of water—with three days between the doses, the bowels should move freely, but not watery-loose; on the intermediate days tell colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Bathing the nostrils with tepid water might give relief, but a dilute solution of glycothymoline would be better. Bathing the legs with tepid water, dry with cloth and then paint with neat whiskey might give some relief, but the bird must be kept out of draught. In lieu of the tea sop, give a little bread or biscuit moistened in chemical food and water. The hot bran met the sudden need, but it should not be continued indefinitely.

An Ailing Parrot.

Mrs. Caird.—Do not give tea sop, instead give a little bread moistened in chemical food and water. In addition to the seed mixture, give ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. Supply the following seed mixture: Two parts each Canary and white millet seed, and one part each hemp, oats, paddy rice, sunflower seed, and grit, well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone continually in the cage. Every other day for a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (about two tablespoonfuls), and on the alternate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. The bird must be kept warm and free from draught. You need not stint the fruit, it can have a piece twice daily, but it will be better without the milk pudding; after the first week only give the magnesia every fourth day with the chemical food in between. If the bird becomes very weak a few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) will act as a stimulant. Please report progress a fortnight hence—at once if the symptoms should become aggravated.

A Recovered Parrot (A. Reaney).—Pleased to hear so good an account of your bird, and if you continue to diet it on wholesome lines there should be no further relapse. Keep a close watch that its bowels move freely for the next few weeks, and for another two or three weeks it would be well to give the Chemical Food in the drinking-water three or four times a week.

What Bird (E. D. C. D.).—I have at last heard from my friend near Bathurst, and he confirms my reply of March 7th last, that your birds are Serins, in fact Green Singing Finches—there is however considerable colour variation with this species, according to locality they come from, and again the depth and extent of the bright colour varies according to the age of the bird.

What Birds (F. W. Barrett).—No. 1 evidently Silverbills, a pretty African species, which should breed with you. No. 2 evidently Striated Finches, an Indian species, which breeds fairly freely in captivity. Both species should do well on Canary, white millet, millet sprays, and green food, with a little of some good soft-food mixture when they are feeding young.

Ricebirds Dying (Unfortunate).—These birds are so hardy and as a rule enduring even with rough treatment, that unless your cage stood where a draught passed through it, I am at a loss to account for their death. Will you kindly give me further particulars, when did you buy? How long journey had they to make when coming to you? What was the state of the weather at the time? How long did they live with you? If you will kindly give me what details you can re the above I will try and give you a useful reply; at the present I could only wildly guess.

Birds to Keep with Budgerigars (W. H. K.).—Rosella Parrakeets are largish birds, with brightly coloured plumage, hardy and enduring, and would breed when adult and had settled down. Blue-winged Lovebirds (Passerine Parrakeets) and Madagascar Lovebirds, could all be included, the latter need a branch of a tree with leaves on put in, they strip off the leaves and bark and line their nest with same. I have also found the Moustache Parrakeet quite harmless in the same mixed company. A pair or couple of cocks of Red-crested Cardinals could be kept for variety, though I do not think these would breed, but the total change in colouration and form makes them a welcome variety.

An Excited Grey Parrot (J. G. Glasgow).—Dissolve 5 grains of bromide of potassium in the drinking water (one ounce), and repeat this during periods of great excitement, but not oftener than once a week, and three or four doses should suffice. Much of the excitement you name is natural. I should certainly spray the bird twice weekly with quassia solution for a month at least. Give several doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in one ounce of water—with three days between each dose. Diet: seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, with grit, cuttlebone, and water. If anything is lacking, please repeat query. Our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you.

Will It Cross? (Hopeful).—I take it the Lovebirds advertised are Madagascar Lovebirds; if so, the cross is possible, though patience may be much tried before the event comes off. In my aviary, in 1908, I had an odd cock Madagascar among a crowd of Budgerigars, and nothing occurred that year, but in 1909 I saw it was mated with a hen Budgerigar, and a clutch of eggs was duly laid, incubated, and one youngster batched out, which unfortunately died when eight weeks old—at that stage it most resembled the Budgerigar—but the beak in form was a combination of the two species; therefore, what has already occurred may be fairly reasonably expected to occur again. Wish you luck.

Which Parrot? (E. Berry).—Either a Ringneck or Moustache would suit you best, both are handsome; the former is, I think, the most noisy, and also, as a rule, makes the better talker, but many individuals also do a lot of screaming; the latter is quieter, but inclined to be dull, but a tame, well-trained bird becomes very charming. A seed mixture is Canary and white millet, two parts each, and one part each of grit, oats, paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seeds, well mixed together; and keep a continuous supply in the cage; also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, also water for driuking and bathing. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Green Bulbuls (Tavistock).—It is only safe to keep one pair together at any time. The female is a trifle smaller than the male and her beak is more slender; her forehead is paler, as also are her upper and under tail coverts; the area of black on her throat does not extend so far back as that of the male, and she is generally a little less lustrous than the male—the above distinctions would only apply to adult birds. I should not think of subjecting this species to outdoor treatment in the winter, they are loose feathered birds, and though neither tender nor fragile, should be brought indoors about mid-October. At the same time they can bear quite a low temperature indoors without discomfort, as during severe weather my birdroom often falls to 35 deg. F., and my Bulbul is becoming quite a veteran. In fact they need very little more than the protection of four walls, and they certainly would be quite comfortable with a night temperature of 45 deg. F., with a slight rise during the day.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Managing a Hawfinch.

Tinker.—Many show Hawfinches are colour-fed, without a doubt, but it is no use giving colour-food except during the moult. Berries (haw, black, privet, etc.), should be given as well. The principal food is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, or mixed sunflower and safflower. Give this, and a mealworm or two every day or so; the bird asks for little more (though the sunflower should not be given alone). The mealworms should be given direct from the fingers; they are a great help in keeping (and getting) a bird steady. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, Canary, oats, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc., beechmast, suitable nuts (walnuts, etc.), plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries, and the like. They appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's-purse, also ripe apple, pear, etc., occasionally. They love tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable; daily, if possible. The free use of water is the finest possible thing to keep him in good condition.

Goldfinch & Breeding Condition.

Novice (Swansea).—Your bird ought to be singing well now. Still, the Goldie is naturally a late breeder, May generally being the month he selects to "keep house" in. House-moulted birds come into breeding condition earlier than those in field plumage. Feed your bird on the following lines: This is the seed mixture I am using at present for my own Goldies: Teazle four parts, Canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, summer rape half part. Sunflower and safflower I crack lightly by passing them through a seed-crushing machine, and give a little now and again. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure, and cornflower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds I have found by long experience help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads are essential also, to bring them along into breeding condition. When they are in full, vigorous song, and drooping and spreading their tails and wings as they "sway" to and fro on the perch in the manner so peculiar to this species, then Goldfinches can be looked upon as "fit" for pairing up, especially so if they have a clear beak (free from any dark mark at the tip of the upper mandible).

Cheap Food for Large Softbills.

A. T.—Glad to hear you have joined the British bird ranks. I hope your Blackbird will turn out well. The cage mentioned is a fine one. My "cheap" method of feeding Thrushes, Blackbirds, and the like, is as follows:—Get a bag of some good brand of puppy meal, or dog meal, such as Spratt's, or Clark's "Melox," from a corn dealers, thoroughly soften this with hot water, then mix into it some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture; it should leave the finished food just crumbly moist. You will soon find the right quantity of each to use for the daily supply (it must be made fresh daily), and find it very cheap. Variety is good, of course, and you should give some vegetable or green food with it frequently, such as grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some live insects, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. If necessary, crush the "Melox," or whatever brand you use.

Pairing Up.

T. Whitehead.—If muling couples have not been running together through the winter or early spring, it is certainly wise to exercise a little care in their mating up. The simplest and most straightforward way, when double-breeding cages (I strongly recommend them) are in use, is as follows:—The Goldfinch and the hen Canary should be introduced into the double breeding cage, having the wired slide down the centre—that is, one bird in each compartment. When the hen begins to carry nesting material about in her beak, and appears to be looking for a receptacle in which to deposit it, hang up a nest-box, withdraw the slide, and let the Goldfinch run in with her. Before this takes place, I fancy you will find him (it, as he ought to be, in condition) both sing to her and feeding her through the wires. A great deal more depends on the proper mating of Muling (and other) couples than the majority of breeders seem to credit. Some do not even seem to worry about whether the birds are in breeding condition; when they think the time has come for them to breed, pop they go together. Then there is trouble should one of the twain happen to be rank and its partner contrariwise. Of course, some Canary hens seem as though they absolutely will not accept the attentions of cock British birds; such are rare, it is true—but I have had them myself, and so has many another fancier. Still, it often happens when two birds are rushed together, and one of them is not ripe for breeding, that serious fighting ensues, which embitters the couple for the rest of the season.

Trouble with the Hens.

Young Fancier.—You must not get down-hearted yet awhile. Your hen Canaries may come into breeding form with a rush, and pop up a nest in a very few hours. Did they moult well; and have they wintered well? Important points, these. It is, however, much too early to let "cries and lamentations" be heard; you have plenty of time yet. Put a piece of cuttlefish between the bars of the cages. Give a teaspoonful of egg food every day to each bird, also let the hens have a few small tender dandelion leaves, also seeding heads, every day. Also mix maw, hemp, and niger seeds in equal parts; put a teaspoonful in the cage every other day. This treatment should soon put a different complexion on matters, especially if the south wind and the sun should stay amongst us. The best "tonic" is saccharated carbonate of iron. It is readily eaten, mixed amongst the egg-food. Get a small supply from a chemist, and mix three grains (he will show you how much this represents) in each teaspoonful of egg-food. Keep it up for a week or ten days, at least. It is in no sense harmful; it is a very fine thing, in fact, for weakly young birds, as well.

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Mother and Young.

Novice, Newcastle.—The hen does not want too liberal a diet when engaged in incubating the eggs. Still, I think it wrong to throw hens back on to an unvarying diet of canary seed; that is unnecessary, and, I think, even harmful. When incubating the eggs, put only plain canary seed in the hopper, but give on alternate days in the egg drawer, a tiny half-teaspoonful of egg bread, sprinkled with maw seed (one day) and a half-teaspoonful of mixed hemp and summer rape (the next day). When the young are due to hatch, I give the hen, to feed with, plenty of canary and summer rape seeds and lightly cracked hemp seed, with a little shelled sunflower seed. I offer ripe seeding green foods, such as chickweed, and shepherd's purse, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked (just sprouting) rape, I don't use scalded rape only that soaked in cold water, frequently changed. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day—nothing like variety to induce hens to "pack" their babies. Egg bread, made by well mixing an equal quantity of crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale "standard" bread crumbs), with a minced hard-boiled (twelve minutes) egg, must, of course, also be freely offered. Any hen worth her salt will rear fine, lusty young on this menu. When the young get about a week old, add a little fine oatmeal to the egg-food, and when they commence to pick up for themselves, let them have medium or coarse oatmeal amongst the soft food you give them. They pick this up freely, and thrive splendidly on it.

Foster-mothers.

Puzzled.—The provision of "foster-mothers" is a bit of a trouble in some cases, I admit. But two or three healthy, cheap hen Canaries (either Norwich, Borders, or Rollers), need not take up a deal of space. And, you can certainly utilise any hen Mules, if you choose to keep them. You will find that hen Mules will accept the attention of male birds (whether other Mules, or of some distinct species) in the same matter as do other hen birds. However, the eggs they lay prove unfertile—in 99 cases out of 100, anyway— I did not always trouble to provide with a mate the hen Mules I intended using for foster-mothers. Give them a nest and some building material, and they will, when they feel they must (so to speak), put up a nest and commence to sit. It hurries them up, however, when one permits them the attentions of some high-conditioned, pushful male bird. I always found hen Mules—most of mine were small to average-sized Goldie-Canaries -- devoted mothers and excellent feeders. A lot of latitude is permissible in the changing of the eggs, etc. For instance, I have put eggs under a hen Mule, which have hatched out and she has fed and brought up the young quite as if that were the usual thing. They are not particular as regards sitting a day or two over time, either.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Foreign Bird Plates (T.F.).—Yes, back numbers of "C.B." can be obtained containing plates of foreign birds, price 4d. each, post free.

Remarks (W. Lilley).—We are pleased to receive the notes sent; and we thank you for the invitation, which we may one of these days be able to accept.

A Photograph (E. H. Jeacock).—We are much obliged to you for sending this excellent photograph, which we will reproduce in the near future.

A Query (Smithfield St.).—We cannot decipher your name. We understand the answer concerning the Parrot crossed in the post your card to us.

BE ON THIS "GOOD THING."

If you were starting out on some business undertaking, how glad you would be if only you could command the advice and guidance of those who had made that particular business their life-long study, and had achieved fame and made great names for themselves in it. Would not the opportunity of getting such advice make you simply jump for joy? Of course it would. Well, to collect the advice and set out the methods of the leading breeders and exhibitors of every known variety of Canary has been our aim when compiling "Our Canaries," absolutely the finest and most complete work of its kind ever projected. Although issued at the very low price of sixpence (post free 7d.) per monthly part, "Our Canaries" contains the accumulated knowledge of all the most famous Canary breeders of to-day, and the most sumptuous and skilful coloured plates and art illustrations ever put before fanciers. If you want to succeed as a Canary breeder, then take the shortest cut to success and at once order "Our Canaries" from your newsagent, or write us direct to Cage Birds Offices, 154, Fleet Street, London. "Our Canaries" has already astonished, pleased, and aided many hundreds of bird-breeders. Let it assist you, too, during the season now at hand. Part 11 is now ready. Order it to-day.

Wild Bird-Life.

The Coming of the Willow Wren.

The few days of warmth and sunshine have made a considerable change in the aspect of the countryside. The woods have lost their coppery tint, and refreshing patches of green show where the young leaves are pushing their way to the light and heat. The foliage is badly wanted to give shelter to the thousands of birds that will soon be nesting in the hedgerows and thickets. Nests of Blackbirds and Thrushes are plentiful, but not one pair in a hundred will succeed in hatching and rearing their young. The rifling of birds' nests appears to be quite as popular a pastime for the rising generation as it was in years gone by, in spite of fresh teaching and Acts for protection. Many of our migrant birds should be with us by now, but although the writer has been daily in the open watching and waiting for the first arrivals, very few up to the time of writing have been recorded, and these have been species one would hardly expect to be seen first. On the 19th, the wind blew strongly and somewhat cold across the downs; and seeking the sheltered side of a wood in the hollow where the birds were singing gaily, with just a thought that a visitor might possibly be among the singers, we listened for a time to the Blackbirds, Thrushes, and high-piping notes of the Hedge Sparrow, also the cheery song of the Robin, who added his voice to the chorus. Mingled with all this bird music, one could occasionally detect a strange note, not unlike the Dunnocks, but far sweeter. For some time it was impossible to catch the complete strain. Presently there came a lull in the chorus, and then the bright, cheerful little song of the Willow Wren filled the air. Although his song has but little variety, it is one of the brightest and sweetest we have, and is somehow always associated with spring sunshine, budding leaves and flowers. He is a fearless, happy little fellow, and with a very little care one can stand under a tree or sapling, and watch him searching each branch and twig, peering under the bursting leaves for early insects, stopping occasionally to bubble out his merry little song. Evidently a batch of these charming warblers had come to cheer us, for the very next day more were heard in the gardens down in the valley.

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Correspondence.

A Linnet Problem.

Sir,—Would any reader of Cage Birds kindly tell me the best way to steady Brown Linnets, as I have one or two that are singing, but always jumping about. Is there any particular food they should have? Novice.

Fife Shows and their Judges.

Sir,—Referring to "Fifer's" Letter, which appeared in Cage Birds of April 15, I agree with him, and think it would be better for some of the Fife societies to engage Fife judges instead of always running across the water for them. We have as old fanciers, and I am sure they would be willing to act as judges at any of our Fife shows, and would draw just as good an entry as any other judges. I would mention one or two names of, I am sure, capable men:—Messrs. J. Arnott, Kirkcaldy; Geo. Arnott, Kirkcaldy; D. Baird, East Wemyss; W. Reid, Falkland; J. Lawrie, of Lawrie; V. Welsh, Buckhaven; T. Spence, Methil; J. Mackie, Markinch. These are only a few we have in Fife, and I am sure if our societies were only to give them a trial they would not regret it. A Fife Exhibitor.

Early Linnet Mules.

Sir,—Having noticed the reports in Cage Birds on early Linnet Mules, I just pen you a line re the experience I have had with a cock Linnet. I have had it six months. It has a blood red breast. I put it in a cage with a Roller hen, and she laid her first egg on January 22, laying three altogether, hatching them all out on February 7th. One died when a week old, but the other two are on the sticks and doing well. I have paired the same Linnet up to four more hens. One hen died on the nest; two more are sitting on five eggs each, and the fourth has just built her nest. I think this beats the record. I will write again and let you know the results of the other three hens. I think I can claim to lead with the first Linnet Mule for this season. Can any other fancier go one more than this? If so, I shall be pleased to hear, through your valuable paper, Cage Birds. So I don't know where the pining comes in, as some fanciers say they do when the hens are sitting.

H. Lees.

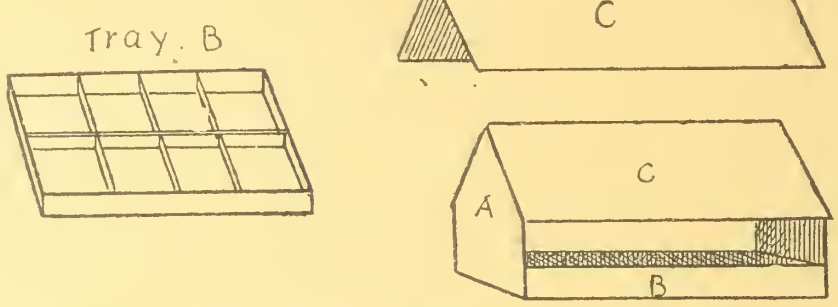
Bird Lovers' Ramble Around Rochdale.

Sir,—For many years I, along with two birdy friends, have seldom failed to take our Sunday morning rambles in the country during all kinds of weather and throughout all seasons of the year. Even during the cold winter months we can always see something to interest us; large flocks of Fieldfares visit us each winter, and besides the Robin and Hedge Sparrow, we often see the Blue Tit and Jenny Wren, whilst Larks, Starlings, Thrushes, and Blackbirds are plentiful with us all through the winter. Large flocks of Plovers visit us in the autumn, and remain throughout the winter. Formerly these birds bred in this district in large numbers, but of late years only three or four pairs have remained with us throughout the spring and summer. During the early months of the year we are on the lookout for our spring visitors. During the month of February we noticed the Pied Wagtail running along the bed of the shallow stream. The Brown Linnets, which left this district on the approach of severe weather, return in the month of March. During this month we notice the Titlark and Greenfinch, also the Yellow Wagtail, hunting in the newly ploughed fields. In April we observe the Stone Chat, the Wheatear, the Yellow Hammer, the Chaffinch, the Swift, Swallow, and Martin. The Chiff-Chaff and the Willow Wren arrive about the middle of this month. We often hear the sweet song of the Warbler before we see the tiny bird itself, but we seldom hear the Cuckoo before the first Sunday in May, generally in the woods on or near Tandle Hills, about which time we see the Whitethroat. By the second week in May all our spring visitors appear to have arrived, with, perhaps, the exception of the Landrail. This is a bird we often hear but seldom see, and it never arrives in this district until the grass is well grown. The Skylark is undoubtedly England's most popular song-bird, as well as being the most plentiful. We have often seen half a dozen or more soaring around at one time, and we have often watched these birds rise from the ground and soar upwards until they appeared a mere speck in the sky; then they descend and alight within a few feet of where they arose. Being lovers of Nature generally, we notice the growth of the vegetation, the budding of the trees, and the arrival of the early spring flowers, the first wild flowers to greet us being the yellow coltsfoot and field daisy, followed a litlo later by the celandine, marsh marigold, wood anemone, and many others. But what interests us most are those wild plants likely to be of service in the bird-room. Week by week we notice the growth of the young leaves of the dandelion, chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, plantain, knapweed, thistle, etc., so that as each plant comes in season we know where to find it; and during the spring, summer and autumn months we seldom return from our ramble without bringing some tit-bit for the birds. There are not now so many different species of birds in this district as formerly; for which there are many causes. During the last thirty or forty years a great number of large cotton mills, with their tall chimney stacks, have been erected all over and around the town. Also, when I was a youngster, many of the farmsteads had large orchards attached to them; but now there is scarcely a large fruit tree to be seen for miles around. Again, there used to be large hedges surrounding the fields, crowned with hawthorn and holly growing eight or nine feet high; but now the hedges have gone, and wooden hurdles have taken their places. Living on the south side of the town, we generally take a south, east, or westerly direction, though a few times during the season we take a ramble to the north side of the town, and visit Healey Dell, Carr Wood, and Ashworth Valley, justly termed "the beauty spots of Lancashire." During the summer months these places are much frequented by picnic parties from the various schools for miles around; they are also haunts of the field naturalist, bird life being fairly plentiful, and are also rich in botany. Occasionally we extend our rambles a couple of miles, and go by Hollingworth Lake to Lydgate, and Blackstone Edge. Along the valley leading from Hollingworth Lake to Lydgate birds are very plentiful, but, with the exception of the Grouse, an occasional Ring Ouzel, or Stonechat, the moorland from Lydgate to the top of Blackstone Edge is almost destitute of bird life, though we sometimes see a few Terns on the sheet of water behind the White House. A country ramble is all the more enjoyable when you have an object in view. During our rambles we often meet parties of young men who do not appear to notice anything around them, but walk aimlessly along. When I see such parties they remind me of the lines which formerly headed the meeting bills of the Rochdale Botanists' Society, which, quoting from memory, were these:—

"There are thousands who walk o'er this beautiful earth
From the cradle to the grave not knowing its worth;
They see things around them, yet they coldly pass by
Without ever asking the wherefore or the why.
But the silent observer is never alone;
A companion to him is a leaf or a stone.
He wonders, examines, and he studies to find
Their value, their use, their nature, and their kind.

I will conclude by giving the names of a few birds which used to be plentiful in this district, along with the local names by which they were generally known:—Magpie, Picnot; Missel Thrush, Shredcock; Song Thrush, Throstle; Fieldfare, Felfare; Blackbird, Ouzel; Starling, Shepstart; Landrail, Grass Drake; Swift, Long Wing; Yellow Hammer, Yerkin; Pied Wagtail, Water Wagtail; Stone Chat, Stone Smatch; Whin Chat, Youtick; Bullfinch, Nope; Greenfinch, Greenjoey; Goldfinch, Red Linnet; Chaffinch, Spink; Skylark, Layrock; Titlark, Cheeper; Plover, Tew White; Brown Linnet, Gorse Cock; Lesser Redpoll, Chitty; Twite, Moor Linnet; Hedge Sparrow, Blue Dunnock; Whitethroat, White Robin; Willow Wren, Chitty White Wren; Jenny Wren, Stumper; and Blue Tit, Blue Cap.

Levi Butterworth.



A Handy and Cheap Feeding Trough.

Sir,—I have made a very handy and cheap feeding trough, suitable for an outside aviary where several kinds of seeds are required. The cost is one penny. Buy a halfpenny box (a Fry's chocolate box will do) and small pins ½d. Size of box about 10in. by 8in. by 4in. First cut the lid and bottom off, except a thin strip about ½in. Now cut ends as at "A." You will thus have a tray with two ends, "A." Now cut one long strip of wood ½in. wide to run down centre of tray "B" and six small pieces to form eight feeding places. Now, with the piece of lid and bottom you have already cut off form a portable top, "C." Lay this on, and you have completed the trough.

Ebenezer Cromwell.

The Hand-rearing of Blackbirds.

Sir,—Seeing in Cage Birds a letter by "Nimrod" about Blackbirds, I would be very much obliged to him if he would tell me where I went wrong with the nest I got last year. I brought them home when they were ten days old. I fed the birds on puppy biscuit, yolk of hard-boiled eggs, made with milk. They fed well, until they got big, then they started chirping, all the time running about the cage bottom. They would not eat, and refused all sorts of food, and I lost them. As they are my favourite, I would like to be able to rear them from the nest. Blackie.

A Beginner's Canary Breeding Experiences.

Sir,—Being a new beginner, I thought I would write and let you know how I am getting along in the Fancy. I bought one pair of Yorkshires (a buff hen and a self yellow cock). I put them together, and the hen laid six eggs. She sat them and hatched four young ones; one egg proved clear, and the other disappeared after the hen had sat four days. Then when the young ones were three days old the hen fluttered off the nest and dropped dead. Her body was black as coal and her head wet. She had egg food and bread crumbs mixed together, and the best Spanish Canary seed and summer rape seed. I thought it was all up with the young ones, but the cock bird still fed them, and they are all out the nest to-day (Saturday), and the cock bird is still feeding them on the perches. They are going on nicely. They will be three weeks old on April 24th. The cock bird is a last year's bird. One of my pit mates came and looked at them this morning, and he said he had never seen better and bigger birds in his life; and he is an old fancier. I never had a bird in my life before this year. I am having good and bad luck. I bought another pair of Yorkshires, which I have had for six weeks. I paired them, and the hen paired all right, and made a nest with the help of the cock bird. She also sat in the nest for three days, but there were no signs of any eggs. I told my mate of it, and he told me to give her some castor oil and put some olive oil on her vent. He said she was egg-bound. A Miner.

[Our correspondent, "Miner," should keep a copy of Cage Birds Annual by him. In it he will find given the full treatment of egg-binding and other ailments which affect birds. —Editor.]

Lancashires and Lizards of To-day and Yesterday.

Sir,—I notice that "John Henry" is still asking for Mr. Fuller to give a lecture and bring a few specimens. He could learn more from Mr. Adams, Mr. Turner, Mr. A. Harden, or Mr. Fitton, of Oldham, in ten minutes than from a week of lectures from Mr. Fuller. As for some of his specimens, you will usually see similar in the bird-shop windows in a small wicker cage, 2s. 6d. a couple (Coppys 1d. extra). It looks hard lines for the Lancashire and Lizard Fancy to ask a 33-year novice to come and teach some of the young champions. I was sorry my last letter did not please Mr. Fuller. He seemed to think it all twaddle. His letters have been very good—so full of honesty. He seems to think Mr. Barber Clegg cannot teach him anything. He has heard Mr. House and Mr. Compston lecture; they did him no good. He laughs and smiles at others. So I think your readers will see that we have one good old fat-headed fancier to deal with in Lancashires. Mr. Fuller suggests getting Mr. T. Fitton, of Rochdale, to give a lecture. Perhaps he means Mr. T. Fitton, of Oldham. Mr. T. Fitton, of Rochdale, has not been born yet, and Mr. T. Fitton, of Oldham, has not sold out. He still has some good ones. You ask if I know that Mr. T. Fitton was the first to introduce the Crest into Rochdale. It would not be news to me if Mr. T. Fitton's great grandfather introduced the Crest into Rochdale, for I believe there were Crests in Rochdale even before that time. It will be news if you can tell me who introduced the Crest into the Germans; also into the Mules. I know where there are a few of these kind birds in Glossop. You say Mr. Fitton could tell the young breeders how those mongrels were bred that Lady Ripon showed, with black heads, wings and tails. That, however, was in the good old painting and faking and mongrel breeding days. You say the members of L. and L.F.A. must have thought you knew something, as they wanted you to judge the Club Show, but you did not want to judge, you wanted to show. I believe you did show in the novice classes. Did you win? No. You ask the Editor to give you space so that you may let his readers know that you know something. I ask him also—even if he has to make a double number of it. I am sure it would cause a sensation if you wrote about when a 33-year novice bred his first winner! I do not wonder at you saying Mr. Dewsnap's day has gone by, when you tell us you have thirteen out of sixteen birds of Dewnap's strain. What have you done with your own strain of 33 years' pure breeding? As to any of your friends writing to me to "show you up," you do not want anyone to show you up, you do that for yourself. As Mr. Fuller keeps drawing the names of other fanciers into his letters who are my greatest friends (I would be the last one to cause any ill-feeling amongst his or my own friends), I will gracefully retire, unless it suits my purpose to answer him again. I will be pleased to attend any lectures or anything else to hear Mr. Fuller's views. He will find my name and address in Cage Birds Annual. Alex. Donnelly.

Is it a Record in Canary Breeding?

Sir,—I notice in Cage Birds a correspondent wishes to know if he has made a record in breeding young birds in 20 days after pairing. I should like to say that on March 24th I paired a couple of last year's birds, and on March 26th the hen laid two eggs. On the 29th, she laid her fifth and last egg. On April 11th she hatched three young ones out of the five eggs. This therefore beats Mr. Speakman's time by two clear days. I might add that the young up to now are doing well. This is my first attempt at breeding. I wish Cage Birds and all its readers every success.

H. Sayles.



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Defeating Egg-eating Hens.

Sir,—This is a thing I have found useful, as no doubt will some of your readers. I cannot draw a square nest pan or nest box, but they will grasp the idea when I have explained it. I let the hen build (or make a nest myself and place it in the nest box), and then I get a piece of flannel and cut five holes in it large enough for the eggs to drop through. This I tack to the nest box, and the eggs drop through the holes in the flannel into the nest. But mind and do not make the holes too big; also don't leave the flannel too slack, so that the hen can reach the eggs. I am sure this method will be a help to someone.

A. Weedall.

The Pegging of Chaffinches.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent "Pink," who asked me in your April 1 issue of Cage Birds to explain the whalehone twig I recommended to Mr. Grantham for pegging Chaffinches, I might say that this kind of twig is no good for any other purpose but the pegging of Chaffinches, as it forms a nice stout and bendable twig, which is required. But it is too stout to lime such birds as Goldfinches and Linnets with. I think if "Pink" uses the bristles out of a stiff broom or even thin wire cut into short lengths he will find it much better than the grass he uses. I have used both bristles and wire with equal success. Also, in answer to Mr. Grantham, who asked me to tell him how to train Chaffinches to sing covered up, I might say that if his Chaffinches were singing stout when he started to cover them up, he will have some difficulty to get them to sing. I always get my Finches when they are "branchers," that is, in their nest feather; and I keep them until I hear them recalling their song. Then I start to cover them up, and hang them out in the air on fine days. They will get used to the handkerchief and come into song just the same. It is best to have an old bird to teach these young ones to sing, as they come into song much quicker. When you have once started to cover them up, never put them out of doors uncovered, or that will spoil them. You can uncover them indoors, but cover them up whenever you put them out. Also, hang their cages on the clothes line, or somewhere where they can swing about, and then they will not take any notice of being carried about when you want to use them. A seed mixture of two parts Canary, one part flax, and one part German rape, with a little hemp seed each day, is all the feeding they should require.

A. Woodruff.

Notes on Woodpeckers in Canada and the States.

Sir,—I am herewith enclosing you a few notes on the largest of all Woodpeckers in the world, thinking they might be of interest to many of your readers. I have copied them from a paragraph that appeared in "Grit," a paper published in Williamsport, P.A., U.S.A. I may also add that we have a similar Woodpecker here in Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada I have taken several examples while out hunting (for mounting purposes). Its name is the Great Black Woodpecker, and it is identical in every detail to the one mentioned by Burnham, with the exception it's a lot less, being only about the size of a Wood Pigeon. Its colours are black, mixed with white spots, and it has a rich crimson crest, which it can raise at will. It has the same notes, shrieks, or squeaks as ascribed to its larger brother. This bird is not very common. Another variety of Woodpecker which is much more common here is a bird about the size of the European Missel Thrush, and greatly resembles the Missel Thrush in colour, only its colours are richer brown. It is spotted with round black spots on breast, same as the Missel Thrush, only the quills of all its feathers are deep red—a very beautiful bird. Another example of Woodpecker here is a bird about the size of a European Starling. This bird resembles the two largest varieties, being black in body colour, spotted all over with round white spots, and it has also a red head. In conclusion, I may say there is a large variety of Woodpeckers and Tree Creepers here in the large forests, but it is a difficult task to describe them properly unless you shoot them for a proper examination, as the bush is so thick and the trees so high. The extract from "Grit" is as follows:—It is a pleasant life that Graham Burnham has led for many years in Oklahoma. Burnham is an Indian with a white skin. A long time ago he built a hunting lodge of big logs down on the little river, and denned up to enjoy the delights of the wilderness. It is doubtful if anybody knows more about the fauna of Oklahoma than Burnham. He is acquainted with the haunts of all the furred and the feathered dwellers of the forest, and keeps his eyes open for such strangers as wander to this latitude. Perhaps his most pleasing discovery last fall was a pair of ivory-billed Woodpeckers, a male and female, which he mounted and sent to the Bureau of Biology in Washington. The ivory-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*), says Burnham, is the largest type of the Woodpecker species in the world. It is twenty inches long and of beautiful black and white and red plumage. Formerly quite common over the Gulf States, it is now found only in Eastern Oklahoma and remote portions of Florida. A brilliant crimson crest adorns its head. Its note is a two-syllabled shriek or squawk, sometimes resembling the screech of the domestic hen; hence the frequent name of Squawk Hen. The ivory-billed Woodpecker is much more destructive to trees than the common Woodpecker, as he is greater in size. He not only strips dead trunks of bark, but frequently bores a hole in a solid live tree for his nest, in which from three to six glossy white eggs, about an inch and a half long, are hatched.

John Nicholson.

Late of Flimby, Cumb.

A Police Court Case.

Sir,—Would you allow me to ask any of your readers who have had dealings with a London man going under the name of Warwick Williams, or Warwick Raynor, to please write me? I may say that he is now at Macclesfield Police Station on a charge of obtaining birds under alleged false pretences. He has been remanded for seven days. Three or four persons have lodged charges against him.

32, Longacre St. J. Brooks.
Macclesfield.

The Keeping of Blackbirds.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Hopkinson on the way to preserve the Blackbird's tail, I have not had any of the broken-tail variety; all my Blackbirds are hand-reared, and they have a large cage (a Quaker Oats box) to get round in. I daresay by giving them a large cage to sport themselves in, they do not damage their tails; at least, mine never have. Now, a little tip as to how I bathe my Blackbirds. I have a tub three feet long by 18 inches wide; I fill it up with water (rain water, if possible), and put two pieces of wood across it, one level with the surface and one three inches lower than the surface. I take the false bottom of the cage out, and then put the cage across the two sticks. The bottom of the cage will, of course, be on the slant; one end will be in about three inches of water and the other will be dry, so that the bird can walk into the water to what depth he likes. If there is a warm sun shining, dry him in the sunshine; if not, "square" the missus to let you dry him in front of the kitchen fire. Don't forget to scrub the perches, also the false bottom of the cage, before you put them back; and put a good thick layer of sawdust in the bottom of the cage. I may also state that I put one pennyworth of quassia chips in the bath overnight to soak; it not only keeps the red mite down, as regards the bird, but it improves the polish of the plumage of the bird. In fact, I have nothing but praise for this. I hope these few hints will be acceptable to Mr. Hopkinson; also to other readers.

H. J. Ford.

Some Experiences of a London Crest Breeder.

Sir,—On turning over the pages of last week's Cage Birds it was a great, unexpected, and an agreeable surprise to see that you had considered my hen worth noting in your celebrated and up-to-date paper, for which I beg to thank you. She will be two years old in July next. Her first appearance was when she was shown in the South-West London C.B. Society's pair show in 1910. In the breeding season she had a clutch of five eggs, all full, and hatched under a feeder. The feeder's eggs were transferred to her. The feeder let hers all die, but this best hen brought up the three "feeders" and a yellow Crest-bred without a fault. The yellow Crest-bred is as good as anything I have seen as a young bird, but owing to an accident when about three months old he caught two toes in the wire and pulled out the nails and part of one toe, so much so that this prevented his appearance in the shows this last autumn. Referring back to the hen, she made her first appearance at Clapham in the open hen class, and was only commended, but in my opinion she was an easy third. Her next appearance was at Battersea open show, second. Please note this, that at this show she beat the third and other birds in the cock and hen class at Clapham, except Mr. Slade's beauty. So it quite confirmed my views that she was misjudged at Clapham. Her next appearance was at the London and Provincial O.S., being first and special there, as stated in your paper. Her next visit was to Wimbledon, where she was first and special in a mixed class. After coming from Wimbledon she did not appear to be the same. Whether the heat was too great I do not know, but she went partly into a soft moult, and this told against her at the Horticultural Hall, where she did not look as she had done, and I would not handle her too much to put her in show form, fearing that I might upset her for the coming breeding season. I am pleased to say she has now completed her nest, and I expect by the end of the week she will have laid her first lot of eggs for this season; and rest assured I shall let her hatch and rear the young, providing, of course, the eggs are fertile. Since cutting her crest and shortening her tail, she goes from one end of the cage (which is about 30 inches long) to the other. All my Crest hens feed well, and have not been at all sluggish or sleepy all through the winter. I have about twenty pairs of Crests, Yorkshires, and Norwich (about ten pairs too many). My cock Goldfinch is showing his wife (a yellow Cinnamon marked hen) how to go about preparing for her future maternal duties. My Siberian cock Bullfinch is carrying building material about. If I had the time and space, I should like to try my luck at breeding Goldfinches and Bullfinches in confinement. I am surprised that more country fanciers do not try to produce these specimens; I believe they could in time be produced as easily as Canaries, providing they were fed as near to nature as possible.

W. Lilley.

A Crested Canary's Remarkable Survival.

Sir,—These few lines may be of some interest to your readers. Last year I bought a pair of Crests—green crested cock and yellow Crest-bred hen. They had a nest, and reared four young ones. When these were about a fortnight old I was entering the bird-room about nine o'clock to see that everything was right for the night, and was much disappointed to find that the cock bird had by some means caught his leg in between the cuttlefish and the wire front, and was hanging head downwards, and there was blood on the cage front. I at once took it out—as I thought, dead. But as he was one of my favourites, I did not like to lose him without taking a little trouble, so first of all I cut off the foot and part of the leg which was broken, as it was no good trying to put it in splints. I then did the leg up with cotton wool as best I could to stop the bleeding. I then gave him a few drops of good brandy. Still there were no signs of life. He laid on the table, and everybody who saw him said he was dead, and called me cruel and suchlike. In the meantime I left the room for a short time. On coming back I found another friend of mine there; and, unknown to me (I did not learn if off him until a few days ago) he gave it two knocks on the head to kill it, as he thought it cruel for me to try to bring it round, which must have made matters worse. Notwithstanding all this, I would not be done. So before I departed for the night I gave the bird some more brandy, and wrapped him in a flannel; then I placed him in a small cage and put him near the fire. Much to my surprise, when I came down next morning, I found him out of the flannel and trying to get about on his one leg. I took great care of him for several weeks, and he began to improve. I have him yet, and can honestly say that of all the birds I have kept I have never had a Canary that could sing its equal. I have, I may say, had a lot of birds through my hands, having been a breeder for about twelve years. But the most amusing thing was that the Crested cock had never sung before his accident, and he is now as happy as he ever was. So good luck to the one-legged, one-eyed Crested cock, which must have been a very strong bird to have stood what he did, especially after losing such a quantity of blood. I am also pleased to say that my birds have just started nesting. I have, at the time of writing, three hens down on four eggs each. Four more are building, and one or two have one and two eggs each. I am also trying some hybrid breeding this year. These are the pairs I have together: Bullfinch and Greenfinch; Greenfinch and Goldfinch; and a very large Redpoll with Siskin. I have had these for some time, and they are quite settled down; so I hope to breed one or two good hybrids this season. I will let you know how things go on later. I must also state that I am a great follower of your valuable paper Cage Birds, and I always long for Saturday to come round, as I spend many an enjoyable hour reading it.

A. E. Jeffries.

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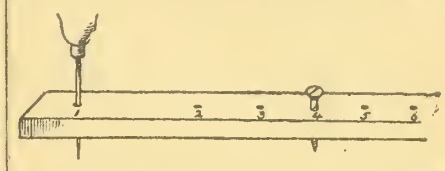
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Here is an idea for cutting round holes in cages, etc. It will cut any decent timber up to half-inch thick. First procure a piece of hard wood for preference 12in. long, 1in. wide, and ½-inch thick. Then you want a bradawl about ⅛in. thick, and a screw 1in. by No. 10. The bradawl must be filed on the taper and filed for about half-inch up to make it middling thin. You place the bradawl in hole No. 1 and insert a screw in any hole from 2 up to 8; then screw down tight to the

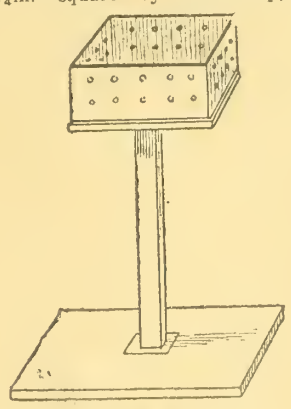


timber you want to cut the hole in. Then push the bradawl down about 1-16th of an inch. Then revolve the piece of hard wood on the screw, when you will find it will cut a treat. Push the bradawl down a shade as you find it cutting. When it has cut half-way through, reverse it, and you will find you have an expansive bit as good as if you paid 7s. 6d. for it—it will cost about 4d. to make. The holes 2 to 8 represent the centres of circles two inches in diameter to eight inches.—F. C. Seal.

No. 503.
A Mite-proof Nest-box and Stand.

Sent by Mr. A. Barnes, "Doric," Hughenden Road, High Wycombe.

I enclose sketch of a mite-proof nest box and stand, as made and used by me with every success. The construction of this stand is very simple, and the cost very small. The base of stand is 5in. by 5in. by 1¼in. thick. First make a mortise in centre, 2in. by 2in. by ½in. deep. In the centre of this prepare another mortise to receive the stem, which is 1in. square tenon stem; allow same to go through so that stem can be wedged on the underside of base piece. It will be noticed when stem is fixed in position there is formed at the bottom of the stem on all four sides a cavity or moat ½in. wide and ½in. deep; this I about half-fill with insect powder, which effectually bars the red mite from gaining access to the nest above. I make my nest boxes 4½in. square by 2in. deep, outside



measurement; these I perforate with ⅜in. holes, as per sketch. I make a shallow tray about ⅜in. deep, into which fits the nest box. I fix tray to stem at a suitable height, and then bore about 8 holes through nest box and tray for ventilation, and with the exception of two coats of enamel, it is complete. I enamel same colour as the interior of the cage. Place stand in cage, so that the nest box is quite 2in. clear from any part of the cage; by so doing, it prevents the red mite from getting at the nest, and also prevents the old birds from soiling the back or sides of the cage. The earthenware nest pan and wire hanger can be utilised instead of the nest box, but personally I prefer the nest box as I do not think the pans are sufficiently ventilated. I may add that I successfully reared all the birds hatched out, although I had to contend with what some would call a "sweating" hen.—A. Barnes.

Allow me to thank you for your life-like drawing of my wing-marked dark Crest, appearing on the front page of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, of April 22nd.—J. Marshall (Portsmouth).

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My Experiences in Mule and Hybrid Breeding.

By J. WORSLEY (Northampton).

Everything has a beginning, and this is how my Mule and Hybrid breeding experiences came about:—

I had one or two pairs of Canaries in a room in the house. One hen, a marked Cinnamon, wanting to go to nest early, I paired her, and she started laying before the week was out. She hatched four youngsters, fed them well for the first day, and then sat on them till they died—"sweated them," as it is termed. As soon as I took them away she started building again, and went through the same performance.

To say that I was excited with the hen is "putting it mild," as, being a novice, I thought it was entirely her fault; so in my excitement I took the hen and cage out of doors, hanging it so that it faced due north, with only the house that came back to ours to protect it from the wind. Having a Goldfinch, I put him with her, saying when I hung them up: "There, do what you like; I've had enough of you." Well, she soon went to nest and laid four eggs. I did not trouble to take the Finch away, as he did not seem to take any notice of the hen or eggs; but after eight days I thought I would look at them, when, to my surprise, I found three of the eggs fertile. I took the Finch away, and she hatched and reared the three, I having no trouble with her. She afterwards hatched and reared four more, and to show the difference in the hen, indoors to outdoors, I have watched her running after the youngsters, to feed them, when they seemed as if they did not want feeding; and persisted until they took it.

The Offspring of this Pair.

Amongst these seven Mules there was one which had a few light feathers. This fired my ambition for light Muling. Having a certain Canary book, I looked it up, and found I had to get some Sib blood. I bought a yellow Sib cock, and a yellow hen with a bit of Lancashire in her (I may say that my ambition was a clear yellow mule).

The offspring of this pair was two buff cocks, one buff hen, and one yellow cock. I paired the yellow cock to the buff hen. The offspring bred me several variegated birds. The best I put in a 12s. 6d. selling class at a show; it took third prize, and was claimed. The daughter of this hen bred me a nearly



"B" fits on "A." The strips of wood form a kind of fence to fix grasses, etc., in to screen the nest.

evenly marked mule, not good enough for strong competition; so I put him in a 30s. selling class at the Crystal Palace Show; that was also claimed, but I am still looking for my clear yellow mule.

A £5 Lure.

During this time I heard of the Greenfinch-Bullfinch cross, and it was whispered that you could get £5 for one of any description you managed to breed. I think I must have had an idea that it was easy to get them (I mean the £5). Anyway, as the parents were cheap enough to buy, I tried it, putting a pair in an ordinary breeding cage out of doors, simply with the wooden nest box in. The Greenfinch quickly made up his mind, went and sat in the box, and called to his mate. It was not very long before I saw them pair.

My excitement was at fever heat; I could hear the jingle of those gold coins in my pocket. This went on for some time, and I rose very early in the morning so as to save the eggs from getting broken (as the hen made no attempt at building). Alas! no eggs were laid; so one day, seeing Mr. J. Nason, I asked him if it were possible for birds to pair and then have no eggs. "Certainly it is," he said, and my hopes sank to zero.

To show how I felt, I did a thing that was very foolish—I took the hen with me into the country and let her go, saying, "If you won't breed any Hybrids yourself, go and breed some hens that will." I should not have done so, but should have put them in a larger cage, and possibly I might have been successful.

Another Strong Start.

Next year I went into it strong, buying another pair or two. One of the Greenfinches I bought out of curiosity; I had not seen one the same colour before, or even since. It was a thorough grass green. I did not know what effect it would have on the progeny—in fact, I did not consider it at all, simply buying what came first. But fortune favoured me this time: it was an ideal bird.

I put them into a cage 4ft. long by 2ft. high, and 13 inches from front to back. I placed the cage in a place built in the garden. For the bottom of the cage I used sawdust; I have tried other things, but find nothing is so clean as sawdust, which I have two or three inches thick. Underneath the perches (which are low down) I heaped the sawdust in ridges, so that the eggs might roll gently down. I fixed different nest boxes in the cage, but the birds did not take any notice of them.

The food I gave was Canary and hemp seeds, as I found that the only thing the Greenfinch would feed the hen on was hemp. As soon as I put any hemp in the cage the hen would immediately go to it, only to be driven away by the Greenfinch, who would eat as fast as he could; then, when finished, he would jump on to a perch, call to his mate, and feed her till it was all gone, then he would go and have some more for himself. He was a thorough gentleman.

With the hemp I gave plenty of green food. First, as I cannot get the buds of fruit trees, I give plenty of hawthorn buds, just before the leaves come out. Both birds will eat an enormous amount of these. After the hawthorn buds I give the heads of dandelions, just before the seeds are ripe. The more you can give them of these the better for the birds. The next best is shepherd's purse. You cannot give them too much of any of these three.

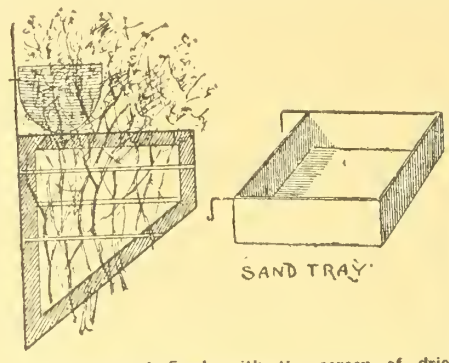
The Sand Difficulty.

Sand was a difficult problem; to put it on the bottom of the cage in any receptacle was only to get it covered with sawdust. So I made a box similar to a nest box, five inches square by one inch deep, and hung it on the inside of the cage on a level with the perches, by the same means that you hang on a seed box. I put a good layer of sand in the box to start with; then I added a good pinch daily. At the end of the week I emptied the box and gave them a fresh supply, as, although there was plenty left, the birds had had all they wanted out of it. I also gave them some rather large grit, as it is surprising what size grit the Greenfinch will eat.

This time the hen started laying, the first egg being dropped straight into the drinking water from a high perch, which I had unfortunately overlooked. Of course, it broke, and, what was most annoying, it appeared to be a fertile one. Out of the whole lot laid that season, only one was good.

The hen Canary I put them under sat for fifteen days, and, not knowing what to do with the fertile egg, I cracked it, and found to my sorrow I had been too hasty. It looked as if it wanted two more days to hatch it out, making seventeen days in all. Whether the hen had sat close enough I do not know, but I made up my mind I would never crack another egg, even if the hen sat for three weeks.

The same season I was offered a hen Greenfinch that had been reared by a Canary, and as I had not a cock Canary to spare, I put her with a very fine cock Linnet in an ordinary breeding cage. She was always carrying building stuff about, but never built a nest. Notwithstanding this, she laid several eggs in the nest box. Out of these I reared one young one—a cock bird—which showed the parentage well, but I did not think much of it, and exchanged it for a very ordinary cock Canary. That was another mistake of mine, for the next season this same bird turned out



Shows the nest fixed, with the screen of dried grasses; also the sand-tray mentioned by Mr. Worsley

a very fine one, being colour fed and taking a high place in the prize list at our local show.

A More Fortunate Season.

The next season I was more fortunate. The first round the hen Bullfinch laid six eggs, but only one was fertile. I put them under a little hen Canary, about the size of a Hartz Roller, but a good feeder. She hatched the good egg, and in about sixteen days the young Hybrid came out of the nest.

I was surprised and disappointed, for it was nothing to look at; in fact, I christened it "The Little Nigger" (There was a photo of one in Cage Birds birthday number of 1909, by Mr. R. J. Cook, but mine had a bit more of the Bullfinch look with it.) I made a big fuss of "The Little Nigger," and nearly spoilt it for exhibiting, for, instead of showing itself off, it would come to the front to see what tit-bit you had got for it. It used to amuse me when feeding, for the hen Canary, being so small, used to get her beak right in the wide beak of the "Nigger," and it would close it and pull her off the perch till she was almost afraid to feed it.

Fortunately, it was soon able to feed itself, but in the future I shall always have larger hens for feeding.

This one was reared upon the following food:—I took the yolks of four eggs and a piece of butter the size of a walnut and beat them up together, adding enough flour to make a cake; then I baked it lightly. When it is two days old you can start using it. It will keep a long time. It gets very hard, but you can grind it up and slightly moisten it. I grind mine in an old coffee mill (I might say I also put all my dried egg shells through the same mill).

An Exceptionally Good Bird.

The green stuff I used was the seeded heads of chickweed—no leaves. These I gave in small quantities three times a day from the beginning of the young one being hatched.

This bird turned out exceptionally good. I exhibited him at our show in a mixed class, "any other variety Canary or Mule," and he took third, a ticked Mule being first, a Cinnamon Canary second, and then mine, another of the same cross being in the class.

I was disappointed, and, being asked some time after whether I would sell it, I did so, asking, as I found afterwards, a third of its value. If I had only sent to Cage Birds for advice as to its worth, I should have had an unbiassed opinion, and three times the money. The next week he took first and special at Lincoln, and the same at Coventry the following week, and a lot more that season. The next season he proved to be the second best of his kind on the show bench, so I do not intend to get rid of a bird in the first season again.

A year or so ago for the first time I managed to get a hen Bullfinch to build and lay in a nest. The nest was made as follows:—One piece of wood five inches across by nine inches long, and a quarter of an inch thick. I nailed a piece an inch thick to this (see diagram); then took half a cocoanut shell. You can saw these in half with a fine-tooth saw. I nailed or screwed this on to the inch wood, and nailed it to the back of the other piece, clinching the nail at the back. I then lined the shell with a piece of felting, and gave the hen a bit of an old mat, a kind of cocoanut fibre matting, cut into four-inch lengths, and well loosened it. She used nothing else, but none of the eggs were fertile.



Under the White Rose.

BREEDING operations are now in full swing. The troubles and cares are, as usual, coming forward in strong force, and almost every fancier one meets has some knotty point to solve. The other evening I dropped upon a little party of fanciers, and had hardly got planted before I was questioned upon the treatment of egg-bound hens. The questioner had a hen that looked like laying, but after stopping in the nest a long time, without result, it had gone lumpy and mopy, and instead of sticking to the nest it had gone into the cage bottom. No doubt prompt attention would save it. Advice was given to grease the vent well—as far inside as possible. This can be done with the aid of a wing or tail feather and warm olive oil. Then hold bird over a basin of boiling water, a thin cloth being put over the top to catch the egg as it falls—an old pocket handkerchief is just the thing. A tale was told of somebody who had lost a hen—? egg-bound—that had already laid two nests of eggs, and was on with the third. I think it must have died of a broken heart. Since then I have heard the question raised as to how long the birds must be paired to ensure the eggs being fertile. Here it is best to be on the safe side, if at all possible, but I have known them all hatch after being paired only three full days before the first egg was laid. Looking in to see a breeder the other day, I was informed that a certain pair had been together, off and on, for a month, and that they could not be got to pair up properly. However, on examination, the supposed hen was of the other sex—he wouldn't breed many off these two! This is a thing that even the most experienced breeder can do, as many cocks are very shy, and will not sing or knock about, so that, naturally enough, they are put down as hens, and it is usually breeding time before they show up in their true colours.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C. held their annual general meeting on Saturday last at headquarters, the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Mr. J. Hartley, president, in the chair. A fairly large gathering of fanciers was present. Owing to illness one of the joint secretaries, Mr. Grayshon, could not attend, but it is expected he will soon be about again, as he is improving rapidly. Mr. Allen, however, had all things in order, and the business proceeded merrily. The balance-sheet shows a deficit, but this is caused by the non-payment of the members' subscriptions; when these are attended to there will be a balance, and a good balance, towards next season's work. The working members hope those at fault will attend at once to the matter. The completion of the audit and the passing of the balance-sheet were left over for a month, so that this matter could be looked into. Are fanciers aware that there is an agreement between the specialist clubs, etc., to deal with this point? I think a meeting of that special committee would not be amiss just now.

THE chief business was the election of officers, and here a well-merited selection was the choosing of Mr. R. Garnett to fill the presidential chair, a unanimous vote being given to the proposal. The competitions were fixed, and it was decided to run them the same as last year—champion, novice, and junior novice. It was decided to offer the patronage to societies on the same terms in regard to classification, four classes to be provided, to read same as before. Next came the question, always one to cause discussion, viz., "to star or not to star?" The decision arrived at was to star again, though the number to be starred was increased to four instead of three, this allowing one for each class to compete for the specials. A proposition was brought forward that the competitions do not start before the last Saturday in October, as it was thought the birds were not really ready before that date, but after a great deal of amusing and interesting discussion the vote was cast, and proved in favour of giving the patronage to the best advantage, to any show that applied, irrespective of date.

OPEN NORWICH Plainhead Club have sent out their ballot papers for the election of committee and vice-president, these to be returned before May 1st. Special note is made that the committee is wanted to cover as wide an area as possible, and as the town for each member is given this will be a simple matter. The other officials were elected at the annual general meeting held in March.

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By THOMAS BEERS (Pickering.)

In giving my experiences as a Canary breeder, I am well aware there are many more fitted than myself for the task, but these notes are not intended for the experienced, but as a help to the beginner. To begin with, I will suppose there are some of my readers who have made up their minds to go in for a bit of Canary breeding. The first to be considered is a suitable room. If there is a spare bedroom or sitting-room in the house I prefer this; though a good outbuilding will answer the purpose, but it must be sound, free from draughts, and well ventilated. If one is obliged to use the kitchen or living-room, let the cages be as far from the fire or gas as possible, and not too near the roof.

A Word About Cages.

I prefer full-sized double-compartment breeding cages. They have many advantages, and by removing the partition they make nice large cages, in which to keep the stock birds during winter. Good sound cages can be bought cheap; you will find plenty of advertisements in CAGE BIRDS. Or they can be made at home if one is a bit of a joiner; but I should certainly purchase ready-made fronts, as they are so neat and cheap. Don't forget to fit your cages up nicely with seed boxes, water pots, and egg drawers; also a piece of cuttlefish should be firmly fixed in each cage for the birds to peck at.

Don't forget the bath for hanging on the fronts of cages; this will help very much to keep your birds in a nice, clean, healthy condition.

Buying and Preparing the Birds.

Now for the variety. I should advise the beginner to go in for a good hardy breed, such as the Norwich Plainhead or Yorkshire. Purchase your stock birds from some reliable breeder or dealer. Pay a fair price for them and ask him to treat you well. We will suppose the birds have arrived; may be they are a couple of cocks, and three or four hens; or perhaps only one pair. For the present keep the sexes apart; let the cocks have one cage and the hens another. Don't cramp them in small cages.

The diet must be plain Canary seed with a little summer rape, and once a week a teaspoonful of hemp to every two birds. Give them fresh clean water every day. Even in winter I give my birds a bath twice a week on mild days; but I always have the water about the same temperature as the room.

Springtime Luxuries.

At the coming of springtime the hemp may be given twice a week, and a very little egg food two or three times a week; also a little maw may be given. A bit of apple for them to pick at is very useful. I consider February is too early to give the birds greenstuff from outside. Your birds should be in nice forward condition by the end of March for mating up.

About this time you must choose the partners. Do this as well as you can; try to remedy the faults of one of the pair by making up for them in the other. If one bird, for instance, is small, let the other be large. I don't advise putting two buffs or two yellows together. Put the cock in one side of the cage, and the hen in the other; and as soon as they seem anxious to get together, or the cock is seen to be feeding then hen throug the wires, draw the slide for a day or two. After this hang the nest-pan in position. Give the pair a little building material to amuse themselves with, and as soon as they begin to carry it to the nest give them what you think they will require. The best way to do this is to hang outside the cage a small net or rack containing a little dry moss and cowhair, so that the birds may draw it through the wire.

As soon as an egg is laid, carefully remove it, giving them a dummy in its place; do this until the third is laid. Then place them in the nest again. From this time the hen will commence sitting. If it is desired to run two hens with one cock (I generally do this myself), you may remove the cock bird now, and after a rest of a day or two put him with the other hen.

During the time the hen is sitting, let the diet be quite plain—just canary seed. I consider this very important, as if the hen is stimulated at all by other feeding, she often becomes over-prolific, and begins to nest again too soon—before the first nests are properly reared.

At all times, remember, the cages must be kept nicely cleaned out and sanded. Do this with as little disturbance as possible. On the fourteenth day from the time the hen commences to sit, the young are due to hatch. I always give a little egg food on the twelfth day—one part stale bread crumbs and one part finely chopped hard-boiled egg. This I give fresh three times a day.

What to Give Mother and Young.

When the young are three days old more bread may be added. From this time I always give them green food every day, also plenty of crushed hemp. Don't be afraid, if the weather is warm, to give plenty of green stuff, so long, of course, as it is dry. Fresh groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, watercress, and lettuce are all good; find out which the hen likes best, and let her have plenty of it. I have had hens that appeared to use little else for feeding their young; they always do well on it.

Leave the young alone in the nest. If the hen seems a poor feeder you can do little good and much harm by disturbing them. The chances are she knows her duties better than we do, and you will be rewarded with a nest of fine healthy young.

If the hen has been alone, and she has carried out her duties satisfactorily; say, she has three or four young from ten to twelve days old—they begin to take a lot of feeding. If the cock is at liberty—he should be so by this time—I always try his behaviour by putting him back again; then, if he treats the young kindly, helping to feed them (in nine cases out of ten I find he does), I leave him to finish them off, and I put the hen to nest again. If you are only running one hen, he may as well stay with her for the whole of the breeding season. Of course, there are times when a spiteful or mischievous bird is best taken away.

As the young advance they should be carefully watched. Don't disturb them by taking them out of the nest. Don't be overanxious about them. Keep an eye on them, and if you see the hen starting to pull their feathers, put them in the other side of the cage, or in a small cage. Hang them on the front so that the parents can feed them through the wires.

Separating the Young.

As soon as the young are able to feed themselves, which is generally when they are four weeks old, they should be separated from the parent birds. I always put each brood in a fairly large cage by themselves for a week or so, afterwards transferring them to large flight cages. I run about ten birds in each.

At this stage I continue the egg food for a week or two longer, and twice a week by way of a change I give them a little bread and milk. I always give a very little crushed hemp, but I always see that the seed boxes are well supplied with good sound canary seed. By the time the birds are six or seven weeks old I have weaned them off the soft food, giving them canary seed with a little summer rape, and just a little hemp. Always keep the cages clean and sanded, not forgetting a piece of cuttlefish in each cage. With this treatment my birds keep very healthy.

In conclusion, I may say that I have bred Canaries for a number of years. I have always found it a most interesting and profitable hobby. Just a final word of advice: Don't forget to read CAGE BIRDS every week; let it be your guiding star, and you won't go far wrong.

A Quick Courtship.

I remember, writes "H.N.," a single Greater Whitethroat frequenting my garden for several days entirely by himself. After resting the first day or two and looking anything but bright, he gradually improved, and presently was full of spirits and activity, and although he did not enliven us much with his music, his pure white throat was constantly swelling, and working as though he was only waiting for the opportunity to burst into melody. Suddenly, from "nowhere," appeared another Whitethroat, a somewhat shy and demure-looking specimen. Our bird was instantly alive, strutting, singing, and pirouetting in the most approved love-sick style. And lo! on the fourth day they had commenced the foundation of a flimsy home in a snug corner of the adjoining meadow, where they successfully reared a small family. As far as one could see by almost daily observations they had no family "jars," although their courtship was as brief as it could well be.



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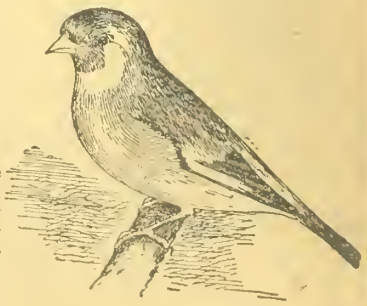
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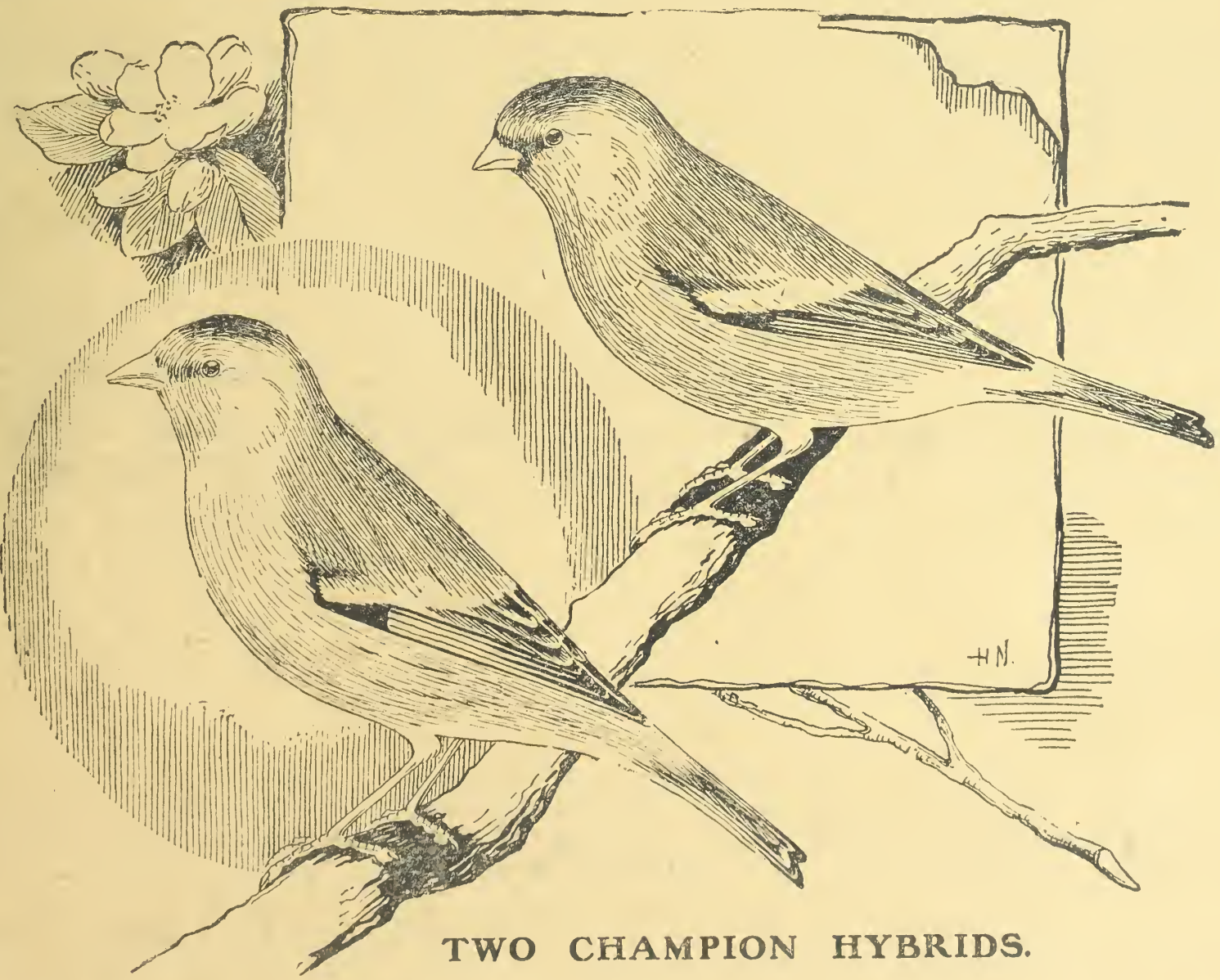
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Club Reports.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

An interesting lecture, facetiously entitled "Odds and Ends," was given by Mr. C. A. House, at the monthly meeting held at 6, The Broadway, on May 1st. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, and there was the usual good attendance, including many ladies. Mr. House, speaking on green food, said it had always been a great and searching question with cage hird fanciers, and his idea was that green food grown hard was the most nourishing, because green food grown luxuriantly was soft and sappy and detrimental to the birds. A useful green food was the sprouts from an ordinary hawthorn hedge. The moulting season was, he said, to some fanciers a bigger bughear than the breeding season. Many a good hird went over to the majority at that time. He thought hirds ought to he selected for colour feeding. A hird hard in feather was not likely to improve with colour feeding; the birds which took the colour best were those with nice soft silky feathers. Some fanciers did not believe in giving green food during the moulting season, hut he did. Then again some thought nothing was better than ramming colour food into a hird, hut it was not the quantity a bird ate, but the quantity it assimilated in its blood that told. If too much colour food was given it went through the body without being assimilated. Then the liver got out of sorts, and the best way to regulate the liver and ensure its functions being properly performed was to use green food, as neither birds nor animals could do for long without the fruits of the earth. A large number of questions were asked and satisfactorily answered, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman by acclamation. During the evening five new members were elected; Mr. F. W. Owen reported the proceedings of the London Federation; Mr. H. Smith, the Secretary, announced that Mr. Norman had accepted the invitation of the Society to be one of the judges at the annual show; and the delegates to the London Federation were instructed to hring before that body the necessity of the Federation having jurisdiction over open as well as members' shows.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

PARKGATE & RAWMARSH C.B.S.

General meeting held, Sportsman Inn, Parkgate, April 29, when we had a good muster of members, with some visitors from Attercliffe, Mr. W. Turner in chair. We added one more to our ranks, and Mr. A. Hutchinson was unanimously elected Vice President. Decided, that we hold nest feather show June 24.. After the general husiness, we had a paper on the Norwich Plainhead hy our worthy chairman, Mr. W. Turner.

In opening he gave his reason for the paper; it was to cause a discussion, for the henefit of young members. He strongly impressed them to go for the "Bulldog" type, which he showed by a diagram. Bird should be hold, with plenty of front; legs short; to stand well over perch; head round, with the eye placed just over the upper mandihle; chest full and broad; wings close and short, meeting at the tips; feather silky, with plenty of bloom. These points would make an ideal Norwich. When showing, the birds must he in the hest of condition, hopping from perch to perch in a perky manner and showing themselves off as much as possihle. During the winter months, he said, he fed them on Canary seed, with a little rape and hemp, and he gradually brought his birds into condition. He made a point of not giving any green food until dandelion appeared, when he gave a little. Having briefly touched on signs of breeding condition, he said he did not advise early nesting, as a cold night caused clear eggs. As the hens came into condition he gave niger, with a little magnesia in the water, until the hens laid. During sitting he fed only on plain Canary seed. He advocated taking the eggs away as laid, giving the birds a dummy one in the nest, sitting the hen when the third egg was laid, so as to allow the young birds to hatch out together. He fed his young for the first three days on hard-boiled egg; gradually adding biscuit until it was half-and-half, with plenty of rape and hemp. When the young were three days old he always left them as long as possible with the mother, even up to five weeks if required, as he considered it best not to wean them away any sooner than he could help. Time now begining to get very short, he only touched briefly on moulting, colour-feeding, and getting up for show, after which he ahly replied to the many questions asked.

The Secretary then stated that Mr. Walker, of Attercliffe, would give a paper on the Yorkshire Canary at our next meeting, to be held May 14, at 8.15 o'clock. After this a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Turner for his interesting paper, to which he suitahly responded, this winding up a pleasant and profitable evening. All fanciers in the district are invited to hear Mr. Walker at the club room, Sportsman Inn, Parkgate.—G. A. Watson, Secretary.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 25th, Hand and Shuttle Inn. After the ordinary business a very interesting discussion on the Yorkshire was opened hy our president, who gave us some very good information, for about half an hour, after which a number of questions were asked, which were very ahly answered. The hest thanks of the meeting were given our president, and this brought the meeting to a close.—W. Walker, Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting, held April 29th, Fawcett Street Cafe, Mr. Riseborough in chair. The proposal to hold meetings at various places was deferred as unsuitable. The secretary read a short review of the past seaeon, and was cordially thanked. Mr. A. Thomson (South Shields) was elected a member. Club's patronage granted to Blaydon. Mr. H. Seely (Choppington) has generously given two specials, one for most points in the champion classes and ditto novice; he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. New members welcomed; sub. 2/6.—G. Davidson.

HIRST)Universal) C.B.S.

Meeting held April 29th. We had a good muster of members, and enrolled four new members, bringing our total membership up to 82, which is very gratifying considering we have had only four months' existence. Mr. Middleton gave a bird-washing exhibition, which was keenly watched hy novices and experts alike. Some of the novices tried their hand at washing, and their attempts were very creditable. We selected Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth) to judge our first feather show on July 2nd.—R. Middleton, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe, April 29, Mr. Farrer presiding. Decided, to hold a series of nest feather shows on June 10th, July 8th, and August 5th. Entrance fee 3d., to be paid as prize money to first three in each class, less one-sixth, for purchasing a special prize for winner of most points in the three shows. Classes will be provided for all varieties, including British and Mules. A different judge will officiate at each show. Next meeting we will decide where we will hold our proposed picnic on Whit-Monday. Members are invited to suggest suitable places.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Meeting, held April 24th, Irwell Castle Hotel, Mr. Lythgoe presiding over a good attendance. Usual business gone through. Also decided that we have an outing on May 21st, to Glossop, by train, and then a ramble round the district. This brought business to a close. Mr. Lythgoe called on Mr. Woodhead for his lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, which he gave in a most able manner. He had a good number of questions to answer, which he did to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Turner moved a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Clayton. Mr. Woodhead suitably replied, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—J. Critchley, Sec.

BANKFOOT & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 25th, Mr. J. Taylor (President) in chair. Messrs. Burnett, Greenwood, Hainsworth, and Broadbent, were enrolled as members. Arrangements are heing made for a cricket match with Wibsey C.B.S., in Wibsey Park, May 13th; it is hoped all members will do their best to turn up. Also decided, that we have a ramble, to Hardcastle Craggs, on Sunday, May 21st, time and place to be arranged at special general meeting, on May 9th, which, by the way, is being called to consider the advisability of removing our headquarters to less expensive premises. Suggestions for the societies' annual outing are also invited for this meeting. Specials for our members' shows are constantly being added to at each meeting. A feature of our specials list is the provision for members who do not happen to be successful in the cash prizes at the various shows. A 10s. 6d. special, a 5s. special, and a 2s. 6d. special will he given to the members securing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, most points respectively, with commended hirds, throughout year. Mr. T. Fortnam has also given a 2s. 6d. special for hest exhihit at July show. Specials for best cock and best hen at each old bird show will also he given. Mr. D. Lowe has promised a 2s. 6d. special for the member making most new members from April 25th to end of year. First show in connection with this year's competition will he held June 10th for which a good list of specials is being offered in addition to those above mentioned. The subscription is only 3s. per year, and all fanciers desirous of joining will be eligible to compete for all specials simply by conforming to rule re subscription.—F. Gelder, Sec.

YORKSHIRE COUNTIES B.B. & M.C

Fourth Annual Meeting.

Fourth annual meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, April 29th, Mr. W. Cowgill in chair in the absence of Mr. D. Duncan, jun., of Harrogate. The balance-sheet was read and the working of the past year gone through. We started the season in debt to the extent of 85/-, hut by dint of hard-working economy and generosity of a few members we are pleased to state that the new season will be started with a halance in hand. As to the last show season, we have done very well, as the ten shows where our patronage was given yielded a grand total of 265 entries for British, Mule, and Hybrid classes. Another feature was that the shows that gave the best classification received the most entries and support; this was considered most promising. Officers were then elected. We deeply regret losing our past-President, Mr. D. Duncan, jun. (Harrogate), whose work in connection with the same has been most exemplary, and the only thing we can say is, "Well done! thou good and faithful servant." We understand that business prevents him from taking further office, and we only hope we have found a worthy substitute in our new President, Mr. Fred Archer (Huddersfield). Officers for 1911-12: Proposed by Mr. S. Dean, seconded by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, that Mr. F. Archer be president; Mr. Archer accepted the position, hoping that all who are interested in British birds would support the club hy joining. The following gentlemen were elected Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, T. Inman, J. Sherwood, F. Hammond, H. H. Towers, and H. J. Chittenden. Auditors, Messrs. S. Dean and R. Halliday re-elected; Committee for Bradford District: Messrs. S. Dean, C. Ross, remainder being left till next meeting. Outside Bradford District: Messrs. B. H. Wilson (Bramley), J. Nicholson (Skipton), F. Myers (Yeadon), J. Wilson (Malton), J. Bousfield (Knaresborough), H. Stake (Brighouse), J. S. Clarkson (Halifax), J. Netherwood (Wakefield), F. F. Potter (Hull), Beattie (Scholes), Wilkinson (Yarm-on-Tees), Wood (Pickering). Messrs. J Lane and P. Jowett were reelected secretaries on the proposition of Mr. H. H. Towers, seconded hy Mr. F. Hammond, although Mr. Lane would rather have been spared the duty owing to pressure of business; hut he did not wish to he a stumhling block to the success of the club. It was suggested that societies wishing for patronage send their applications as early as possible, to avoid dates clashing, as we want all matter with regard to it in working order before the next meeting, I hope secretaries will oblige as early as possible. Proposed hy Mr. W. A. Cowgill, seconded by Mr. J. Lane, that ten shows he given patronage. Following gentlemen proposed as new members: Messrs. Martin (of Martin and Archer, Huddersfield), T. Clegg (Dewsbury), Sutcliffe (Holmfield), F. Allen (Hull). Will all intending members kindly send names and addresses to secretaries, so that their names can appear in rule hooks? Mr. Dean proposed and Mr. Towers seconded that the best thanks he given to Messrs. Lane and Jowett for their past services as hon. secs. Mr. Lane suitably responded. Also proposed that the secretaries get quotations for printing new rule books, etc., before next meeting. This brought a most successful meeting to a close.—Lane and Jowett, Hon. Secs.

NORTHERN B.B., M., AND F.B.C.

Meeting, held Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, April 26th. A table show was held, and owing to the scarcity of entries there was only one class, viz., any variety. 1, 2, C. J. Petterson; 3, Geo. Taylor. Mr. J. Bertram judged, and gave every satisfaction.—Geo. Taylor, Sec.

MID WALES F. AND F.A.

At our last meeting, held April 24, Mr. F. Beard presiding, it was decided to hold our next annual show on August 9th at Llandrindod Wells. An excellent schedule was drawn up and four cups are to be put up for competition. I shall he pleased to hear from any fancier wishing to guarantee classes or give specials. Will anyone wishing to join the Society please send their names to me?—P. Muscott, 1, Boundary Terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held May 1st, when a good number of members were present. A lot of business in connection with the young hird show was transacted Then the question of holding an open show was thoroughly discussed. Eventually it was decided to hold one, the date selected heing November 16. Mr. J. Davis (Longton) was elected a member, which is now the strongest in the district.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held April 29, College Inn, Mr. R. Thompson, chair. Following officers elected: Chairman, Mr. W. Ducker; Vice-chairman, Mr. R. Thompson; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr. B. Bailey; Assistant Secretary, Mr. R. J. Smith; Committee, all members. We were to have had a lecture on British Birds by Mr. W. Dransfield, but through unforeseen circumstances he was not ahle to be with us. But we are hoping to have the lecture at some future time. We are having a lecture hy Mr. G. Browning at next meeting. Will members please note that the half-yearly contributions are due on May 27th, and must he paid according to rules?.—B. Bailey, Sec.

POPLAR AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held April 27. Mr. T. G. Hunt in chair. Chairman introduced Mr. A. J. A. Marley, who had kindly promised to give a lecture on the management of British Birds. The lecture proved highly instructive, and was most excellent in every way, and very much appreciated. At the close the members availed themselves very freely of the lecturer's offer to answer questions, and he was kept well occupied for over an hour in answering. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was given most enthusiastically, and was supported by the chairman and two or three others. We feel very grateful to Mr. Marley, and have his promise of another paper at some future time. 33 members signed the attendance book.—H. W. Cook, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Annual general meeting, held April 22nd, Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. J. Hartley presiding over a very good attendance. The secretaries' report on Competition showed a very good average of hirds per class, all through show season; also the outside Yorkshire shows competition had been keen with several members residing outside Yorkshire winning some of the prizes. A good and healthy sign of the growing popularity of the cinnamon marked variety lies in the fact that a few members have joined the club during the past season from other counties. Regrets were expressed that the balance sheet showed a deficit on the year's work owing to the non-payment of subscriptions hy the members. After considerable discussion upon this matter secretaries were instructed to write all defaulting members calling their attention to this matter. It was also thought advisable for balance sheet to be held over for one month to allow all outstanding subscriptions to be obtained. The next part of the business was the election of officers, when Mr. R. Garnett was unanimously elected President—a most popular and well deserved honour to one of the founders of the club. He will he ahly assisted by Mr. H. H. Towers and Mr. B. Brown as vice-presidents. The following gentlemen were elected to serve on committee: Messrs. A. Hirst (Accrington), E. Clegg (Dewsbury), W. Richmond (Rodley), W. Crabtree, A. Cooper, W. H. Shackleton, J. Bailey, J. Greaves, T. Ogden, P. Drake. J. Hartley, W. Blakey. Decided, to run competitions as last year, viz., open, novice, junior novice, and that we offer patronage to 9 societies holding open shows outside Yorkshire. Considerable discussion was raised hy the proposal that the competitions he run as a sealed handicap, points for prizes to count only at 10 shows. This was finally agreed upon, with respect to the starring of birds. This "Hardy Annual" was present, showing as much vitality as ever. Eventually it was decided to star four birds, thus allowing one hird in each class to count points for prizes. Opinions were expressed that in past seasons our competitions were commenced too early to allow hirds to be clean through moult, and fit for exhibition, which brought forth a proposition that we do not grant patronage to shows held before the last Saturday in October; this was defeated and it was decided that competitions commence as last year. As the hour was late, and the husiness not completed, a hearty vote of thanks to retiring officers was accorded, and suitably responded to by our late president, Mr. James Hartley. Meeting adjourned until May 20th, 6.30 p.m., Market Tavern, when a record attendance is auticipated.—Grayshon and Allen, Secs.

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EDMONTON F.A.

At headquarters, April 13th. Members held their annual social, when a very enjoyable evening was spent. The programme of solos, vocal and instrumental, also recitations, was arranged by Mr. Parker. The pressure of Easter business greatly affected the attendance. The Association invites fellow-fanciers to their meeting on May 10th, Charity Schools, Church Road, Edmonton.—J. S. Jackson, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting held April 25th, with a moderate attendance. Decided, to have two nest feather shows only this season, the dates being June 20th and July 18th respectively. Also that we have our annual ramble on May 28th, when we hope to see the majority of our members participating, as all who have taken part in those rambles admit it is one of the most enjoyable outings anyone could wish for, providing weather is fine. The destination will be settled next meeting night.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Meeting held May 1, about 40 members being present. Owing to the absence of the Chairman through family bereavement, Mr. Stamford presided. Previous to the commencement of business, the following resolution was moved: "That this meetnng wisb to convey their deepest expressions of sympathy to their chairman in his deep trouble through the loss of his son, and also extend the same to the widow and family." Samples of colour foods and marking rings were on view; and a very interesting discussion, introduced by Mr. F. F. Potter, on the rearing and feeding of young birds, then took place, Mr. Potter being fairly hombarded with questions, all of which he answered satisfactorily. The country ramble arranged for May 27th was discussed, the place elected being Barton and South Ferriby; full particulars will be announced in the Fancy Press on May 20th.—Ernest R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

General meeting held April 27th, headquarters. There was a fair attendance of members and much business was gone through. The chairman, Mr. J. H. Paxman, said the officials had to apologise for not having any lecture that evening. Four gentlemen had heen approached, and had disappointed at the last hour. It pleased him, however, to add that some of them had promised to appear at a future date, and he hoped it would give consolation One member spoke on the matter of Cage Birds League, saying he was a member. He further asked what the society intended to do re the League. The chairman replied that up to the present the secretary had received nothing in connection with the matter. But he felt sure the officials of all societies would in due course be acquainted with the League by the promoters. The last business of the evening was the arrangements for the society's ramble. This takes place on Sunday, May 14th, and it has been decided to go to Epping. A committee meeting will be called to arrange matters, and also to obtain a cheap railway ticket. Full particulars of the ramble will appear in next week's issue, and any fancier wishing to accompany this society should write the secretary, Mr. Fred Fox, 12, Sherrard Road, Forest Gate, E. The chairman said that althongh rather prematnre to speak of the first feather show, he hoped the members were having success with their birds. Judging from the smiles around the room, such is the case.—B. C. Smith (Club Reporter).

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting, held April 27th, Slatters Rooms. The lecture ("My Jamaica Tour") by A. Sutcliffe, Esq., was greatly enjoyed, and much interest was taken in the specimens of foreign birds shown. But owing to the time being limited, he could not describe them as he would have liked. A vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness in describing the birds and their habits.—Towl Bros., Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

First meeting of the new Council held April 29, Market Tavern, Bradford, there being a good attendance of delegates. Mr. H. H. Towers, president, occupied the chair. The president in a brief speech welcomed all the new delegates on the Council, and thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him by electing him to that responsible position. Mr. Towers said he hoped hy diligent attention to business and hy showing an impartiality to all questions, he would be enabled to fill the office as satisfactorily as his predecessors, assuring the Council that at all times the welfare of the Union would have his loyal and unlimited support. The following business was transacted. Messrs W. Wharton, T. Fortnam, A. Morley, F. Hammond, J. Crowther, L. Dykes, and A. Huddleston were elected as a sub-committee for the ensuing year. Mr. F. Hammond was elected to the office of treasurer by a unanimous vote. Member's subscription fee for each member returned to the Union by the respective societies for the year was fixed at 8d. The resignation of Spen Valley C.B.S. was brought up, and after much discussion the delegates decided to appoint Messrs. F. Hammond and H. Hill to attend next meeting of that society to hear the objections raised, to report to next Council meeting, and to try and induce them to reconsider their decision; their resignation was therefore held over until next meeting. Also unanimously passed, to again give 16 gold novice medals 12 for the Yorkshire section and 4 for the Norwich section in the novice competitions at Union shows throughout the season 1911 and 1912. For the printing of the Union Hankbook, it was decided to again apply for tenders. The sealed tenders for same are to be placed before the Council at next meeting. All societies intending to have their show schedules in the Union Handbook will facilitate the business if they will arrange their classification as soon as the speclalist clubs have allotted their patronage. All intending advertisers in the Handbook should Immediately communicate with the secretary, the rate of charges being as follows: Full page 7s. 6d., half-page 3s. 9d., third-page 2s. 6d., quarter-page 2s., and breeder's cards 1s. The date for closing orders for same is left over to next meeting. Several items of intcrest to the Union were afterwards discussed by the delegates, these embracing such important questions as the supply of entry forms for Union shows, along with the Handbooks. A suggestion that a rule should he passed giving the Council power to deal with all new rules, and intended alterations before these were placed on the ballot papers; this, of course, would have to be passed in the ordinary course of events at the annual hallot another year before it could be brought into operation, but it is an idea which should not be lost sight of. A suggestion re calling Council meetings early enough for the agenda of business to be placed hefore the respective societies, and a suggestion for distrihuting Union Handbooks to the delegates at the Council meeting instead of sending them out as before, were also considered. This brought a very interesting meeting to a close.—H. Hill, Sec., 15, Settle-terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

At monthly meeting held April 20, it was decided to hold our young bird show on July 5. Judge for same will be appointed at next meeting, May 18. I should also like to bring to the notice of members that Messrs. R. Hyde and Co. are giving a special prize at this show for most points with four birds. Members can have particulars at next meeting or on application to myself. As time would not permit, my paper on the Norwich Plainhead was held over until next meeting. Will members kindly note I have been appointed secretary and show manager? With their help I hope to make our open show the best Cardiff fanciers have ever seen. I shall be pleased to see some of our members at next meeting (those we seldom see). New members enrolled at the last meeting: Messrs. C. Farrow and Lewis, both gentlemen of Merthyr.—J. W. Dummett, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held April 29th, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manebester, Mr. A. Foulds in chair. There was a splendid attendance. Messrs. Roberts (Wrexham), Williamson (Southport), Betteney (Rochdale) and Barker (Bury) were elected members. Decided, to hold annual contest in Manchester, January 12th and 13th. Members are doing very well in the breeding line, almost all have young ones out. Mr. Mawhood has 17, Mr. Latham 9, Mr. Percival 20, Mr. Foulds 5, Mr. Turner 5, Mr. Leech 14, Mr. Wright 12, Mr. Gledhill 16, Mr. Howard 7, etc. At next meeting a lecture will be given on Bird Organs, by Tom Routledge. All members and friends are invited. These lectures will be made as interesting as possible. A series of lectures will be given, one each meeting night. Messrs. Foulds, Kremner, and Massey all promising to give a lecture. We want all members who possibly can to attend. We are pleased to see the headway the Roller Canary is making, all our members having cleared out their stock long since; and I hear many saying they could have sold three times as many. The Roller will in time become one of the most fashionable birds in the Fancy.—Tom Routledge.

The Shows.

LINCOLN.

At this show, held in the Drill Hall on April 29th, the Canary classes were cancelled, and only the British bird class filled. This contained an interesting lot of exhibits. Mr. Dickinson and his son made a good pair of secretaries. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

BRIT. (14): 1, Work, lovely, rich coloured, grandly marked Bullie, in splendid form; 2, Lacey, fine bold Goldie, grand blaze, cheeks and collar,, nice bars; 3, Pickering, another Goldie, better colour and markings, not in such nice feather, which lost him first place; 4, Lacey, smart, nice headed Goldie; vhc, Foley, Johnson, Broxholme; hc, Miss Pickering.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Monthly meeting and show, held Good Templars Hall, 122, Ingram Street, April 29th, when Mr. W. Connelly presided. The secretary was unable to attend, Mr. J. H. Adam filling the breach. New members admitted, Messrs. D. McNeill and P. Campbell (Row), J. Cuthbert and J. H. Adam (Glasgow). Classes for show to be held May 27th: Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Bunting, Any Variety. Judging competition will take place same date, also possibly a lecture, of which due notice will be given. Messrs. A. Cant, J. Liddell, and P. Pettigrew acted as judge of table show, their awards all over being well received.

LESSER 'POLL (14): 1, Marlin; 2, Macfarlane; 3, Knox; 4, Adam (J. H.); 5, Connelly; 6, Shearer; 7, Renfrew. TWITE (11): 1, Adam (J. H.); 2, Connelly; 3, spl, Renfrew; 4, Macfarlane; 5, Marlin; 6, Munro; 7, Shearer. MEALY 'POLL (17): 1, spl, 5, spl, Marlin; 2, Adam (J. H.); 3, Connelly; 4, Macfarlane; 6, 7, Shearer. SISKIN (12): 1, Macfarlane; 2, Marlin; 3, Shearer; 4, Connelly; 5, Munro; 6, Adam (J. H.); 7, Renfrew.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Show of British and Foreign Birds, held April 25, when the draw for seven exhibition season tickets took place; the winning numbers were:—7607, 80, 2094, 1582, 147, 5554, and 3836. The tickets sold splendidly—over £45 being paid in, which leaves the Association in an excellent financial position.

BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Todd; 2, Cochrane; 3, Small; vhc, Watson; hc, Anderson; c, McGubbin. FOR. DITTO (3): 1, Small; 2, 3, McGavin. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (11): 1, sp., vhc, sp., Craig; 2, Small; 3, Cochrane; hc, McGavin; c, Morrison. LINNET (15): 1, vhc, Todd; 2, sp., McGavin; 3, Dunlop; hc, Algie; c, sp., McCallum. GREENFINCH (14): 1, Small; 2, McGavin; 3, sp., Craig; vhc, Todd; hc, c, Raine. BULLFINCH HEN (7): 1, Anderson; 2, McGavin; 3, Morrison; vhc, Dunlop; hc, c, Watson. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Craig; 2, 3, vhc, Anderson. A satisfactory entry of 60 birds in the seven classes. The quality was above the average, several well known winners taking a back seat. The Judges, Mr. D. Graham and Mr. P. Shaw, gave every satisfaction.—Fred Bowman, Sec.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge-street, before a good compauy. The birds were in excellent trim, as we beat all this year's records, the winners doing some good time. 1st, T. Piper; 2nd, J. Rollinson; 3rd, J. Kirk. We are starting a Roller club for singing in the winter months; anyone desirous of joining can do so by attending club house next Saturday.—Walter Dobson, Hon, Sec.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. held weekly contest, headquarters, Grapes Tavern, Brook-street. 16 good birds were entered. 1st prize (timepiece), Broadbent; 2, ditto, Norton; 3 (case and brushes), Thundercliffe, jun. Judge, Mr. Fred Allen; timekeeper, Mr. Thundercliffe. Next contest, Wheelwright Hotel, off Brook-street, May 6th, first bird up at 2.30. Three good prizes will be given. Fanciers please attend.—Fred Allen, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Kindly correct my error in last week's singing contest report of the Blackburn Lark F.A. It should have been as follows: Contest at Hole House Inn, Rishton Road (10 mins. hanging). There were 15 entries, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The following were winners with their respective times: R. Airey's, 9 min. 48 secs.; J. Counsell's, 9 min. 47 secs.; F. Lea's, 8 min. 39 secs.; W. H. Airey's 7 min. 20secs.; D. Bentley's, 7 min. 11 secs.—F. W. Lea, Sec.

GREAT HOUGHTON.

Linnet Association contest held Old Hall Inn, for time singing, April 30th, when we had a very good attendance and a fine number of entries. Mr. B. Midgley, 1, time 64 sec.; Mr. G. Hamell, 2, and J. Halpine 3. May 7th, contest open to all England entry 6d., time singing, when we hope all Linnet fanciers will rally round and help us.—Jas. Halpine, Sec.

SPENNYMOOR.

Grand Linnet singing held Butcher's Arms, Merrington Lane, when 22 birds competed, and some fine singing was heard. Result: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, Mr. G. Ridley; 5th, Mr. G. Bell (Chilton). Judge, Mr. J. Gardner (Spennymoor). Book-keeper, Mr. Fairless; timekeeper, Mr. M. Brown.—W. Fairless, Sec.

IVESTON.

Linnet singing, held Mason Arms, when some good singing was heard—36 entries. Barras, 1st and 3rd, Puller 2nd. Judges, Messrs. Thirlaway and Walker. Next sing May 13th, when 10s. will be added.—W. Atkinson, Sec.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate L.F.A. annual Easter contest held Nelson Inn before a large company of friends. Some very good singing was beard from the 25 birds entered. After some very close singing the prize winners were: 1, J. Scott; 2, E. Baul; 3, E. Jones; 4, W. Slinger; 5, A. Deitz. Our President, Mr. Scott, presented the prizes to the winners, and we afterwards spent an enjoyable evening. Judges, Messrs. Scott and E. Baul; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkins.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, April 30, when 22 birds competed for 3 good prizes. Result: 1, Chippendale; 2, Soloman; 3, shared by Sellars and Chippendale. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and our old esteemed friend Mr. H. Allen, who introduced to us Mr. Ben Midgley, of Little Houghton, near Barnsley.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held headquarters, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, April 29, when 21 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes singing). 1, Thompson, 78sec.; 2, Watson, 63sec.; 3, Bisby, 57sec.; Thompson, 52sec.; Spotter, 51sec.; Watson, 47sec. April 30 when 18 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes singing). 1, 2, Thompson, 77sec. each; 3, Watson, 73sec.; Smith, Cole, 70sec. each; Watson, 69sec.; Rohinson, 62sec.; Wadd, 67sec.; Wadd, 56sec.; Thompson, 54sec. Contest every week-end.—A. Brown, Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest held April 30th, when 14 birds were hung. 1st, Laycock; 2nd, C. Ward; 3rd, Grainger. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and Symonds—Lunn, Sec.

Linnet contest held April 29th, when 12 birds were hung. 1st, J. Green; 2nd, C. Ward; 3rd, A. Hutchinson. Judges, Messrs. Simmonds and Sidall. These contests will be held every Saturday at 3 when all are invited.—H. Lunn, Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A., King's Head, quality singing contest, held King's Head, Shannon Street, April 14, when sixteen birds entered. 1, 3, Sissons; 2, H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. J. Melin and W. Naylor. Usual quality match, April 29, judges, Messrs. D. Hardcastle, T. Johnson and W. Naylor. 1, C. Prince; 2, 3, shared by H. Hayse and H. Wigfield. Also April 30, when 24 birds entered for four good prizes given by Mr. Tillotson. 1, A. Butler; 2, H. Wigfield, 3, 4, W. Sissons. Judges, Messrs. S. Butterfield, W. Naylor and T. Johnson.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

First open Linnet singing contest, Salford (for time and quality), will be held Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, Salford, on May 13. Mr. H. Cootes, will give £1 to an entrance fee of a shilling per bird. Mr. R. Kremner (Manchester) is also giving a brass Canary cage for a special prize, and he hopes the Linnet Clubs will pay us a visit to make it a success. This is the first venture to form a club in Manchester or Salford. Singing to commence at 2.30 p.m. Any information will be given by applying to the Secs., Messrs. B. Wharton, 18, Mitton Street, Stanley Grove, Longsight, Manchester, and A. Stinson, 15, Lester Street, Adelphi, Salford.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet contest, open to all England, held at Elephant and Castle Inn, Bag Lane, Atherton, when we had a grand entry of some 50 birds; very good considering the sort of a day we had. The landlord was so well pleased that he gave us another date, the 1st of June. There is no doubt we should have had a record if the weather had been fine. We gave the usual four prizes for each class. Winners were: Quality, W. H. Topping (Blackburn), 1; J. W. Jones (Leigh), 2; J. M'Allister, 3; and J. Hilton (Leigh), 4. For time, P. Owens (Tyldsley), 126, 1; J. Aldred (Atherton), 117, 2; J. Hampson (Lowton), 107, 3; and J. Randels (Warrington), 70, 4. Judges for quality, Messrs. J. W. Jones, J. Gibbins, and W. H. Topping; for time, Messrs. R. Statham and J. Ellison; birdmen, Messrs. P. O'Neil and J. Murphy. I should like all fanciers to note we hold another open contest, Victoria Inn, West Leigh, May 13th, when I hope to see some of those good birds we so often read about in "C.B." I think our prizes are good enough for any fancier.—J. McAllister (Sec.).

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Twitterings.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS for years, and I always find something new in it.—James Smallwood (Stone, Staffs.).

Mr. R. B. Fryer will judge at our First Feather Show to be held on July 15, writes Mr. J. Irlam, Secretary of the Sale Open O.S.

Those who intend getting a hot colour on their birds this season see Sandiford's advertisement in Advertisement columns.—ADVT.

Kindly notify my change of address from Rose Cottage, Lower Duke Street, Kettering, to 69, Marshalls Road, Raunds, near Wellingboro', Northants, writes Mr. W. E. Fairey.

The judges elected by our society for our show on November 28 are Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. Norman, writes Mr. Daniel John, the Secretary of the Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly note my new address, writes Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, Secretary of the West of Scotland O.S. It is now 163, Hospital Street, Glasgow.

The date of our Nest Feather Show is fixed for July 1st, and we have engaged Mr. R. Taylor (Preston) as judge, writes Mr. F. Houldsworth, Secretary of the Dalton and Dis. C.B.A.

We have decided to hold our open show on November 24th and 25th, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, Secretary of the Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S. Will secretaries please note to avoid clashing?

We hear with regret that Mr. G. T. H. Maggs, the Secretary of the Bristol F.A., is, owing to a strain he has sustained, temporarily laid aside. All who know him will wish him a speedy recovery.

Will secretaries of societies kindly make a note of my change of address, writes Mr. F. Armstrong, the Hon. Secretary of the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C. It is now 28, Victoria Buildings, King's Cross, Halifax.

Will all members and fanciers interested in the Admiral Duncan O.S. Nottingham please attend the meeting on Saturday, May 13th, at 8.30 p.m., when the business will be of great importance, writes Mr. J. Wood, the vice-president.

His friends in the Fancy will be glad to hear of the promotion from the rank of Police Constable to that of Detective-Sergeant of the Reigate Borough Police of Mr. A. W. Bacon, late secretary of the Reigate F.A., and now Secretary of the newly-formed Redhill Cage Bird Society.

The members of the Arbroath Cage Bird Society have, writes Mr. J. S. Napier, the Hon. Secretary, arranged to hold their annual open show on 18th November in the White Hart Hall, and it is expected that judges will be fixed up by an early date. Mr. Sandison (Aberdeen) is to judge the Norwich classes.

Will members of the Windhill, Shipley and Dis. C.B.S. kindly correct their syllabus cards as follows, writes Mr. J. Cook, the Secretary: June 3, Mr. Jim Greaves (Baildon); July 29, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford); September 30, Mr. John Greaves (Bradford); and December 26, Mr. J. Wilman (Charleston)?

We have arranged with the following gentlemen to judge at our open show on November 11th, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, Secretary of the Nottingham and Notts O.S.: For the Crested section, Mr. T. Heath; for the Norwich section, Mr. J. Trengove; and for British and foreign bird sections, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

Will secretaries of specialist clubs desiring to allot their patronage to Newcastle C.B.S. show on October 20th and 21st, kindly communicate with me, writes Mr. J. E. Atkinson, Secretary, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle. The judges are Messrs. Rohson, W. Mundell, W. Vardy, J. S. Clarke, and C. Houlton.

We have engaged Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) and Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh) to judge our open show on November 15, writes Mr. R. Forster, Secretary of the Alnwick and Dis. C.B.S., and we have this year taken the Corn Exchange, which is probably the finest hall out of London in which to hold a bird show.

I received a letter from the Secretary of the Oldham C.B.S., writes Mr. E. Fuller (Glossop) to lecture on the Lancashire Canary. I know most of the breeders of that bird (cross breeders and pure breeders), and I am sure no one can teach them anything. My advice to all that want to know, is to buy stock from men that breed Lancashires, not breeders that use Crested birds. I may say that I have taken CAGE BIRDS ever since first brought out, and I have read all the fancier papers since the days of "Small Pets," but I think CAGE BIRDS is the champion of them all.

The Bradford East O.S. are holding two first feather shows (on June 10 and July 22), and four old bird shows (on September 30, October 17, November 14, and December 23) during the present season. A list giving particulars of these, together with the classification, may be had of the Secretary, Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

Allow me to thank all those who contributed towards the late Felix Graham's benefit prize-drawing, writes Mr. J. Forrester. It is with deep regret I have to record his death, as he passed away previous to the drawing on his behalf being held. The proceeds will be handed over to the widow. The winning numbers will be found published in CAGE BIRDS this week.

Mr. Mays, having resigned as secretary for Guisbrough and Dis. C.B.S., that office has been taken over by us, write Messrs. Winter and Hood, 93, Bolchow Street, Guisbrough. All society correspondence should therefore be addressed to us in future. We are having our first Feather Show on June 24th, when Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough) will judge. Our annual Show will be held on January 6th, 1912; judge, Mr. H. W. Battye.

This year we propose opening our show to Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex, and all fanciers resident in the district mentioned are eligible for membership of the society, writes Mr. E. L. A. Crow, the Hon. Secretary of the Lowestoft Fanciers' Society. The show dates are November 8th and 9th, with Mr. W. E. Greeves to judge the cage bird section. I shall be glad to hear from fanciers wishing to join.

OBITUARY.

Mr. GEO. CLARKE (Coventry).

I much regret to have to inform you of the death of Mr. Geo. Clarke on April 20th in his 71st year, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt, Secretary of the Coventry O.S. The Society has lost in him one of its most esteemed and oldest members, he having been connected with the Society since its formation, some 35 years ago; indeed, he was one of its founders, and remained an active member even up to the time of his death, which came unexpectedly after a few days' illness. Mr. Clarke was most kindly disposed, and was ever ready, when asked, to give help and advice. His long connection and honourable experience with the Fancy commanded attention and respect. Although he was never without a few birds, of late years he did not exhibit, but some years back he bred and successfully exhibited Lizards, Cinnamons, and Norwich. The funeral took place on April 24th, when Messrs. Lawrance and T. Gilbert attended as bearers, several other members being present at the graveside. A wreath was sent by the Society as a small token of respect.

It is with regret, writes Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, Hon. Secretary of the Hull Cage Bird Society, I write and tell you of the sad loss sustained by Mr. Geo. W. Oliver, our chairman. His eldest son passed away very suddenly on April 30th at the early age of 37, leaving a widow and two young children. I am sure all fanciers will join us in sympathy with Mr. Oliver, the widow and family.

Mr. Nicholson, of Shipton, will, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, Secretary of the Leeds C.B.S., lecture before the Leeds C.B.S. members on May 6th, at headquarters, Lockhart's Cafe, on the Linnet and how he is stained and got up for the show bench. Mr. Nicholson will also include the Goldfinch, Bullfinch, and Greenfinch. This should prove interesting. We invite all bird fanciers in Leeds and district to attend.

At our next meeting, to be held at The Feathers, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on May 10th. Mr. H. Gray, M.R.C.V.S., is, writes Mr. William H. Mugford, Hon. Sec. of the London C.B.A., to deliver a lecture on "The Generative Functions of Birds," with limelight views. The meeting will be open to all fanciers should they care to pay us a visit; an enjoyable evening is assured. The lecturer respectfully suggests that the meeting should be reserved for gentlemen.

Northern Lizard Club Patronage.

Will clubs desiring the patronage of the Northern Lizard Club please apply to me, writes Mr. G. Davidson, the Secretary, 6, Eden Vale, Sunderland.

London and Counties A.C.B.

I have been desired, through your columns, to summon a meeting of the founders of the London and Counties Association of Canary Breeders, on Saturday, May 13th, at 6, Old Burlington Street, W., at 8 p.m., writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, of the above address.

A Scottish Presentation.

At the close of the Scottish Plainhead Club's committee meeting on 29th April, it was incidentally mentioned that Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), a prominent member and committeeman of the club, had taken unto himself a partner on 21st April, and as this was a fitting occasion on which to show our esteem and appreciation to such a worthy fancier, a list was opened there and then, and the sum of 15s. subscribed amongst those present. It is proposed to keep the list open until 13th May, so that any fancier friends willing to subscribe can forward their donations to me, when I shall gladly acknowledge the same.—J. BROWN, 599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

A Warning.

We are asked to warn our readers against sending birds without first getting the cash (or a deposit note) to a man at Ilford who is writing to our advertisers (especially those in the North of England) in the name of "Frederick Harris."

The Record in Migration.

The Arctic Tern is found in the summer right round the Polar Basin, having spread east and west from the shores of the Atlantic. In autumn the birds that have bred near the Pole come back again over thousands of miles of sea and land across the Continents of Asia and N. America, to spend the winter in the southern portions of the Atlantic.

Crow as a Rabbit Catcher.

Recently as the mid-day motor was, says the "Cardigan and Tivyside Journal,' on its way to Newcastle-Emlyn, a short distance out of town the chauffeur observed a Crow rise from a field by the side of the road, with something heavy in its mouth. The motor was stopped, and the Crow dropping its prey, it was picked up and found to be a young rabbit. Bunny was stunned by its fall, but afterwards recovered, and was carried into Newcastle-Emlyn, where it was requisitioned by a commercial traveller, and taken away by him, let us hope to be treated as a pet, after its hard experience.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

The voting papers for the election of officers for 1911-12 are now in the hands of all members, and are returnable to the scrutineers not later than Monday, May 22nd. By a printer's error, the name of Mr. Fred. Hammond has been omitted from the nominations (for committee inside Yorkshire); those desirous of supporting that gentleman for the position will please add his name to those appearing on the voting paper, and vote in the usual manner. The annual general meeting will be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on Saturday, May 27th, at 6 o'clock. Will all members kindly attend?—John Greaves, Sec. and Treas.

The King's Pet Bird.

The King's favourite Cockatiel, Joey, whose illness was reported in our last issue, is said to be progressing as satisfactorily as can be expected. The injury to the shoulder has led to the formation of a sore underneath the wing, and the poor little bird is still weak. It is hoped, however, that, as the result of treatment, the wound will heal, and then there is no reason why he should not recover his former strength and high spirits, although the wing will probably be permanently affected to some extent. He is a model patient, and submits with resignation to the somewhat lengthy process of washing and dressing the wound. For some days he had quite given up conversation, but yesterday, says the "Daily Mirror," he inquired for his royal master by uttering his name several times in quick succession.

"Tom" and the Kittens.

A remarkable Parrot named "Tom" is, according to the "Daily Mail," owned by a Miss Eissner, of Brook Street, London, W. Miss Eissner has had Tom for over twenty years. He is her constant companion. She takes him with her everywhere—to the theatre, to cinematograph shows, to restaurants, and on journeys to the Continent. Some time ago Miss Eissner possessed a black cat, with which Tom became on very friendly terms. This cat was the mother of kittens, and the Parrot used to play with them all day, and learned to mew and purr like a cat. A few weeks ago a strange black cat wandered into Miss Eissner's house. The other black cat had long since died, but Tom thought it was his old friend again. The newcomer imposed upon the generosity of its home by giving birth to kittens. When Tom saw the new kittens he jumped into the basket beside them. Tom gained the kittens' affections, and the mother cat, in sheet pique, has now deserted her offspring and left them to the care of the Parrot. And so it happens that a family of kittens have as a foster-parent a Parrot. The bird guards them zealously. It strokes them with its hard beak so softly that it is a gentle caress, and it purrs to hem and takes them under the shade of its warm feathers. If lifts them gently and carries them about with ease. It scratches their litle heads and showers so many kindnesses on them that they do not miss their mother.

I would like to thank the numerous readers of "CAGE BIRDS" who replied to my small advert. of Roller hens in the columns of "CAGE BIRDS" last week. I could have sold dozens more, and I regret not being able to reply to all.—Mrs. A. Amon (Leyton, Essex).

By advertising in CAGE BIRDS, I have been enabled to dispose of the whole of my stock of Canaries. Your paper must have a wide and large circulation, seeing I have had buyers from all parts of the United Kingdom. I can recommend CAGE BIRDS to all fanciers who have occasion to advertise their surplus stock, etc.—James Lea (Chilvers Coton Station).

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A Finch Stock Cage.

How to make a cheap yet practical cage suitable for Finches.

By H. NORMAN
"Cage Birds" Artist-in-Chief.

In this series of articles, breeding cages (single and double), nest boxes and pans, nursery cages, travelling cases, and a cage rack have been dealt with, their making, etc., illustrated and described.

Nearly all fanciers have among their stock one or two Finches, and these as a rule are either run into one of the empty breeding cages or are kept for an indefinite period in the ordinary back cages in which they were bought, a cage which we need hardly remind readers is quite unsuitable for any bird to be confined in for more than a day or two. In the following short article I propose to show how the novice can construct a neat, inexpensive cage in which to keep a Finch for any length of time; or what we might term an ordinary stock Finch cage.

There is such a thing as having a cage too large, which in a way is quite as serious a fault as having it too small, besides taking up valuable space. The former is frequently the cause of birds remaining wild, even after months of confinement. My own stock cages are 15 inches long, 11¾ inches high, and 8 inches from back to front. They have a front rail three inches in height with two perches the same height, and a door at the end for running the bird from one cage to another—a proceeding that has much to do with the taming of the inmate.

The wood required will be the same as used for breeding cages, that is, light pine. Do not use the three-ply boards, as, although these are very strong, they are hardly so easily worked, and soon warp and come apart if allowed at any time to get damp.

First construct a box; cut off two lengths (15½ inches) for top and bottom boards; this will allow just a slight overhang at each end, which may be rounded off with sandpaper. The two pieces for the ends will be 11inches in length, and 7¾ inches wide, that is, a quarter of an inch narrower than the top and bottom. The back will fit inside, and should measure 14¼ inches in length and 11 inches in height. This we can cut out of an 11 inch board, and can be all in one piece. Fig. 1 will assist the fancier to understand the above directions.

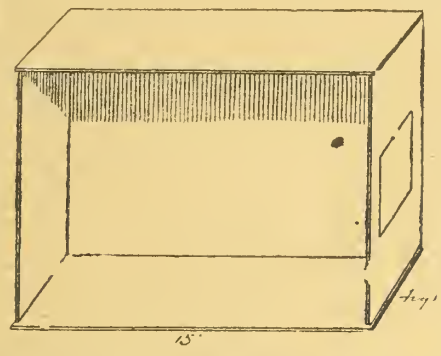
Now before we fit these boards together, a door must be cut in one of the ends intended for the right hand side of the cage. With the square and rule mark of the opening, Fig. 2, and with a bradawl bore a hole in each corner, and mark the opposite side. Cut this out with a sharp penknife, commencing one side, and, when half-way through, cutting at the other side. Be careful in doing this, as the same piece of wood can be used for the door.

Now take a 9 inch length of stout wire and bend, as shown in Fig. 3, and attach to the door to form the hinge. Make two holes at "A," push the ends of the wire through, and bend the wire in opposite ways at right angles on both sides so that it holds firmly. Put the door in its place, and insert two staples at "B B."

The door, it will be found, rides on the top staple, and the bottom one acts as a guide. Please note that the lower staple must not be placed quite at the bottom, or the door will not act easily.

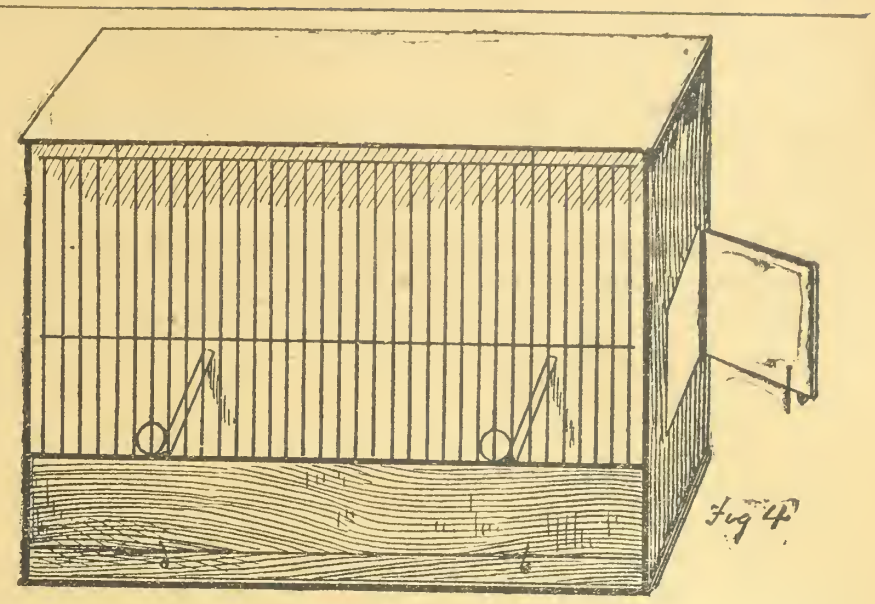
A piece of bent wire makes a good fastener, which, if placed as shown in the drawing, falls naturally into position and is not so liable to get displaced by the bird as if fastened in the centre.

Nail the box together, being careful to fit the end with the door in, so that it opens the right way. Cut off the front rail, which is three inches deep, and saw down a three-



quarter inch strip for use as a turn rail or front of a sand tray if the fancier thinks he would like one.

As the stock sizes of wire fronts do not fit these cages, they will have to be ordered, care being taken in measuring to allow for the fitting. The perches should be placed on a level with the top of the front rail and run from back to front; and one end of each should be placed near the holes for food and drink. A good colour for these Finch cages is green for the interior and black for the outside. When finished, the cage should bear some resemblance to Fig. 4.



Jim Overend.

Reminiscences and Experiences of an Exhibitor of 40 Years Ago.

(*Concluded from page 347*).

Deals in Even-Marks.

Two very good even-marked birds were shown by Mr. T. M. Read, of Halifax, at one time, and scored well. One of these was a six-pointed yellow and the other a four-pointed buff; the latter was thrown out by Mr. Blakston at Huddersfield Show for being plucked about the eyes, and this so disheartened Mr. Read that he forthwith gave up the Faney. Mr. Overend bought these two birds at 30s. each, moulted them and showed them one year, both winning firsts under Mr. Blakston and receiving good reports from him; and the first time out, too, after being disqualified! They were afterwards sold to Mr. Thackrey in a team of eight, all even-marked birds, for the then stupendous sum of £36, this at that time being considered an out-and-out good price (Mr. O. says it was the first time he had seen so much "brass" at one time); and with these, when added to the good team of birds then in the possession of Mr. Thackrey, he simply swept the deck, being for some time the top man at all shows.

The sale of this team was a bad move on Mr. Overend's part. Up to this time he had been able to hold Mr. Thackrey a good one, but now he could do nothing against him, and it meant many years of hard work to get into the running again. But, as our friend says, you cannot have both brass and birds. A strain of even-marks is not made in a season. Messrs. Overend and Spedding have still very vivid recollections of two grand cinnamon-marked yellows, both four pointed, exhibited by Luke Belk in the 1872-3, and think they were the best they ever saw, present-day winners included. Indeed, the birds were the talk of the Fancy at that time, being real toppers.

The Formation of the Yorkshire Union.

Proceeding, we come to the time of the formation of the Yorkshire Union. The exact year, unfortunately, we cannot get at, but the first meeting was held at the Crystal Palace and the second at the Temperance Hall, Bower Street, Bradford. In the formation of the Union we have much to be thankful for. We have only to note the advancement of the Fancy, and particularly of the Yorkshire Bird, to know what theYorkshire Union and its members and officials connected with it have done. The great work that was begun by a few has been worked up to a high pinnacle of fame; the rules to protect the birds, the shows, the exhibitor, the breeder, etc., are all really the outcome of the zeal and forethought of those few fanciers who were instrumental in forming the Yorkshire Union, and one of whom is the subject of this article, Jim Overend, who for one or two years sat as President of that body, and this is an honour of which he is justly proud.

Mr. Overend was President of the Yorkshire Union in the year of the formation of the Yorkshire Canary Club, and he did not take kindly to the latter idea. As a matter of fact, he thought the Club would work against the Union, though he has seen since that the work was vastly different and instead of being antagonistic was really helping on the work of the advancement of the Fancy, which has been proved many times over by the success gained by the two societies. The Y.C.C. was formed at the headquarters of the Gt. Horton O.S., Mr. Levi Holmes being one of the chief workers and supporters, and the present secretary of the Y.C.C. was amongst those who took up the work and cares of the society in its formation; others were, I believe, such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Battye, Mundell, Holmes, Hodgson, Wilman, Bennett, Tindall, etc.

Prices on the Up Grade.

Prices all this time were on the upward grade, until at last £5 came to be a regular price. One bird our friend saw at Huddersfield was catalogued at £5, and as he had a few good ones at home, but thought this one could beat them, he decided to claim it, and the judgment proved to be right. The following week he got first, second, third, and fourth in one class, and the bird claimed was the leader of the team. Then two even-marks were shown at Halifax, and one of these he had often tried to buy, but the price asked had been £10, and this was too much. He would have given £5. Judge his surprise, therefore, on getting to Halifax to find that the bird he had wanted to buy was catalogued at a "fiver" and the other at a "tenner"—a palpable mistake that was soon taken advantage of, and the bird claimed.

Mr. Overend has officiated at a few Union shows as Judge and considers that it is the greatest strain of his life to give himself entire satisfaction—to find what he considers the best—and in a large show he thinks it a very hard day's work to do so.

About going in search of birds he has many tales to tell. Once, when out for a walk, he saw a fine Mule hung outside a house; he cautiously went to enquire the price. It was a lady who had it, and she said she had a better one inside, and would not sell one without the other. When he saw them he did not want one without the other, and the good lady said she would not take less than 7s. 6d. for the two; she reckoned one at 4s. and the other at 3s. 6d. He bought them, and one won at the Crystal Palace and was claimed at £5. Not a bad "spec," eh?

Wild-Bird Life.

Spring Migration.

The woods and hedgerows of our Southern counties are now inhabited by many of the migrant birds that have once more returned to our shores to nest, and to spend the summer and part autumn with us. When Nature is waking up from her long wintry sleep, and copse and woodland are daily becoming more pleasing with their ever increasing mantle of greenery, we welcome back the strangers from across the seas. The Cuckoo comes as a long-lost friend, and we greet the skimming Swallows and graceful Warblers with feelings of unwonted pleasure. With their advent we look forward to brighter skies and warmer, longer days, bright flowers and foliage, and all that makes our summer the pleasant time it is. This coming of the birds in March and April differs considerably from their departure in the autumn. At that time young and old birds gather in vast flocks and make their way to the sea-shore where they wait until a favourable wind assists them to their winter homes. In the spring the incoming birds are far less numerous. Thousands that left us in the autumn have perished on the journey or during the winter months, and only the breeding birds have returned to their summer homes. These wander over in small parties, and after resting, spread over the surrounding country. The majority, having the "homing" instinct, return to the place of their birth. On moor and on mountain, in field and in wood, by the stream and by the shore, the summer birds are suddenly but quietly returning to the haunts of their choice. To most of them this journey across land and sea must undoubtedly be one of hardship and danger. Contrary winds will occasionally arise while they are crossing, so that the poor little wanderers struggle to the shore in an exhausted condition. To some, such as the strong-winged Kestrel, the Swallow and the Turtle Dove, the journey cannot be one of overwhelming magnitude, and they probably romp over here with ease, but to short-winged species, such as the Golden-Crested Wren, the Grasshopper Warbler, the Corncrake, and others, the journey must be attended with considerable danger, and is doubtless performed in easy stages; and when they are crossing the longer stretches of sea, the journey must be done at a considerable height, where progression is far easier than nearer the sea level. In old times it was

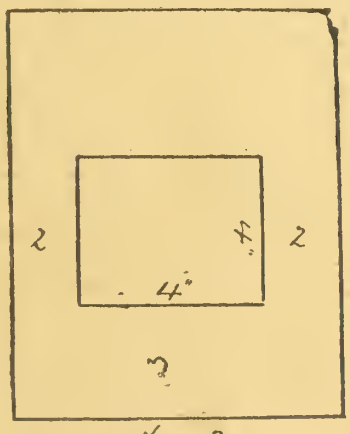


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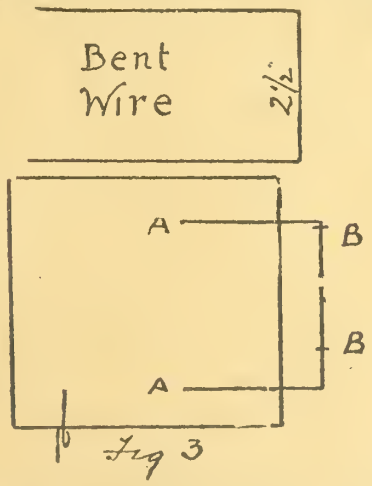


Fig 3

thought that some of these weaker species came over by an assisted passage, that stronger birds gave them a "lift" on the journey, but we now know that birds are not so kind to each other, and that each must fend for itself in the passage to their summer haunts.

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Through a - - Birdroom Window

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By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

(Continued from page 383.)

No. 4.—My Grey Parrots.

"Baby Grey Parrots" and "Liverpool" are always associated together. My earliest recollections go back to seductive advertisements of "black-eyed baby Greys and sure livers." Alas! I was not so wide awake then as I am now, and I fell an easy victim. I sent my 15s. quite confidingly, as, if such a very unlikely thing should happen as a death, the loss was to be made good by the seller. I thought this sounded so perfectly fair that it disarmed all suspicion. Why was I so simple?

The day after my order went, I got a small wooden box with what the porter described as "something alive" in it. "It seems making a queer sort of noise, sir," was his laconic remark. I had never had a Grey Parrot before, so I thought, maybe, it is the natural cry of baby Greys. It was a horrid grating sort of sound, like two rusty nails being rubbed together, and it went on and on and on uninterruptedly. I took off the box lid, and then I saw one of the most pitiable objects human eyes ever lighted on. On the floor of the box there crouched a young Grey Parrot that appeared to have perpetual cold shudders, and each time it shuddered the horrid grating sounds were produced.

As it did not seem at all anxious to quit the shelter of the box, I gave it what the emigration agents call "an assisted passage." In other words, I got hold of it by the back and lifted it bodily out. It was very lucky for me that the poor thing was too weak to resist, otherwise I should have had good cause to repent of my temerity. I thought my new purchase looked wretched enough in the box, but it looked far more pitiable in the cage in which I had placed it. There it sat, or, rather, clung to the perch, weakly swaying backwards and forwards, the cold shudders still continuing with painful regularity, its poor head hanging down, with eyes half closed, and a look as if all the cares of all the ages rested on its shoulders.

I had sense enough to see that something was very wrong; but what, I could not tell. Remember, I was only a beginner in these days. In the box was a lot of wet flat Indian corn, evidently boiled and smelling very evil. I thought I had better continue the diet, so I boiled some Indian corn and rice and put the mixture in the tin; but my poor friend seemed only to take a languid interest in my proceedings, and after putting the beak to the rice, withdrew it, as though eating was beyond it. I believe it was.

Even Whisky Failed.

Then I thought of a drink. Cold water, I knew, would be dangerous after the hot and fetid box, so I gave some warm, with just a dash of old Scotch in it. The poor brute drank as though it would never have enough, and soon began to smell horribly of weak whisky and water. It drank so much that at last I got frightened and put away the tin; and then it began to shudder once more, having apparently nothing better to do. I covered it up at night with a thick baize cloth, but when I came down in the morning my trouble was over, and so were those of my poor friend. The corpse was not a lovely one: it was as thin as paper and as light as a cork.

I sent it back with a polite request for another. No. 2 arrived in due course, and was an exact repetition of No. 1, but perhaps a shade stronger, as he lived two days, and then, like the patriarchs, died.

This tired me of "baby Greys" for many a year. A long while after I was reading Dr. Green's book, "The Grey Parrot," and it caused me to try Greys once again. I was older, and I hoped wiser, and certainly more experienced in bird-keeping. My ambition was to breed Grey Parrots. I was vain enough to think that if it could be done I was the man to do it. One day, while I was visiting a neighbour's aviaries in Leeds, he happened to say that on his milk walk was an old woman who had a Grey Parrot, and that the said Grey Parrot had laid an egg in its cage.

That was enough for me. I begged him to ask the old lady what she would accept for the bird. Alas! it was one of those birds that cannot be bought; it was an old maid's darling—no money would tempt her!

It annoyed me very much, for here it seemed was half the element of success. A lady Grey Parrot assured, healthy, and on the face of it likely to reproduce her kind, if given a decent chance. I thought I would go and visit the old lady myself, and see what my persuasive eloquence could do. I went, but it was no good. I talked "with a sweet mouth," as the African natives say, but it was no good—the Parrot was not for sale. I asked leave to stroke her ladyship. I was given gracious permission. I wish it had been withheld. Some Parrots, like bulls, ought to be labelled "dangerous." As I approached my fingers to the cage, she eyed me with the deepest interest, and followed my every movement with her neck; whichever way my hand turned her beak was always facing me. I wanted to get to the back of her neck, but she would not have it. At last I made a bold dash, and so did she—and she got first hold. I shall never forget that moment; it was so intense, as Oscar Wilde would have said. Have you ever got your fingers fixed in a sausage machine with an ever-increasing steady pressure? If so, you will know what it felt like. I squeezed the brute's neck till I thought it would crack, but it seemed made of cast-iron, and the more I pinched, the greater grew the pressure of that awful beak. I believe I should be fast still if the old lady had not come to my rescue. She offered the brute a bit of fruit, and, appetite being stronger than revenge, she let go of my hand and took the dainty.

My finger was a pitiable sight, with a nice three-cornered wedge hanging loose and blood flowing freely on to the carpet. I wondered, supposing it ever should heal, whether I might not die of blood-poisoning, but luckily nothing happened, and gradually the place healed up. But I have never liked that Grey Parrot since; in fact, I feel quite glad that she was unbuyable!

A Regular Shock.

Some years later I was reading the advertisements in Cage Birds, when all of a sudden I nearly jumped out of my chair with excitement, for I read—a pair of Grey Parrots for sale, anxious to breed and thoroughly acclimatised, price £5. The address was at Burnley. I jumped up, put on my hat, and started for the first train. "Where are you going?" I was asked. I muttered something about a sudden call to Burnley. It is a longish, cross-eyed journey from Leeds, but I got there safely at last and made my way to the address advertised. It was a saddler's shop. As I entered I saw a look of surpriso on the face of the "hands" as to what a priest could be likely to want in a saddler's shop. I set their minds at rest by saying I had come to see the Grey Parrots. The master evidently caught my words and came forward smiling. He was a delightful man, and a thorough bird lover, and we were friends directly. All true bird lovers are.

He asked me to come downstairs, and there in a big room under the shop I found the Grey Parrots. They were in a very big packing case—a most suitable abode, by the way—and there was a nesting box rigged up near the top, which, by the shavings lying about, had evidently received attention from the birds. They were in the most beautiful condition, not a single feather out of place, and evidently quite acclimatised, and I could see at a glance that they were a pure pair. This was intuitive, as I had not examined them.

After a little desultory talk I timidly enquired the lowest price, and at last we agreed to bargain for £4 10s. As there was not a long time before my train, they were quickly transferred in a stout box. I was on the way to the station and Leeds within the hour. As I sat waiting for the Leeds train I could not help wondering whether the crowds on the platform realised the importance of that box. That it contained the probably one and only true pair of acclimatised Greys in England that day. Alas! for the general public. They seemed surprisingly indifferent, and scarcely glanced at the box, except now and then when one of the Parrots scrabbled on the bottom.



Sexual Distinctions.

When I got home I put the pair into a big cage and examined them at my leisure. I was more than pleased with my bargain. They were in perfect health, and a true pair. They say there are several ways of telling Grey Parrots by sex. One rule is to examine the eye ceres—the bit of grey skin round the eyes—when it will be seen that they are of different shapes. The more rounded are the hens. Years ago Mr. Abrahams told me the one and only way to sex Greys. Look under the tails at the patch of red. If you have a cock and a hen it is easy to see which is which. I believe this is infallible. The cocks are also a much lighter grey colour.

I knew, however, without any looking, that mine were a pair, and so I calmly looked forward to baby Greys of my own in the summer. I determined to put the Parrots into an unheated aviary, but fairly sheltered and all to themselves; as I know by experience the power of those awful beaks.

It is my opinion, though I may be mistaken, that I should have been successful, but something happened. I had all the elements of success. I had a cock and a hen. You remember, of course, what Brahms said, "It is as hard to get a wife as to write an opera! We are told that the way to a certain place is paved with good intentions. I had intended to breed Grey Parrots, but seeing that our good intentions may not, after all, be so altogether excellent as our natural conceit would have us believe, it may be well that most of them find their ultimate destination in a place where, of course, we are not likely to meet them again!

One morning I felt ill; the next morning I felt worse, and for eight long weeks I was shut up in the house. All the care of the birds fell then on somebody else. The anxiety was too much. I felt the force of the argument; and on my convalescence I made up my mind to clear out—for a time. I offered all my birds to a rich neighbour, and, alas! he accepted my offer, and within a week I was birdless—and miserable. The Grey Parrots went with the rest, but, alas! instead of being put in a nice aviary, they were cruelly torn asunder and placed side by side in two separate cages, in an abomination of a place called "a pagoda." Thus ended the one and only chance of breeding Greys. When I got better, in a few months, I began to collect birds once again; but, alas! I could not get the Greys back at any price; and as it says in the book of Joshua of other things—they are there unto this day.

A Recipe for Longevity.

Let me here give a receipt for longevity in Grey Parrots, though it has nothing to do with this paper. The proverbial longevity of Grey Parrots was nicely illustrated in a bird to whom its deceased mistress had left a £10 annuity. The bird was not very young when the annuity began to accrue, and as years went on, and friends dropped off, he began to feel the loneliness of his life. With a tenderness which did them infinite credit, the good couple to whose care the bird had been left, imported a companion exactly like himself to cheer his solitude. But 'ere long one of the Parrots died, and the mourners remarked that these young birds had not half the constitution of the older generation! So, as long as they lived the Parrot lived—and the pension lived, too!

And one story reminds me of another, and with this I will end. The vicar was one day summoned to the deathbed of an old parishioner—shoemaker, ranter, and Radical. He expressed his gratification thereat, but asked why the Dissenting minister had not been called in. "Well, sir," the old wife replied; "my poor husband be mortial bad, and, you see, we allus sends for Parson at t'finish." (*To be continued.*)

Yorkshire Canaries.

Points Concerning Breeding and Management.

By W. MORRIS.

A lecture delivered before the Mid-Rhondda and District C.B.S. on April 20th.

At our general meeting, held at the Parry's Temperance Bar, Tonypandy, Mr. Hy. Jolly took the chair. After the general business had been transacted, and the presentation to the secretary made, the chairman called upon Mr. W. Morris to give his promised lecture upon the "Breeding and Management of Yorkshire Canaries."

Mr. Morris asked to be excused reading the paper himself, as his eyesight was failing him, and he could not read by gaslight. Mr. J. T. Lloyd, assistant secretary, read the paper in his stead. It was as follows:—

Plenty of Room Required.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Members,—I will this evening try and give you an idea as to how I breed and manage my Yorkshire Canaries. In the first place, I like my birds to have plenty of room, good big cages, and as much light and sunshine as possible. My experience has been that the Yorkshire Canary will stand any amount of cold, providing there is no draught. Before the breeding season starts I get my cages, racks and walls scrupulously clean and painted; that is, anything that needs painting.

In selecting my stock pairs I have had the best results. I like to pair good big buff cocks (if they have a bit of feather I don't mind) to typical, good quality yellow hens of close feather. My experience has been that the hen has a big say in the matter of quality and type in the young. Whatever way you pair your birds, keep type and quality on the hen's side, and length and colour on the cock's side. After pairing my birds I give them a liberal supply of Spratts' Cod Liver Oil Cage Bird Food; my experience has been that this food is a preventative of egg-binding. I follow this treatment up until the first clutch of eggs are laid.

It is optional whether you have the cock in with the hen or not, but if you pair one cock to two hens, then you must remove the cock from hen No. 1 on the evening you find she has laid her full clutch of eggs, and put him with hen No. 2. During the fourteen days the hens are sitting, I feed on plain Spanish canary seed only, and on the 14th day I give a little yolk of egg mixed with a little Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Food, and gradually increase it as the young get older.

Coming back to eggs during sitting, some fanciers advise testing the eggs in warm water; but my advice is: allow Nature to do all that is necessary with the eggs. Testing the eggs in warm water, I think, makes the shell more hard, and consequently a great deal harder for the young to come from. After the hen has been sitting for seven days give her a bath in the morning, and every morning after until the eggs are hatched. I also find that by keeping a spare hen or two, even if of no value from an exhibition point of view, and she is a good breeder, she is worth a mint to you, for transferring eggs from other hens to. Try and put these spare hens to nest the same time as the others.

My Favourite Greenfood.

My favourite green food is watercress or lettuce. I do not start to give it to the young until they are three or four days old, and I make a point of giving fresh green food every time I give soft food, taking care to remove all stale food. I transfer the young to the nursery cage when they are from 21 to 31 days old, and ring them at the same time, putting the numbers in my stud book for reference. I take the young away from the nursery cage when I see them picking up for themselves, and I place them in the same numbers as bred in large cages, as the nestful as bred will agree better by themselves than if others are placed with them.

During this period you will be lucky indeed if you do not get a few youngsters go a little queer. If I find one going a little thick I take him in hand at once, as it is sometimes fatal to let illness get even a few hours' start on a young bird. I think it a great mistake to get young birds on to hard seed too soon. I always give them a little soft food right through the moult, gradually decreasing the quantity as they complete the moult.

I do not believe in giving them water until they are six weeks old, as I find it is fatal for young birds to drink too much water.

When the Youngsters Go "Thick."

If I find a youngster going a little thick I carefully take him in my hand and blow up the feathers underneath. Should inflammation be the trouble, I take away all seed and put him on bread and milk sop. I do not make it too sloppy, and I give milk to drink, taking care it does not turn sour. If my patient does not improve after a few hours, I blow up the feathers on the belly and slightly paint with camphorated oil (I do not believe in using turpentine). I then place the little sufferer in a small cage without perches, and place him upon the hob near the fire, so that he may get a good heat. If this does not draw the inflammation down, I put the little sufferer out of his misery.

In conclusion, I trust the little time spent in writing this paper will be of some little service to the beginners in our society.

At this stage the chairman invited questions, which were numerous, and Mr. Morris had some "ticklers" to answer, but he answered them all admirably. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the excellent advice given.—Arthur H. C. Legg, Hon. Sec.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

Mr. H. J. Fulljames appointed Secretary.

BADGES NOW READY.

Bird Lovers! Rally to your Defence.

Our announcement of the appointment of Mr. H. J. Fulljames to the secretaryship of Cage Birds League will, we anticipate, be of considerable interest to all our readers, for, judging by our post-bag, the League seems to have met with the favour of everybody. The secretarial post promises to be no sinecure, and we are sure Mr. Fulljames would not wish it to be so. He has the welfare of the League closely at heart, and the enormous amount of labour which will be thrown upon his shoulders in establishing Cage Birds League in sound, smooth-working order, Mr. Fulljames is facing with equanimity and with the determination to do his best in the interests of bird-keepers of every degree. That he will carry out the objects of the League without fear or favour, and strictly in accordance with the wishes of the members, we have not the smallest doubt. Mr. Fulljames' qualifications for the post seem to us undeniable; he has had a long experience as a practical bird-keeper, has been a very successful exhibitor of birds, while he is an excellent speaker and wields a fluent, capable pen—above all, he has a thorough grasp of the needs of bird-keepers in the protection of their interests against the unwarranted interference of outside fanatics and sentimentalists, as witness his article which won the £5 prize in Cage Birds recent competition for the best essay entitled "It is cruel to keep birds in cages?" We will leave his first secretarial pronouncement to speak for itself. We confidently ask for the support of all bird-keepers to be given to Mr. Fulljames. Without this the best-intentioned efforts must fail. But we dismiss "failure" as unthinkable in connection with Cage Birds League. So, readers all, it is now up to you to float the League on the flood-tide of success. Let Mr. Fulljames enrol you as members at once. A last word: Keep an eye open for our future announcements.



Our League Badge.

Mr. Fulljames' Initial Address.

Fellow Members, Present and Prospective, of Cage Birds League,—

As announced above, I have been accorded the honour of having been appointed your first Secretary. I use the word "first" advisedly, for an individual mortal has only his allotted span to fill, while Cage Birds League has come to stay, and many successors will, in the future, each have to take up the secretarial duties, as each in turn drops out in the course of Nature.

A Crying Need Supplied.

You will have gathered from the letters already published, which represent only a tithe of those received, that the proposal of our Editor to establish, under the title of Cage Birds League, an association of bird-lovers, has met with such an enthusiastic response as to prove without doubt that such an amalgamation, for it is nothing more or less, has long been needed. As with so many obvious things, the wonder is that no one should have instituted it before, and it has been left to Mr. Carl to give expression to the need, and to formulate a means by which the want shall be supplied. However, here we are, and the necessarily large amount of preliminary arrangements are nearing completion, so that with this issue Cage Birds League is fairly launched. It now only remains for bird-owners throughout the whole kingdom to support the League by their membership, and place it from the beginning in such a position that its voice will be no uncertain one. With a membership such as that of which we are already assured, Cage Birds League enters upon its career with the brightest of prospects, and no efforts of ours will be spared to ensure the successful realisation of the ideals which we have already placed before our thousands of readers, and to some of which reference is made below.

We Shall Help, Not Hinder.

As originally intimated, it is quite beyond our intention or wish to make the League in any sense whatever a governing body. It is to be simply an association of bird-lovers, banded together in their own mutual interests, strong enough not only to do good within its own boundaries, but to defend itself against attack from outside. No club or society will be affected in the slightest degree, excepting in the fact that an increased membership should accrue to all bird clubs, as the mere existence of such an association as ours is brought to the knowledge of the untold thousands of our countrymen who keep, maybe, only one bird, and who are as yet pursuing the ordinary tenour of their lives in blissful ignorance that such bodies as bird clubs, or such an organ as Cage Birds, exist. These people have no idea that the very keeping of a pet Canary is being threatened by the extremists who, if they had their way, would prohibit the keeping of any bird in any cage. That this is no imaginary bogey is patent to all of us who have seen the trend of recent legal actions, and who know of the prospective legislation which these fanatics have in mind.

Try to "Catch a Pal" for Us.

It is not only the support of experienced bird-keepers and exhibitors which is required, but that of the less well-informed private keeper of a cage bird or two. Of the former there is no doubt; the latter depends upon the individual efforts of each fancier to "catch a pal," or, as some of our readers express it, several pals. No better method of doing this may be imagined than for each member to wear at all times his badge of membership, and it is easy to prophesy that he will be surprised to find how many of his fellow-travellers in train, 'bus, or tram are interested in a minor degree in the fascinating hobby which he himself has made his own. The bird-lover who finds himself in a strange town will soon discover that there are around him fellow fanciers of whose existence he would otherwise remain ignorant, and mutual advantage cannot fail to follow. At bird shows the badge will be sufficient introduction between many who would otherwise remain strangers. Experiences will be interchanged, successes and failures compared, and many a friendship will be inaugurated through the medium of the tiny symbol. The establishment of a bond of good-fellowship and union between bird-keepers the world over will do them real good; they will be able to participate in the benefits of a general inculcation of principles under which birds suited to captivity may be kept under humane and proper conditions, and to share the advantages of the defensive and protective plans of the League.

Badges Ready—Why Not Have One?

Cage Birds League has now become an established fact. We want you to help it along. The badges are now ready, and very beautiful little ornaments they are; the price, sixpence each, places them within the reach of everyone; the membership subscription is the modest sum of one sbilling per annum—less than a farthing a week. What is more, half of this subscription may be allocated by each subscribing member, or by a number of them in a body, to a Special Prize Fund for any society or show, to a fund for the dissemination among poor bird-keepers of useful literature calculated to enlighten them and improve the conditions under which their birds are kept in domestication, or to a fund for the protection, by legal or other process, of bird-keepers from swindlers, or from unjust attacks by moneyed faddists and sentimentalists, or for the general protection of bird-keepers' interests. Remittances for badges or annual subscriptions must be made payable to F. Carl, treasurer *pro. tem.*, Cage Birds League, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The badges are in three forms, all at the same price, one to be slipped through the button-hole on the lapel of the coat, one to be worn as a charm on the watch-chain, and one with a pin at the back making it into a brooch. In remitting, members should state which form they prefer.

Rewards for Recruiting.

Fanciers must not forget that £5 in cash will go to him who introduces the greatest number of recruits to the League by March 11th next year, and £3 in cash to the one introducing the second highest number

Society Secretaries Note.

Societies also will have a grant for nominating their members as members of Cage Birds League; £5 for the highest, and £3 for the second highest, and, so that the larger societies may not have a monopoly, there will be four further prizes of £1 each to the societies whose total nominations to the League show the best average per member.

Future Operations.

In a scheme of such gigantic proportions as are promised to be reached by Cage Birds League much remains yet to be settled. An Advisory Committee has to be appointed, and this will be of a very widely representative nature. Short rules, as few as possible, have to be drawn. Questions as to local centres and places of meetings to be agreed, and many other details which I hope will be settled in a week or two. In the meantime my best endeavours will be given in the furtherance of the objects of the League, and I shall have each week an announcement to make in that direction, bearing in mind that the interests of each individual member are as important as the interests of the League itself. Send along at once your eighteenpence for badge and membership subscription, and, with the postal order, don't forget to let us have any suggestions that occur to you. They will all have careful consideration.

Henry J. Fulljames,
Secretary, Cage Birds League, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Sir,—I am very pleased to see Cage Birds League is being formed. Will you enroll my wife and myself as members, and forward two badges (when ready) to be worn in coat, and one in the form of a brooch—three in all. I enclose postal order for 3s. 6d. (two membership fees, and 1s. 6d. for badges). I wish Cage Birds hearty congratulations.—C. Lockett (Dover).

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.
* Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.
Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street).
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth.**—(J. Nichol. Castle View.) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) J.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)
Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate. N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.)
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 28, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.)
Nov. 24 & 25. **Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24., 25. 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 35, Rodsley Avenue.) J.R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street).
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T.,
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cameronhall St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., A.C
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Park view, Tollcross.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.)
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

SOME VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

Sir,—Kindly accept me as a member of Cage Birds League. I have been a regular reader of Cage Birds from the first copy. I enclose a postal order for 1s. 6d. (membership fee and 6d. for No. 2 badge, for watch-chain pendant.) —J. H. Davies (Penkethb).

A Membership Matter.

Sir,—Having been a reader of Cage Birds for a matter of about two and a half years, I wish to know if I am entitled to become a member of Cage Birds League. I have kept birds, but becoming short of room, I had to give them up, except one or two, just for song. I might say I am as enthusiastic as ever, and still continue to take Cage Birds. I should very much like to join the League, which I think is a magnificent movement, so I should be very much obliged if you would let me know. I wish the League and Cage Birds. every success.—W. H. L. (Manchester).

[Our correspondent will be welcomed as a member of our League. Cage Birds League is open to anyone interested in birds, whether actually keeping birds or not.—Editor.]

Just What Is Wanted.

Sir,—I will become a member of Cage Birds League. It is just what we want to protect us from some of the people who are against keeping a bird themselves, and who want to stop others from doing so. If something of the sort does not "crop up" to protect us fanciers, the time will come when we shall be unable to keep a British bird. I enclose 1s. 6d. contribution and badge, the latter to be sent to me when ready. I hope many thousands will do the same.—J. G. Taylor (Cannock).

A Secretarial Badge

Sir,—In connection with Cage Birds League, may I be allowed to suggest that when the local secretaries are appointed they shall be supplied with a badge similar to the others, but with the words, "Local Secretary" inscribed on it? This, when worn in either buttonhole or on watch-chain, will often be the means of introducing members to the secretary, who might otherwise not know each other; and when canvassing likely members the mere pointing to it will save a lot of explanation. It might also suggest to some that he (the secretary) was the very person to pay the overdue subscription to. Am very glad to see the League being taken up so well, and trust there will be a lot more suggestions yet. —W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec. Reading and Dis. C.B.S.

Sir,—Kindly enrol me as a member of Cage Birds League. Also please send me a badge, when ready, for watchchain. The design I consider excellent.—R. D. Thorpo (Maidenhead).

Sir,—I am glad to see you have begun the Cage Birds League. I am very pleased to be able to join the League, for which I enclose 1s. 6d. for contribution and a button-hole badge to be sent me when ready.—C. Bracewell (Colne).

Sir,—Being very much interested in Cage Birds, also in the League you have formed, will you kindly enter my name as a member of the League, for which I enclose a postal order for 1s. 6d. for contribution and badge for buttonhole.—F. Potton (Southend-on-Sea).

"He Won't Say No!"

Sir,—Being already a member of Cage Birds League, I visited a brother fancier's recently, and after explaining the objects of the League to him, I succeeded in getting him to become a member. I herewith enclose 1s. contribution, also 6d. for coat buttonhole badge for Mr. R. S. Rooke, Swanley Village, Kent. I am visiting another fancier (Mr. F. Croucher, of Swanley Village), a good old Yorkshire fancier, and I think that when he knows that his brother fanciers in the village are members of the League, he won't say "No" when I ask him to join. I wish Cage Birds and Cage Birds League every success.—E. H. Peek (Bexley, Kent).

Several letters held over.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by Claude St. John.

Various.

Trilby.—(1) The darkening of the plumage you refer to is the dust and dirt grime which gradually accumulates in the plumage. Ordinary bathing will not remove it: only hand-washing, which requires some expert knowledge. It is impossible to improve the depth or tone of the yellow at this season. You must wait until the moulting season, and then colour-feed. To breed young of better colour you must mate it with a green or variegated bird. This would give you a large proportion of variegated birds, but the clears would be a much richer colour. (2) Give the usual staple, and add a little egg food every second day, mixed seed on the alternate days, green food daily. When hen commences to sit, give the staple diet only. You would find "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager, very useful for details. (3) A glazed earthenware bath to go in the cage would suit you best. Or you might place it in a small bath-cage to hang on open doorway. When bird is splashing in drinker remove it for an hour or so, and hang on bath meanwhile. If given two coats of bath enamel the tin bath would answer very well. Remove rust before applying enamel. (4) A simple mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape is best. Glad to hear the husky bird has improved so much. But you should not have mated him until the effect had quite disappeared.

Young Hens, etc.

Inquire.—(1) Your fancier friend would be quite right to say some young hens neglect their first brood of young, but it is rather drawing the long bow to assert it is the general practice. Some neglect the first, and do very well afterwards; others do well at first, and neglect their duties later in life; and others still I have known neglect the first brood in each season, and yet do well with the later broods. But all these cases are exceptions, and by no means the general rule. Therefore, it is quite probable your other hens, or the majority of them, will attend to their duties better than the particular hen you mention. Try leaving the cock with this hen next time, if he does not molest her on the nest. After the third day, add a sprinkling of maw seed to the egg-food, and see the latter is fresh two or three times a day, not made sloppy or pasty moist—crumbly dry is best; and do not give large quantities at a time to satiate the birds. Give a scrap of tender lettuce and top of young groundsel, also fresh gathered twice a day—morning and afternoon, and after the first week begin to give a little lightly cracked hemp. (2) A cock ten months old, especially of the small or medium sized breeds, is quite mature enough to fertilise eggs. Probably the cold during mid April kept your hens backward, which was the cause of their not going to nest to him. He seems to have been in fair condition himself. (3) If hens are in high condition and likely to come forward for nesting again early, a diet of plain Canary during incubation is best. For all ordinary cases I prefer to leave them with the usual staple of Canary and rape. (4) Providing the song has not deteriorated, cocks that have been used for breeding may, of course, if in good song, be used as tutors for the young. It is a matter which only the owner, hearing the song regularly, is able to decide. The song often deteriorates in breeding. (5) In-breeding is most useful in working up a strain, fixing good points, or markings, and so on. But it should only be done with a specific object, and with discretion, as it will fix bad points just as readily as good ones. (6) For remedy for egg-eating cock, see reply to "Novice, Leicester," on April 22. (7) Mate the hen that has had young again in a fortnight from the time the young died. Finally, get the parts of "Our Canaries" already issued, which will clear up all these doubts and difficulties for you.

Canary with Cough.

H. B. (York).—I am sceptical as to this cough being the effect of a cold. It would not have lasted so long without other unpleasant symptoms appearing. First look well into the quality and cleanliness of all seeds and foods supplied. See that they are perfectly free from dust, also the seed vessel, and that the rape especially is free from a minute mite pest which often infests it. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, but see that this also is free from fine dust. Do not hang the cage too high up near the ceiling, nor near or over burning lights in the evenings, and keep it in a fairly equable place, quite free from draughts. Strict attention to these points will do more than anything else towards a cure. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer, and for the next month give three times a week a morsel of bread the size of hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, three drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On two other days each week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, teazle, millet, linseed, black rape, and yellow mustard. Give a little green food daily. Every second day for a week give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash, in the drinking water. If the cough has not then disappeared get a chemist to mix you two drams each of oxymel of squills and glycerine, one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and six grains of iodide of potassium, and give 20 drops of this mixture in the water every second day for a fortnight.

Not Rearing Young.

Disappointed.—You are right in thinking the cock is not to blame. The hen is clearly a non-feeder, and probably scarcely did anything towards prolonging the lives of the young beyond sitting lazily on them and keeping them warm. Next time try the following treatment of her. Remove the eggs as laid, keeping a dummy egg in the nest from time the first is removed until the evening of the third day, then remove the dummy and replace the eggs, remove the cock and cage him alone out of sight, and hearing, if practicable, of the hen, leaving her to hatch and rear the young by herself. Feed hen on staple of Canary and rape only during incubation, with the least scrap of sponge cake at the end of each week. On the thirteenth and fourteenth days offer a bath made slightly saline by the addition of a little common salt, and for one-half of each of these days dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in the drinking water. Give

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a small teaspoonful of egg-food in two instalments on the fourteenth day, and add a slight sprinkling of maw seed to it. Repeat this the next two days, and if she does not appear to be feeding the young add a small piece of greenstuff—lettuce, groundsel, chickweed, or watercress—fresh three times a day, and a pinch of hemp and soaked rape, and if she still refuses to feed on these, transfer the young to a foster hen, if possible, without further delay. Should she feed at the beginning, start adding greenstuff on the third or fourth day, hemp about the eighth day, and soaked rape when young are a fortnight old, or any time when hen appears to flag.

Prolific Hen (W. H. K.).—No, you should not give the hen anything with the object of stopping her laying. She is evidently one of those exceptionally productive hens that turn up occasionally, and no good is done by trying to limit their production. If you cannot remove her to a large flight or aviary quite out of earshot and sight of any cock, when a diet of plain Canary only and green food might bring about the desired result naturally, leave her with the cock and let matters take their own course. If she commences to sit let her do so, and give the superfluous eggs to fosters to hatch and rear. She may, or may not, wear herself out, but in any case it will be no worse than wearing her out by tinkering with drug treatment, which is always best avoided whenever possible.

A Doubtful Pair (Interrogo).—Strange that you do not know whether the cock of your pair of birds is a Canary, a Mule, or Linnet. If you bought them as a pair from any recognised dealer the cock is probably a green or foul green Canary, which I have heard non-fanciers call a Linnet. The latter may be briefly described as a russet-brown bird with a flash of white in each wing, possibly also a rosy tint on the breast, and a call note more like tzi-sik, tzi-sik than the well-known "tz-weet" of the Canary. Surely, you must have someone near you who could solve this puzzle. If it is a Linnet it is quite possible it may breed Mules. Any young from him and a hen Canary would be Mules. Whether they in turn would breed is an unsolved problem. Mules are generally sterile. I never gave cucumber to Canaries sufficiently to note its results. I have given slight pecks of it to pet birds, and my impression was that any appreciable quantity would have been harmful.

Protracted Moulting (C. I. W.).—First of all see that the bird is quite free from draughts, extreme fluctuations of temperature, and does not hang near or over burning lights in the evenings, nor in a window. One or other of these causes is probably at work, and must be removed. Keep bird in a fairly equable place. See that cage is not infested with red mites. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of the egg-bread with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed; on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle. Give a scrap of green food daily. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until moulting is stopped. When moulting is quite stopped reduce the egg and mixed seed to once a week each. Its song should then return, but will not do so before.

Moving Birds (Eloc.).—I am not quite clear what place you have the birds in now. You say first a "glass lean-to," and next a "glass-house," which terms are generally applied to greenhouses, but in that case I do not understand what noise there should be to do harm, and scarcely very great heat to "burn off" the eggs. It looks more like its being a glass manufactory. In either case the birds would certainly be better in a cosy place away from draughts in the sitting-room. You might remove the hens that are sitting closely at once. Make the place quite ready for them, measuring the cages first to be sure everything will fit correctly, then throw a light cover over the cages, after birds have gone to roost, and remove them gently to their new position, leaving the cover over until retiring for the night, then remove it. Those that have just hatched off young you had best leave where they are until the young are about a fortnight old, then there will be less risk of the parents stopping feeding them. (2) If the eggs of these hens were clear, neither the noise nor heat of the glass-house would have anything to do with the failure to hatch. More likely the cocks were not in full vigour at the time. You might treat them as advised to "S.E.A.," omitting the whisky and glycerine, until they have gone to nest again.

Slow Moult (Railway Guard). — See reply to "C.I.W.," and treat the bird as therein advised, having first carried out the suggestions as to removal of cause. The bird will not sing until the moult is quite stopped, but should resume soon afterwards.

Not Laying (Chas. Wooldridge).—The birds have probably been kept in too high condition on the mixed seed all through the winter. Stop this, and treat them as advised to "S.E.A.," except that in your case you should give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week.

Addled Egg (H. H. H.).—The egg sent was broken in transit and arrived a pasty mixture of egg and meal in which it was packed. Therefore I can only say that it was an "addled" egg, and had not reached a stage of development when it could properly be described as young "dead in shell." The embryo had, so far as one could judge, developed up to about the eighth or ninth day of incubation, and then died. Cannot give any definite cause of this. It might have been due to a temporary chill, or to weakness of the germ, or many other causes. I suppose, by the way, you had not made a mistake in the length of time they had been sitting and investigated matters too soon. In any case treat the birds as advised to "S.E.A.," but omit the final dosing with whisky and glycerine, and the young will probably come off better in the next brood.

Not Nesting (Percondator).—I fancy the cock is out of condition, though you do not say whether he appears in good health or not. The hen seems to be quite forward, and needs only a lusty cock to drive her to nest at once. If available you would do well to try her with another vigorous young cock. Continue your present general feeding, but mix a quarter-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts of gold of pleasure and sesame in the egg food each time, and on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, yellow mustard, and black rape. In the drinking water give a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel for two or three days.

Going Bald (E.F.W.).—Keep the birds in a fairly equable and comfortable place, not heated, and free from draughts. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every third day for a month give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, dropped on it, then slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with maw seed. On three other days each week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, linseed, black rape, and millet. Give a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water every second day for a week, and twice a week afterwards for the remainder of the month, give 20 drops of whisky and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Allow birds to bathe freely, and twice a week slightly smear the bare places with sulphur ointment.

Stopped Feeding (Disappointed).—I cannot tell why the hens should stop feeding young after a fortnight's attention without more details of their management. It is quite usual for them to begin to stay off the nest longer at this stage, but feeding should go on even more vigorously than when the chicks were younger, and the cock, if present, generally begins to take a good part of it upon himself. An increase in the variety of food and green food should be given, and if they show signs of flagging a small crystal of sulphate of soda should be added to the water, and a bath given, with a little common salt mixed in it. Next time, try a good home-made egg-food, egg and bread crumbs, giving it fresh at least twice a day. When the young are a week old give a little chickweed and tender top of groundsel gathered fresh twice each day; a few days later begin to give a little cracked hemp daily, and if the hen still appears to flag add a little soaked rape. You would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free, and follow its advice. Do not interfere with or disturb the birds if you can possibly avoid it.

Canary Moping (Corporal A. Thomas).—Unless the bird caught a chill on the journey I hardly think it could have been in very good trim when sent. Keep it quite free from draughts, but in a bright and airy place, not near or over burning lights in the evenings, and in a fairly equable place. As staple diet give a plain mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of hemp, millet, and teazle. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. In the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. As you have no experience at all in the matter you had better get some fancier near you to look at the bird and tell you its sex. Size and colour goes for nothing in sexing Canaries.

Laying One Egg (S. E. A.).—The hen is probably a very young one, and may not have been in very good breeding condition. Stop giving egg-food for a week and give instead a morsel of bread about size of a walnut soaked in cold milk, with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion dropped on it, and sprinkled with maw seed each day. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, linseed, millet, and black rape, and on the alternate days two leaves of dandelion. Give this in addition to the usual staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Leave the birds together and let the quantities named above suffice for the pair. Give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky and ten of glycerine for three or four days. After the first week stop the bread and milk and give instead a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, or egg food, sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and maw every second day only, and give the dandelion daily. Continue this treatment until the hen has gone to nest again, which may be another fortnight or three weeks.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Middle Claw (J. R. H.).—If the claw "has no use in it," then I am afraid nothing can be done for, of course, the bird has lost the power of controlling it. Try binding it firmly, yet not too tightly, to the side claw for a time. Did the Bullfinch get the foot trapped somehow?

Hand-Rearing Thrushes (H. Hinkley).—You should send 2½d. for the "Nutshell" booklet upon the Thrush, in which you will find a long, detailed account of how to rear (hand-feed) them from the nest. Note, also, several helpful letters on this subject quite recently published.

The Cock Bullfinch (J. McHolme).—I have very frequently stated that the cock Bullie has invariably been found to be useless for the purpose of producing hybrids, such as the Goldie-Bullie, Linnet-Bullie, etc. I have no personal knowledge of even a single case where he has fertilised eggs with any hen other than one of his own species.

Sexing Nestling Thrushes (Thrush).—There is no method by which Song Thrushes can be accurately sexed whilst in the nest. You should choose the youngster which seems the largest and most forward (the "top-dog," so to speak), when I find that the chances are favourable to its turning out a cock. Or choose two or three, and afterwards turn loose in the country those that "warble" (try over their song) the least. It is as little trouble to rear a couple as it is to bring up one. Hardly any birds can be accurately sexed when in nestling plumage.

In an Aviary (Kingston).—Six to eight pairs would be ample. Make up pairs of the species you have already, which would do nicely. You must have only one pair of Bullfinches, however; this means that three of the cocks would have to be removed. The seed sample sent seems an excellent one, but more teazle and some sunflower can be added with advantage.

An Ailing Magpie (Magpie).—Keep the perches very clean, washing them daily with a solution of some reliable disinfectant. Bathe the eyes two or three times daily with warm water to which a little Condy's Fluid has been added—sufficient to turn it the colour of port wine (make it fresh every time). You should also add a few drops of the Condy's to the bird's drinking water, giving the latter in a glass or earthenware dish, and changing it frequently, as this would be likely to afford speedy relief of the "throat trouble," you mention. Give the bird some chopped raw meat amongst its food for a time.

Two Eggs (British Bird).—The eggs of all species of birds vary appreciably in size, even in the same nest, therefore any measurements given can only be approximate. Variations of shape are also common. The egg of the Redstart is about the size of a six-

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pence, and that of the Missel Thrush of a shilling (neither, of course, is round in shape). The Redstart invariably nests in holes (of trees, walls, banks, etc.), and the eggs are generally 5 or 6 in number and pale blue in colour, with a faint greenish tinge—no markings at all. The Missel Thrush likes the fork of some branch of a tree (near the trunk and not too low down), on which to build, and the eggs generally number 4 or 5. The ground colour is usually a dirty white with a greenish tint, blotched and spotted with red, purplish-brown, and brown. They vary much, both in colour and shape; some are much more rounded than others.

"White Flags" (Special Pilot).—I have never before heard the expression "white flags" applied to anything under the tail of a dark Goldfinch Mule. One lives and learns. I presume that you refer to markings of some kind; and I presume that the said markings are the more or less oval-shaped white patches on the outer-tail feathers—generally termed "moonings." These are characteristic of dark Goldfinch Mules, and no bar to success on the show bench. If the tail-feathers are wholly or partly white on both upper and under surfaces (not merely "mooned" underneath), then, of course, it constitutes a fatal defect.

Identity of Bird (P. H. C.).—The bird you describe is a Great Tit (often called the Ox-eye Tit). It is an insectivorous bird, and consequently must be fed on a good insectile mixture, prepared in the usual way, and be given such live foods as you can provide (mealworms, flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, gentles, and the like). A few seeds (hemp, sunflower, and Canary) are also relished now and again. Tits are not easy subjects to keep for any length of time in a cage.

Mating Matters (W. Clayton).—Most certainly hen Canaries will successfully pair with Linnets and Goldfinches when cock Canaries are being kept in the same room. Sometimes, however, a hen Canary which has been paired to a cock Canary will act roughly to the Linnet or Goldie when she hears the "call" of her late husband. Hens differ considerably in temperament: one has to study such things. Some hens are quite indifferent and will call freely to anything in the male line. I quite agree that the "feather dropping" would delay the cock Canaries coming into breeding form. I shouldn't give more than a tiny quantity of linseed now to Canaries, though as a rule they do not eat much of this seed. If really cocks, then the two birds you mention must be very, very much out of condition if at this time of the year they do not sing a note, although in the same room as hen Canaries in breeding condition. Give them a little egg food, niger, and hemp seeds every day, and a leaf or two of dandelion. I am afraid drugs will never make them fertilise eggs. Build up their health by good food.

An Argument (Skylark, A. J.).—Pleased to settle the "little argument" for you and your friend. Here you are: 1, The Skylark is mainly insectivorous, but on occasion feeds freely upon soft grains, such as young corn and also shoots of grass and other herbage. 2 and 3, These are best answered together. The crop and the gizzard are two quite distinct portions of the anatomy of a bird. The crop is an expansion of the gullet, very large in seed-eaters, and with thickened walls. In the pigeon, for instance, the crop reaches a high development. It is, broadly speaking, a storehouse for food. Some birds have no crop, or practically so. The gizzard is the second or hindmost) compartment of the stomach, and in seed-eating and part seed-eating birds the walls are very strong and muscular, and assist in breaking up the food, helped by grit and stones swallowed by the bird. In some birds, on the contrary, the walls are not strong and muscular (flesh-eating birds, for instance). And some fish-eating birds, again, have a third stomach—a small one behind the gizzard.

A Thrush Matter (no nom-de-plume).—The tonic you mention ought to do the bird good. You should try feeding it on the lines I described last week, using the packet food you name and the "Melox." Give the bird some live food, and put a little scraped raw lean meat (beef or mutton) on top of its daily food supply for a time. Into the soft food stir every day a teaspoonful of extract of malt, a small quantity of which you can get from any chemist. Keep up this treatment until the bird regains its old-time "high condition."

Various Obstacles (H. Boddy).—(1) I should give this hen two or three doses of syrup of huckthorn on alternate days—half-a-teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Withhold the egg-food for a time, and give instead a little sweet biscuit (Osborne) soaked in new milk, fresh twice daily. You speak of "bringing this hen into breeding condition"; then later you say "both hens wish to pair to Roller cock, and call to him all day." Surely this is somewhat contradictory. I don't see what you can do with the Goldie that often drops feathers and has not sung for 5 or 6 months—a breeding cage is the last place for a bird in his condition. He will never fertilise eggs this season, I am afraid, and I think you would be well advised to turn his wife over to the cock Roller you mention—that is, if you want to breed something. But you say she is sometimes "terribly wheezy." Is this merely nervousness? If due to bronchial trouble, then she also is not worth keeping for breeding. To be candid with you, it is a weariness and a waste of time to try to breed with any birds that are not in a sound, healthy condition. You say you have put the hens in the same compartment. Well, if they were in breeding form they would be fighting like blazes, and the feathers would be flying. The seed mixture reads all-right. You could economise by leaving out the charlock and linseed.

Foster-mothers: A Correction (Puzzled).—A printer's error occurred in the answer given you last week. Towards the end, it should have read: "I have put eggs under a hen Mule, which have hatched out in three days, and she has fed and brought up the young quite as if that were the usual thing." The words "in three days" were omitted last week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Parrakeet with Abnormal Beak.

E.F.M.E.—If the lower mandible is really twisted, I fear there is no remedy for this, and that it will remain so. The upper mandible must be pared back to normal size periodically as required. A piece of hard wood, preferably the piece of a stout branch with the bark on and a lump of mortar will help the bird to keep the beak ground down, and as it becomes accustomed to the deformity of the lower mandible it will undoubtedly keep its beak trimmed down without, or with only occasional, assistance from you. If you have had no previous experience of the operation, it would be well to get either a local vet. or some fancier of experience to pare it for you, and if you carefully observe the way they go about it—it is very simple—you should afterwards be able to do it yourself. The thing to guard against is cutting back so far as to cause it to bleed. If by mishap this should occur, a little Friar's Balsam should be at hand, and if the wound be touched with this the bleeding will soon cease and no harm result. The deformity is evidently the result of an accident, possibly a sudden scare and then hashing the beak violently against some portion of the aviary has brought about the twist, but it will soon learn to keep its beak to normal size without your assistance.

Green Budgerigars Not Breeding (H.A.M.).—Most certainly, as they do not appear to agree together, change the hens. Even with mating the yellow hen with the green cock, fully 80 per cent. of their progeny would be pure green. The probability is they will go to nest almost at once and rear several broods during the season. Get our Nutshell booklet, "The Budgerigar," 2½d. post free, from our Manager. It will help you.

Blue-winged Lovebirds (Lovebird).—The price varies from 3s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. a pair, according to number on the market, but yours should be worth 10s. 6d. or 12s. 6d., and if you care to send me a stamped addressed envelope per the Editor I can pass them on for you for 10s. 6d. It would be of general interest if you would send an account of your success with this species to the Editor for publication.

Cockatiels with Eggs (Nemo).—I should hang the cage up in the aviary and leave the cage door open. The probability is that the birds will go in and out of the cage as usual, incubate their eggs, and duly rear the young, but even if they should desert, this will mean but little delay, as they will soon find another nest and lay another clutch of eggs; so I should hang up the cage in the aviary and leave matters to take their course. Supply green food now liberally—lettuce and flowering (seeding) grass—also cuttlefish and a few oats, in addition to the regulation diet of canary, white millet, and millet sprays.

Budgerigars, etc., Not Breeding (M.E.N.).—You really must give the birds a little time to settle down. Foreign species differ from Canaries in this respect, and do not promptly pair up and go to nest, but take some little time to become accustomed to their quarters. My advice is leave these birds together as they are, and at no distant time they will go to nest and then continue merrily on. I prefer the husks hung up under the covered portion of roof and not under the open roof, unless something be placed above the husk to throw off rain, etc. Some pairs go to nest almost at once; others take quite a few months to settle down, and you cannot force matters. Supply green food—lettuce and flowering (seeding) grass, and the birds should ultimately settle to nesting and rear a numerous progeny. Our Nutshell booklet, "The Budgerigar," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would assist you.

Foreign Bird Queriists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Diet During Moult (M.A.B.).—So long as the bird keeps fit, nothing extra is required, but a little chemical food in the water is a great help, and it is also wise to keep the bowels regulated by an occasional dose of Dunneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in an ounce of water. I should give at this time as much fruit as it would eat, and also add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture. Keep the piece of wood in the cage, and the crumblings or chippings should be removed at the daily cleaning. No further precautions are necessary. Our Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would help you.

A Feather-plucking Grey (Mrs. Porter).—You give me so little information that I can only give a general sort of reply. In the first place confine the dietary to: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits. Seed mixture: Two parts each canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, oats, paddy rice, grit, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Twice a week spray the bird with a dilute solution of fir tree oil, choosing genial days for the purpose. Report progress in about two months with full details.

Aviary Queries (E.G.B.).—(1) Yes, but it would have been better had it been boarded up on the north and east, and I should advise now that the north side be covered in with wood and glass over the netting, and only leave open netting on the west side. (2) For perches use twiggy branches, nailed or wired to the wood sides. Husks you will get from our advertisers; hang them up as wired, with their openings towards the light—two husks for each pair of birds. (3) I cannot give dealers' names in this column; it would be obviously unfair. (4) The firm you name should be able to supply you with good stock.

To go with Budgerigars (F.G.H.).—It is very bad policy to mix Finch-like birds with Budgerigars or other Parrakeets. Of course, I cannot give you any idea as to quantity, as you give me no hint as to size of your aviary, but the following—provided they are not overcrowded—usually agree well together and with Budgerigars: Madagascar Lovebirds, Passerine Parrakeets, Cockaticls, and Red-crested Cardinals. A little ripe fruit, as in season, should be supplied in addition to seed and green food. Clean cuttlebone should also be always available.

Cut Wings (H. C. Amner).—Cutting the wings of a Parrot or Parrakeet is a precaution usually taken to prevent escape during importation, or to a bird which is allowed out of its cage in the garden, etc.; but, for a bird kept in a room, and only allowed out of its cage at convenient intervals, cutting the wings is quite unnecessary. Only one wing should be cut, and I prefer only to cut off the inner webs of all the flight feathers from tip to base; this restricts flight sufficiently, and does not disfigure the bird so much as snipping off the entire feather. Unless you desire your bird to roam about out of doors, I should not cut the wing.

Breeding Parson Finches (T.).—I sincerely hope you will have luck and rear the young birds. A little of any good soft food mixture, made crumbly moist, in addition to their ordinary menu, will fully meet the case. A good mixture is easily made with equal parts of ants' eggs, dried flies, and crumbled sponge cake, making daily portion crumbly moist with boiling water. At this period also the supply of fresh green food should be liberal, as much as they will eat—lettuce and flowering (seeding) grass. Also keep a millet spray in the cage, replacing it with a fresh one when they have picked out all the seed. For some years Parson Finches have been quite uncommon on the market, and 15s. to 20s. for a good pair would not be an out-of-the-way price.

Rice Birds Dying (Unfortunate).—The cause of death is still somewhat of a mystery. I can only conclude that the birds either became infected during importation or in the dealer's shop. All newly-imported birds received during late autumn or winter should be kept in a comfortably warm atmosphere, even reputably hardy species. The white variety is not so hardy as the original (Grey) species; nevertheless, it is not fragile, and can be kept out of doors all the year round, providing it is not put out in the initial instance earlier than May. The same applies equally to the Grey species. I have had young of these (though I do not keep this species now) leave the nest almost every month in the year, including November, December, January, February and March. The two varieties readily inter-breed as a rule, and the Pied examples of such unions are distinctly pleasing.

Aviary Queries (I. Rich). — The aviary has a somewhat sunless aspect, and is also somewhat cold. However, Budgerigars and Cockatiels would do well there, but I am rather doubtful about the Blue-wing Lovebirds, but these are very enduring and they are worth the trial, and I am of the opinion that if you make a wood and glass shutter for use during severe weather the birds will thrive and do well. The door (partly wire netting) would be better for having glass panels permanently fixed over the netting. You must so arrange that proper ventilation is secured when the shutter is closed. The Canaries and Finches failed because they were put out too late in the year; had they spent most of the summer in the aviary the greater part of them, at any rate, would have survived the winter. But the general conditions are more favourable to keeping the small Parakeets than Finches, and I trust you will have luck with them—the present is a good time to secure your stock.

An Ailing Grey Parrot (T.G.S.).—You must give me further details as to your feeding and general treatment before I can give you a full reply—also the same as to the leg trouble. How did it start, and is it of long duration? In the meantime, give three doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in the drinking water (one ounce)—on alternate days. Do not give tea, coffee, and milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Diet: Canary, white millet, and hemp seed, only one part of the latter to two parts each of the former, well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit and a few nuts. Plain biscuit or stale household bread, moistened with chemical food and water may also be given. If you have been giving boiled maize, you must not discontinue this suddenly, but gradually wean it off same as it becomes accustomed to the food advised.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Cuttings (D. McCarthy, Cardi Bach, A. Jones, and others).—Accept our thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent.

A Paper (R. E. Helliwell).—Many thanks for your kind promise.

A Photograph (C. Sadler).—Many thanks; pleased to find a corner for the photograph in the near future.

A Wire Front (M. E. N.).—We are inclined to think that you should have lodged a claim with the railway company for the value of the wire front, which they delivered damaged. Do this at once, and see what they have to say. We agree that the sender ought certainly to have replied to your letter. Yes; we may be having a stall at one or other of the summer exhibitions in London, and will announce this in due course.

A Nightingale (W. F. Wilbee).—If you have documentary proof of the alleged arrangement to return the 10s. if the Nightingale turned out to be a hen, then you can undoubtedly enforce it in a court of law. Even without documentary evidence, we think, on the facts as stated by you, that you have a very good case for the return of your money.

The Hand-rearing of Thrushes (Amateur).—The hand-rearing is fully described in the "Nutshell" booklet (post free, 2½d.) on the Thrush. A long letter, full of practical advice, appeared on page 389 of our issue of April 22nd; and an article on page 844 of issue dated April 8th. Did you not see these? The methods which rear Blackbirds will rear Thrushes.

An Aviary Problem (Miss F. Louis).—The particulars you give are too meagre. You must state the size of the aviary, and the number and kind of its inmates. What are the birds which have lost their feathers? And is there any fighting going on; or are the feathers falling as the result of "soft" moult (a moult out of season)? Is the Goldfinch mentioned a very wild, unsteady bird; is there anything wrong with its legs, or wings? We are anxious to help our readers to the best of our ability, but we cannot, of course, unless full particulars of every case be put before us.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Arbroath C.B.S. — May 10, Crockatt's Rooms, Catherine Street, 8. Show rules and judges.—J. S. Napier.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—May 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Arrangements for nest feather show and debate, by Mr. J. Perry.—W. Richinson.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—May 10, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Selecting judge.—T. Robinson.

Beamish C.B.S.—May 6, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Payment of subs., etc.—W. Knowles.

British Roller C.C.—May 9, Royal Mail, Noble St., St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8.—J. W. Norris.

Bramley O.S.—May 9, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8. Lecture; schedule ready.—W. Maltby.

Bedlington C.B.S.—May 13, Headquarters, Turk's Head Hotel, 7.30. Washing competition.—T. Jobson.

Bury C.B.S.—May 9, Y.M.C.A., Rock Street, 8. F. Feather show.—H. Jameson.

Bolton Roller C.S.—May 9, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 8. General.—W. Massey.

Brighton C.B.A.—May 10, Headquarters, 8. Dates of young stock shows. Judges for Y.S. shows. Election of new members.—W. H. Gibb.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—May 9, Bankfoot Schools, 8. Special general meeting; removal of headquarters, etc Members requested to attend.—F. Gelder.

Brighouse C.B.S.—May 8, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Batley F.S.—May 8, Talbot Hotel, Batley, 8. Members please attend; new members invited.—G. G. Stafford.

Blackburn C.B.S.—May 8, Meliora Restaurant, 8. Lancs. and Cheshire Union, etc.—J. Cork.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—May 8, 8. Cage bird staging competition; judge, Mr. J. Frostick; six medals offered. Interested visitors welcomed.—V. Wynn.

Crewe O.S.—May 9, Earl of Chester, 7.30. Allotment of specials for nest feather show.—E. Jaycott.

Consett P.S.—May 6, Co-op. Club Room, 8. Miscellaneous.—R. R. Walker.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 6, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—W. Morement.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—May 6, Savile Hotel, 7.30. General. —W. Hinchliffe.

Dalkeith C.C.—May 6, Ship Inn, 7. Last night for new members; consider motion that half sub. be paid by June. Meeting at end of this meeting; Mr. Steel will give a few hints on British.—Ewing and Steel.

Dalton C.B.A.—May 6. F.F. show business; usual time and place.—F. Houldsworth.

Denton C.B.S.—May 8, Denton Brotherhood, 8. Discussion on diseases of Canaries; also arranging ramble in June. Members and friends wishing to go must give in names to secretary.—W. Hopwood.

Edmonton F.A.—May 10, Charity Schools, Church Road, 8.30. Fanciers invited. Discussion. — J. S. Jackson.

Eastfield Side C.B.S.—May 6, Masons' Arms, 7. Classes and judges for 1st feather show, and to consider cup question.—R. Nuttall.

East Ham F.S.—May 15, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Monthly show.—H. Rutter.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—May 6, Fountain Inn, 8. Arranging schedule for open show, etc.—W. Nettleton.

East Ham C.B.S.—May 14. Country ramble to Epping Forest.—B. C. Smith.

Guisbro' C.B.S.—May 13, Headquarters, 7.30.—Winter and Hood.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—May 8, St. John's Club, 8. Classes for F.F. show.—W. T. Mattinson.

Glossop and Hadfield C.B.S.—May 9, Mr. A. Deakin's, Hague Street, 8. F.F. show business.—H. S. Waters.

Gateshead C.B.S.—May 10, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Lecture on our British Finches, by Mr. J. Shepherd, illustrated with lantern slides.—A. Holden.

Halifax O.S.—May 6, Griffin Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. F. Thackray.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—May 11, Wadworth View, 8. Young bird show; appointing judge and prize cards. —W. Collings.

Huddersfield O.S.—May 15, White Hart Hotel, 8. First feather show; guarantees possibly closed.—F. J. Sykes.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—May 6, Crown Inn, 7. Last meeting for acceptance of new members for this year; all accounts to be squared.—A. J. Notley.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—May 13, Durham Ox Inn, 7. General; election of officers, and discussion on F.F. show and classes for open show. New members cordially invited.—T. Smith.

Keighley C.B.S.—May 9, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Members requested to attend.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—May 10, Parton Road Boys' School, Dover, 8. Cups, finance, and general.—A. Hendry.

Leeds C.B.S.—May 6, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Lecture on the Linnet, and how he is stained and got up for the show bench, by Mr. J. Nicholson, president of Skipton C.B.S.—W. A. Wilson.

Leadgate C.B.S.—May 6, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Schedule for Y.S. show.—J. A. Turnbull.

Liverpool B.B.A.—May 11, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture on diseases of birds, by Mr. Cutmore.—F. Eccleston.

Littleborough C.B.S.—May 10, Coffee House, 8. F.F. show and general business. All fanciers invited. —J. R. Mayers.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 10, Railway Hotel, 7.45. H.M. Linnet show, to be shown in hop cages, 3d. entry, sliding scale; judge, Mr. J. Hart.—R. Charleson.

L.C.B.A.—May 10, The Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, 8. Ordinary business. Lecture by Mr. Gray on "The Generative Functions of Birds," with lime-light illustrations.—W. H. Mugford.

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.—May 13, Market Hall, Coffee Tavern Rooms, Corn Market Street, 7.30 p.m. Very important; arranging annual show, etc. Lecture on Canaries and British birds, by the secretary. —S. Mulliner.

Leith O.S.—May 13, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Judges' replies; last meeting for season.—G. Brown.

Mannington C.B.A.—May 6, Headquarters, 8. Important, open show.—H. Grange.

Morpeth C.B.S.—May 13, Earl Gray Hotel, 7.30. Members requested to attend. Mr. Clark will give his lecture.—J. Nichol.

Morley C.B.S.—May 6, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Proposed ramble, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Newport C.B.S.—May 9, Old Bush Hotel, 8.—J. Hammett.

Northowram C.B.S.—May 8, Queen Victoria Inn, 8 Intending members welcomed.—S. Sykes.

North Manchester C.B.S. — May 9, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. F.F. Show business.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—May 9, Textile Dining Room, Shaw Road, 8. Important.—J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—May 8, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. F.F. show business; final arrangements for ramble.—J. Critchley.

Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun Soc.—May 6, Victoria Hotel, 8. To enroll a few more members. There is every prospect of a strong society being formed. Fanciers cordially invited.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—May 6, Institute Hall, 6.—Selecting judges for annual show, etc.—W. Forster.

Rawtenstall F.S.—May 9, Headquarters, Wellington Hotel, Cloughfold, 7.30. Members' show and meeting. 3 classes for cage birds: A.V. cock; A.V. hen; A.V. British; Mr. Charles Benson, judge. Cage bird fanciers are invited.—H. Kershaw.

Radford O.S. (Nottingham).—May 9, Pheasant Inn, 8.30. Schedule for F.F. show, etc.—G. Lawrence.

Southend and S.C. O.S.—May 10, Alexandra Hotel, Southend, 8. Final selection of judges.—W. C. Lockwood.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.F.S.—May 13, Public Hall, 7. Fixing classes for open show. Intending members invited.—W. Melvin.

South-West London C.B.S.—May 11, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Egg-food making competition; all members to bring their own material; prize given to best methods.—J. Jeffrey.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—May 6, St. John's Parish Hall, 6.30. To arrange classes for half-yearly show, and to fix specials for same. Committee meeting to follow general meeting.—Stockton and Hunter.

Swansea C.B.A.—May 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Table show; fix date, place, and judge for F.F. show. —S. H. George.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—May 9, Liberal Club, 8. Guarantee for F.F. show and arranging specials.—H. W. Gill.

Sale Open O.S.—May 8, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Lecture on British birds, by Mr. W. Fairhurst (Ardwick).—J. Irlam.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 13, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. To select place for picnic on Whit-Monday.—J. Jeffrey.

Stoke Newington F.A.—May 9, Ametbyst Club, Church Street, 8. Date of annual show, Nov. 24th and 25th; to select judges.—J. C. Spence.

South London Col. and F.A.—May 11, Headquarters, 8. Election of annual show judges, etc.—N. Caunter

South Birmingham O.S.—May 10, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Most important; final arrangements our nest feather show, judge, and classification.—J. Sheppard.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—May 9, Victoria Hotel, 8. Classification for members.—F.F. shows.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Tong C.B.S.—May 9, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. —W. Walker.

West of Scotland O.S.—May 6, Nelson Temp. Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting; paper on muling hens and the production of light mules.—W. Hutchinson.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—May 11, Duke of York, 8.15. Fixing date for nest feather shows, etc.—J. Gibbons.

Wandsworth F.S.—May 11, Red Lion, 8. Judging competition; Mr. P. H. Bayliss, judge.—W. Lightfoot.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 9, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Schedule for nest feather shows; arrangements for annual ramble.—W. G. Andrews.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—May 10, Station Hotel, Wallsend, 7.30. Final arrangements for annual show and selection of judges.—J. R. Evans.

Windhill, Shipley, O.S.—May 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Passing schedules for members' show.—J. Cook.

York C.B.S.—May 8, All Saints' School Room, 7.15. Paper by H. Shorney, Esq., "Norwich Canaries."—H. Thompson.

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Correspondence.

What Bird Was This?

Sir,—On Wednesday, April 26th, whilst in the garden, about 9 a.m., a bird passed me flying very low, and laboured, from the east, and going against a stiff west wind. Size about the same as a Redwing Thrush, colour black, with bright yellow head and neck. Can any of your readers identify it? I take it to be an escaped foreigner.

C. M. Matthews.

Migrants in Scotland.

Sir,—I see the Cuckoo and Swallow have been seen in the county of Surrey, but no date is given. The Swallows were seen here on April 18th, four days later than last year, and the Willow Wren on the 27th. The Willow Wren, as a rule, always appears here first, from April 15th to the 22nd, and the Swallows a few days later than the Willow Wrens. I have not heard the Cuckoo yet. I may say we are five miles west from Dunfermline.

W. D. Hogg.

A New Cage Bird Society for Redhill.

Sir,—At a meeting held on April 10th, at Mutton's Hotel, it was decided by the Cage Bird Section of the Reigate Fanciers' Association to sever their connection from that society and to form a new Cage Bird Society, i.e., the Redhill C.B.S. Meetings will be held at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday in each month at Mutton's Hotel. I have taken over the duties of secretary, and hope to have a strong society soon. We shall try our best for the members. I have one challenge cup promised, and one we have got. We hope to be able to get another for the British bird section. Subscriptions for old members, 3s. yearly; for new members, 1s. on nomination, and 3s. yearly. The society is open to England. Will intending members write me at once?

A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec.
14, Charman Road, Redhill, Surrey.

The Clashing of Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—On perusing the dates of the shows which are to be held in Ireland, I see that Sligo and the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland have had their show dates fixed evidently to boycott each other. Could Sligo not hold their show a week earlier? Then, again, the Dublin P.B. and C.B.S. and Larne Shows clash. Could not Larne hold theirs on the 8th and 9th Dec. and give birds that are being exhibited at Dublin a chance of competing at Larne? Although the birds would have to be sent on from Dublin to Larne direct to arrive in time, I am sure it would encourage fanciers to support Larne Show. There has been a new society formed in Newtownards, Co. Down. May I suggest that the secretary of this and other societies have the dates of their shows inserted in the Dates Fixed column of Cage Birds, and so save clashing? Re the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C., it is surprising that the secretary or corresponding secretary did not reply to the letter signed "Ligoniel." It is to be hoped that at their next meeting the owner of the cup winner will confute the allegations made at the last meeting by the owner of the runner-up, and that the Hon. Secretary will give a report of the meeting through Cage Birds.

Show Supporter.

Lancashires and Lizards of To-day and Yesterday.

Sir,—I see Alex Donnelly wants readers to still think I know nothing about Lancashires. Well, he is welcome to his opinions. Allow me to congratulate him on the way he has fulfilled his mission to "show me up." At the meeting held last Saturday, the members told me to take no notice of him, but if I don't reply readers will think I have given in to a man who has got nothing and never had anything to show on the bench or in the breeding room but mongrels, and not a good one at that. He mentions the names of four good sound fanciers, Messrs. Adams, Turner, Hordern and Fitten; now, three of the above gentlemen are amongst my best friends. Mr. Turner, I have not the pleasure of knowing, but hope to do so before long, as I do know he is a fine fancier. Mr. D. says Barker Clegg cannot teach me anything; no, he cannot, for he did that years ago before Mr. Donnelly was thought of in the Fancy. Most of his letter is twaddle and abuse. My last letter should have read Mr. Samuel Fitten (Laural Street, Rochdale); T. Fitten was a misprint. He goes on to say he believes I showed in the novice classes at the club show, and asks, did I win? I did not show in the novice class, but a bird I bred won first in the novice class. Mr. Donnelly, and will win in open classes, all being well. The gentleman that owns him now thinks he has a good one. All readers know the reason I don't show. But take a tip from me, my time is coming very fast. You will be reading something in Cage Birds before the show season comes round—something new that will open the eyes of you and your mongrel-breeding friends. Wait and see. Mr. Donnelly says I keep drawing the names of his friends into my letter; well, I don't think you have any friends in the L. and L.F.A., only one, Mr. Donnelly, judging from the remarks last Saturday night at the meeting of the best breeders of Lancashire birds. Mr. Donnelly mentions the word honesty. Have you forgotten telling me in your "soft soapy" way the second time you spoke to me that I was too honest to be a bird fancier? That was in the Wellington Hotel, in Stretford Road, some few years ago. It is cheering to know I am honest in my old days. No one ever said what you said in my running days at Sheffield, so it is as well to know it. Mr. Donnelly says I can find his name in the Cage Birds Annual; I should think one will want to know his name and address after reading his grand masterpiece in this week's Cage Birds.

E. Fuller.

Sir,—I see a reply from Mr. Dewsnap. Now, my letter should have read: "I do object to Mr. Dewsnap getting Mr. Donnelly to write and show me up, as he told my friends he would do." Well, you have done it very well, John, and I shall believe them before I shall believe you. You say you could show something up; do so by all means. You do not seem to be convinced that I never intended to do you an injury. You say you have had a good day; you have, and I hope you will have another good one. You have been a good sprinter, but I don't think you are a great stayer. It has been a good job for you, Bob Wood, Jack Ogden, Ben Bardsley, A. Hamer, and Fred Baker were not knocking about. You say you will try again; that is right, but remember you will have to go a bit next season to beat Walter Whipp, F. Hamer and H. Oliver, to say nothing about J. Rukin and Joe Hampshire. It won't be a walk over, John. Good fanciers tell me to let you and your new-found friend, Mr. Donnelly, stew you in your own juice.

E. Fuller.

[We have had to considerably condense this letter, much of its contents being of a libellous and quite unpublishable character.—Editor.]

Sir,—Mr. Fuller says the Lancashire is a "mongrel," and no breeder or exhibitor has contradicted him. The only reply is one of "abuse." Now, breeders, Mr. Fuller knows what he is talking about, so what has the novice to learn from this? Simply this: Instead of buying "Weedlings" from so-called Lancashire breeders, get a Lancashire and a Crest—do as the champions do—and if you breed a "fat head," show it. Never mind the schedule stating "prizes awarded for purity of race"—it has no reference to the Lancashire. And if you keep Lizards, if you breed a good bird with a few white feathers, put it on one side until the later shows where special judges are appointed—at these shows the deck sweepers are often cardless, and the novice and painters get a chance there. But don't try anything on at Rochdale. During the season just closed one of our most successful exhibitors was asked to judge the Lizards at a certain show, and like the gentleman he is, said he knew nothing about the Variety. But he was persuaded to take it on. He did manage to muddle through the Clear Caps, but when he came to the Broken Caps, they brought him one without cap, which bottled him up altogether.

A Novice.

A Goldfinch Slaughters Its Canary Mate.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to ask any of your readers if they have ever had a cock Goldfinch kill and almost skin a hen Canary? He was a last year's Greypate. I mated him up the last week in March to a yellow hen which has gone to nest. I moved him into the next compartment and put him to another Canary hen. But on going into the room about two hours later, he had killed and almost skinned her. I should be interested to hear if anyone has ever had the same thing occur.

T. Hanbury.

A Linnet Problem.

Sir,—In reply to "Novice" re the above; if his Linnets are singing it is a good sign that they are contented with his treatment, or they would not pour forth their beautiful song. But he should buy Cage Birds "Nutshell" booklet (price twopence) on the Linnet. He will not have had such a good bargain when he bought his Linnets as he will have when he buys this booklet. He will then have a "cop" indeed. Various ways of steadying are given therein. He must always remember that Linnets when in health always hop about, especially when he goes to feed them—it's natural to them. And "Novice" must keep a cool head, and fuss about with them and talk to them before they will come and take tit-bits from his fingers. But you can take my tip: if you can't tame them by the treatment in the "Nutshell" you can let them alone to jump about. I am aware there are other ways, such as partially starving them, etc., into subjection, but that is not at all good for the birds.

J. T. Lloyd.

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Keeping Birds' Eggs.

Sir,—Could any of your readers tell me the best way to preserve British birds' eggs for a collection? I find after they have been blown and kept for about twelve months that they crack. I should be very pleased if someone could tell me if anything can be put inside the shell, after they are blown, to preserve them.

British Bird.

Early Mule Breeding.

Sir,—As a reader of Cage Birds, I noticed letters on early Mules. I may say I have a Siskin paired to a hen Canary which laid her first egg on March 5th, and two more. She hatched out on March 21st two young which are now on the sticks. I have the same bird paired to two more hen Canaries—one sitting five eggs, and the third just building. I would like to know if I am the first with Siskin Mules this season? I wish Cage Birds a good seasou and much success.

H. Nanson.

Fife Shows and Their Judges.

Sir,—I agree with the writer of the letter on April 15th, not with the writer of the 29th. I thought Fifeshire was a large shire, but by the last-mentioned letter it is very small. You mention, "Fifeshire Exhibitor," a few prominent men for judges. Surely you never took into consideration how many shows are held in Fife? If those are the only judges you can put your hands on, the Fifers are forced to cross the dub for judges. Your idea might work well enough in 1911. Behold, 1912; you would not need auy judges, I suppose? I could choose twenty more judges, if not specialists. About the judges you mentioned, did you take into consideration what section of birds they followed up? If a secretary writes to any of these men for their terms, and their terms are satisfactory, they are engaged. That is very well, for they give their straight opinion, based on what they know. But the poor exhibitor has to pay for it. My way of thinking is to select judges to judge birds that he breeds himself. For instance, a Crest breeder is engaged to judge two sections, Crests and Plainheads. He is not able to give full satisfaction, for a Crest breeder goes for feathers, whereas a Plainhead is short in feather, and compact. He cannot give satisfactiou. It is the same with the Borders; these fanciers will not have a Plainhead judge on any condition. When the Border Club gives their patronage to any shows the latter have to appoint a club judge to get it. I hold for type, quality, and condition.

Fair Play All Round.

The Cage Bird Union.

An Appeal from the Secretary.

Sir,—I would make an earnest appeal to all societies who intend holding their shows under Cage Bird Union rules to let me have the following particulars at once, so that I can get on with the work. Without these particulars, it is impossible to fix dates, so as to avoid clashing, and also impossible to get the new Council elected. Now that rule 22 is suspended, there is nothing to debar any society from joining, as affiliation does not prevent members from showing where they please. No doubt members of the Union will support Union shows as far as possible. I do not think any fair-minded man will gainsay the statement that since the formation of the Union the Fancy has been cleaner than ever it was before. Not so much on account of the fraud detected and punished, but because of the fact that the Union has made fraud a very dangerous thing to practise. So if the Union has done nothing but prevent fraud, it has justified its existence. The particulars wanted are: The payment of the initial 5s. subscription to enable dates to be fixed; the name and address of delegate so that the new Council can be elected; and the date of show. Once I get these particulars all matters connected with the working of the Union will be promptly dealt with. If any societies have railway petitions not yet sent in, will they please send them in at once as the matter must be dealt with at end of this month. I thank all societies in anticipation.

S. Hadwin, Secretary.
137, Copperas Hill, Liverpool.

A Lucky Hit in Light Mules.

Sir,—On receiving this week's Cage Birds I had a pleasant surprise to see you had done me the honour of putting the picture of my Goldfinch-Canary Hybrid on your front page. I may say he has only been out of the money once in three years, and that was at the last Crystal Palace Show. On that occasion he won me the Crystal Palace Brouze Medal for the best vhc in three classes, and I had hc with his brother. I value the medal more than the prize money. I thought it might interest my brother fanciers to know how I met with these Mules. They were bred by a man in Newport (Salop), who did not show, or take much interest in birds—only bred a few in his humble cottage. He bred the clear one that Messrs. Tanis and Son exhibit, only it is a hen, and rather small; still, it has done some winning. I heard he had bred three in the season 1907, so I was in Newport one day, and by accident met with him, and a lucky accident it was, too! He told mo he would like me to see his light Mules. I went with him. He had sold one to Mr. Brotherhood (which did some winning, and was claimed at Peterborough £5 limit Show by Mr. Lawrence, Coventry). I tried to buy the two that were left, but he would not decide then. But he sent a letter for me to take him a pair of colour-fed Norwich Canaries and some cash. I was at once off, you can guess, and gave him 15s. and the birds in exchange. It was a nasty foggy day, but when I secured them I found there was no train for 3½ hours, so I walked to Dawley, a good ten miles, with them, and if I had the same chance again I would walk thirty miles. I may say that one bird is little inferior to the other. One critic in a show report of the recent Horticultural Hall, said: "Look like twins, cannot tell 'tother from which." When they were at the Palace I had them painted by your Mr. Norman, and I have a picture that would not disgrace any drawing-room. It is marvellous, and shows the superh qualities of your artist. In conclusion, I may say that as regards Sib breeding, this man knew nothing about it, and this Goldfinch would breed light or clear Mules with any hen. I tried to get this Finch, but, no, he would not part with it, and I believe the bird came to a sad end when he was braced for catching one day. This man could breed at random, while we other fanciers try, try, try again, but have not succeeded. But I mean keeping on. I am sure of this, that the lightness comes from the Finch. Cage Birds is a blessing every week-end to fanciers, and I wish it all possible success.

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Green and Cinnamon Border Fancies.

What Constitutes Correct Colour and Pencilling?

Sir,—The committee of the Border Fancy Canary Club appointed to decide upon what constitutes the correct colour and pencillings of the Green and Cinnamon Border Fancy Canaries, met in the Viaduct Hotel, Carlisle, on April 22nd. Present: Mr. J. B. Richardson in the chair, Messrs. Arnot, J. Patterson, D. Hamilton, J. Johnstone. After due consideration they arrived unanimously at the following decisions: That the Green Border Fancy Canary must conform to the club's standard on all points but colour; that the correct colour should be a rich grass green, sound and level throughout, free from bronze or olive tints; pencilling on back to be clear and distinct, but neither broad nor heavy, flank pencilling to be finer, but in harmony with that ou back. Beaks, legs, and feet dark, light beaks, legs or feet not to be a disqualification, but to count against a bird according to extent. Points to he avoided are: Head too dark; light throats or thighs; lightness on abdomen towards vent or on rump. The Cinnamon variety must also conform to the club's standard in all but colour. The colour must be of a rich deep cinnamon tint throughout, with faint markings on back and flanks; greenish or too light tints to be avoided.

J. B. Richardson, President.

The Making of a Breeding Cage.

Sir,—I should feel greatly obliged if you would make clear the following. I am making a rack as per Cage Birds illustrated article by Mr. Norman, and I am going to make cages to fit same. But I cannot quite grasp whether the back of the cages overlap the sides or whether the sides overlap the back of cage, as by cutting the sides 15½in. by 11in. and nailing the back to the sides, there is a projection of ½in. Also kindly state what thickness wood is required for tops and side. I wish Cage Birds every success, as I think it is a grand penny-worth.

J. H. C.

Mr. H. Norman writes: In making breeding cages as described in the several articles already published, it is intended for the backs to go *inside*, the sides being nailed to them. Has J. H. C. seen the letter in the correspondence columns of our issue of April 8th? The thickness of the wood for the top and bottom is the same as is used for the sides and back, that is, ½in. boards (which are ⅝in. thick when prepared, in which condition it can be bought through the advertisements in "C.B.")

A Reader Makes a Good Start in Canary Breeding.

Sir,—I started the season on January 15th last. Seeing one of my hens carrying a bit of rubbish about, and as they have a cosy corner in the kitchen, I introduced the cock Canary to her, and she started to build, and laid her first egg on the 19th of January. She laid four eggs. Two proved fertile, and hatched; so I was just in time with the cock bird. She fed one of them well, but the other she let die in a day or two's time, so I had good hopes for the next round. I am colour feeding the one, which is deep in moult now, and coming out with the colour-fed feathers. The hen started pulling his feathers out, so I put him in a Yorkshire show cage and put him on the front of the breeder and let the cock in for the second time on the 5th of March. She laid four eggs, and hatched four young on March 30th, which are doing well, and will do for the early shows. The hen laid on the 28th of April, so I hope to have a successful season with this one pair. I have not been so successful with my other pairs in my aviary, as the weather has been so changeable. I have my Muling pairs up now, and hope to breed a Mule or Hybrid or two. I must thank the writers in Cage Birds and Cage Birds Annual for the many hints I have had from time to time, as I have been successful on the show bench.

W. Aitken.

Mule and Hybrid Breeding Notes.

Sir,—Most Goldfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Twites, Greenfinches, Siskins, and some foreign Finches will breed with Canary and with Goldfinch hens, but there is no instance of the cock Bullie breeding except with hens of his own species, so that all the Bullfinch Hybrids hace come from the hen Bullies. It is the ambition of every Mule breeder to breed perfectly light or clear Mules, but the birds all have a tendency to throw dark ones when paired to Canary hens. Any hen that can breed a Mule that has even a few light feathers should be mated with a closely related cock for the purpose of getting the strain. This is what is called sib-breeding, but unless the tendency is there to throw pied Mules, no amount of sib-breeding will induce a bird to do so. Birds of this class are very hard to get, and can be got only by inbreeding your own stock. Muling hens as large as possible should be selected, and the Finches also should be big, for a small Mule, however beautiful in plumage, or marking, is not so valuable for selling or for the show bench as a large one. Nearly every house-moulted Goldfinch or Linnet, if tame and steady, will pair with a hen Canary, and most Bullfinch hens (those reared from the nest are preferred, or large foreigners may be used), will breed in cages. The chief thing to avoid is the constant quarrelling and fighting; but the use of the two-compartment cage will easily remedy this, and there is no necessity for the birds to be constantly together. When the hens have made good progress in nest-building, they will accept the attentions of almost any cock bird. Canary hens, paired with cocks not of their own species, should be shut off by themselves after the eggs have been given them for incubation, as they will be more likely to hatch and rear their young by themselves. Young Mules grow very quickly—much quicker than Canaries. They will generally feed themselves at the age of three weeks. Wild birds will not generally rear their young in confinement. The eggs should be given to other Canaries to hatch and rear when attempting to breed from Goldfinch or Linnet hens paired to any other Finch; very large cages or small rooms should be used. Goldfinch Canary Mules are valued in the same way as Canaries—the lighter the plumage the more valuable the bird. Variegation is not of any value unless it constitutes even markings on eyes and wings. Clear Mules on account of their rarity fetch large prices. The best cages for Mule breeding are those called double-breeding cages, with a sliding wired partition, so that the pair can be easily parted. It should be thirty inches long, ten inches from back to front, and twelve inches high. High perches must be avoided when one is dealing with hen Bullies, as these birds are apt to drop their eggs; the floor of the cage, too, should be covered with moss or finely cut chaff.

George Knight.

Blackbirds and Thrushes: Their Rearing and Management.

Sir,—Seeing the letter on Blackbirds in the correspondence columns of Cage Birds, I think perhaps my method of feeding big Softbills, such as Blackbirds, Thrushes, Fieldfares, Missel Thrushes, and Redwings, may be of interest to some of the novices. Staple food: Biscuit meal, 2½d. a pound, "Laymor' Meal, 1s. a bag (about 7lbs.). Add to "Laymor" Meal 2lbs. oatmeal (3d. lb.), 1 lb. peameal (2d. lb.), and thoroughly mix. Last, but not least, a 3d. packet Spratt's "Crissell." Soak biscuit meal in boiling water (not too sloppy), then add same quantity of "Laymor" Meal to make it into a dryish crumbly paste (one teaspoonful of "Crissell" to each bird); soak with the biscuit meal. Also give six or seven grocer's currants to each bird daily, and any greenstuff in season (chopped). Any live insects, such as snails, white slugs, beetles, flies, spiders, caterpillars, as may cross your path will be appreciated by them. For hand rearing I use the above, excepting that I mix with milk instead of water, and I add hard-boiled egg, and a few mealworms. I reared sixteen Thrushes out of sixteen last summer on same. I make my cages out of Quaker Oats boxes as they are a decent size—roughly, 25 inches long, 18 inches high, and 12 inches deep. The box costs 3d., wire front 9d., and food and water I give outside. Have the door seven inches long, so that you can put in a bath. Size of bath, 6½ inches square by 3½ inches deep. Pull out false bottom or sand tray, and then put in the bath. When they have washed put the false bottom back, with sand in summer and sawdust in winter. I say sawdust in winter because I find that in damp wintry days the air makes the sand keep damp, and anyone knows that a damp cage is harmful to birds. Clean your perches once a week, or oftener, if you can spare the time, and clean the cage out every third or fourth day. Birds treated as above will be well, look well, and sing well. I have heard it stated that a Redwing will not sing in captivity, but I have one which is fairly tame, and sings very decently (not so free as my Blackies or Thrushes, but, still, it sings). I have a cock Blackbird five years old which is in grand feather; it whistles little snatches of the following: "Army Duff," "Going to get married to-morrow," "Prettiest little song of all," and other odd notes. I also have a hen Thrush which, if I show her a cock bird, will fuss about and call to him; she is mad to go to nest. But I can see no fun in trying her with a Thrush when you can get a nest of wild young ones for a shilling. I tried her with a Blackbird, but they fought like Kilkenny cats, and looked perfect wrecks. So I separated them. If any of your readers would like the hen to try they are welcome to have her. I think the "Bird Fever" must run in the family, as my father is a birdy man, and many the light Mules my grandfather (who is still in the hobby) has sold to the old veteran actor, Jimmy Doel.

C. M. Matthews, Jun.

We Are Seven.

My Favourite Finches and their Foods.

Sir,—The Greenfinch is, no doubt, the commonest of our British Finches. It is to be found all over Great Britain. It is a large, powerful bird of grass green colour. The cock bird can be easily distinguished from the hen by his brighter colour. In the spring and summer time the birds can be seen along every hedge, where they build their nests in the thorns and other trees. In the autumn large flocks can be seen flying southwards to warmer climes. None of the birds start migrating until they have moulted, and then the young birds fly first. It is when the birds are flying southwards that we in Lancashire catch them; good call birds are required, and on frosty mornings, between daylight and 11 a.m., large numbers can be taken with nets or birdlime. At that time of the year cock birds can be purchased for twopence each, but if the Greenfinch were not so common, it would be worth more than any other British bird. When first caught they should be placed in a box cage to get them steady, and should thrive on the following mixture: hemp, canary, and sunflower, two parts of each; rape, half a part; shepherd's purse, plantain, chickweed, and any other wild seeds or green food they will eat. The Goldfinch is the most popular Finch we have. His variety of colour and pretty song make him a general favourite. He is caught on the same lines as the Greenfinch, and should be treated the same, although a great deal of sunflower is not necessary. In addition to the above, he should have inga, thistle, and dandelion occasionally. He is an invaluable bird to the mule and hybrid breeder, but very seldom breeds before he is house-moulted. The Bullfinch is another great favourite, becoming very docile in captivity. He can be taught to pipe tunes. Canary, summer rape, and sunflower seeds form his chief diet. Do not give him hemp. When moulting, his colours are apt to dull down, but plenty of berries, fruit, and wild seeds tend to make his colours bright. The Chaffinch, commonly called the "pink" (on account of his note), is a beautiful bird. His food should consist of rape, canary, and teazle, a few hemp seeds occasionally, and sunflower. Some fanciers give soft food, but I never do. Mine get two or three mealworms a day, and any live food they will eat, especially the common house fly, which they greatly relish. These birds breed very freely in Lancashire, and large numbers are taken in the autumn, when they are migrating. When first caught they are very nervous, but that soon wears off. Their song is by no means to be despised. The Linnet is the working man's favourite, and to a beginner I would recommend this bird for three reasons. Firstly, because it is cheap; one can be purchased for sixpence. Secondly, it settles down and becomes tame very soon. Thirdly, it has a beautiful song. His diet should consist of the following seeds: canary, two parts; rape and cole, half a part; and a little crushed hemp and wild seeds occasionally. The Bramblefinch (the beautiful spangled Finch) is the wildest one. His food should be hemp, rape, canary, and sunflower, which has plenty of colour in it. He is much sought after by exhibitors, and when moulting, should be colour-fed. Be careful if he is put among other birds, because he is strong and powerful, and his beak can do much damage. The Redpoll is a delightful little bird, good at mimicking other birds, and doing tricks. Strange to say, the red poll does not return after moulting in captivity, but is replaced by a yellow one. He should be treated exactly the same as the Linnet. All the above-named should be given green food and wild seed occasionally, and should have the cages strewn with sand. A piece of cuttlefish should always be in the cage for them to pick at.

A. Huyton.

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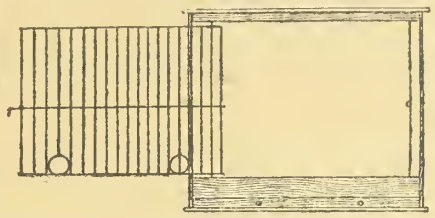
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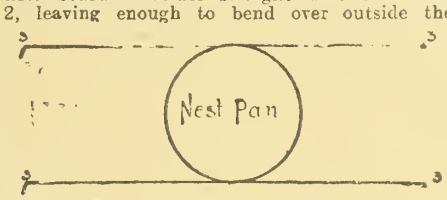
I send you a sketch of one of my own ideas, viz., a swing wire front. It only requires two thick wires, one for the front to swing on and one to fasten same on to at both ends



of cage. Your readers will find it very convenient when cleaning out and renovating any size cage. I think the sketch will explain itself.—Thomas Burns.

No. 505.
A Sanitary Nest-pan Holder.
Sent by Mr. A. Bryden, Birthwood, Biggar, N.B.

I enclose this sketch after using the appliance with great success myself. It suits those who use the all-wire cage, as a sanitary nest-pan holder, in place of the old-fashioned nest board. Solder straight wire at 1 and 2, leaving enough to bend over outside the



cage bar, at 3. I also gauge it so that the nest comes right opposite the end door, and by placing the perch close to the front wire it makes a good job and keeps the birds much cleaner around the nest. I trust the idea will prove useful to others.—Alex. Bryden.

*A Story of a "Lark."

During a conversation about birds and their song, a farmer told his friend what a good singing Lark he had, and invited his friend to come over and hear the bird. But his friend said he would rather buy the bird. So the old farmer decided to give him the bird as he had plenty more left. The day was fixed for him to come over a distance of five miles, and when he arrived the farmer asked him if he had brought a cage. He said "Yes." Off they went then up the fields, and the first Lark that mounted up singing the farmer told him was the one he meant. You can take it with you, he added. This story is true, as the farmer lives in same street as myself.—Sent by Winnie Smith (age 10), 77, Queen Street, Mosbro', Sheffield.

Under the White Rose.

Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club held their annual meeting on Saturday last at their headquarters, the Market Tavern, Bradford, when a fairly representative body interested put in an appearance, the business of the evening being got through in good style. Financially, the club is in a much better position to start the year with than since its formation, and here great credit is due to the hard-working secretaries, Messrs. Lane and Jowett. They have struggled hard to attain the end, and they hope now that the club will flourish considerably, and continue to be a great help to the British, etc., Fancy.

THE post of President was unanimously given to Mr. Archer, of Huddersfield, who during the time he has been a member has put in some useful work for the advancement of the society. Amongst the vice-presidents were also included such well-known fanciers as Messrs. Towers, Hammond, and Chittenden, the latter being the principal worker in the formation of the club; the honour is well deserved. These, along with the other vice-presidents, who were re-elected, ought to make things "hum" a little in this section of the Fancy. I might also mention that Mr. Duncan, Jun., who retires from the position of president, is included in the list of vice-presidents. The joint secretaries were also with one accord re-elected to continue in office.

DURING the week end I dropped across a member of the above-named club who had been spending a few hours roaming about the country side, and he informed me that many of the migrants had arrived in the district. Several Warblers, the Yellow Wagtails, the Wheatears, etc., had all taken up their old haunts. I know now it will be of no use going to visit him; he will always be off to see if anything new has turned up.

Y.C.B.B. AND M.C. are trying to make arrangements to have a lecture by a prominent fancier on the various exhibition birds, Linnets, all the Finches, etc., and I would like to suggest that a pleasant afternoon be made of it, say, a ramble, a tea, and then the meeting to follow. There are many places round Bradford both worthy of a visit and convenient.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

In the Courts.

Brace Birds Again.

John B. Williams (65) was charged on April 27th with cruelty to two birds by bracing their wings whilst in captivity and attached to a certain appliance, causing them unnecessary suffering, at Longwell Green, near Bristol, on April 20th.

P.S. Sims deposed that he saw the man in a field at Longwell Green. There were two long nets, and the birds were braced to the ground. Now and again the man used a trigger, causing the birds to fly up in the air. Witness took possession of the birds (Linnets), and they were so exhausted they died in his hand. They were tied around the body with string and wire. Defendant said he was employed to catch the birds, which were a pest on the land.

Inspector Cole said that he examined the place where defendant had been operating with the birds, and found that extensive preparations had been made. He had seen hundreds of places arranged for bird catching, and he never saw one laid out as the one in question was. Five posts had been laid in the ground for hanging the "call" birds.

It was defendant's first offence, and, promising not to offend again, he was fined 5s. and costs.

The Young Naturalist.

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*A Parrot's Teasing Way.

My uncle once had a Parrot, which was kept in a cage in the sitting-room. He also had a dog called "Fido." When Poll was given any tasty bits, she would call for "Fido," who would run out of the kennel into the house. Then Poll said: "Go to your kennel, go to your kennel," and the poor dog would go back to the kennel disappointed.—Florence Hargraves (aged 11), 4, New Bank Road, Blackburn.

**A Bit of Luck.

A friend of ours thought he would breed Canaries, so he bought a pair. The hen laid four eggs, and they were all clear and he threw them away. One day he paid a visit to a friend who had a hen sitting on three eggs. His friend's hen became ill, so he said he would take the eggs to his hen. It was a bitterly cold night, and he had a mile and a half to go. About eight o'clock the next morning he saw three baby Canaries in the nest, and they are now getting on well.—Sent by Jane Davey (age 12 years), 30, Baillie's Causeway, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

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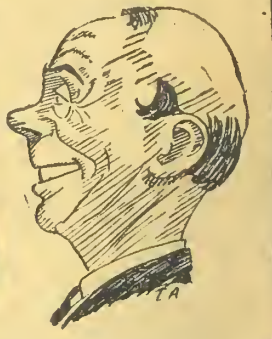
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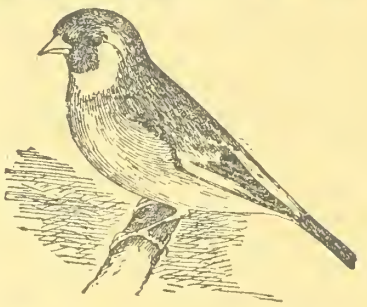
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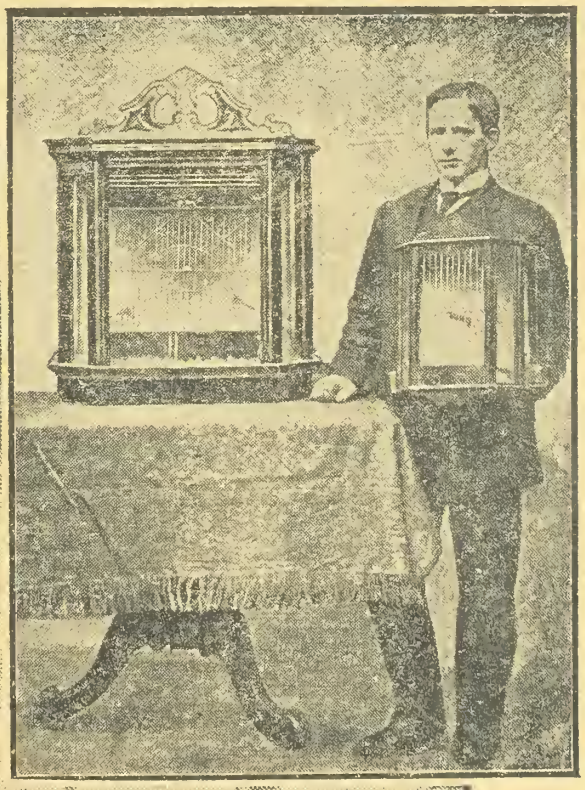
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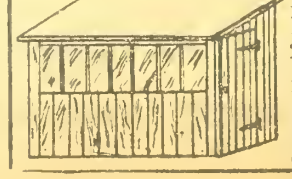
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The Shows.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S

General meeting held Portland Arms, May 6, when a table show of British birds took place, some grand specimens being staged. Mr. C. H. Martin officiated as judge, bis awards giving every satisfaction.

GOLDFINCH, ETC: 1, J. W. Martin, Bullfinch, grand shape; 2, J. A. Mitchell another Bullie, not quite the shape, but excels in col. and head; 3, Mossenden, nice Bullie, but spoiled by washing. TWITE, ETC.: 1, Cliffe, Lesser Redpoll, faultless, grand Poll; 2, Turner, Siskin, nice size and col.; 3, Mossenden, Redpoll. A.O.V.: 1, Mitchell, Greenfinch, grand shape, good head and col. wins; 2, Martin, Chaffinch, well known; 3, Mitchell, Greenfinch.—J. H. Mitchell.

SITTINGBOURNE & DIST. C.B.S.

A very interesting evening was spent on May 1st. There was a table show for British birds, and also a lecture by Mr. T. Monday. The table show proved to be the greatest success of the year, there being a fine number of birds staged, which were judged by our energetic chairman, Mr. G. Whatford; the Goldfinch class especially, there being a large number, which made competition keen.

LINNET (10): 1, Olive, wins well, in fine condition; 2, Smith, splendid bird, good chest; 3, Hyland, running 2nd very close, beautiful spangled breast; 4, Broadbridge; vhc, Apps; hc, Attwood; c, Jacobs. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, Attwood, grand bird, ought to win in better company; 2, Burley, grand bird, splendid blaze, running winner close; 3, Tidy, grand bird, rather on small side; 4, Apps; vhc, Olive; hc, Hyland; c, Broadbridge. A.O.S. (12): 1, Rumble (Bullfinch), fine bird, good chest and cap; 2, Hyland (Redpoll), splendid condition, wins well; 3, 4, Smith, leader (Bramblefinch) splendid spangling (other a Chaffinch), grand bird; vbc, Broadbridge (Greenfinch).—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

PELTON FELL AND DIST. C.B.S

Meeting held in Institute Hall, May 6th, Mr. J. Stanger in chair. Letters re judges for annual open show, on December 23rd, were read out for members' consideration. Ballot taken for judges, which resulted in Mr. F. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees) and Mr. J. Riseborough (Sunderland) being selected. Messrs. E. Atchinson and R. Peart were chosen as auditors for 1911 season.—W. Forster, Sec.

TORBAY O.S.

Annual ramble took place May 3. The morning was very dull, but it was not before our party was at the railway station that it commenced to rain, and it continued all the afternoon, ceasing just as we reached Churston Station for the return journey. We entrained at Paignton for Churston and walked to Greenaway, where we found a boat waiting to take us across the River Dart to Dittisham, a hamlet on the banks of the river, famous for plum orchards. But a ramble was made impossible by the weather, so the afternoon was whiled away quaffing ginger beer and looking out on the river from the parlour window of the village inn. A couple were daring enough to walk to the top of the village to view the Church, and were rewarded with a further drenching, while our chairman who, we learnt after, had visited the tea room on the previous occasion, was missing until we crossed from the inn to the tea room, where he found seated in the settee by the fireside quite "comfy." The hostess and her daughter had matters well in hand, so that there was no waiting, and after a good tea where Devonshire clotted cream was served ad lib, we immediately started for home, and owing to a wait at Churston Station a weighing competition was indulged in, when our late chairman, Mr. J. Webber, ran out an easy winner at 17st. 7lbs. Paignton was reached at 7.30 after an enjoyable, if wet, afternoon.—J. N. Jeffery, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held May 4th, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson in chair. We had a good attendance. Following new members elected: Messrs. Dunn, and T. W. Lumsden (of Newcastle), and Mr. J. H. Cross (Winlaton); and we all welcomed our old member from Wallsend, Mr. J. M. McDonald, who was re elected at the same time. After some discussion re the delivery of specials, it was proposed and carried that all members winning specials at our annual show collect them themselves. Of course, where any person is living at a distance, it will rest with the Secretary to see to their delivery. Two medals won at our late show were handed over, and Mr. Crawhall kindly provided one of these as the donor of the other medal had evidently only intended to give one, and we had taken his promise as two. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Crawhall for his generosity. There are a few who think he is too generous in this respect. The balance sheet for the annual social was presented and adopted; this unfortunately shows a loss of £1, which was reduced to this amount by a donation of 2s. 6d. from Messrs. J. Taylor, sen., and T. C. Crawhall. The Committee of the social were greatly disappointed at the number of tickets which were returned on the day, and also on the previous day after all arrangements had been made for refreshments, etc. The next business was very pleasing to all, as our Chairman informed us he had the offer of the Engineers' Drill Hall, Sandyford Road, to hold ou rannual show in, on practically the same terms as we had the Cambridge Hall. This is a larger hall, and is well lighted and heated, and should prove a splendid place. He had been to great trouble, and had spent a lot of time in securing this hall, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to him. The Secretary was instructed to write and thank Colonel Crawford for his kindness in allowing us to use the hall. Proposed and seconded that the Carrer special be handed over to Mr. T. Taylor. Mr. Curry proposed that the secretary write all Specialist Clubs for their patronage. Schedule for Nest Feather Show were distributed, and also tickets for same. A slight error has crept into the schedule, and the secretary was instructed to rectify this. Many members paid their subscriptions, but there are a lot not paid yet, and he would like to avoid sending any notices out, as several members who received these last year took exception to them; so please let secretary have them as early as possible. The end of May is the latest date to entitle members to compete at Nest Feather Show. Will members who intend going to the annual picnic kindly let secretary know as soon as possible?—J. E. Atkinson, Secretary.

UDDINGSTON & DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held Reading Rooms May 6th, Mr. J. Shepherd (treasurer) in chair. Moved and seconded to hold our F.F. show on first Saturday in August; points gained at same to be added to annual show totals for cup. Also agreed to hold annual show last Saturday in November. A motion to have a class at each of our monthly meetings was discussed; it was agreed to have a Redpoll class at next monthly meeting. Entry fee, 2d. each bird. Two new members were proposed and admitted. A motion to combine our show with poultry and pigeons was left over till next meeting so as to hear the opinion of fanciers in the district. A vote of thanks to chairman closed a very interesting meeting.—Jno. Kilpatrick, Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Result of official election, 1911:—Committee, Messrs. John McLay (28), G. F. Adamson (28), Wm. Paul (25), Allan Chalmers (25), John Noble (24), C. Campbell (23), J. Young (19), Wm. Cairns (19), G. Mackie (18), J. Cram (16), J. Kirkwood (15), J. Sanderson (15), F. Taylor (15), J. F. Dewar (13), G. Shillinglaw (12), J. McNaughton (12), G. Smart (12). Club judges, Messrs. J. Young (27), J. McLay (27), J. Noble (25), A. Chalmers (21), G. F. Adamson (21), C. Campbell (18). Secretary and treasurer, Mr. John Young (27). Auditors, Messrs. F. Taylor (19), Geo. Smart (19). Venue of club show: Perth (8), Kilmarnock (5), Scottish National (3), Broxburn (3). 34 papers returned.—(Signed), Messrs. Taylor and Smart, Scrutineers.

WOMBWELL & DISTRICT B.F.A.

Meeting held May 6th; Mr. Malpass presided. The nest feather show business was dispensed with, and we devoted the rest of our time in framing a series of lectures. We are indebted to Mr. Hinchliffe, one of our members, for condescending to give us a washing lecture. As be is an experienced fancier, we are looking forward to an instructive lecture. Decided that two of our members visit the respective schoolmasters of the district with a view to holding a drawing competition. The society to give eight prizes for the best drawings of any kind of bird. At our annual show Messrs. Dean and Malpass promised to give specials to scholars giving the best essay on what they saw at the show. The society is in a fairly good position considering the period of existence of about twelve months, having a little over £4 to their credit. Anyone wishing to become a member will be welcomed.—J. Hudson.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Manchester, April 29th, a good number of fanciers attending. The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £5, and also auditor's report on same were passed as satisfactory. Decided that balance be used as per rule in getting specials for champion in Lancashires, champion in Lizards, also champions in novice Lancashires, ditto Lizards; also runners up in each section. Messrs. J. Swalwell and Jos. Oldham were appointed to purchase specials. Decided, that we let the idea of a first feather show drop, but we intend having a club show at Shaw instead. Decided, that we again give patronage to L.C.B.A., and Nottingham, and secretary was instructed to try and break fresh ground for shows for next season. Mr. Hartley Laycock was proposed a member. Also unanimously decided that we have our annual party at Mr. T. White's, Hyde, May 27th. Tea on the table at 5 o'clock. A hearty welcome will be extended to all, and members are requested to let the secretary know as soon as possible number likely to attend, so that Mr. White will know how many to cater for. It is also to be hoped that members will bring their wives and friends, as this party is open to all. Prizes will be presented after tea, and it is intended to finish the evening in a social manner. Will any members desirous of singing a song, etc., kindly let me know, so that if possible I can arrange a programme.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

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PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Meeting held May 6th, Mr. Lockie's, 2, St. James-street, Mr. R. Neil presiding. Mr. J. Gourley (Renfrew) was elected a member. Agreed that there be no meetings held in June, July, August. Notes of eggs and young were taken, when out of 12 members present there were 61 eggs and 26 young. Meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the president.—J. Stewart.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held May 6th, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. P. Thom presiding. Correspondence having been dealt with, the members were entertained by Mr. Laurie to a very interesting and instructive lecture on the production of light Mules. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Laurie. Three new members were enrolled: Messrs. Sanderson, Godber, and Walker. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE & DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held May 1st, at headquarters, Mr. G. Whatford chairman. After the general business (and Mr. W. R. Elgar elected as president, and Mr. C. Smith as hon. auditor), Mr. T. Monday delivered a most interesting lecture, entitled "How to Become a Successful Breeder." He described everything minutely from the selecting of one's stock to the training and exhibiting of the feathered pets. Decided, to have a ramble on June 4th, taking the direction of Frinsted and Torry Hill, coming home via Downing Court and Milstead. Date fixed for nest feather show on July 5th, judge F. G. Wickham (of Chatham). After a very interesting evening the meeting was brought to a close.—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Membership for 1911 continued: Messrs. R. Johnstone (Musselburgh), T. Smith (Shannonwood), J. Wynnes (Airdrie), W. Allan (Edinburgh), H. Crawford (Robinsborough), J. Dalgleish (Leith), W. McCulloch, W. Lees, and J. Ward (Glasgow), J. Archibald (Greenock), J. Kennedy, jun. (Paisley), R. Thoms (Dundee), J. Carlaw (Falkirk), J. C. Millar (Govan), W. Nivin (Grahamstown), F. Strathearn (South Alloa), J. Maxwell and P. Maswell (Falkirk), A. Jardine (Maryhill), A. Buchanan (Shuttleston), J. Burnside (Lasmahagow), A. Lang (Rutherglen), J. Muir (Parkhead), R. Douglas (Mossend), L. Jackson and T Jackson (Kirkmuirhill), T. Brown (Duns), G. Byers (Dumfries), J. Jackson (Blackwood), J. Main (Coatbridge). Breeders of the Scotch Fancy Canary are reminded that membership closes on 31st May, and that all wishing to become members should be enrolled by that date at the very latest. A general meeting of the members will be held in the National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, on 12th June, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of judges, etc.—R. Wright, President; J. Hogg, Vice-President; Thomas Smith, Sec. and Treas., 10, Lochside Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Committee meeting held Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 29th April, Mr. Lay presiding, others present being Messrs. W. Aitchison, C. Campbell, R. B. Jarvie, and J. Young, and Secretary. A letter was read from Mr. J. Winter, proposing that Mr. Hector be appointed president. This was seconded by the chairman and carried unanimously. The following were appointed vice-presidents: Messrs. J. McLay, R. B. Jarvie, W. Aitchison, J. Winter, and T. Adamson. Mr. Hector (Aberdeen) wrote suggesting some alterations of the medal to be competed for at the shows during the coming season, and sent a sample, which he considered would be very suitable. After full discussion, it was decided to do nothing meantime, but when the time arrives for the selection of medals Mr. Hector's suggestions to be kept in view. Mr. Aitchison moved that the club discontinue the granting of medals, and instead, that one, two or more prizes be given for competition by members at the patronage shows, on the same lines as president's prize had been competed for during the past few years. The Chairman stated he was in sympathy with such an alteration, but pointed out that the committee had no power to adopt the points prize competition, which would require to come before the annual general meeting; and the matter was allowed to drop. The following were admitted to membership: Messrs. A. K. Chalmers, and J. McMeikin (Glasgow). J. S. Harris, and W. Gibson (Dysart). Secretaries are requested to note that club show will be held in East and South district this year, and those desirous of having this event in conjunction with their show are requested to send on their application. Annual subscriptions are now due, and should be paid early. Any fancier wishing to join the club can have full particulars from J. Brown, Secretary, 599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

NORWICH P.C.C. OF IRELAND.

Special meeting held Clarence Place Hall, May Street, Belfast, May 4th. There was a fair turn-up of members. Mr. John Cummings, president, occupied the chair. After some discussion on the matter, it was decided to proceed with the election of officers for 1911, which resulted as follows: Mr. J. Cummings, president; Mr. W. Connell, vice-president; Mr. J. Stewart, secretary and treasurer; committee, Messrs. J. Montgomery, J. Carson, S. Scott, H. Houston, J. Thompson, S. Bamford, and J. Kelso, with power to add to this number at any time. Mr. Stewart proposed, and Mr. Thompson seconded, that the club accept the two cups on the conditions laid down by those that have wins on them, that the cups are put on the table with the shields of present winners taken off, and in future to be competed for by unflighted birds bred by the competing exhibitors, one cup to go to champion section and one to novice section, the winner of the novice cup to receive a gold medal similar to those supplied by the Young Bird Club.—Passed. Mr. Stewart proposed, and Mr Montgomery seconded, that no society get the patronage of the club unless there are four competing exhibitors resident in the city or town in which the show is held.—Passed. Mr. Montgomery proposed, and Mr. Thompson seconded, that no application for the club's patronage be considered after the first of October in each year.—Passed. Mr. Connell suggested that points for cups at end of show season be drawn from a hat, one show in four or five to be left in hat. This was freely discussed, but was left over until next meeting, May 25th, at 8 p.m., in Clarence Place Hall, May Street, when the business will be the revision of rules, etc. A hearty invitation is extended to all old members to attend. I will be pleased to receive names from outside districts of any fanciers wishing to become members, either champion or novice; the subscription is 2s. 6d. annually.—Jas. Stewart, Hon. Sec.

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WARRINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters April 27th. Mr. Knowles presided. After a lengthy discussion of the pros. and cons. re holding an open show, on the motion of Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Bretherton, it was decided to hold a one-day open show on November 11th, all being in favour. Nest feather show left over till next meeting.—G. M. Nelson, Sec.

NORTH SHIELDS AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held May 3rd. Nearly the whole of the evening was spent in business dealing chiefly with the coming nest feather show, first Saturday in July; notification of time and place will be given later). Prominent members present: Messrs. Wilson (Tynemouth), Whittaker, of Border Fancy fame (North Shields), and R. McVay (the British bird king), who all had something very pleasing to say. Members please note time of starting, 7.30 prompt. Look out for nest feather show in July. Something great and grand.—R. P. Fox, Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

On May 3rd and 4th we posted our recall notices to those fanciers who have not yet replied as to membership tickets sent earlier in the year. As our meeting takes place on May 27th I am very anxious to be in the position of making a good report as to membership. To enable me to do this, I will feel greatly obliged if you will send your decision by that date. Progress up till now is very satisfactory. Help to swell the number of joining.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Special meeting held May 3rd, Crown Hotel, Mr. Burke in chair. A moderate attendance did not look very well considering our total membership of 60 strong, but those that did come brought four intending members, who were nominated to be elected at next meeting. Proposed and carried that Rules 1 and 13, which are to be worded as proposed at April meeting, Mr. G. Baldwin (Hockley) was duly elected to membership. Proposed and carried that we hold our members' nest feather show at Crown Hotel on June 28th, with the same classification as last year's nest feather show.—S. Mole, Hon. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Result of ballot re committee: H. W. Battye, Huddersfield, (vice-chairman,), 39 votes; A. H. Waters (Wombwell), 37; F. Hammond (Bradford), 35; A. Humphries (York), 35; D. Hunter (Scarboro), 33; A. Haigh (Buttershaw), 31; R. Halliday (Shipley), 30; G. Harland (Hull), 27; S. Dean (Bradford), 26; J. Calam (Hull), 25; H. Snowden (Morecamb), 25; J. Wilcock (Eccleshill), 24; H. J. Chittenden (Bolton Woods), 23; A. Pickles (Wadsworth), 23; H. Simonette (Bradford), 21; W. A. Cowgill (Bradford), 21; J. Eyre (Dodsworth), 21; W. H. Moore (Grimsby), 21; Wright (York), 20; J. Moorhouse (Meetham), T. Fortnam (Bradford), and Greenwood (Wadsworth), a tie, 19. Seventy-five per cent. of ballot papers were sent in.—O. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.S.

Usual meeting held May 2nd, headquarters, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, Mr. Hannah, president, in chair. Twenty new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. A. Nicolson, G. Stratton, J. Hill, D. Bell, J. Jeffries (of Dumbarton), J. M. Lay, J. Pringle, R. McGowan, D. Kilpatrick, G. McColl, H. Lindsay, F. McCafferty, J. Smith, J. Kerr, R. Dinnett, J. Somerville, J. Kinlock, G. Garnett, J. Rodgers, G. Naden. Decided to hold first feather show August 5th, and annual grand competition in November, both shows being entirely confined to members, so that anyone desiring to compete must become a member by our next meeting, first Tuesday in June, which is positively the last day for entry. Mr. A. Lees, the well-known ornithologist, gave a lecture on "Softbills or Insect-eating birds (British)," which was thoroughly enjoyed, as were his specimens. The hearty vote of thanks he received was well earned. Next meeting classes for shows will be arranged, election of judges and suitable hall for exhibition.—A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S

An Interesting Lecture on Mule Breeding

General meeting held April 24th, Mr. W. A. Bladon in chair. After the general business (which included a letter from the secretary of the Norwich P.C., saying the N.P.C. had decided to hold their club show at our open show), Mr. Richards gave us an interesting lecture on mule breeding.

To commence with, he said he intended the lecture to be just a friendly talk of one bird lover to others. There were two points to make clear: First, it is quite an easy matter to get Mules early in the season, and secondly, that the books on Mule Breeding are not always right. Some fanciers, he said, make a mistake by not putting nesting material in cages where they have the British bird with the Canary. Putting nesting in the cages brings birds into condition quicker. Try, and you will find out. Try one pair with, and another pair without it, with both pairs in the same condition. Books advise putting eggs in warm water a day or two before they are due to hatch. My opinion is that it is a mistake. It hardens the shell, and makes it more difficult for the bird to get out. He thought the Goldfinch easier to breed with than the Brown Linnet, the reason being that the Finch was always singing or twittering more than the Linnet. Look to your perches. With Linnets, have plenty of room above the perches; they like to fly up and then come down on to the hen; so have your perches low when using the Brown Linnet.

The lecturer thought Clear Mules were freaks, and simply got by accident, the British bird having a lot to do with it. A friend of his had been breeding Mules for 27 years, and has never had a clear yet, but has had plenty of variegated. Ten years ago I had a Pea throat Goldfinch, and paired it to a common hen. All the young were ticked, and one almost clear. Sorry to say, I gave the hen away, and have never had another almost clear since. He thinks it possible to breed Chaffinch Mules. He had one that tried to breed, paired with Canary hens; it was finger-tame from the time it was caught. He paired it to a Canary hen, when the hen called. It would sing to her at the bottom of cage, and fly up to her. The first nest were all clear eggs, then he gave the Chaffinch away. I once had a Bullfinch hen, he said, and a cock Goldfinch together; they were very friendly together, but showed no signs of breeding. One day, in taking the bath off a cage a Chaffinch was in, the bird got out and flew on to a cage where the Bullfinch hen was. The hen called for him. I put it down to the Chaffinch having a red breast like the Bullfinch. I think the reason we do not get any young from the Bullfinch cock and hen Canary is that the hen calls and gives over too soon. I think the best way to get Brown Linnets into condition is to have two cocks and put them together at times. I think the methods, as stated in most books, viz., to put birds together in November to get them friendly, is wrong, it not being natural for British birds to mate with Canaries; and you cannot feed the Britishers properly when they are with Canaries. I think the Finches sing themselves into condition a lot.

Mr. Richards brought a young Goldfinch-Canary Mule six weeks old, bred in a cold room, and the mother of it had three more one week old. After the first egg was laid he took the Canary away and put in with the hen a young Goldfinch. While the Canary was singing, the hen called, and the Goldfinch paired with her. She had four eggs, but only one hatched out, and this was the bird he had brought, and everyone was satisfied that it was a Mule. Mr. Richards was then asked several questions, which he answered satisfactorily. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Richards.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, May 4th, Mr. T. R. Wallace presiding. Three new members were enrolled. After the usual business it was decided to have a social in the lesser Oddfellows' Hall on May 13th, in connection with the presentation to our late secretary, Mr. R. Hamilton, who leaves us on May 20th for Canada. Members and friends invited.—R. Rennie, Sec., 13, Pleasance-square, Falkirk.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Would district delegates of the above society kindly forward the names and addresses of prospective members in time for our next meeting on May 16th, as this is the last meeting of the season in which new members can be admitted to membership? It is desirable, too, that the contributions of the whole membership be fully paid by above date. The following well-known fanciers have been appointed district delegates: Messrs. A. Hoyle (Musselburgh), G. Wotherspoon (Broxburn). Fanciers wishing to become members, kindly communicate with local delegates or direct to me. The 100th member is to be admitted free. Who is it to be?—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

An interesting and instructive paper, on "Mule Breeding," was read by Mr. G. Stevens before the members May 3rd. The essayist, who is well qualified to speak on the subject, described his method of establishing a muling strain, and the selection of the Finch, giving minute details as to the feeding and general management. He elaborated on the following crosses: Goldfinch-Canary, Linnet-Canary, Greenfinch-Canary, Siskin-Canary, Redpoll-Canary, Twite-Canary. He spoke of Mule breeding as being "the most interesting, fascinating, and elusive branch of our hobby, and if anything tests the patience and grit of a true fancier most, it is in trying to produce high-class Mules." After the lecture several questions were asked, notes compared, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Lewis, and seconded by Mr. Pounsett.—A. S. Treasure.

HETTON-LE-HOLE & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held May 6th, at Crown Inn, Mr. Hy. Wilson in chair. There was a good attendance of members, when the following resolutions were carried: "That our F.F. show be held July 8th, with Mr. A. Brown as judge, and that we have 24 classes for same"; also "that we support the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE"; also "that the committee make arrangements for holding a show on November 11th, in the Hetton-le-Hole Workmen's Club, and that they bring it before the members at next meeting." The Secretary then took the following accounts of the breeding season up till now: Hy. Kilner, 31 young Norwich; R. Lawson, 9 Nor.; Geo. Gowland, 2 Nor.; Vipond, 9 Nor.; H. Wilson 7 Nor.; Allen, 7 Nor., 3 Yorks.; M. Dixon, 4 Nor., 3 Liz., 1 Cinn., 4 Crest, 8 Yorks.; R. H. Dixon, 6 Nor., 7 Yorks.; A. J. Notley, 2 Nor. The general complaint is clear eggs, and hens not feeding.—A. J Notley, Sec

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held May 2nd, Headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, W. Wingate in chair. Attendance was not so large as usual, owing, I suppose, to its being a business meeting. The great feature of our nest feather show will be fixed prize money, 4s., 2s. and 1s. in all classes; this is out of the ordinary in the Sheffield district. We are giving our members something to show for, and in addition to prize money we have already about 20 specials promised, so that we should have one of the best nest feather shows ever held in Sheffield and district. The date is July 22nd, to be held Foresters' Hall. Classification is 9 champion classes, 9 novice classes; British birds, champion or novice, 6 classes; Mule or Hyb., one class; Foreign birds, champion or novice, 4. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield). We again had the pleasure of adding a long list of new recruits to our membership. Next monthly meeting, June 13th, when we have the great event of all, and the one for which we are anticipating the largest crowd, viz., a table show of Foreign Birds, together with a lecture on keeping, feeding and exhibiting foreign birds, by Mr. E. E. Smith. Some of the rarest birds in captivity will be staged. Any fancier joining at next meeting will be eligible to exhibit at nest feather show. Don't forget the ramble to Worksop on Sunday, June 18th; this is going to be a great day. We have got one of the best-known men in Worksop district to act as guide.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

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BOLTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held May 1st, 1911, Mr. Gerrard chairman. We had a decent muster of members present for passing of our revised rules, which were all confirmed with a few slight additions. It was decided to change our name to "The Bolton and District Cage Bird Society," instead of Ornithological Society. The classification for F.F. show was carried out. Also decided that we advertise our open show. The show will be held as usual in the Co-operative Hall, which is a grand room for the purpose.—Percy Brierley, Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held May 3rd, but it being such a very wet night only a few members turned up. Mr. G. W. Maisey had promised to give a paper on Yorkshires, but was unable to come, so it was postponed till next meeting. Three or four letters were read, and it was decided to add £1 to the prize money of Y.B. show in proportion to the entries. The secretary would be glad of a few more specials to complete the schedule. In the general discussion members reported plenty of eggs but very few young birds, and a larger proportion than usual of clear eggs. Our silver cups are now on view in the window of S. R. Holdaways, 85, Oxford St., Reading. —W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held May 6, headquarters, Clarence Hotel, Mr. J. Eyre presiding over a good attendance. Decided, to hold nest feather show July 1. Mr. W. Rapson will officiate. Also decided to have a ramble on May 21, route selected being Stainboro' and Wortley Parks. Decided to meet at Stainboro' Inn, 9.30 a.m. All fanciers and friends have a hearty invitation to join us in this our first ramble of the year. Mr. R. Jackson was made a member. Business being done, Mr. J. Simmons gave us a washing exhibition, which was keenly watched by all. Mr. Simmons, in his usual form, put the birds through their tubbing in fine style. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, which brought a pleasant evening to a close.—F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

LOCHORE & GLENCRAIG C.B.S.

At a meetinpg held in McMenemy's Hall on 29th April, Mr. J. Donaldson in chair, the Secretary read report of meeting held in Cowdenheath in connection with the proposed Cage Birds League for West Fife. After a good deal of discussion, it was agreed to join in with the other societies. The following delegates were appointed to attend next conference in Penman's Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, May 15th, at 6 p.m.; Messrs. Rodger, Johnston, Croy, and Secretary, with instructions how to vote on different matters. Next business, in connection with first feather show; we added a Scotch fancy and a variety class. Secretary instructed to write Mr. Grewar (Lochgelly) asking him to officiate as judge. This being all the business, the meeting closed. Next meeting, May 27th, when we hope members will turn out in larger numbers.—Duncan Grant, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

General meeting held May 1st, Mr. Bladon in chair. Mr. Harrison (Altrincham) gave us a most interesting lecture on cage bird ailments. There can be no doubt Mr. Harrison has spent a lot of time studying birds, their organs and ailments, and what is best to cure them. He advised all who had the misfortune to lose a bird at any time to open it and examine it, trying to find out what was the cause; then you know better how to treat others. He went thoroughly into the matter, the cause of a lot, signs, and what to give. All who missed this lecture missed a treat, and also a great amount of instructive advice. Mr. Harrison was asked a lot of questions, all of which he answered to everybody's satisfaction. The time for closing came all too soon, and we ended with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Harrison. Next meeting May 15th, when Mr. Bladon will give us a paper on the Cinnamon, and the uses of the Cinnamon. I hope we shall have a good muster to hear our worthy President. Friends specially invited.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Bond's Rooms, 39, New Cross Road, May 4th, the meeting being well attended, to hear Mr. J. Robson's lecture on "How to Become a Successful Breeder and Exhibitor." I am pleased to report that we made two new members in Messrs. Baker (Catford) and Rhodes (New Cross). Letters were read from gentlemen wishing to join, also one from the London Federation; there being not much time to spend for discussion on the Federation subject it was proposed and seconded that we leave it over to next meeting, June 1st, when we intend to look well into the subject. The schedule for the two young stock shows was discussed—1st, June 8th, and the 2nd, July 6th. Mr. J. Robson to judge the July show, Mr. Meades the June show. Several specials have been given, to be allotted for the July show, this being the chief show. Arrangements for the Hildenboro' ramble for Sunday, May 21st, was settled. Train fare will be 4/-; train to leave New Cross (S.E. and C.Rly.) at 9.25 a.m. A reduction on tickets will be made if it is possible. Mr. Robson intends to accompany us on this ramble. Any fancier wishing to join us on this ramble should drop us a note. After settling several other items, the Chairman called on Mr. Robson for his lecture. The lecturer dealt with the mating, feeding, and staging of the birds. It being the breeding season several questions were asked as to the cures for the young birds, which seemed to be a great trouble to a few fanciers. The Chairman threw the meeting open for further questions, which were readily and clearly answered. A vote of thanks was then passed to the lecturer.—Barton and Hearn, Joint Hon. Secs.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. weekly singing contest for quality held at new headquarters, Cartman's Arms, Canning Street, off Brook Street, when 18 birds were entered for three good prizes. 1 and 3, Broadbent; 2, Norton. Judge, Mr. Fred Allen; timekeeper, Mr. Thundercliffe. Also contest on May 6th. 1, Norton; 2, 3, Broadbent. Our worthy landlord is giving a tea service for next Saturday's contest; first bird up 2.30 prompt.—Fred Allen, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HOUGHTON.

Great Houghton and Dist. Linnet Association, held Old Hall Inn, when a good contest was witnessed, Mr. B. Midgely 1st, time 49sec.; Mr. J. Hinds 2nd, and Jas. Halpine 3rd. Contest was open to all England. Next open contest Whit Monday, for special prize, and entry fee of 1s. per bird, time singing, when we hope to have a record entry. Particulars from Sec.—Jas. Halpine, Sec., Vaughan Terrace, Gt. Houghton, nr. Barnsley.

Singing Contests.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Linnet contest held May 7th, Rock Inn, when 26 birds were entered. J. Kirk was 1st, 67sec.; T. Piper, 2nd and 3rd, 49sec. and 44sec. We sing 1m.n. face and 2min. bluff.—R. Taylor, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn quality Linnet S.A. held club contest for quality May 6th, at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, for 6 good prizes. Winners (26 competed): 1st prize, J. Dobson; 2nd and 5th, W. H. Topping (Blackburn); 3rd, W. Barnes (Wigan); 4th, W. H. Jones (Leigh); 6th, J. McAllister (Leigh). Timekeeper, Mr. T. Slater. Bird caretaker, Mr. R. Hayhurst. We had our usual week-end contest, also for 3 prizes, when 17 birds competed. 1st prize, R. Hayhurst; 2nd, A. Ashton; 3rd, T. Hayhurst. Timekeeper, Mr. T. Lomax.—T. Slater, Sec.

YORK.

Linnet singing contest, held St. Lawrence's Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, April 29th, when 16 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, W. Wilson; 2, J. Stirk; 3, T. Lambert; 4, T. Taylor. Judge, Mr. C. Jackson; timekeeper, Mr. F. Littlewood. Linnet singing contest held St. Lawrence's Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, when 19 birds competed, some very good singing being heard. Result: 1, J. Firth; 2, F. Gibson; 3, W. Weaver; 4, J. Stirk. Judge, Mr. C. Jackson; timekeeper, Mr. A. Kirby.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

WIGAN.

Open Linnet contest held Weavers' Arms, Scholes, when some of the best birds in Lancashire were present. They came from Wigan, Pemberton, Tyldesley, Leigh, and Westhoughton, and the entry was 35 birds. Winners for quality: 1, W. Ashcroft; 2, F. Gibbons; 3, J. W. Jones; 4, T. Statham. For time: 1, P. Owen, 150; 2, J. Ashurst, 130; 3, R. Macfarlane, 119; 4, Birmingham, 117. Judges for quality, Messrs. Statham and Macfarlane; timekeepers, Messrs. Layland, Parker, Pickering. After the match the evening was spent in a most social manner, and all fanciers enjoyed themselves. The club is giving another match on June 3rd, for time and quality.—A. Parker, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet Singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, May 7th, when some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Wood; 2, Bryan; 3, shared by Chippendale and Ward. Judges Messrs. C. Lorriman and J. Clarke.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet Singing Association open contest (Linnet singing), for time only, held Club House, Mersey Hotel, May 6th, when 22 birds faced the judges. Some fair singing was heard. Result' 1, G. Randles, 146; 2, C. Corbett, 109; 3, J. Mather, 96. Judges, Messrs. J. Mather and W. Brown. Minute man, Mr. G. Randles.—C. Corbett, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, held headquarters, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, May 6th, when 29 birds entered for three special prizes (3 minutes' singing): 1, Watson, 65 secs.; 2, Worrall, 64 secs.; 3, Watson, 54 secs. May 7th, when 26 birds entered for three special prizes, when we had visitors from Barnsley (2 minutes' singing), for three special prizes: 1, Thompson, 58 secs.; 2, Watson, 55 secs.; 3, Bisby, 54 secs.; Wadd, 47 secs.; Burkinshaw and Wadd, 45 secs. each; Thompson, 43 secs.; Joe and Wadd, 42 secs. each. Contest every week-end; Whitsuntide Club going strong.—A. Brown, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, held headquarters, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, before a good company. We had 52 birds entered for four good prizes. The birds did very well, but not up to last week's standard. Winners: 1, J. Kirk; 2, T Piper; 3, J Rollinson; 4, O. Potter. On May 20th, we are having an open-to-all-England sing. We hope some of the time singing clubs will take advantage of it, and show us what their birds can do on 5 seconds a break. Our Roller Canary Club, started last week, is going very strong, thanks to your valuable paper; we hope we shall see some fresh faces on Saturday.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, held Black Horse, Elvet, May 6, when 32 birds entered, and some good singing was heard. Result: 1, 2, 3, Wilson and Adams; judge, Mr. Geo. Reed. Next contest, R. M. Canavan's, Gilesgate Moor, May 13th; 1st, cup; 2, kettle; 3, case of silver spoons; 4, pipe and case; 9d. per bird, 3d. back.—Geo. Reed.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Seaham Harbour and Dis. Linnet Club contest, held Londonderry Arms (2nd club sing), May 6th, when 32 birds competed for eight prizes and two specials. 1, 2, and two specials, R. Elliott; 3, G. Hills; 4, Hartley; 5, T. Elliott; 6, G. Robson; 7, Wilson; 8, Hartley. Judge, Mr. G. Robson; timekeeper, Mr. J. Watson, Sec.

SALFORD.

We hope fanciers will do their best to come with their birds May 13th, as there is another prize offered of 7 lbs. special Linnet seed given by Mr. Bird (Manchester). The secretaries of Linnet clubs are requested to send representatives, which we are sure they will do to ensure a success, as many interested visitors are going to attend. B. Wharton.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. (King's Head).—Usual quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon Street, when 26 of the best birds entered for four good prizes. 1, W. Sissons, 2 and 3, H. Wigfield; 4, Chippendale. Judges, Messrs. T. Johnson, Wilson, Naylor, A. Jennings. Also May 7th, when 30 birds faced the judges, Messrs. H. Jennings, T. Johnson, and W. Naylor. 1, J. Bland; 2, T. Stead; 3, W. Farrow; 4, W. Sissons. All members must pay up 14 days before Whitsuntide.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet contest held Springhill Tavern, Buslingthorpe, May 6th, when 12 birds entered. 1st, Green; 2nd, C. Ward; 3rd, Laycock. Judges, Messrs. Binner and Sidall. Usual weekly contest held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, May 7th, when 23 birds entered. 1st, Grainger; 2nd, Clegg; 3rd, Green; 4th shared between Grainger and Ward. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Bliss.

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Twitterings.

All members' subscriptions are now due, writes Mr. O. Mitchell, sec. of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club.

Those who intend getting a hot colour on their birds this season see Sandiford's advertisement in Advertisement columns.—Advt.

Mr. A. Wellings has been engaged to judge at our open show on November 16th, writes Mr. J. Pitchford, sec. of the Stoke-on-Trent Cage Birds Society.

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Messrs. G. H. Martin and J. H. Mitchell have come to terms, and will show now as partners under the name of Messrs. Martin and Mitchell, writes Mr. J. H. Mitchell.

I always look forward to getting my copy of Cage Birds on Fridays. I think it a very valuable paper for bird lovers. May I also wish Cage Birds League every success?—G. Armitage (Bedford).

We hear that Mr. B. Hollins, the well-known Hull bird specialist, returned home on Tuesday last, bringing with him a large and varied consignment of African birds, all in the very best of condition.

I regret to say that my old winning Crest-bred, winner of prizes at a large number of shows for the past six years, and father of winners for all those years, died this morning, writes Mr. J. G. Hutchinson (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The Coventry O.S. has resigned membership of the Cage Bird Union, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt, the sec. The reasons are that the Rule 22 has been rescinded, which has weakened the Union; and that the working of the Union has ceased to be of any good to the Fancy.

We have received from Mr. W. Wilson, the well-known naturalist, of 247, Argyle Street, Glasgow, an excellent sample of coloured celluloid marking rings for Canaries, etc. They are extremely light and most easy to fix, and can be had in a large variety of colours.

The undernoted gentlemen will judge at our coming show, writes Mr. R. Trimble, sec. of the Ulster O.A.:—Mr. David Black (Glasgow), for the Belgians and Scotch Fancies; Mr. Robert Taylor (Preston), for the Norwich and Yorkshires); and Mr. Geo. Marlin (Hamilton) for the Mules, British Birds, etc.

In future our meetings will be held on Saturday nights, instead of Wednesday, to begin at seven o'clock prompt, when we hope to have a good attendance of members, writes Mr. J. Barrass, sec., South Shields C.B.S. Our next meeting will be on May 27th, to make final preparations for First Feather Show.

The Oxford and District C.B.S. are giving two Roller classes (one old bird and one young bird) at their open show on October 26th. All exhibits will be staged in a separate warm room, and Mr. F. Wilsdon has kindly offered to judge. Will all Roller fanciers note this?—A. F. Fifield, hon. sec.

The Pendleton and Salford O.S. are having a ramble on Sunday, May 21, when they are going by the 9.48 from London Road to Glossop, where they will have a ramble round the district, writes Mr. J. Critchley, the hon. sec. We hope to have a good muster of members and friends. All wishing to join us will be very welcome.

Will all intending members for the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club kindly send in their full names and addresses as soon as possible, as we want all members' names printed in the new books? write Messrs. Lane and Jowett, the hon. secs. Also, will all secretaries wanting the patronage of the Club please apply as soon as possible?

The East Ham C.B. Society's ramble takes place on Sunday, May 14th, writes Mr. B. C. Smith, the club reporter, and members and friends are requested to meet at Stratford Station, where the party take train to Loughton and walk through the Forest to Epping. Trains leave Stratford for Loughton ten o'clock and 10.8 o'clock. Cheap return ticket, 9d. It is hoped there will be a good muster, and, given fine weather, an enjoyable day is anticipated.

Will members and fanciers kindly note that we have removed our headquarters to Mr. Wear's house, the Stanley Inn, writes Mr. W. Elliott, sec. of the West Stanley C.B.S. At the same house we are going to hold our nest feather show on June 24th. A more ideal room could not be found for a show, having windows all round, and being situated in the centre of the town. That very prominent judge, Mr. J. Hands, chairman of the Blaydon C.B.S., will adjudicate.

A meeting will be held at the Welbeck Inn, Soresby Street, Chesterfield, on May 20th, at 7.30 p.m., to arrange classes for the first of a series of nest feather shows in connection with the Whittington Moor, Chesterfield, and Staveley Cage Bird Societies, writes Mr. G. Dodd, sec. of the Whittington Moor Society. Will all fanciers in the district please attend?

The Dulwich and Peckham C.B. Society's year book comprises a capital programme of fixtures for the current season. The lectures, exhibitions, and demonstrations are of a representative character and should ensure success. The names and addresses of the members are also included. The sec. is Mr. W. Hodson, 39, Friern Road, East Dulwich, London, S.E.

The present month's issue of the "Avicultural Magazine" (price 1s. 3d.) contains an article by Mr. C. T. Maxwell on the Purple Sunbird, which is nicely illustrated by Mr. H. Goodchild. Miss Alice Hutchinson contributes "More Notes on the Brom Vogel," and Mr. Gregory M. Mathews, F.R.S.E., "Australian Bird Notes." The issue comprises other interesting matters.

The annual general meeting of the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C. will be held on May 27th, at 3 p.m., at the Market Tavern, Bradford. All money specials gained by the members during the past show season will be paid at this meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to attend, as the business is important?—F. Armstrong, hon. sec. and treas.

The Barnsley and District C.B.S. have arranged a ramble to take place on Sunday, May 21st, the route selected being through Stainboro and Wortley Parks, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the secretary. We extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers and friends to join the members. We have arranged to meet at Stainboro Inn at 9.30 a.m., start to be made at 10 o'clock prompt.

The Sheffield C.B.S is going strong, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, the assistant secretary. Although we commenced the year with a deficit of £9 10s., we have already cleared that off, and have £5 in hand. The members deserve congratulations for the way they have worked. We have seventy members, and other fanciers keep joining. Anyone is welcome at our meetings, held the first Thursday in each month at the Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street.

Mr. A. J. A. Marley is giving a paper entitled "My Method of Feeding, Moulting, and Exhibiting British Birds," before the members and friends of the North London C.B.A. on May 17th, at the Public Library, Church St., Stoke Newington, N., at eight o'clock, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, the hon. sec. This paper has, I understand, been some months in preparation, and I have it on good authority that it will be an exhaustive report of Mr. Marley's actual experience. Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

The Newcastle C.B.S. have secured the Engineers' Drill Hall, Sandyford Road, Newcastle, in which to hold their annual show on October 20th—21st, writes Mr. J. E. Atkinson, sec. This is a larger hall (190ft. by 30ft.), and is splendidly lighted, and heated and well ventilated. Fanciers need have no fear in sending their birds here, as they will be well looked after. Will members please alter their Nest Feather Show schedule as follows:—Classes 1 to 18 should be Classes 1 to 20; and Classes 19 to 29 should be Classes 21 to 29.

The Wood Green F. and F. A. have issued a capital year book for the 1911 season. It consists of 28 gilt-edged pages, handsomely bound in imitation red Morocco; it is, in fact, quite one of the neatest manuals we have ever seen. The booklet comprises, among other things, the general, show, and cup rules of the association, an attractive list of fixtures for the year, the names and addresses of the members, and the 1910-11 balance sheet (showing cash in hand £4 8s.). The sec., to whom applications for membership should be addressed, is Mr. Geo. H. Bates, 41, Brunswick Crescent, New Southgate.

We have secured the services of the following gentlemen, writes Mr. F. Western, sec. of the Bradford West C.B.A., to judge our members' shows, viz.:—June 10th, Mr. A. Shaw; July 8th, Mr. H. H. Towers; October 17th, Mr. J. Bailey; November 21st, Mr. H. Sutcliffe; and Boxing Day, Mr. L. Ogden. We are also having a lecture on Canaries, Mules, and British Birds on May 13th by Mr. S. Dean, who will deal with the different species of British birds, their nesting places and habits, to be found around this district. This should prove very interesting to all, and a hearty invitation is given to fanciers.

Robin's Nest on Mantelpiece.

A Robin has made its nest at one corner of our drawing-room mantelpiece behind a piece of china, and has laid five eggs and is now sitting, writes "X" (Finchley) to the "Daily Mail." We go in and out of the room in the usual way. We discovered it wished to build by finding the bird in the room whenever we went in, and dry leaves littered on the mantelpiece. The bird does not move when anyone goes to look at the nest.



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We have been fortunate in securing the services of the following gentlemen to place the awards at our forthcoming show on November 18th, viz.:—Messrs. Webster (Greenock) and Edgar (Dumfries), for Scotch Fancies; A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), for Crests; G. Mitchell (Brechin), for Norwich; R. Lambie (Whitburn) for Border Fancies; and R. Bald (Bathgate), for British and Foreign, writes Mr. Wm. Guthrie, sec. of the Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.

We have received from Mr. John Allan (13, Elm Place, Leith), a copy of the revised rules of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, with the list of members, and of the birds eligible to compete for the club's prizes. The front page is occupied by photographs of the most handsome trophies open for the members to win. We are pleased to hear from Mr. Allan that the club is now in a better position, and he will be glad if fanciers who would like to join would write him at once, when he will give them all particulars.

Two really fine samples of colour-foods for the 1911 season have reached us from Mr. W. Rudd, the famous bird specialist, of Norwich. One is his noted tasteless "A1 Red Feed," the other a blend of hot and sweet peppers, in correct proportion, ready for use. The "A1 Red Feed" is first class in every respect—properly ground, free from useless impurities, and really marvellous in colour. It should be in big demand. The blended feed has all the good qualities of the tasteless sample, and will appeal to the many fanciers who like a little hot Natal in their colour-food.

Bird's Nest and a Fire.

Through a spark from the chimney setting fire to a bird's nest in the roof of a house in Alton Street, Crewe, on May 3, it became necessary to summon the fire brigade. The occupier's son, named Mottram, had, however, managed to confine the fire to small dimensions.

No Dual Ownership.

The instance (recently recorded in the "Express") of a Blackbird and Thrush co-operating by laying their eggs in the same nest at Sutton, Norfolk, has ended in a tragedy. The Blackbird drove the Thrush away, destroyed the Thrush's four eggs, and afterwards hatched out her own.

Northern Crest Club.

I shall be pleased to hear from secretaries of societies who are desirous of having the patronage of the Northern Crest Club for their annual shows. Also I shall be glad to hear from anyone who is desirous of joining.—J. G. Hutchinson, sec., 72, South View, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Ramble.

The annual country ramble of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. will take place on Sunday, May 21st, 1911, to Homewood, Dorking, writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. sec. Arrangements are being made for a special saloon carriage to be reserved for the party from Peckham Rye Station, time to be announced. Members and friends wishing to join the party should communicate with me at 39, Friern Road, East Dulwich, S.E., as early as possible. Cold luncheon will be provided at a moderate cost.

TWO NOVEL CAGES.

(See Illustration on Front Page.)

With reference to the photograph published on the front page, the sender, Mr. W. Simpson, of Oldham, writes: "This shows what I venture to think is a model Thrush cage, while I am holding in my hand a novel form of Canary cage. The Thrush cage is made of pitch pine, and has a solid slate slab at the back, and another at the bottom. It can be taken into the yard and thoroughly cleaned with a brush and water without coming to any harm. At the front I have arranged a "shutter" (or blind) to pull down, either to shade the bird, or to put it more or less in the dark if singing too noisily in the house. The corners are fancy glass panels, and looking glass is run round the bottom, at front, giving a rich and pretty effect. Possibly some of your readers may also care to make one for their Thrush or Blackbird.

The Roller Canary:

Its Breeding, Training and General Management.

By "SCHOOLMASTER."

(Continued from page 366).

New cages, remember, should be placed in the open air (to remove the smell of paint) before the birds are placed in them. Having decided upon your exhibits, run them into their show cages about a fortnight before the date of the show; this will allow them sufficient time to become thoroughly acquainted with their new quarters.

The same rule must be observed in darkening the show cage as recommended for other shutter cages. Always ascertain that the birds can find food and water before closing them up. Feed them well, but at the same time carefully, so that by giving a little mixed seed and egg food a few days before going to the show, you will then get them up to concert pitch.

Taming Birds for Show.

Birds that have been trained in a quiet room are apt to be shy at singing when anyone is close to their cage, so endeavour to tame them as much as possible before the show day. Those that have been trained in a living-room will not, as a rule, require any taming, as they are used to people passing about the room, also to sudden noises. But nevertheless, birds do not study their song so well in the latter kind of a room, as they keep breaking off their song when different things attract their attention. Other reasons against it are red mite, soft moult, and the danger of taking colds, when travelling on rail; and to take a bird from a warm room to the extreme cold of draughty offices and platforms, combined with the rough handling which they often get by railway officials, is quite sufficient to throw the birds off song for several days.

It is surprising we do not see in show reports more cases of numbers marked "no song," which means that the birds would not sing at judging time; but every credit must be allowed the judges, as they give a bird every opportunity. A man has to be very patient and a real lover of the hobby to make a good Roller judge.

Making Entries.

Make your entries early, and in the course of a few days you will receive from the show secretary the labels bearing your cage numbers. These should be placed on what might be termed the bottom rail, on the cage front, between the perches, as they are more convenient in this position than on either of the cage doors.

Before despatching your birds for the show, cover the cage bottoms with a good supply of seed; also put some in the hopper, but don't put any water in the cage. Instead of water put in the drinking tin a piece of bread soaked in boiled milk. This will not lay you open to the accusation of sending in a marked cage, as the remainder of the bread would be thrown out at watering time. Show secretaries would also be well advised to see that water tins are emptied of their contents before packing the birds up again for their return journey, because travelling cases sometimes get turned over, and both birds and cages arrive home in anything but a pleasant condition. I hope that one of the objects of Cage Birds League will be to lessen this rough handling and to prevent undue delays in transit. You should read the conditions under which the railways convey your stock, and you will find that should your birds get lost, or killed, en route, the company will only allow you the magnificent sum of 5s. per bird, and this is after you have paid 50 per cent. above the ordinary rate of parcel carriage. To be more explicit, supposing you were to send a parcel, say a travelling case, containing empty show cages, and the carriage amounted to 1s.; if this parcel contained birds the charge would be 1s. 6d.

Off to the Shows.

The best method when sending birds anywhere by rail is to insure them, which you can do at 1½ per cent.; you would then only be charged at the ordinary parcel rate; in this way it is often as reasonable, and sometimes a little cheaper, as the following will show. The parcel rate charge on your package is 1s.; you insure them for, say, £2 at a cost of 6d.; this makes an inclusive charge of 1s. 6d. Now, if you should send them uninsured it would still cost you 1s. 6d., because you would have the 50 per cent. extra to pay, and in case of loss you would only get 5s. per bird, whereas by the former method you would get £2. If the ordinary parcel rate on your package is 8d., and you insure for £1 (which costs 3d.), this would make 11d. inclusive. This same package sent uninsured would cost you 1s. Of course, I am assuming this latter package also contains live birds. I think I have said enough on this subject to make my meaning quite clear.

Sundry Show Tips.

Should you want a catalogue of the show, you should enclose the fee at the time of making your entries; endorse the schedule to this effect. Also, if you are willing to sell any of your exhibits, put the price of them separately in the space provided on the schedule; this price will include the bird and cage, but not its travelling case. If you do not desire to dispose of the birds, leave the column blank.

If your exhibit comes back with a card, I say good luck to you; go in and win again. If it doesn't, don't be disheartened, but try again, and yet again.

Do not place your returned exhibits back in their accustomed places again until you have satisfied yourself that they have not picked up any undesirable notes.

Treatment of Faulty Singers.

Having now given the method of training youngsters under a tutor without faults, perhaps it would not be out of place if a little advice were given, say, in the case of your best bird being a faulty singer. If he has a good variety of tours, with only one fault, and you are not prepared to get a better one of the same strain (this being necessary to obtain the best results for exhibition purposes), you can use him as a tutor; but it will be useless removing the youngsters, as they bring out this fault in their song; this is so because those left behind are nearly sure to do likewise. But isolate those that bring a different fault to the one their tutor has. We often see birds on the show bench reported as having two faults, and in some cases even more, but a bird having a couple of faults is severely handicapped by a faultless singer. I do not know where this craze for purity is going to land us, as our experts are complaining that the song is shorter, and one or two of the tours are falling off in quality. Credit must be given to the judges, as they are rather lenient in the number of points they take off for a fault. At the same time, I must admit that opinions differ as to which is, and which is not, the worst fault. Again, some will not consider a faulty note so bad if the song does not end on this, and the bird will afterwards sing other good tours before finishing his song.

Should your best bird have two or more faults, I would suggest the use of an organ only, as some good songsters have been turned out from its use without the aid of a bird tutor. The same instructions will apply in cases where an organ is used without the help of a tutor, as was recommended previously for training under a faultless schoolmaster.

Obtaining Early Songsters.

The Roller show season is a short one, commencing in November and finishing in February. This year, 1911, in consequence of no Roller section being included in the Crystal Palace schedule, the last open show was at Bury in January.

If a fancier desires to get some cocks from the first round ready for the first open show of the season (which, at present, is the Midland Roller Club contest held at Wolverhampton in November), he must pair his stock up in March, so as to get the youngsters hatched early, say, the first or second week in April.

Now, to further the object of obtaining fertile clutches of eggs in a month when, as a rule, adverse weather prevails, a little artificial heat judiciously given is very beneficial, but you must aim as far as possible to keep the room at an even temperature. The young Roller which is in a normal condition should be singing steadily at the age of seven months, while some of the forward youngsters even at the baby age of six months old will be ready for exhibition.

Birds from the later nest, or nests (as three nests in one season should be the limit), will come forward in song and be ready for the December and January contests. These later-bred birds will also receive a certain amount of song tuition from their older brothers bred in the first round.

The show dates between November and January fall on us rather heavily, so in the near future those new clubs now forming will probably choose February for their open contests.

Should you be satisfied with your strain of birds, and wish to choose candidates for the following year's breeding, choose those hens that are the nearest related to your best singing cocks, and as far as possible introduce fresh blood on the cock's side.

In concluding, I thank those readers who have followed me through this article, and I hope the tyro, for whose benefit it has been written, will have gained some little knowledge in the selection and general management of this most interesting variety of Canary. As for the experienced fanciers, I have the consolation of knowing that I have at least kept them for a time from the mischief there is still for idle hands to do.

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My Five Favourite Finches.

By I. THOMAS. (Otley.)

(Concluded from page 383).

The Sprightly Goldfinch.

Of all the seed-eaters I think the sprightly Goldfinch is the most handsome, and universally the best favourite. I prefer to rear this bird from the Greypate stage, as you can then get him much steadier and tamer than you can the newly-caught adults. If you can select a few young birds of good size from a catcher before they get to the dealer's hands, you have a fair chance of getting a good exhibition bird or two. But you must remember you have to get them on hard seed, which must be done very steadily. Put the birds into a good flight cage with nice clean sand, and soaked rape and crushed hemp in saucers, or pots, inside the cage, well to the front for light; also a pot of water inside the cage. Put seed boxes on outside filled with dry seed, which the birds will find in time and gradually commence to eat.

In selecting your show bird after the moult, pick one of good size and one that stands well on the perch—bold and graceful in carriage. Its head should be long and well formed; the beak should be long, massive, and straight; and the blaze should be broad and expansive, rich in colour and square in appearance, and it should also extend to just by the eye. The whites of the cheek and breast should not be too pale, but of a grey or brownish tint. The collar should be black as jet and the bars of the wing of a rich golden yellow. The wings and tail feathers should be a dense black in colour and mooned with pure white spots, evenly and distinctly distributed. The back and sides of breast and near the vent should be of a rich chestnut, and the legs and beak white (when the bird is house-moulted).

The staple food should consist of canary, hemp, teazle, rape, and almost any other kind of seed as luxuries, while you can give him soft seed in the season ad lib, such as ripe thistle heads, hardheads, plantain, sow thistle, shepherd's purse, and all the wild seeds you can gather—all these will add to his colour and beauty.

Prolific Breeders.

Goldfinches in their wild state are prolific breeders many of them having as many as four broods in a season; so that their powers of propagation are very great. This is well, as the catchers are netting thousands per year, and I fear their number are becoming less than formerly. The Goldfinch is one of the most beautiful of nest builders, his home being acknowledged by all to be a marvel of bird architecture.

At the back end of the year these birds congregate together in flocks, and many of them migrate across the channel, many however, staying here to face the winter, and live upon the seeds of plants and weeds which thrive here the winter through. Those birds remaining in this country through the winter are called "harbour birds," while those arriving back at spring are known as "flight birds." The latter are far more handsome in colour, a warmer climate intensifying the brilliancy of their plumage; and they are easily distinguished from the less forward "harbour birds." The "flight birds" arrive back about the beginning of April, and after mating again commence their arrangements for the propagation of their species.

An Ideal Show Bird.

The Yellow Bunting (or Yellowhammer) is another of the species of birds which has sprung up into great favour during the last few years as ideal show birds. And a splendid bird he is! The beautiful blending of soft brown and yellow colours which he possesses appeals to all British bird lovers.

In selecting a show specimen, pick an adult bird two or three years old, as the birds are then in full colour and show more golden yellow than the younger birds. These birds' chances are very great on the show bench if they are well colour fed. The head marking should form a perfect V, commencing at the base of the beak and extending to the back of the head, the space between being a perfectly clear yellow. The bird should be of good size, well spangled on back, chest, and sides, with good cheek marks, even on each side of face, and a rich golden brown on rump over tail; the feather should be of good quality, and as tight as wax. Feed on good Spanish Canary seed and a little crushed hemp seed and oats occasionally; also give a few ants' eggs and mealworms daily. Give plenty of water for the birds to bathe in, and you will find he will well repay you for the interest you take in him.

A Deservedly Popular Species.

The Bramblefinch is another British bird that has risen into great favour during the last few years; and right well he deserves his popularity. He is not really a resident species, visiting us in winter only. Its native home is Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. In Great Britain it visits the majority of the counties, but is most generally seen in the counties south of the Trent. It is also to be met with in many parts of Scotland and Ireland. It feeds in its wild state on grain, beach nuts, and the seeds of grasses. Like the Chaffinch, it also feeds on insects.

In selecting a Bramblefinch for exhibition be very careful. If you have a lot to pick from, pick a nice-sized bird of good colour, but make sure he is one that takes to cage life calmly, or he will nearly break your heart. Pick the steadiest bird you can, or you will lose a lot of sleep. He is a terribly nervous fellow, dashing about in the dead of night if he hears the slightest noise, or even sees the moon shining. But persevere with him, and you will love him all the more when you have gained his confidence.

His colours are a beautiful blend of what one might term two shades of black on the back, making him appear scaly. His magnificent chestnut red breast and bars, with the intermediate black bar, afford a striking contrast to the rest of his colours. He can be greatly improved during the moult by being given a little colour-food.

Mind His Claws.

His staple food should consist of Canary, oats, beech nuts in season, and the various grass seed with the addition of ants' eggs and mealworms. Be careful to attend to his feet, as all his chances are gone if he loses his claws, which he soon does if he is not kept very clean. Let him have plenty of bathing, and he will look after himself.

In bringing my essay to a close, let me say that I did not wish to weary the reader. I have therefore dealt only with a few of the popular species. If this should be welcomed by the readers of Cage Birds (of whom I have been one since No. 1 was given to me), I shall be well compensated.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red also.

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The Lizard - - Canary.

My Method of Breeding.

By E. THOMPSON (Glossop).

A paper read before the Glossop, Hadfield and District C.B.S.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with an outstanding promise to give a paper on the breeding of the Lizard Canary, I may say that it gives me the greatest possible pleasure to endeavour to give a few helpful hints, more particularly to the younger Lizard breeders in our Society, than to the older hands, or rather heads, I should say. However, I trust that if the "Old Heads" in our Society fail to see eye to eye with me in all details they will at least be merciful, and let me down gently.

The first thing you require is a room, and if at all possible one having a southern aspect, and which can be well ventilated. On the other hand, it must be free from draughts, as I submit that draughts are one of the deadliest enemies to birds.

Preparing and Arranging Cages.

The cages I use for breeding Lizards in are usually 3-compartment cages. I reserve the centre compartment for a nursery, divided by means of wooden and wire slides. This method is far easier, and it is possible to feed the young broods on either side. It does away with a lot of temporary and unnecessary nursery cages tumbling about, in addition to preventing the plucking, which is so detrimental to young Lizards. However, I will touch, at a later stage, on what I consider the great cause of plucking, and the advantage of the compartment cage.

In arranging the breeding cages I favour a position where the birds may obtain the full light as long as light lasts, but at the same time I do not think it wise to let the sun's rays strike directly on them, as it might, on a very hot day, "tag" or eventually kill them. In passing, I think Glossop fanciers will agree with me that we don't need to fear sunstrokes very often in Glossop.

Attention should be paid to the firm fixing of all perches, as unfertile eggs occur through either carelessness or ignorance in regard to this. I personally favour lime-washed cages on account of the medicinal properties that lime possesses for birds.

The House in Order.

The time to begin breeding is a matter with regard to which you must use your own judgment; but personally I think about the first week in April is quite early enough here, as we are undoubtedly nearer the North Pole than some of our favoured friends down South. However, if there are any new beginners who have not put their house in order by now, I should strongly recommend them to do so at once.

The time of the year at which the birds should be put together varies according to circumstances. There is nothing in Lizard Canary breeding, or, I may say, in any Canary breeding, that requires such a cool head and the capacity for resisting temptation, as the pairing of the birds to make a beginning, and I may add that it is only failures that make old breeders wise in this respect. Nature, if you will only take the trouble to study her, has regulated all these things well for the protection of both old and young birds.

A warm temperature is all we require, and this practically obviates egg-binding. I submit that there is nothing gained by being too anxious in pairing birds up early during cold weather. Of course, if artificial heat is available, this to a great extent can be avoided, but scores of eggs are unfertile through pairing too early and in cold weather. So much for the time to commence breeding; I pass on to what I consider the most important step in Lizard breeding, viz., the selection of birds to breed from.

Pairing Your Birds.

Although it is a very difficult thing to breed a perfect Lizard, it is not more so than to breed any other variety to perfection; and you can depend upon it, if you pair up Lizards you will obtain Lizards; but the same cannot be said of our present-day Lancashires, as we have one of the specialist judges of our district pointing this fact out only in a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS, and I have very grave doubts about the composition of our present-day Norwich and Yorkshires. Therefore I strongly advocate young fanciers going in for a few Lizards.

In pairing up, pair Golds with Silvers always, as a general rule; and if possible let them be as dark as you can get them, remembering that dark feathers means dark spangling, and that the Lizard will deteriorate in this respect quickly enough if encouraged. White beaks, white legs, and white claws, are frequently followed by white something else. But mate as near as you can get, with a view to a balance of good properties. Experience in breeding will teach you that the cap is most variable and an intractable feature. Never hesitate to pair birds, however wanting in this respect, if satisfied that good caps have been bred from that strain.

Being a distinctive plumaged bird, and spangle its chief feature, it is to a great measure dependent on a broad back, and cannot well have the attributes of size and distinctness, without the broad back and compact feather, just as a wide cap cannot be present in the absence of a broad skull. I strongly urge on the new beginner, before he settles on the pairs he intends to begin breeding with, to pay particular attention to spangle, which should commence on the neck, at the back of the cap, in elaborate minuteness, enlarging on the scapulars, running down the beak in straight rows, and gradually increasing in size. The larger the spangle the better. The same may be said about the blackness of quill and web, beak, legs, feet and claws the blacker the better. Before finally pairing just trim the claws of the birds; by doing so you will assist them to get a firm grip of the perches, which will repay you.

Where a Grave Mistake is Made.

Many fanciers, at this time of the year, make a grave mistake, in my opinion, by feeding their hens up too freely and neglecting the cocks. Because the cock sings a little the owner is under the impression that it does not require any feeding up, and the consequence is unfertile eggs follow. A safe rule, I think, would be to give the cocks now egg meat at least three times a week with mixed seed; and give the hens this once a week, with a little inga seed to help to prevent egg-binding; then, when the proper time arrives the cocks will be ready to pair about the same time as the hens.

Provide also a liberal supply of grit, cuttle-fish bone, watercress, or other suitable green food, and nesting material after pairing, and let the birds alone, providing they are sociable to one another.

I might just add that I believe in removing the eggs when laid, placing pot ones in the nest until the third egg has been laid; and in the afternoon of the day I propose to set the hen I clean the cage out, set the eggs, and allow them to commence their duties.

Hatching the Young.

From incubation to the next important landmark of the year, viz., the hatching of the young, is a short step—a matter of 13 or 14 days, according to the state of the weather. And long and dreary the days appear in passing to the over-anxious beginner! But upon proper management at this stage depends a good deal of one's success or failure; and I strongly recommend the over-anxious beginner to resist to the utmost the temptation to fetch out or inspect them, and to interfere with them as little as possible. On the evening of the thirteenth day of sitting I recommend giving a little yolk of hard-boiled egg and dry biscuit, or bread crushed up, mixed well together; this may be given to the hen in the egg drawer. For two days I should not give more than one teaspoonful at a time. This should be sufficient for the first and second days.

I venture to say that the chief thing to avoid just at this time is the old bird (or birds) over-feeding on a rich diet, after a fortnight's plain living. About the third day the diet should be increased gradually and green food added.

(To be continued.)

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Some Exhibition British Finches.

How I Feed Them.

By C. LEWCOCK.

A paper read before the members and friends of the New Cross and District C.B.S.

I will first deal with the Bullfinch, this being a favourite of mine amongst British birds. Specimens for exhibition I find are not at all common, for they must have a broad skull, with a clean-cut dense black cap and evenly-cut wing bars. They should be very chubby and possess a brilliant breast colour. Specimens possessing these, together with other points, I conclude, are fit for the show bench. And these birds are not to be dropped across every day—as I mentioned before, they are not common.

The food I give to Bullfinches consists of Canary seed, hemp, teazel, flax and thistle, with a little sunflower seed and a diet of groundsel, dandelion, dock, privet and blackberries when in season: which I always find a good mixture for them.

A Favourite for Song.

Secondly we have the Linnet, one of the working man's favourite cage birds, mostly, I believe, because of its song. A Linnet, for a place on the show bench, should be more of a Norwich type with good round head, showing a rich brown colour down the back and a good white edging on the wing flights; above all, it should not be open down the breast. A bird with these points I consider fit for show.

As a stock mixture, I give my Linnets Canary, linseed, rape, teazel and thistle, with a few grains of hemp, and occasionally a tit-bit mixture of maw, dandelion, and gold of pleasure.

Next we have the Bramblefinch. These are very like, in many ways, the Chaffinch. They resemble them in shape and size and, in fact, many other ways. A show specimen should possess a good tan-coloured breast running well down; the head and back feathers should be a greenie-black in colour, with a spangled effect, clean and well cut under the beak, and thrown well back over the head. The wing bars should be cut away very clean, especially the lines dividing the several colours. The bird should also have a bold head, be wide across the skull, and not in any way pinched.

As a mixture I give my Brambles hemp, teazel, flax and Canary, with a few sunflower seeds, and animal food such as green caterpillars, earwigs, spiders and mealworms.

Now we have the Greenfinch. It is somewhat a hard job for anyone to pick up a thorough good specimen just when he likes, as most of them are lacking some of the points necessary for the bench. I may say that on one occasion I only picked out what I thought to be two good specimens from a hundred birds. They must be selected from the largest birds with big, and, if I may say so, noble heads and broad yellow wing flights. Your choice must be a yellow.

A good mixture for Greenfinches consists of Canary, hemp, teazel, rape, charlock, linseed, and a little sunflower, grass and thistle seed, together with a little animal food, the same as suggested for Brambles.

The Ideal Chaffinch.

We turn next to the Chaffinch. First of all he should be of a jonque colour, and should possess well defined wing bars. He should be a large upstanding bird, with a crest if possible. By crest I mean that there should be a slight lifting of the head feathers from the beak to the top or back of the head. He should show a great amount of white on the shoulders and wings, and should not be pinched on the skull. This latter is one of the great failings of the Chaffinch. As regards the food, I feed them on exactly the same mixture as I do the Bramble, not forgetting the animal food.

To conclude, we have the Goldfinch. The British Goldfinch, if required for exhibition, should be a fair-sized bird possessing a deep, square-cut blaze; well tanned on the breast and back, and having evenly marked buttons on the wings, with a broad yellow wing bar. The trouble with most Goldfinches is that they are pinched on the top of the head instead of having a bold, round head with a broad skull, as they must have for the bench, and the black finely cut.

This bird can be greatly improved for the show bench by the aid of colour feeding, which produces a deep blaze and a rich tanning, which we must have with them for exhibition. As a mixture I give them Canary, teazel and linseed, with a little hemp and sunflower seed separately.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the chairman for the able manner he dealt with Mr. Lewcock's paper.

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Notes by the Secretary.

The announcement in our last issue that Cage Birds League had become an established fact has met with a response that I confess was even beyond the bounds of my own optimistic imagination. Letters of application for membership have literally rolled in by every post, and even the first of these was late in comparison with the personal calls made at the office early on Friday. Receipts and badges have been sent out to all members, and future applicants will receive them by return post. The subscription covers one year from the date of sending. I have dated the membership of all who applied before the actual starting as being from the 1st inst., and those enrolled afterwards date from the time of their application.

Rally Round, Bird Keepers.

I hope all intending members will send in their proposals and postal orders as quickly as possible. Their membership can only extend



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through one "off" season and one show season, so there can be no object in postponing the application. "Well begun is half done." We have already begun well, much better, in fact, than could have been anticipated for the few days which have elapsed between the announcement and the date of writing. We have upwards of 50,000 readers, and every one of the 50,000 odd must benefit by the establishment of Cage Birds League; so I want the help of everyone, and this may easily be given. Send along your eighteenpences. We will do the rest.

The promises of support, and the expressions of appreciation of the value of the League are so numerous that it is impossible for me to reply to them individually. Will all the members please accept my thanks for their kind letters, and my assurances that nothing will be left undone to ensure that the League shall be a power for good. As to the kind friends, many of whom are personally quite unknown to me, who have mentioned me by name in their letters, modesty forbids me to say more than that their good wishes are fully reciprocated. I hope to fulfil, as far as is in my power, the duties which involve upon me as secretary to Cage Birds League, and if I fail it will not be for the lack of enthusiasm.

A Pictorial Introduction.

In this connection I have to introduce another personal matter. Mr. Carl, the founder of Cage Birds League, has expressed the wish that my portrait shall be published, "in order that members may know their secretary at shows." This is how the fiat reads, and hence the production in this issue of my "counterfeit presentment." In London, at least, I am known personally to many hundreds of friends in the "Fancy," and many more know me by reputation. I hope that the reproduction of the portrait will be the means of an introduction to all Cage Birds League members, and I can assure them that at all times I shall be pleased to have a chat over the League and its objects and progress.

Some "Firsts": Honour aux Dames.

Even during the two or three days of the working existence of Cage Birds League it has been my pleasure to enrol many lady members. This is as it should be, for many a fancier owes his success to the good offices of his wife in assisting him in the pursuit of his hobby, and he could scarcely do a more appropriate deed than enrol his wife and helpmate a fellow member of the League. In addition, there are many lady bird-keepers who are themselves fanciers.

The honour of becoming the first lady member of the League belongs to Mrs. Lockett, of Dover, enrolled by Mr. Lockett, her husband.

Actually, the first member to enrol himself a member of Cage Birds League was Mr. C. Watts, of Bow, who sent his subscription with his letter published in our issue of March 18th. Many were before him with letters of appreciation and promises of support, but still his name comes first on our list of members.

The first member to be enrolled after the official starting of the League was Mr. W. H. Drew, of Romford Road, E., who was the first of those who anticipated the post by calling at the office on Friday last.

The first society to benefit by the power of a member to allocate half of his subscription to a Special Prize Fund for the benefit of his own society was Bournemouth C.B.A., the allocation being made by Mr. J. E. Stead, of that town.

The first allocation to the Legal Defence Fund is made by Mr. Claude St. John, as in his letter below.

The first Society to notify its intention of supporting the League was Hetton-le-Hole and District C.B.S., as recorded in our report in this issue of the last meeting of that Society.

And, may I add, the first member of Cage Birds League to be photographed wearing the League Badge was myself, as your Secretary. Of course, this "First" was a certainty, for, at the time, no one else had a badge, but I hope the example will be followed. The badge is not at all obtrusive but it is in its place, and that it is which counts.

Several applications have been received for badges only. I should like to make it quite clear that badges are supplied to members only, and those who are not already members must enclose the membership fee of 1s., as well as the payment for the badge or badges required.

SOME VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

Sir,—Please enrol me a member of Cage Birds League and send two badges. It is *the* thing that was needed, and one that has come to stay, and to be of service to the Fancy at large. If I am not the first one to join from this town I don't intend that I shall be the last. Now, what about getting recruits? Could I act as your representative here, or have you anyone else to take that position? I shall do what I can to further the League's interests here; not that I expect to get that £5, but because unity is strength, and every additional member helps to that end. Wishing the League and the Secretary a busy year enrolling members. Frank Thomas (Ramsgate).

Reply: Thanks for good wishes. Why not get the £5? You have as good a chance as anyone else. There is, I believe, no bird society in Ramsgate, so send along all the members you can get; they will all be entered to your credit.—H. J. F.

A Family Group.

Sir,—Will you kindly enrol my father, brother, and myself as members of Cage Birds League? Enclosed 4s. 6d. for three memberships and three badges. We all wish the League and Cage Birds every success.
H. Swindells (Scunthorpe).

Catching on in Falkirk.

Sir,—Glad to see that Cage Birds League is booming. It was brought up at the last meeting night of the Falkirk Good Intent Cage Bird Society, and I think we shall be successful in making a good many members. You will probably hear from the hon. secretary after our next meeting. Wishing Cage Birds and the League every success.
John Laurie (Camelon).

Sir,—Will you please enrol me a member of Cage Birds League (I enclose a postal order for 1s. 6d.—sixpence being for a badge, to be sent me when ready), which I consider a very good idea?—Terence Flynn (Kildare).

Sir,—Cage Birds League is the finest thing ever got up for the Fancy. Good luck to Cage Birds, and success to the League.
W. E. Scott (Acton).

A Bright Example to be followed.

Mr. G. H. Peck, of Bexley, had not only enrolled himself as a member, but had caught three "pals" before our announcement of last week that Cage Birds League had started. He has jumped off with a good start in our race for the £5 cash for the greatest number of recruits introduced by March 11th next. However, it is not always the runner that is first off that wins, and there is plenty of time to overtake Mr. Peck. Slow and sure is the motto. The one who gets first to the post is the winner, so peg along. Don't forget, also, that there is a £3 prize for the second.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.
Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street).
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth.**—(J. Nichol. Castle View.) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welbolme Road.)
Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sli.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idabue, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 20, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Ollivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 35, Rodsley Avenue.) J.R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street).
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T.,
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Asb Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cannethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnbill).

A Valuable Introduction.

Sir,—I wish Cage Birds League every success. I am greatly in favour of it, and can see from your valuable paper, Cage Birds, that it has taken quite a hold. I am sure all interested in birds will join, as it is just the thing we all want. It will mean that fanciers will enter on speaking terms with other fanciers who otherwise would be unknown to them. I wish the League and all who join it the best of luck.—A. E. Jeffries, of Messrs. Jeffries and Husband, Richmond, Yorks.

A Worthy Fund.

Sir,—Allow me to congratulate you upon your appointment to the Secretaryship of Cage Birds League, and to express the hope that under your able management and organisation the League will go forward by leaps and bounds and quickly far exceed the boldest anticipations of everyone. I was most pleased to see that the League had been given a definite start, and I have no fear that you will fail in keeping the interest in the League very warm. Please apply half my subscription to Legal Defence Fund. This is the fund which I should like to see grow. I have another idea in mind for a fund, but will keep it for a while, and see if any other member hits upon it. With renewed best wishes for success.
Claude St. John.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. E. Miles.—Thanks for promise of support in getting new members, and for expression of appreciation of the League's objects.

A. Woodall.—Glad to hear from a beginner. Our Mr. Claude St. John will be pleased to advise you at any time in any difficulty you may find yourself with your Canaries, and Cage Birds will help you in anything appertaining to bird-keeping. You are quite right about the £5 prize; it goes to the member introducing the greatest number of new members before March 11th next; and there is £3 for a second prize. No, you do not pay every month. Your subscription is for one year from joining. I thought I had made this clear last week.

Hon. Sec.—You are quite correct. The only limit to the value of the special which will be given at your show is the limit of the number of your members and their friends nominated by you as members of Cage Birds League, and who allocate, through you, half of their subscription money to the purpose. No matter how many you send; half of the money will be spent in a special prize or prizes for your own show, and you may divide these up as you like, in accordance with the wishes of the members subscribing. Further, if your society introduces the most or second most League members before March 11th next, you will receive an extra cash prize of £5 or £3 accordingly.

G. P. Morgan.—Thanks for your offer of assistance throughout your district, Llandovery. Any members you may introduce will be counted to your credit in the competition for the £3 and £5 prizes.
Henry J. Fulljames.
Secretary, Cage Birds League, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Eggs and Singing Hen.

W. G. Delves.—(1) No, I should not consider it advisable to take away the eggs as laid if you cannot remove them, or get some trustworthy person to do it for you, before the evening of the day they are laid—say, not later than mid-day each day. In some cases they could be removed in the evening quite safely, as some hens do not sit at all closely until the third egg is laid, but there are others that sit quite tight from the laying of the first egg, so as you are away from home all day and cannot see how the hens are acting, it is best to take no risks, and leave the eggs alone. (2) The hen might have laid the egg found on the floor from the perch, or it might have been accidently dragged out of the nest. Overgrown claws will sometimes cause such an accident. The circumstance is not sufficient evidence to condemn the cock without more clear proof. Had he served this one egg thus, it would, in all probability not have been the only one to receive his attention. (3) Certainly, a singing hen is good for breeding if she elects to do so, mates up, and goes to nest. The mere fact of her singing is no proof that she will not breed successfully until she has been given a chance. She will probably not mate with the Linnet as long as the cock which she has evidently "set her mind on" is within sight and hearing.

Young Dying.

J. P. (Carstairs).—Non-feeding does not appear to be the trouble with you. But if hens seem to drop off feeding you will find advice in reply to "F. Beauchamp," of service. The real trouble with you will be found in the food supply, and, if I am not greatly mistaken, in the quality of the hemp. Break open some of this and examine it well, and if it is not quite sound and sweet reject it, and get some that is, or, if you cannot do that, use none at all, but substitute a supply of soaked and well drained rape, crushed dry plain biscuits, etc. Also see that your other seeds are good, and the egg-food perfectly fresh and sweet, and given fresh not less than twice a day. Do not satiate the birds with a large supply at one time. Similarly with green food. Give it in reasonable quantities and fresh two or three times daily, and see that it is grown under clean and wholesome conditions, and is also clean when given to the birds. (2) I take it from your letter you have mated the supposed Border cock with another cock. Perhaps you are right. But the bird does not appear to be in condition. Separate it, and in addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of egg-food with a quarter-teaspoonful of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure mixed in it every second day. On the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and black rape, with a sprinkling of yellow mustard. Give two leaves of dandelion daily. In drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for three days, and afterwards four each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, for three or four days. Try mating again in a week or ten days.

Amazing.

Sandy.—Yes, Sandy, it does look "as though one were exaggerating" to say that all your young from all your pairs, after flourishing grandly for a week, straightway begin to die one each day—no more, no less, with cruel regularity, until not one is left. If only two would die some one day it would at least add variety and "shorten the agony." But I believe you, never fear; although I am rather at sea as to what influences are at work. So far as your feeding and general management is concerned there seems nothing at all to blame. After carefully weighing the pros and cons, there's only two suggestions I will make now, after referring you to the replies to "F. Blewchamp," and "J.P., Carstairs," which may be of assistance to you. First, you should remove the eggs as laid (I rather suspect you did not do this with the earlier nests), substituting a nest egg for the first one removed, and then remove the nest egg on the evening of the day the third is laid, and return the three eggs. You may also remove the cock at this time if you have already been doing so with former nests. Secondly, cease using the biscuit food and either use fresh new laid eggs and good household stale bread, or you may use the first-named egg and biscuit food with a third part of its bulk of bread added after the young are four or five days old. Of course, you should begin to make this addition gradually. Soak the bread for a few minutes in cold water, then squeeze as dry as possible, and it will still contain sufficient moisture to bring the egg and biscuit to a nice crumbly consistency without any more moisture being added. Give lettuce, groundsel, or chickweed fairly freely after the fourth or fifth day, and a fresh supply two or three times daily. Try this system with your next brood, and if you have a repetition of your loss write again at once referring to this reply.

Not Feeding.

F. Beauchamp.—It is quite likely the hen may attend to her duties better with the next brood. It would have been as well to try the effect of removing the cock, but as the hen will have been sitting some time when this appears, if you have not already removed him when she began sitting, you had better leave them together. As you say, he refused to feed the hen much on the nest; it will probably make little difference anyway. If you did remove him, then keep him away until the young are getting well fledged, and the hen is beginning to nest again. When the next young are hatched give the hen a bath daily for a few days, beginning the day before young are due, and make it slightly saline by the addition of a little common salt. Also add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea to the drinking water for one-half of each day for a few days. Give egg-food in small quantities, and fresh two or three times a day. If she does not seem to feed freely with it, add a little maw seed to it, and if this fails, try a little soaked rape with it. Remember, the latter turns sour very quickly. Should this also fail, give a little cracked hemp each day, and on the second day after hatching begin to give a little freshly gathered chickweed, groundsel, or lettuce, or some other green food if these are not available, fresh twice or thrice daily. Do not interfere to feed the young if the hen seems to do the job just tolerably well. Examine the crops at night for the first day or two if she appears to be neglecting her duties, and if they contain little or nothing, give them a cropful of egg-food moistened to a creamy consistency, morning and evening, until she seems to fill them herself. But only do this in case of necessity.

Canary Seed (A.B.).—The seed is very small, but quite sweet and of very fair quality. It also appears very bright and clean, but these points cannot be judged from a mere pinch of seed. You should see that the bulk is clean, and quite free from dust. In that case its small size is its worst point, which, after all, only affects the economic point of view.

Cage for Yorkshire (W. G. L.).—The cage described will do very nicely for the Yorkshire if the perches are placed a little below the middle distance, so as to give seven or eight inches of head room above them. Two perches could be put in on a level with each other. The cage is very low, and should have been 16ins. high; hence the necessity for placing perches below the middle, which may give the whole a rather odd appearance, if the crossbar is across the middle. Being wired in the sides will only increase the necessity of seeing that it is not hung in a draughty position.

Cannot Stand (I.H.).—I cannot say definitely what is the nature of the injury to the bird's legs without seeing them, but I am strongly inclined to think that both legs have been broken in some way. Are the claws much overgrown? If so, this may be the indirect cause of the injury by getting fast round the perch or wires of the cage, and causing the bird to twist and struggle to get them free. If this is the case you would probably make matters worse by interfering, and it would be about the kindest thing to destroy it. But if you prefer to give it a chance, keep it in a rather small low cage, either without perches, or with only one rather wide perch placed quite low down; give seed and water in small shallow vessels on the floor; keep floor strewn with clean dry sawdust; and keep the bird as quiet and still as possible. Do not flutter it about at all, nor try to compel it to take exercise until it does so voluntarily. If claws are overgrown, trim them to the proper length at once. Report result of this treatment in a fortnight, when I will advise further if necessary.

Rollers and Yorkshires (W.H.K.).—(1) The only rational thing you can do with the Roller which persists in laying from the perches, to the irremediable detriment of the egg, and which refuses the nest in any position at all, is to place all the perches low down and cover the cage floor with an inch depth of sawdust when she is about laying. In this way you will save the eggs, and must then give them to another hen to hatch and rear. This would only be judicious if you have good reason to believe the eggs are fertilised. As any progeny from them would be a very common type of Mule, if there was any reasonable doubt about fertilisation it would scarcely be worth sacrificing the eggs of another pair for these. I suppose you have tried more than one type of nest-pan? If not, do so. (2) You seem to imply that you kept this pair on a stimulating diet whilst sitting last time. In this case, as you have now gone over to the system of feeding given in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, they should do better this time. But you should also have removed the cock when the hen began to sit. To be prepared for contingencies read replies to "F. Beauchamp" and "J.P., Carstairs."

Loss of Voice (Maes-Gwyn).—See that the bird is kept in a nice, bright, airy place, free from cold draughts or great fluctuations of temperature, and not near or over burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of three parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with equal parts of maw and gold of pleasure seed. Twice a week on the alternating days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, linseed, black rape, and teazle. Give a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of lemon juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture daily for four days, and every second day for a week after. Mixture: 2 drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and six grains of iodine of potassium. Any chemist will mix this for you.

Sample of Canary (Glsbro-chick).—The seed is very small, but clean, and of very fair quality. Its size is the only objectionable point about it, and that concerns only the economic standpoint.

Canary Seed (Straight 'Un).—No. 1 is very small, none too well ripened, and does not seem to have been any too well harvested. The quality is poor. No. 2 is a trifle larger and better than No. 1, and of just moderate quality. No. 3 practically the same as No. 1, but may not be quite so clean. No. 4 practically same as No. 1 but slightly better flavour. No. 2 is the best sample, but there is very little to choose between them all.

Laying One Egg (S. E. A.).—Continue the treatment advised in reply last week, but add a part of yellow mustard to the seed mixture to be given every second day, making it equal parts inga, linseed, millet, black rape, and yellow mustard. If they do not appear to eat any of the latter try the slightest dust of dry table mustard on the bread and milk before putting on the maw. By the way, "cod liver ail" in last week's reply should, of course, have been "cod liver oil."

Nibbling Feathers (Constant Reader of CAGE BIRDS).—You do not seem to be feeding bird correctly. Treat as follows, but first of all closely examine cage and bird for presence of insect pests, and if any are found eradicate them at once. Staple diet, a mixture of three parts Canary to one part summer rape only. Twice a week for a month give in addition a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. On two other days each week give a half teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, millet, teazle, and cracked sunflower. Give a spray of green food daily, and allow the bird to bathe freely. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, for two or three days afterwards.

More Deaths (Dolly).—It is impossible to suggest any cause without some data to go upon. You ought to have said where you keep them, whether the cock was with the hen; what green food you used; and whether the young were being fed up the last day, and so on. By following instructions in

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CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL closely, there cannot have been anything wrong in the feeding, unless the quality of the foods was at fault. Read replies to "F. Beauchamp," "J. P., Carstairs," and "R. J. D.," which should help you to discover what is wrong, and how to proceed in future.

A Triplet (W. W.).—(1) If the hen is a large feathery specimen, with loose flowing feather about the flanks, and abdomen, it is quite possible this is the cause of the infertility. In such a case you catch the hen before she goes to nest next time, and carefully trim off all the loose tips of feather about these parts. No need to disfigure her, but only just trim off these parts from a loose rough appearance to a neat close-feathered one. Be careful not to cut the skin. A pair of nail or embroidery scissors are best implement. (2) No harm in trying another cock, if you have one available for next nest, but still trim the hen as above if the circumstances are as stated. (3) About a fortnight, or a little over, if the hen is not very forward again. They should, if possible, be old enough to transfer to a nursery in case the cock molests them.

Trnuble with Hens (Troubled).—(1) Your hens were probably in an overfed condition, and should have been kept on a very plain diet, with greenstuff, and aperients, for a week or two before being mated. If they have not now gone to nest, put them on a diet of plain canary only as staple for a week. During this time give only a morsel of bread and milk once, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts millet, inga, black rape, and a half part of yellow mustard. Give a liberal supply of green food daily, and every second day add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the drinking water. At the end of the week give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel in the water for two days. (2) For the diarrhoea in sitting hens look well into the quality of your seeds and purity of water. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and each day until the looseness is stopped give a pinch of hemp and crushed dry plain biscuit. Stop all other extras whilst sitting and give no greenstuff. See that the hemp is quite sound.

Cock Pecking Ynung (W. P.).—You did the right thing to remove the cock again. If the hen was not very anxious to begin nesting again, you really returned him too soon. It is best to wait if the condition of the hen will allow of it, until the young are well fledged, and able to get out of the nest, so that in a case like this, when the cock begins to ill-treat the young, the latter can be transferred to a nursery-cage, and hung on the open doorway of the breeder, leaving the parents free to go on with their nesting arrangements for the next brood, when one or both will almost invariably continue to feed the young as long as is necessary through the wires of the nursery cage. You should wait now until the birds are out of the nest, and beginning to feed themselves before re-introducing the cock—that is, of course, if the hen does not start to build again, in which case you should put the young in the nursery and proceed as above suggested.

Young Dead in Shell (Unlucky).—It is quite possible that the accident to the cage may be the cause of the young dying in the shells. It is just such a sudden noise and jarring combined as would result from this accident that will cause the death of the young. But if this was the case, the young would be nothing near fully developed in your case. A temporary chill, or even weak embryos, might also be the cause. I cannot tell what the trouble with the hen's leg may be without more data to go upon. If it was first noticed soon after the accident referred to, it might have received some injury from that jar, or it may be simply a cramped condition which occurs sometimes with sitting hens, in which case it will pass off as the hen gradually resumes a more active condition. I do not think you are likely to do any good by interference. Beyond looking to see whether the foot is sore, leave it alone, and if the trouble does not quickly pass away, write again, and give full particulars.

Dying at Week Old (R. J. D.).—See reply to "F. Beauchamp," and if you begin to give hemp anywhere about the sixth day, the first part of reply to "J. P.," Carstairs, will also give you a hint or two. Personally, I do not like dandelion as green food after the young are hatched, and I am inclined to blame this, or rather the way you give it. You ought not to chop the greenstuff, and mix it in the egg-food. Nothing at all should be mixed in the egg-food, as long as the parents eat it, and feed with it quite freely, and seem to appreciate it. If they appear to flag at it a sprinkling of maw may be added, or occasionally a little soaked rape, as mentioned in the reply referred to. The greenstuff should be stuck in the wires, or in a rack, just as it is gathered, or mixed in water if not quite clean, and then shaken dry, and given fresh two or three times a day. It is possible the breakfast biscuits may contain too much fat. Next time try Osborne or Mnizena, or use bread crumbs and egg only, with a pinch of maw, and for greenfood use chickweed, lettuce, groundsel, or watercress, in the order named, and I think you will do better.

Bald and Scurfy (1st Query, Yorks.).—I expect the cause is to be found in wrong treatment, but you are quite silent as to how you treat it. Keep the cage and perches scrupulously clean, and see that all insect pests are kept at bay. Strew cage floor regularly with clean, gritty sand. Allow bird to bathe freely, and keep it in a bright, healthful position, but free from cutting draughts. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day for a month give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts black rape, inga, teazle, and millet. Give a spray of green food daily. Slightly smear the bare place twice a week with sulphur ointment, in a quarter ounce of which two drops of creosote has been well blended.

Sleeps in Daytime (A. A. H.).—A hen must be in a rather bad condition to be frequently nodding at this time of year, when they ought to be overflowing with life and spirit. I do not anticipate any big results from the mating, as she is clearly not fit to be mated. Separate her; put on a diet of plain Canary for a week, during which time give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed on two days; on two other days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts inga, teazle, millet, black rape, and yellow mustard, and three leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and then four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, for three or four days. If she is then in good condition, bright, and active, you may try mating her again.

Ynrkshire Minpy (E. B.).—Look well into the condition of your seeds, especially see that the rape is free from mite, and that any hemp you use is sound and good. Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean, and cover floor with sawdust until the diarrhœa is stopped, changing it frequently for fresh. Give gritty sand in a tin meanwhile. In addition to the staple of canary and rape, give a pinch of hemp every second day, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Limit the diet to this, and give no green stuff for a fortnight, or for a day or two after the looseness has quite disappeared. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea for one day only, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. After the bird has had the one day dosage with sulphate of soda, slightly dust the bread and milk each time for the next three of four times with carbonate of bismuth. Dust this on after the oil and before sprinkling with the maw seed.

Ynung Dying (Yorkshire).—The cause of the young dying was in all probability the parents starting nesting again and stopping feeding them. You gave fresh nesting material a good deal too early, and this, doubtless, incited the hen to throw over the young and devote all her attention to starting afresh. The daily supply of egg-food in some form is necessary, whilst the young are being reared. Did you keep the hen on a diet of plain canary seed, with no extras whilst sitting? This you ought to have done, and must do so this time. For the rest, I think you will find all you want to get over difficulties with the next brood in the replies to "F. Beauchamp" and J.P., Carstairs." For fuller detailed particulars you could not do better than get the parts of "Our Canaries" which treat of feeding and rearing young.

Cages for Rollers (G. F. C.).—I take it your first query refers to singing cage, though you do not make this clear. A very good size is 16in. long, 15in. high, 7in. deep. This will allow two perches to be placed on the same level on middle crossbar, and induce birds to exercise more. Show cages are usually black outside and blue inside. With singing, one can exercise their own taste more. Personally I like a walnut or mahogany stained outside, and either a light blue or electric green inside. I am not aware of any fixed law for a Roller show cage. One the same size as ordinary show cages, about 13in. long, 12in. high, and 6in. deep, would be most generally convenient on account of packing into the ordinary type of cases on the market. In this case black and blue would be the best colours to use. Before starting making a number of cages, you would do well to visit a show or two with Roller-singing classes, and see what cages are most popular and serviceable.

Removing Nesting Material (W. E. Sturley).—The big bird breeder who advised you to take away all the nesting material from the nest in which were young a fortnight old was also a big something else. This was the sole cause of the hen's desertion, you may depend on it. The Keating's would have nothing to do with it. The hen resented the interference, that's all. Being only two young ones there was no necessity whatever to touch the nest at all until they left it. Even with a full brood it is only necessary to give a clean nest if the one they are in gets very soiled and foul.

A Spring Moult (J. W. Harris).—The bird probably had only a partial moult last autumn, and is now only completing the process. Keep in a comfortable place, not necessarily very warm, or near a fire, but quite out of reach of draughts, and do not keep it in a window, nor over or near a burning light in the evenings. See that cage is quite free from insect pests, and strew floor regularly with clean gritty sand. Allow bird to bathe freely as long as the weather is nice and mild, but withhold the bath should there come a cold chilly wet day or two. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as a staple, twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of black rape, linseed, millet, teazle, and cracked sunflower seed, and every second day, whilst moult lasts, a half-teaspoonful of egg-food sprinkled with maw seed. The latter may be varied now and again with an equivalent quantity of bread and milk, or crushed sponge cake. Give a little green food daily, and twice a week add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the drinking water until the moult is quite finished. Bird will not sing until moult is over, but should do so very soon afterwards.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A Pied Linnet (E. R., Peckham).—Your Linnet is not sufficiently white to be of any particular value—birds entirely white are fairly frequently to be bought, and birds half to three-parts white are fairly common. Your Linnet with the white head and partly white back I should value at 7s. 6d. to 10s.; it is a cock, you say, and singing.

A Siskin Matter (Siskin, W.G.S.).—Possibly the bird has been gorging himself with egg-food; or hemp, niger, and the like. Shut off by himself and give two or three gentle doses of syrup of buckthorn (on alternate days; plain water in between) until his bowels are moving freely. Don't purge him drastically, of course. The dose is a small half-teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water. Feed plainly.

Goldfinch Not Singing (Olive Green).—So far as I can judge the only answer to your question is the obvious one that your Goldfinch is not a cock bird. You do not state that you are certain upon this question of sex. You say the bird is well fed (according to the directions in the "Nutshell" booklet) and that it is "lively enough." All I can say is that no cock Goldfinch could possibly be in good health and condition at this season of the year, and yet not singing. It would be contrary to nature. If my shot does not hit the mark, write me again.

Another Sex Matter (G.B.F.).—I am inclined to the opinion that the two Goldfinches are a pair. It would be highly unlikely that a dealer would sell two cocks as a pair. Two cock Goldies will often be quite friendly together, but not two cocks and one hen. The cock Linnet is aggressive because he has no mate. Find him a hen, and he will cease troubling the other birds. Yes; a British cock Bullfinch will fertilise the eggs of a Siberian hen Bullfinch. The disparity in size should not, of course, be too great, if it can be avoided. The place you describe is an excellent one.

The Meadow Pipit (F.E.M.).—The Meadow Pipit certainly sings in captivity, some of them very prettily indeed, and for a good number of months out of the year. Both cock and hen are alike in plumage, and one can only guess (more or less) about the sex by choosing the brightest coloured and most richly marked bird, with the boldest (most masculine) manner—not an easy task for a beginner. In the breeding season the vent is an infallible guide as to the sex. Yes; feed in similar manner to the Skylark, but on a better grade (quality) food and give a more varied and liberal supply of live-food.

Light Linnet Mules (Smite).—I hope you won't mind me saying so, but I have my doubts as to whether the birds you describe are really Linnet Mules. They read like pure Canaries. Has any expert Mule breeder seen them and agreed that they were Linnet Mules? If you have a clear Linnet Mule with a crest, then you have indeed a great novelty—the first ever bred, I fancy. Did you exhibit either of the four anywhere last season? I should like to have a look at them. The three hens would not be worth a great deal, and if the cock is a small bird (I expect so, bred from a crested German Canary hen) then his value would be discounted a good deal by his lack of size. If the birds are indeed Linnet Mules, then you ought to mate their father this year with a large clear yellow hen of Norwich type, a hen that blows perfectly clear in the underflue.

Rearing Wagtails (G.M.O.).—The finest food of all for hand rearing small softbills is live (fresh) ants eggs; these will soon be on the market. They can be moistened now and again with warm milk. Nothing else is needed in the early stages; but some minced yolk of hard-boiled egg can be added as the youngsters grow, and a few scalded (or steamed) gentles. Later still, add a little of a good insectile food (the one you name is excellent; I use it myself). The youngsters must be kept clean, warm and snug — most important things, these. I have kept all the Wagtails throughout winter in an unheated indoor birdroom and they were in grand condition.

Discharge from Gathering (No nom-de-plume).—You must try to press out all the matter from the place (gently, of course), and afterwards thoroughly cleanse the place with a swab of surgical lint (from any chemist) dipped in warm water, to which a little Condy's fluid has been added (enough to colour it like port wine). Repeat, as may be necessary. For a day or two lightly colour the bird's drinking water with the Condy's fluid, using a glass or earthenware drinking vessel only, and changing the water four or five times daily.

Bullfinch Hens Building (Frank).—Hen Bullfinches are very uncertain indeed in the matter of going to nest. One of my own made a start last year about a fortnight before August Bank Holiday! They say "better late than never"; but this kind of "better" is not of much use. June is really the month of months for the hybrid breeder; or, at least, I find it so down here in the South. Many hen Bullies start about the middle to the end of May. Both the flowers, the seeds, and the leaves of the dandelion are liked by hen Bullfinches, etc. The young, tender leaves, and the freshly gathered seed are by far the most valuable, however. The shoots of fruit bushes (gooseberry, currant, etc.), hawthorn hedges are very valuable things, too. Nothing else needed in the way of ordinary seeds.

Hand-rearing Thrushes (Darlington).—I cannot understand you asking me this question, seeing that this matter has been fully dealt with in several recent issues of Cage Birds. Did you not see the letters and articles dealing with the hand-rearing of Blackbirds and Thrushes? Anyway, you will find the method fully explained in the "Nutshell" handbook on the Thrush (post free, 2½d., from Cage Birds). Feed every half-hour at first (a little and often is one of the secrets of success); later on, every hour. Don't cram too much into them at once. Water is not necessary at first; the sloppy food supplies all the moisture needed. As the youngsters grow up, let them have a little new, sweet milk now and again (or water, if you like). They soon begin to pick up bits of food for themselves; no "teaching" is necessary. Put a few mealworms amongst the food, cut in two.

Linnet Muling Couple (Pippin).—A Linnet will often pull the nest-pan lining about, and sometimes the first bits of material carried in by the hen. But when the hen Canary sets to work building in earnest, he then ceases to molest the nest. Further, even a steady old stick of a Linnet (in the ordinary way of things) will appear to get wild and nervous when mated up. This is only a mannerism, however. I have a shining example in my own birdroom now. This Linnet fusses about and flutters about, and acts as though demented when in a breeding cage with a hen Canary. Put him in a show cage and he is like a lamb. He fertilises his eggs, too. With regard to your hen Canary, she is evidently somewhat backward, or she would have built before this. It is not at all necessary that your Linnet should be with the hen throughout the day; a short time in the evening and the very early morning is all that is required. Shut him off in one half of the double breeder, with the wired slide down the centre. You will soon see, then, if he is really preventing her from building a nest, as you appear to think. You should fasten down the lining of the nest-pan with some paste (try "Stickphast" paste).

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., etc.

A Feather Puller.

R. S. N. O.—I am afraid your bird has become possessed with the feather pulling vice; in such case I fear he will continue to do so. You give me no idea as to how you have been feeding and treating the bird. Please supply this information, and, in the meantime, confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia, in the drinking water, and spray it with quassia solution every other day.

Aviary Queries.

M. E. S.—I much fear I cannot give you a definite reply till you describe the environment of your aviary a little; at present it would appear that the birds get a chill by possible draught. I should suggest sending the body of the next bird that dies to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination, and so ascertain whether there is any contagious disease among your birds. Undoubtedly the hen birds have died from egg binding; this also is usually the result of a chill. Your dietary is about right, but white, Indian, and spray millet should be given, also seeding (flowering) grass, and for the foreign Finches, at any rate, cease giving the egg food, and in lieu of same give a little insectivorous mixture—see our advert. columns.

Birds for Aviary.

H. J.—You do not say which group you require, neither do you give capacity or whether your aviary is an in- or outdoor one, but the following are all showy species: Finches.—Green Singing, Ruficauda, Long-tailed Grass, Saffron, Parrot, Melba, Gouldian, Painted, Cuban, Red-headed, Diamond, Crimson Pileated, White-throated, Parson, Chestnut, Pectoral, Lavender, and Fire. Buntings.—Indigo, Nonpareil, Green, Yellow-billed, Red-crested, and Pope Cardinals. Tanagers.—Scarlet, Blue, Maroon, Archbishop, and Superb. Weavers.—Madagascar, Napoleon, Orange, Grenadier, Masked, and Black-headed. Waxbills.—Crimsoned winged, Violet-eared, Zebra, St. Helena, Sydney, Green Amaduvade, Orange-cheeked, and Cordon Bleu. Also Pekin Robin, Red-eared and White-cheeked Bulbuls, Blue Grosbeak, Virginian Cardinal, Abyssian Yellow Sparrow, Spectacle Birds, St. Helena and Sulphur Seed-eaters, Black-headed and Hooded Siskins, Queen, Paradise, and Red-collared Whydahs.

Green Parroquet.

Evelyn (Parroquette).—Your description is very incomplete, and again your bird is in immature plumage, but I think it is the Rose-ringed Parrakeet. In such case it will undoubtedly talk a little and prove an interesting pet when it gets tame and knows you thoroughly. Diet: Seed mixture, three parts each canary and white millet seeds and one part each oats, hemp and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, shelled nuts, and plain biscuit. Add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Do not give sops, table scraps, or animal food, but supply water regularly.

Another Feather Puller.

W. J. Graves.—You are dieting the bird correctly, and, like many other intelligent birds, it has adopted the vice of feather-pulling, and I am afraid it will continue in it to the end of the chapter; but never give up hope. Keep bowels well regulated with Dinneford's Magnesia. Spray twice weekly with quassia solution, and paint bare patches with bitter aloes. You might also try Spratt's "Pennakura." A weak solution of fir tree oil may also be used for the spray as a change from the quassia. Keep it occupied as much as possible, and give it all the liberty you can. Let it have cotton reels, pieces of tree branch, etc., in its cage to play with and cut up, and the trouble may be much mitigated if not cured.

In Poor Plumage.

Parrot.—I presume you have not had this bird long, and that it is rather wild, and probably is pushing its beak continually through the bars of its cage and damaging its feathers that way. As it gets to know you well it will become steadier and the feathers will then be renewed. Diet: Seed mixture, Canary, White millet, hemp, and oats in equal parts, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, cuttlefish, grit and water. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water, and on other days lightly colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food.

Amazon with Cold.

J. Marsden.—You have done quite right to stop the sops—chemical food and water in equal parts will answer well for moistening bread or biscuit. Confine the dietary to the following: Seed mixture, boiled maize, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, also cuttlefish, grit and water. Cleanse the nostrils daily so long as the running continues, with diluted glycothymoline. It will not matter if it swallows a little, but you must take a little for each occasion, and not dip brush or rag into the bottle of solution. Give three doses, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water (to take the place of the drinking water for the day), with three days between each dose. The bird must be kept out of draught, but should not stand in a hot, dry atmosphere — keep it where the temperature is most equable. Spray it once a week, choosing a warm day, with tepid water, but wait till the cold has yielded to treatment before commencing to do so.

Parrot Casting Feathers.

H. A. Hopkinson.—It is a young bird, and probably the dropping of feathers is natural. I have known such cases, and if this is so it will ultimately cease and only the normal moult be indulged in. At the same time observation must be kept, and if it is pulling its feathers an attempt must be made to check it. Spray the bird every other day with quassia solution, using a fine sprayer, and take precautions against draught till it is quite dry. So long as the voidings are not watery-loose, put every fourth day, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water. If the bird will take sufficient of it, a seed mixture of oats, hemp, canary and white millet seeds, in equal parts will be better than the one you are giving. Also give ripe fruit, nuts and pieces of plain biscuit. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. As a precaution against parasites well scald out the cage, also othe cage cover, perches, and food vessels. Our Nutshell Booklet, The Grey Parrot, 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you.

Blue-fronted Amazon.

W. P. Q. Erdington.—(1) The mixture you are giving is equal to any ready-made mixture on the market. Parrots are wasteful creatures. I should spray the bird two or three times weekly with quassia solution, and also take the precaution of scalding out the cage, perches, and food vessels. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and a little boiled potato, turnip, or carrot (all without gravy), may be given. It is well to add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed mixture. (2) It is the minimum size, and would be far better in a larger one, though I have seen birds well kept in such a cage as yours. (3) The bird is in strange quarters yet, does not know, and grunts its dissatisfaction at a stranger when you go near—by quietness of movement, patience, and kindness, you must tame it, and its moroseness will gradually disappear. (4) Aged Parrots usually have the scalings of the legs and feet very coarse and horny. Sexual distinctions are comparative and not possible in scope of this reply. (5) "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit," deals with Amazons and others—write our manager. (6) Amazons are intelligent birds, the Bluefront as good as any, and usually make good talkers, and mimics, but the Grey Parrot heads the list.

Too Late (S. J. Willett).—Sorry our reply arrived too late, and that your bird was dead. I presume you are using the same cage for the fresh bird; if so, unless it has been well scalded out with boiling water, it is a dangerous proceeding, and I should advise you to do this now. Keep the young bird warm, but not in a stuffy corner. The booklet gives full information, but if you are still in doubt after reading it, we shall be pleased to try and make all clear. It is not by any means an easy matter to establish a newly-imported Grey Parrot, young or old.

A Feather Puller. (Secondi).—I cannot assist you fully till I know how the bird has been fed and treated. Please repeat query and supply these details, and I will try and give you a helpful reply. In the meantime see our reply to another correspondent in this issue on "Feather Pulling," and apply this to your own case—it can do no harm while your own reply is getting through. Our Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d., post free, from our Manager, should be helpful to you.

Correct name (A. J. C. P.).—The correct name is Jacariui Finch, the blue-black bird is the male, and the olive-brown one the female. The species was bred last year for the first time; it is only quite recently that hens have been imported—when the young are hatched in addition to seed, supply soft food and live insects in the form of live ants' eggs, well scoured gentles, and mealworms, also unlimited greenfood, grass in flower, etc., and do not examine, that is, pry into their domestic arrangements too closely—you cannot take the same liberties with Foreign Finches that you can with Canaries. Hope you'll have luck with them.

Cordon Bleus and Bishops (J. R. Barrett).—(1) Yes, some few Cordon Bleus are bred annually, and when they are feeding young, supply greenfood ad lib, also a mixture of ants' "eggs," dried flies, and crumbled sponge, made crumbly moist for use, in addition to the usual seeds. The male Cordon has red ear coverts, which the female does not possess. (2) Speaking from memory, I think the Orange Bishop has been bred once, perhaps twice, but Bishops or Weavers are shy breeders in captivity and only isolated instances of success have been attained. Still, there is no reason why they should not do so, and it is certainly worth the attempt.

Will They Breed? (Devonian).—The Saffron Finch is said to cross with the Canary, and I know of one instance of its doing so, but many try and do not succeed. The male Saffron is not a good tempered individual, and apt to kill his spouse if in confined quarters, otherwise, a double breeder with the partitions removed should suffice. They have song, but the notes are somewhat harsh and screechy. Silverbills breed freely in the garden aviary, and have also been bred in cages, so there is no reason why you should not succeed. They are partial to a Hartz travelling cage, with the fittings removed and two of the bars cut away for entrance; half fill it with hay and hang it up in the cage, and then supply a little loose hay, so long as they show inclination to build.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Rev. A. R. Runnels-Moss.—Hen died of ovarian disease, brought about by chill. A saline laxative, e.g., glauber salts, occasionally administered during this period, is frequently prescribed, and by some a few drops of gin given in the drinking water. These parts are in a highly vascular and active condition during the breeding season, and readily predisposed to morbid changes.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

The Cage Bird Union (On the Square).—Sorry, but we could not possibly publish your letter as written. It would be actionable at law.

Mice in Aviary (S. R. Williams).—We have published your letter, and no doubt some reader will be able to give you helpful advice.

Nests and Wild Seeds (Lanarkshire).—Many thanks once again. We will certainly endeavour to give the felt nests a trial.

Cuttings (W. Fisher, J. Holland, A. Short, E. P. S., and others). We tender you our thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent.

A Breeding Cage Partition (J. Stratton).—We utilised a similar notion some little time back.

A Hen Thrush (A. Hopkinson).—Send your request to us in a sealed, stamped envelope, and we will see that it is forwarded to the correspondent in question.

Making a Breeding Cage (J. Andrews).—The articles on making a breeding cage appeared in our issues dated Feb. 11 (a double number, 2d.), and Feb. 18. We wish you success in the hobby.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—May 16, Victoria Cafe, 8. Cage Bird Union.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Ardwick C.B.S.—May 16, Onward Hall, 8. F.F. show business.—J. Spencer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S. May 20, Mr. Bowey's, 6.30. To fix date for F.F. show, and select judge and classification.—W. Hall.

Bradford West C.B.A.—May 13, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Delegates' report. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean on "Canaries, Mules, and British birds, including the British birds of the district," to commence 8.30.—F. Western.

Bath F.A.—May 18, Headquarters, 8. Table show for all varieties, and judging competition; entries 3d. Exhibits to be staged by 7.30 p.m.; entries close May 15.—W. H. Knowles, Sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 16, Abbett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Show dates; judges; classification for same. Will all members try and be present? New members enrolled, 2s. 6d. per annum.—A. E. Lloyd.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—May 13, Victoria Hotel, 8. Members' show business, etc.—W. Skinner.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—May 17, Arcade Temp. Hotel, 7. Hall for show; printing; etc. Delegates' report from conference.—J. R. Reid.

Clydebank C.B.C.—May 18, Shipyard Dining (Higgin's) Hall, 7.30.—J. Hart.

Cardiff C.B.S.—May 18, Maskell's, 8. Secretary's paper on the Norwich Plainhead; appointment of judge for Y.B. show; all fanciers invited.—J. W. Dummett.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—May 13, Butchers' Arms, Middle Chase, 7.15 prompt. Judge for nest feather show.—J. Hedley.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 17, Sydney Arms, 8. Food mixing demonstration.—A. S. Treasure.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—May 13, Wellbeck Inn, Soresby Street, 7.30. Special meeting; special business; nest feather shows and election of secretary.—C. H. Naylor.

Coventry O.S.—May 17, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Discussion opened by Mr. Peters, on causes of clear eggs.—A. J. Barratt.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 17, Labour Hall, Northgate, 8. Table show (novice) and judging competition. Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite, and A.O.V. British hardbill.—H. Todd.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—May 13, Headquarters, 7. General.—J. Lindsay.

Doncaster C.B.S.—May 13, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Arrange first feather show; election of chairman, etc.—G. Bescoby.

Dalziel O.A.—May 20, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Election of Norwich judge.—J. Mathieson.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—May 16, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 7.30. Classification; election of judges. Paper by Mr. A. W. Watson, "Mule and Hybrid Breeding." Last meeting of season for admission of new members.—J. I. Mackie.

Glasgow West End C.B.C. — May 12, Clarendon Hall, 8. Classes for F.F. show and annual members' show, and lecture on "Norwich Crests," by Mr. J. Young.—W. Proudfoot.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—May 13, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—May 18, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Postponed ramble, etc.—A. Pickles.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—May 16, Headquarters, 6. Report of delegates to West Fife League meeting, etc.—A. Dickson.

Kettering C.B.S.—May 15, Rifle Band Club, 8.15. Paper by Mr. A. Underwood on feeding and mating off of softbills, and table show of Linnet and Bramblefinch or Chaffinch; Mr. F. Hunt, judge.—J. Roberts.

London and Provincial O.S.—May 18, Leysian Hall, City Road, 8. Lecture on "Yorkshire Canary."—C. W. Law.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 20, Miners' Hall, 6. Mule or hybrid singing contest. Fanciers invited.—J. Pollock.

Manchester and N.C.C.S.—May 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Paper on the Cinnamon and the uses of Cinnamon, by Mr. W. A. Bladon; friends invited.—H. Boothman.

North Shields C.B.C.—June 7, 37, Howdon Road, 7.30. Mr. Wilson (Tynemouth) will give his experiences, past and present, with the Norwich Canary; visitors cordially invited.—R. P. Fox.

North London C.B.A.—May 17, Public Library, Church Street, Stoke Newington, N., 8. Paper by Mr. A. J. A. Marley, "My Method of Feeding, Moulting, and Exhibiting British Birds." All heartily welcome.—R. P. Harper.

New Stevenston O.S. May 16, Masonic Hall, 8. Last meeting for new members joining.—J. Lamb.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—May 17, Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, 8. Business important.—B. Tindale.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. May 18, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Ramble; young stock business; new members; lecture by Mr. G. Gardner. All fanciers invited. Ladies especially invited. Meades and Woolgar.

Spen Valley C.B.S. May 15, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—May 13, Wharfe Hotel, 7.30. Hints on rack and cage making by Mr. A. Sutcliffe (Halifax). Fanciers and friends invited. Sutcliffe and Walker.

South Manchester C.B.S.—May 18, Jolly Carter, 8.30. F.F. show business.—F. Washbourne.

St. James-the-Less F.A.—May 15, Reading Room, Ridley House, St. James' Road, 8.30.—E. A. Suter.

West of Fife C.B. League.—May 13, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath. Delegate meeting, 6 p.m.; secretaries requested to meet half hour earlier.—J. R. Reid.

Walthamstow F.A.—May 18, Workmen's Hall, 8. Table show British birds and rabbits.—H. C. Cooper.

West Auckland C.B., etc. May 13, Station Hotel, 7.30. Show.—J. Gill.

Walkden C.B.S.—May 15, Institute, 8. Arrangements for ramble, May 20th.—H. Howard.

Wigan C.B.S.—May 20, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Business very important.—W. Ridge.

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The Proposed Border Fancy Specialist Club for the North.

Sir,—This club has been long talked about, but nothing has been done. Come along, fanciers, and let us do something for the "wee gem" of the North. Could we not call a meeting and see what could be done? There is a specialist club for every variety except Borders. Now, ye "wee gem" breeders, let us have one as well. We could make our centre in Newcastle, and have our meetings to suit all. Could we not call a meeting at once to arrange secretary, etc., say, 20th May, at 8 p.m. Fanciers, please reply.

Peel and Smith,

31, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A Scottish Presentation.

Sir,—I noticed in "Twitterings" of last week's Cage Birds that at a committee meeting of the Scottish Plainhead Club a list has been opened and 15s. subscribed amongst those present. I see the list has been left open until May 13th. I would suggest that they keep it open until some time in June, as the half-yearly meeting of the City of Glasgow Show comes off some time in May. I would be glad to see Mr. J. Brown at the City meeting with his list. I believe that he could get a lot very glad of the opportunity of subscribing to it, as Mr. A. Chalmers has been a member of the City of Glasgow Committee for a long time, and is considered by them one of the best workers that Scotland's premier show has got. The Hamilton fanciers join with me in wishing Mr. A. Chalmers and his wife a long life of prosperity.

George Marlin.

The Proposed Union for Lancashire and Cheshire.

Sir,—I should be glad if you would again allow me a little space in your columns in order that I may remind the various secretaries to whom I have written that I am still waiting to hear what the feelings of their societies are with regard to the above. Considering the number of letters which have appeared from time to time in your columns, especially at the beginning of this year, as to the advisability of forming such a Union (which the majority of fanciers seemed to think was an absolute necessity), I am very much surprised at the lack of interest which is now being shown, and cannot understand where the writers of those letters have got to. Up to the present, although I think that by now the majority of societies have had meetings, I have only received replies from about one-fifth of the societies in Lancashire and Cheshire; and, with two or three exceptions, these replies are from societies who only hold members' shows. My object in writing this letter is to ask whether or not a Union based according to my circular letter shall be formed, as I am desirous of either getting the thing into working order at once, or of abandoning it altogether, whichever fanciers prefer, as I do not see the use of wasting any more time on it if this is the way it is to be supported. May I therefore ask for replies to my circular letter at once?

Jno. Hopkins,

126, Bury New Road, Bolton, Lancs.

Lancashires and Lizards of To-day and Yesterday.

Sir,—I thank Mr. Fuller for his congratulations to me for having succeeded in my mission. I am pleased to know that I have at least shown someone the uselessness and foolishness of trying to run some of the best judges in England down for bad judging when the fanciers in some cases admitted it was not the judge but the birds that were in fault. I am too shy to retire without once again thanking him for his congratulations. Re "Novice's" letter, I would advise him to cut it out, have it framed, hang it on his wall, look well at the part that reads "fat head," then scratch his chin; but "say nowt."

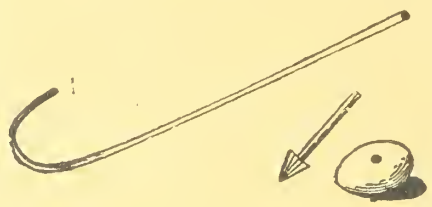
Alex. Donnelly.

Sir,—I notice in your valuable paper that the young fanciers generally are craving—yea, begging and thirsting—for some greater knowledge than has ever been printed or revealed to the Lancashire Fancy before from the great fancier and almost judge, E. Fuller, Esq., of Glossop. This is he, the coming Goliath, to whom the novice is looking forward to sweep the "mongrels," as he calls them, from the show bench, and place in their stead the ideal Lancashire (which he never has, nor ever will, possess). When I read his letters and notice the company he has kept in the Feather Fancy (which I notice he does not forget to tell with his capital "I"), I wonder at him being so dense as to make light of Mr. House, and also to give the cynical smile at the advice of so able a fancier as Mr. R. Barrass, whose experience is greater—yea, the comparison between the two (Mr. Fuller and Mr. B.) is as that of a farthing candle and an electric light. His letter to Mr. Dewsnap shows to all the inconsistency of the man—once a gentleman, once a demon. As far as my knowledge goes of Mr. Jno. Dewsnap, this fact must stand to his credit and appeal to all, i.e., Mr. Dewsnap never bought a bird to exhibit, and all his winners have been his own breeding, and to accomplish what he has done is far beyond the ability of our most learned friend Mr. Fuller. I have been in the Fancy twenty years, and I have yet to see our esteemed friend and coming judge stage his first winner. However, he warns us in his letter (like a great captain) to look out—for the Coronation? No; for the mule he exhibited at one of our leading shows? No; but for a specimen which, "when it comes," will stagger the Fancy world. Turning once again to this great orator, in his own language, "wait and see."

Truth.

Keeping Birds' Eggs.

Sir,—I think I am able to assist "British Bird" in his difficulty respecting the keeping of his collection of birds' eggs. The cause of their cracking after being blown is that they are not blown perfectly clean. I have some in my collection that I have had many years, and they are in quite as good condition as when first procured. As other readers of "C.B." may be interested in the subject, I will detail my method. In the first place it is impossible to blow eggs properly without the correct instruments to do the work. The accompanying illustration shows a blowpipe and



twist bit, which, with a sharp darning needle, are all the tools required. Get your eggs as fresh as possible, and taking one in the left hand, proceed to make a prick in the side with the needle; then insert the "bit" and gently rotate it with the finger and thumb, being very careful not to press it in the hole. Take time, and let the "bit" do its work gradually. Having made the hole sufficiently large, hold the blow-pipe about an eighth of an inch away, and force air into the egg, which will expel the contents. If the egg is held up to the light one can see if the contents are all out. Then have some strong salt and water, and blow some of this in the empty shell; gently shake it, expel, and finish off with clean water. Lay the shell on clean blotting paper with the hole downwards, when it will drain and dry. Then pack away in a box or cabinet, where the light is effectually excluded, or the shells will soon lose their freshness and colour. I am inclined to think that the treatment with salt water also assists in the setting of the colour, and so I never hesitate to make the outside quite wet with this solution.

H. Norman.

Sir,—Having noticed in Cage Birds a letter asking a way to preserve birds' eggs, I send a way which I was told is a very good one, and simple; that is, to varnish the eggs with the very best clear varnish, using a good soft brush. The eggs take a fine gloss, and the varnish, being clear, does not in any way change the colour of the eggs. The spots and markings can be distinctly seen. Altogether, I think it makes a decided improvement. A very small soft brush is required to make this tender task correct.

A Reader.

Sir,—To prevent birds' eggs cracking or crumbling after they are blown, well rinse them out with corrosive sublimate dissolved in spirits of wine (a few grains to the ounce); this is a deadly poison. Insert a small quantity into the egg by means of a glass egg blower with a bulb. Then shake the egg so that the solution comes into contact with all the inside skin. Now draw the solution out of the egg by the blower, and return it to the bottle. Place the egg with the hole resting upon blotting paper, so that the last drop or two may be drawn out. Finally, cover the hole with a small piece of gummed paper. Water containing a few drops of oil of cloves may be used in place of sublimate if desired. If anyone would like to know how to make egg-blowers, here is an idea: Take a nice long piece of glass tube; hold the middle in a gas flame and rotate it with the fingers. When the tube is hot draw the two ends gently apart until they separate. Break off the sharp points of the glass to obtain two blowpipes. Of course, you will want rubber bulbs to put on the thick ends.

G. A. Bedford.

The North Yorkshire & South Durham Federation of C.B.S.

Sir,—Following my letter that appeared in your columns re a federation of North Yorks and South Durham C.B. societies, I may say that all the replies received up to time of writing are in favour of such a scheme being adopted. It is suggested that Wednesday evening, May 19th, at 8 p.m., be fixed for a meeting of representatives of societies concerned, at the headquarters of the Stockton C.B.S., viz., the Leeds Hotel, Bishopston Lane (one minute from station). Will societies who have not replied kindly do so before that date, either for or against, and where representatives cannot attend, I shall be pleased to receive suggestions.

E. Woodhead.

Hon. Sec., Hartlepools C.B.S.

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The Annual Ramble of the National British Bird and M.C.

Sir,—The annual ramble of the National British Bird and Mule Club takes place on Saturday, May 27th. It has been decided to go to Effingham, Surrey. The morning party leave by the 9.20 train and the afternoon party by the 1.37 train from Waterloo. Hot luncheon will be provided, and a cold meat tea at the Station Hotel, Horsley. Will any fancier desirous of joining us kindly let me know by the 24th inst. which party they would like to join, so that arrangements can be made for refreshments? Each person to take his own ticket.

J. P. Carr,

Joint Sec., 45, Overdale Road, S. Ealing. S.W.

Cinnamon Blood and the Norwich Plainhead.

Sir,—I have noticed in various lectures reported in Cage Birds that many of the lecturers advocate inbreeding the Norwich Plainhead to shun cinnamon blood when mating up. Why this is so I am at a loss to understand, as I have bred with pink-eyed and cinnamon ticked birds and have produced highly coloured birds, especially buffs, and these birds were free from any browing, and had plenty of size for the show bench. I know one Widnes fancier, a well-known exhibitor, who has cinnamon blood in plenty running through his strain, and few can beat some of his birds for colour and other points. Last winter I was in a big breeder's room and mentioned cinnamon blood; he held up his hands in horror—"Wouldn't let one into the room," etc. Now I got birds from two prominent London exhibitors, who win a lot on the show bench. I found, on holding up the birds to the light, one out of each pair had pink eyes, proving that these breeders have this blood. Say what lecturers will, my advice to any novice is, if you want to produce colour, get Norwich with pink eyes, or cinnamon ticked birds, and you will produce the "real wheat." Could anyone explain why Yorkshire breeders produce so many cinnamon marks, and why there should be any difference in the Norwich?

J. Osborne.

The Clashing of Shows in Ireland

Sir,—Referring to letter from "Show Supporter" in your last issue, I would point out that the Larne Show was arranged for the same days as last year's show, and if, as he suggests, an alteration should be made, I should think that in all fairness the Dublin P.B. and C.B.S. should change their date, so as not to clash with our society's show. As to the dates he suggests for my committee to hold their show, these would be impossible, as, owing to train arrangements here, the birds despatched by the train from Larne on Saturday evening could not reach a number of places from which we receive exhibits until Monday, and it would be a rather long time for the birds to be in cases, and the only alternative would be to keep the birds until Monday morning. I think your readers will admit that the Dublin Committee are to blame for arranging their show on dates on which our show was held last year, without at least asking what arrangements we had made.

Thomas Mayne,

Secretary, Larne and Dist. C.B.A.

Sir,—Your correspondent has hit on a very important matter at this season of the year, and I am sure he will draw opinions from many quarters in Ireland on the subject. Now, I cannot see why he should suggest that Sligo should change their dates to suit the Y.C.B.S., as from what I know the latter encroached on the former's date. Is this not so? The Y.C.B.S. had their dates fixed for a week later, and why the change? Of course, first in the field, and get entries with great promises to outside exhibitors—send us a good entry, and we will support you—a promise which, I am sorry to say, has been broken. But, Y.C.B.S., look out this time, or there may be a rude awakening in store for you in the entry list. And we want breeders and show supporters on the "Council" and men more "generous" with specials, no matter how small.

Southern.

The Missel Thrush for Cage, Aviary, or Show Bench.

Sir,—It is not every fancier who cares to keep such large birds as Missel Thrushes in cages; and their song is very poor indeed; in fact, they are never kept for this purpose, as they bear no comparison with the Song Thrush. But of late years Missel Thrushes have readily held their own on the show bench, for when you get a good marked specimen, it is certainly worth having. The best way to get these birds is to obtain them young, and hand-rear them, for very seldom can you get any good results from birds caught in an adult stage. These birds should be left in the nest as long as possible to save feeding them. They are afterwards easily brought up on barley meal moistened with newly boiled milk, and fed every two hours or oftener. I can assure my readers this mixture is the cheapest I know of, and no expense need be attached to hand-rearing the birds. But no one would think of so doing if he did not want them for show purposes, or a large aviary. Small pieces of raw scraped meat might also be given, and ground crissel mixed with the barley meal. The birds would have to be kept very clean indeed; the droppings should be removed after each feeding, or else they will soon foul the cage and bird. They should have a cage as large as a Magpie's, in order to give them plenty of room. When able to feed themselves, they will eat anything most readily, including various scraps from the table. I have generally found that if they have or get too much raw meat, it causes diarrhœa. A pair of these birds would do well in a large aviary, but for cages they should be caged singly, and given a bath daily—one which would hang upon the cage door, so as to keep the inside of the cage as dry as possible. Four or five years ago I raised a nest of five of these birds on the barley meal diet; and fine large birds they were too. Any-one wishing to try them would find the task not at all difficult; only, of course, time and patience are required.

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How to Make a Dainty Egg Cabinet.

Sir,—I enclose a note (just as I got it) on "How to make a dainty egg cabinet." This consists of a miniature chest of drawers. You can make your cabinet any size you please. There are four long drawers, and at the top two short ones. The bottom drawer is the broadest one, meant for the largest eggs. They get smaller as they go up, to suit the different species. You give a coating of glue inside the drawers and line with bright green plush. You require partitions to suit the sizes of the eggs; these are glued and plush-covered before being put in, and are put longitudinal. Along the top of these partitions you put the printed names of the eggs you put opposite. Stain with a good stain, and mount with small brass handles. To make a still better finish, make a groove about half an inch from the side on the top of the little chest, to suit a glass shade, and any of your small birds that die, get them stuffed and put in here. Then you can say you have a very dainty piece of furniture. I am sure there are many of our Cage Birds readers who will be able to make this.

A Reader.

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Sir,—What is the best method of clearing mice out of an open-air aviary? My children have a flourishing aviary in the garden, built against an old stone wall. Mice have riddled the wall, and use up an immense quantity of seed, and foul more. Traps would probably kill more birds than mice. Mouse virus cannot be used, because to be efficacious other food has to be removed. Could any reader help me?

S. R. Williams.

What Canadian Bird was this?

Sir,—About nineteen years ago I was living out in the North-West Canada, Assa, near Medicine Hat. One evening I had just got outside the house when two birds rose off the ground. One had a yellow neck and head. Quick as thought I let go, and down came the yellow-headed one. It was a fine-looking bird. The yellow was as bright as the wing bars of the Goldfinch. The body was jet black. The other bird was just like a hen Blackbird. I called them "Canadian Blackbirds" myself. This was the only pair of that species I saw in eight years out there. Could any reader tell me their proper name?

Thomas Deakin.

The London and Provincial O.S. Annual Outing.

Sir,—The London and Provincial O.S. are joining the National British Bird and Mule Club in their annual outing to Effingham, in Surrey, on Saturday, May 27, the N.B.B. and M.C. having very kindly extended a welcome to our members. The morning party will leave Waterloo Station at 9.20 a.m., and the afternoon party at 1.37 p.m., fare 2s. return, each member to obtain his own ticket. Hot luncheon and a cold meat tea will be provided at the Station Hotel, East Horsley. All those members intending to join the party must let me know which train they are joining by May 22 latest.

C. W. Law, Secy.

The Cage Bird Union.

A Protest Against Dual Posts.

Sir,—The appeal from the secretary of the Cage Bird Union—published in your last issue—makes interesting reading. If this organisation really exists, who are the officers, and what steps are they taking to put matters on a businesslike footing? In the first place the secretary requests societies to forward him the initial subscription, viz., 5s. But is not the address he gives that of an empty house? As a secretary, Mr. Hadwin should be well fitted for the position, hut a combined office is another matter altogether, and as a question of business a financial secretary or treasurer should be appointed. One-man shows are never successful. What, for instance, has become of the English and Welsh Border Fancy Club? Has a balance-sheet been published? Have winners of season specials received them? There are quite a number of fanciers who would willingly act as treasurer to the Cage Bird Union if at the end of each financial year a full statement of accounts would be forthcoming. Liverpool and district fanciers (according to a certain writer) are supposed to have had the handling of the E. and W.B.F. Club's affairs. But such was not the case; otherwise they would have run it on somewhat different lines. I object, on principle, to officials holding dual positions, and, in my opinion, unless something is done the C.B.U. will sign its own death warrant. I think Mr. Hadwin must admit, if he will look at the matter in a broad light, that he is doing the Fancy an injustice in endeavouring to carry out other than the purely secretarial duties. Where business is business, sentiment is non-existent, and life is all too short to be looking for strife. A reply to the above is looked for hy

One Who is Interested.

To Save the Crystal Palace.

A Call to the People.

Sir,—The Crystal Palace is now definitely and irretrievably to be sold. The decision of the Judge ordering the sale was upheld by the Court of Appeal on April 25th. The question now is, Who shall purchase the Palace? My Council urges *that* scheme which has been spoken of with remarkable unanimity by writers from several parts of the world as "the finest project ever placed before the British public"; which has the active support of literally hundreds of British newspapers; and the support of thousands of the British and Colonial public, and a large and influential body of titled gentlemen—namely, the King Edward National Memorial. I now beg of all readers to consider the extreme urgency of the matter. Several hundred thousand pounds are needed at once as a minimum if the Palace is to be saved. Given this, we can purchase the Palace and secure it to the nation and Empire. All the more important banks throughout the country have undertaken to receive subscriptions, and have subscription lists. A great many newspapers are doing likewise; and I want every one who reads this paper to subscribe, and at once. The Palace cannot be purchased "by arrangement." It has to be a cash transaction. Let us obtain the Palace as the possession and meeting place of the nation and the Empire, and to the memory of the King beloved and for his people's good. We need gifts from £100,000 down to one shilling. All will be gratefully acknowledged in any daily or weekly paper selected by the donor. Contributions may be sent to any newspaper editor, or to any bank, or to the Earl of Kinnoull, the King Edward National Memorial Offices, 26, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W., from which address all particulars can be obtained. Every subscriber of one guinea and upwards *within the next month* for England, and three months for American, and six months for Australian and New Zealand Dominions and Colonies, will receive a life free admission ticket to the Crystal Palace. The promotion is purely gratuitous by all parties, and in the event of our not being able to purchase the Palace all subscriptions will be returned.

(Signed) Tenterden.

P.S.—Readers can obtain a life admission ticket for the Crystal Palace for nothing. The Crystal Palace stamp, a real art engraving in various colours, produced at great cost by a prominent firm of engravers, is now on sale, and all profits are devoted to the purchase of the Palace as the King Edward National Memorial. Four stamps, 1d.; 48 stamps, 1s. Every purchaser of 25s. worth of stamps for sale will receive a certificate for a life admission ticket free of charge. The stamps may be purchased in any quantity not less than 1s. value, and may be sold anywhere to anyone at their face value. Urge your friends to seal the back of their letters with the Crystal Palace stamps. Try to sell them everywhere and to everyone. Write the Stamp Department, the King Edward National Memorial, 26, Shaftesbury Av., London, W.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

By H. J. FULLJAMES

(Continued from page 403.)

The details of furnishing, etc., given above, apply, of course, equally to a wired off portion of a room, and need not be repeated. Overcrowding is the principal evil against which to guard; this must not be allowed if the fullest amount of pleasure to the owner and comfort to the inmates be always borne in mind, as the great desiderata; neither goes without the other, and the two together are indispensable conditions of the proper keeping of birds of any sort in captivity.

A Dangerous Beauty.

The Australian Fire-finch, beautiful as it is, must on no account be trusted in a mixed collection, and no cage is large enough to hold two cock birds of this magnificently coloured species. I once brought home late at night two cock birds of this species, and foolishly thought that they would be all right in their travelling cage until the morning. At seven o'clock the next morning one was dead and the other had had such a mauling in the battle that he was little better. A pair may generally be trusted to agree one with the other, but even this agreement is by no means certain to continue, and the cock may at any time severely maul or even murder his mate.

A Charming Exception.

The keeping of the rare and fragile fruit-eating or insectivorous birds does not come within the scope of our title. "First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping," and among the lists already given (see March 25th), are enough to meet the wishes of any beginner for whom these lines are written, his choice being limited only by his purse or his accommodation. There is, however, one charming bird not hitherto mentioned, which may be especially recommended as a desirable member of any group of birds in an aviary. This is the so-called Pekin Robin, *Leiothrix luteus*. It does not come from Pekin, and it is not a Robin, but it is a very delightful bird; fairly cheap, beautiful in plumage, most engaging in its friendliness to its owner, full of life and vivacity, ond quite an accomplished songster. The soft-food above mentioned is a necessity to its well-being, although it eats a good deal of seed, and a ripe banana or other fruit in season, will also be very greatly appreciated. The sexes are easily distinguishable when together, but easily mistaken in separate birds, and hens are frequently sold as cocks. The cock bird is altogether more brilliant in plumage than the female; his bill is a bright red, his flight feathers are edged with vivid scarlet and yellow, and he has a golden throat and breast; any dulness in these colours may be taken to indicate a female.

In an aviary it will scarcely be possible to avoid fixing some perches to the walls, and a convenient method of doing this is to fix some fillets of wood in which a groove (or grooves) has been cut to receive one end of each perch, and if these perches are made just a little longer than the depth of the aviary the spring of the wire front will keep them in place, and they will be easily detachable. The more perches, the better for the birds, but they must be so placed that no one crosses another, or the birds will become soiled by each other's droppings.

A nice swinging perch may easily be made by boring through a piece of broom-handle a few holes of such diameter that small curtain rods will fit tightly into them, the whole to be hung from the ceiling. Two or three of these rods will be sufficient for each swing, and the birds will enjoy the motion continually set up.

The question of whether artificial heat is necessary or not for foreign birds in this country is rather an open one. If the birds have plenty of shelter in the way of nest boxes, or other retiring places, and plenty of room for exercise, it will be sufficient just to keep frost out of the bird-room: but if, in addition to the aviary birds others are kept in single cages, then the temperature of the room should not be allowed to get much below sixty degrees at any time. Foreign birds are much more hardy than is generally thought, and in an outdoor aviary, properly constructed, they will withstand our English winters. In cages, or in very confined spaces, they have not the same powers of resistance, and the conditions of temperature must bear a relation to the conditions under which the birds are being kept. One thing is certain, draught is more dangerous than cold, and an indoor aviary should never be placed in such a position that its occupants are exposed to a direct draught between the window and the door of the room.

(To be continued.)

Nesting of the Hawfinch.

Writing of the Hawfinch, Dixon says: The Hawfinch may pair in spring, hut not a twig is crossed in furtherance of a nest until the first faint signs of summer are spreading over the fields and woods. It is not until the orchard trees have lost much of their pink and white vernal glory, and the leaves are out full and dense, that the Hawfinch seeks a site for its nest. She must have plenty of shelter for it and for herself ere she dare venture to commence it.

The Young Naturalist.

*Likes a Cage Best.

One day I was having a walk when I saw a Sparrow in the road, which had hurt its wing, and could not fly. So I took it home and put it with my other birds for a day or two. When it had got right I let it go. One day when I went up in the room I saw the bird in a cage, a window having been left open.—Sent by Harry Swaine, 55, Cross Street, Sutton, Macclesfield.

**Pussy Gets the Worst of it.

One day I saw a cat catch a young Thrush and proceed to carry it off, when he was stopped by the old birds, who flew at him, making a screaming noise. Once the birds fairly pitched on his back and began pecking at his head. The cat, however, did not drop the young one, but went into a coal-house. The birds went in after him and appeared to make him give up the young one.—Sent by Aline Lycett (age 10), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

*Goldie Finds a Friend.

A certain man had a cock Goldfinch which used to come out of its cage and go about the house. One day the window was left open in the kitchen, and Mr. Goldfinch got out of it, flew into the garden, and went up into a tree. A Thrush came to he its partner, and flew into the kitchen with it; and as the cage was rather a large one, tho Thrush went in with it. When the master came in the kitchen, he was surprised to see them both in the cage singing.—G. Jenkinson, 18, Julian Street, Grimsby.

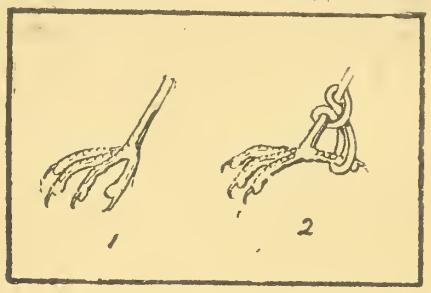
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To Correct Toe Deformities.

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I have had Canaries hatched with something the matter with the hack toe, so that it gets forward as in sketch No. 1. By placing a small rubber band around the leg and over the hack claw, as in sketch No. 2, letting the bird wear



this for a month or two, I have found the foot quite cured. I hope others may be able to help their birds in like manner.—W. Liddell Tonkin.

No. 507.
A Seed Drier.

Sent by Mr. J. R. Atkinson, 24, Fetters Road, Edinburgh.

I find this a very suitable way of drying rape seed. Get a piece of stout cotton cloth 3ft. in length and 6ins. in breadth. Fold this across the middle, and stitch up both sides, in the



form of a long bag. Place the rape inside this, clasp each end with hands, and move backwards and forwards in a swaying movement. This dries the seed very quickly indeed.—J. R. Atkinson.

Wild-Bird Life.

Star Artistes Among Birds.

Daily the landscape becomes more beautiful as tree after tree commences its growth of leaves, some of the spring tints of the opening buds being almost autumnal in their golden hues. In the meadows, under the soaring Lark, the buttercups are as innumerable as ever, and as pleasant to look upon. The "minstrel of the sky" is now in full voice, and no birds of all the feathered choir are more pleasing to listen to. They are all good and glorious songsters, but occasionally one will hear a bird that surpasses all others, not so much in the duration of his song as in the changes and mellowness of the notes. Such a singer is to be heard in the open fields upon the uplands, near where the writer lives. There is no mistaking him, one can tell at once if he is on the wing. Larks in great numbers can be heard all around, but their notes are shrill, and lacking variety, compared with this grand performer. No doubt there are degrees of merit in all species. In this district Thrushes are plentiful, yet of all the grand birds singing in the early spring months, one stood out far above the others. His perch was in an ash tree at the corner of a wood. It was not far from the road, and the most casual passers-by could not but notice him, his changes were so varied, his voice so rich and full. It is such singers as these that are frequently mistaken for the Nightingale by the ordinary listener, and not infrequently the practical bird lover is deceived by a few choice notes. Of all the songsters of the gardens and wood, none vary so much in the quality of their song as the Blackbird. The reason is that this bird is such an admirable mimic, that not one in a hundred is content to sing his own simple lay. He is sure to mingle with it a bar or two from the Thrush, Linnet, or Robin, and sometimes a passage is more like the sound of the human voice than of any feathered performer. As frequently happens, this passage is repeated time after time until it becomes quite monotonous, and one feels bound to disturb the performer, and drive him away from the immediate vicinity, when his voice heard across the neighbouring fields loses much of its monotony. When we are fortunate enough to hear a bird near us whose rich wild notes are free from these imperfections, we listen with pleasure, and think at the moment that the "gold hill" is surely the most melodious singer of them all.

Black by Nature.

The Crow has a bad name in every land. Shakespeare speaks of him as "ribald," Prior "foreboding," Dyer "lurking," Churchill and Gay "strutting," and Dryden as "dastard." The Crow has certainly something of a swaggering air, and is thought by many to be as black by nature as he is in colour. He is fast disappearing in some districts

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GENT'S free-wheel cycle, splendid condition, genuine, 30/- cash, or exchange for African Parrot; particulars, stamp: 3, Lincoln View, Newtown, Leeds.

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EXCHANGE pair field glasses, good pair Yorkshires, good yellow cock, also medical dog book, cost 10/6, pair Yorkshires; approval: Woodruff, 19, Donald-st., Cardiff.

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LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

We had a very successful table show of H.M. Linnets at our headquarters, Railway Hotel, May 10, when some very good birds were put down to be judged by our vice-president, Mr. P. Hart, whose awards gave every satisfaction. 1, W. Budworth; 2, J. Carter; 3, W. Charnock. After Mr. Hart had made some remarks, we had a discussion on how to count the points for the cup. We decided to count from the bottom, each member to nominate four birds. We are intending to buy our cup on the meeting of June 7, so I should like to impress on all members and intending members to be present, then they will see what we are getting.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

FALKIRK GOOD INTENT C.B.A.

Meeting held April 29, Mr. J. Muir presiding. Ten new members were enrolled. The replies from the judges for annual show were read and adopted. They are: Mr. Buchan (Falkirk), Norwich Section; Mr. Reid (Shieldhill), Borders; Mr. McQuiston (Ayr), British and foreign birds. The judge for the first feather show was voted on. "Cage Birds League" was referred to by the members, but it was decided to get full particulars of same, the secretary to write for them.—W. Clubb, Sec.

CITY OF GLASGOW O.A.

Half-yearly general meeting will be held in the City Hall reception room, Glasgow, on May 20th, at 6 p.m. At this meeting the classification, judges, and other important business vital to the interests of the society, will be considered, and it is hoped fanciers will attend and take part in the deliberations. The annual subscription is only 2s. 6d. per annum, and fanciers should become members, and strengthen the funds, in order that we may still be able to retain the proud position of being the only society that pays full prize money, irrespective of the number of entries in the class.—Alex. Macdonald, Secretary.

FALKIRK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A very successful social was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, on May 13, Mr. T. R. Wallace presiding over a large gathering. The chairman, in the course of a few remarks, referred to the work which Mr. Hamilton had done for the society, and the success it had been while he was secretary, and expressed his regret at his leaving us. At the same time he wished him every success in Canada. He would call on Mr. Hugh Morcland to present him with a travelling trunk and purse of gold. Mr. Hamilton suitably replied, thanking the members for their kindness and good wishes. During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. J. Moreland, R. Kirkwood, jun., J. Morris, T. R. Wallace, Robert Hamilton, and Mrs. Hamilton, while some violin selections were given by Mr. R. Johnstone. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Robert Rennie, Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held May 10th, Mr. R. Tindle in chair. Following gentlemen proposed and accepted as members:—Messrs. Appleby (Wallsend), J. Brown (Elswick), H. E. Carknell (Newcastle). Specialist Club patronage taken; secretary instructed to write for same. New cup for annual show discussed, the other cup having been won outright by Mr. R. Armstrong (Tyne Dock), with "King of Kings." Committee of six members were elected to try and arrange for one. Our next item was a lecture by Mr. J. Shepherd (Newcastle) on "Our British Finches." Some were shown on the sheet, with the lantern (kindly lent by Mr. J. Davidson). Mr. Shepherd has made Finches his study for years. His lecture was listened to by a good number, it being very instructive. He spoke principally on the habits of the birds, the feed to give them in captivity, etc. He has had a few of them in his time. One bird in particular he would like to see more on the show benches to-day was the Siskin. He strongly advised fanciers to give one a try. A good many questions were put, which he answered in a straightforward manner. Some fanciers believe in keeping a little bit up their sleeve, but from Mr. Shepherd we get all—nothing is kept back. After a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Davidson one of the most enjoyable meetings connected with the Gateshead Society was brought to a close, with a hearty vote of thanks to our chairman for presiding.—A. Holden, Sec. and Treas.

YORK C.B.S.

Breeding and Management of the Norwich Canary.

A lecture was given by Mr. T. Wright (of Messrs. Pickering and Wright) before the members on May 8th. Mr. Wright said: I must apologise for not having had time to prepare the necessary paper for such an interesting subject, but as Mr. Shorney was down to give this paper and found at the last moment that he was unable to do so, I will try and do my best to get you out of the difficulty. In the first place, I am a firm believer in having good cages for our pets. I myself use the double breeder, which has its many good points. It is useful for running one cock with two hens; for shutting the cock off to feed the young; and for a nursery cage to finish the young off in.

In pairing up, I always have colour fixed in my mind, and I do not pay so much attention to marked birds as a lot of breeders do. If the birds are a good colour, I would as soon pair two clears together as one marked, providing the other points are equally as good. Whilst the hen is sitting the eggs, I always make a practice of giving her a little egg food about twice a week, so that when the young are hatched her system is full of digested foods so necessary in producing big, fine youngsters; this method always prevents diarrhœa in the young. I boil my eggs for twenty minutes, first thing in a morning for use at noon, and mix with four Osborne biscuits to one egg; also a little maw seed for preference. I like eggs about three days old, as I find that fresh laid eggs will not set properly. I feed my birds four times per day, at 6 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m., and I never give green food until the young are three days old; if given before, I find it sets up inflammation.

In regard to green food I like chickweed. I have found that dandelion brings the hens too forward.

I always keep the young with the parents as long as possible. When the hen lays again, take the young also the cock away, and he feeds the young, and teaches them to feed also. Never take the young off egg food until they can crack seed, which is generally when they are about eight weeks old. I have found that the cause of a lot of youngsters dying is hunger; their egg food is stopped and they are unable to crack their seed.

Commence giving a little colour food in their egg food when they are about six weeks old, and then gradually increase the strength to one egg and four Osborne biscuits. Put four teaspoonfuls of colour food to four of tasteless pepper. I put a quarter of a pound of hot in, and as cold weather approaches I use a little more hot. Once a week I mix half a teaspoonful of flowers of sulphur with the egg food; this I have found very beneficial.

I keep my hens in winter on a good plain diet, not getting them too fat, but in just a nice condition. In March I cut their tails and nails. The hens which have swollen vents—i.e., those which appear full and fat behind—I put in a separate flight. The backward hens I feed up, so as to get them all to start together. Then, if I have any bad feeders I can transfer the young to the good feeders.

It does not prove that when a cock bird is singing hard he is in breeding condition, because he may be too fat and unable to fertilize. Such a bird as this I put in a flight with two or three other cocks; and I give him a dose of glauber salts. This generally has the desired effect. I am also a firm believer in the one-cock-one-hen principle. If anything I have stated above assists our novice members I shall feel amply repaid for appearing before you to-night.

Mr. Wright then asked for questions, which were showered upon him rather unmercifully by Messrs. Zimmerman, Richardson, Hunter, O'Reilly, Thompson, Siesons, Sayles, Campling, and several others. The questions were all answered only as an expert could be expected to do it. Mr. Sayles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wright, which was seconded by Mr. Thompson, and carried unanimously. The lecturer having suitably replied, a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.—H. Thompson, Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held May 10th, by a very excellent gathering of the members. Mr. Willmott, on taking the chair, announced that the total membership that night was 30, and with so many putting in an appearance at the meetings it proved that the interest in the society was keen, and that all were doing their best to make it the success it deserved to be. Nest feather shows were the chief business. The members soon had all special rules, along with the various classes, passed and dealt with in a quick, businesslike way. The chairman read out the splendid list of specials, including two very choice engraved medals and some useful money prizes, which will soon make all anxious to pay the strictest attention to their young stock. The splendid showroom adjoining the hotel is already at our service. The treasurer, Mr. T. Leckie, presented 5s. for competition in the novice section—a section that has never had better attention in the Midlands. By the way the novices are going along with their breeding we should have a grand entry. There is yet time for the intending member to join and take part in the first show on June 28th: all names should be sent to the secretary before next meeting, June 14th, and on the same night a most chatty and instructive impromptu debate will be held. It will interest all to know that Mr. Russell will judge at the first show. The last day for entering will be June 26th. Please note: We have included a novel selling class. —J. Sheppard, Sec., 9, St. Oswalds-road, Small Heath.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held May 4th, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, Mr. T. Flemming (president) in chair. The business of the nest feather show, to be held Wycliffe Hall, July 8th, was proceeded with. Members will see we are having an extended classification, and by doing so we are giving everyone a chance. The following are the number of classes: Canary, champion classes, Yorks. 6, Nor. 6, Crests 3, novice classes the same as champion; Mule, any variety, selling classes 2, British Harbill 10, Softbills 2, for. 2. Members will receive schedules with full classification at June meeting. Also decided to have points specials as in previous years, to be won by the three highest birds at next feather and December shows, the society to add £4 to same, £1 each to the four sections, viz., Yorks., Nor., Crest, and British. Mr. J. C. Farrar has kindly promised two medals for most points novice Yorks. and Nor. over both shows. Messrs. Flemming, Kelley, Tomlinson, Bradshaw, Crooke and Fletcher also promised specials for next feather show. The ramble has been fixed for June 17th to Cordwell Valley. Time of starting and other arrangements to be made next meeting. The secretary was instructed to send a message of condolence to Mrs. Bradwell on the death of her husband, a late member of our society. Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott, F. Bainbridge, and W. Gatick were elected new members. Next meeting, "Breeding-room Difficulties: Questions by ballot and talks on same."—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.S.

Meeting held Clarendon Hall, May 12, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a fair attendance. Two new members were enrolled, Messrs. G. Young and J. White. The classification for the F.F. show and annual members' show recommended by the Committee came up for consideration and approval. The F.F. show classes were adopted as recommended. Classes for annual members' show were also gone over, and a large number added to those recommended. The meeting being now over, the members were entertained to a most interesting and instructive lecture by Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen), whose abilities as a judge, breeder, and exhibitor, are well known all over Scotland. In his opening remarks he dwelt on what had been said and written to advance the breeding of these fascinating and valuable birds—the Crest and Crest-bred. He advised anyone taking up this branch of the Fancy to be sure and procure the best blood they could afford, and also to carefully study their birds, seeing that they were properly matched. He also advocates line breeding, but not too close, however, as this has a tendency to weaken the young from such pairing; but the one and all-important point was to know the stock one was working with—Crest to Crest-bred and vice versa; after large and small Crests and those with fine, leafy texture extending well over the beak; also the causes of blindness in Crests, which was so discouraging to young recruits in this branch of the Fancy. After several questions had been asked and very ably answered, Mr. Young was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his kindness; and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very pleasant hour to a close.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treasurer.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Meeting held May 22nd. After the usual business, final arrangements were made for the ramble. It was decided to go by the 9.48 train from London Road (G.C.) to Glossop, where we hope to meet a few friends to show us round the district. We hope to have a good muster of members and friends. All wishing to come will be heartily welcome.—J. Critchley, Sec.

SOUTHEND AND S.C.O.S.

At the general meeting held May 10, we engaged Mr. W. Mundell to decide our awards at the open show. The society's book of rules is now in the printer's hands. It can be had shortly post free for 2½d. from the secretary. Will members please bear in mind that the society cannot be run by the faithful half-dozen? A new secretary requires all the encouragement you can afford him. If you will support him well during the summer season (a sacrifice these light evenings), he will not be found wanting when the work comes round at show time.—Wm. C. Lockwood, Hon. Sec.

ILKESTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held May 13th, at Durham Ox Inn, Mr. Mitchell in chair. There was a good attendance. The following resolutions was carried: That we hold our first feather show on June 24th, and that we have 24 classes for same. Mr. E. Fox to officiate. The following members were elected as officers: Mr. J. H. Booth (chairman), Mr. C. H. Martin (vice-chairman), Mr. M. Marriott (treasurer); committee, Messrs. G. E. Shaw, R. Smith, S. Prince, W. Henshaw, J. Martin, S. Keightley, J. H. Mitchell, and Mr. Sittdown. Our committee meeting will be held at 7 o'clock, May 27th, Great Northern Inn.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 11th, Plough Hotel, Clapham Junction, when Mr. Bray (the secretary of the London Federation of C.B.S.) addressed the meeting on the benefits of belonging to the Federation. A lengthy discussion ensued, several legal points being raised. After Mr. Bray's reply it was proposed by Mr. Gibbons, and seconded by J. Jeffrey, that the society should apply for membership. A vote of thanks to Mr. Bray was proposed and carried. After business, an egg-food making competition took place. Several different ways of making egg-food were shown, one way being quite novel. Mr. Jeffrey was elected judge, and after explaining his reasons, awarded 1st prize to Mr. Gibbons, who had an Osborne biscuit mixture. Mr. McLaughlan took 2nd with a bread (not standard) mixture. Young bird show July 13th. All new members joining next meeting will be entitled to show. Annual sub. only 2s. 6d.—John Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held Lion and Key Hotel, High Road, May 1, Mr. J. A. Bartlett in chair. Chairman announced that the committee had arranged for new headquarters at the Grange Park Hall, Grange Park Road, and that all future meetings would be held there. The hall is a much better place for shows than at our old headquarters, and taking all things into consideration there is every prospect of the change being very much for the better. Over 30 names were given in for the annual ramble on May 27. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, Mr. C. R. Carr was unable to be present to lecture on Norwich, therefore the chairman called on Mr. A. B. Forse to give us a paper on "Canary Management." This dealt particularly with the breeding season, and was the means of raising a very keen discussion. Many interesting questions were dealt with. The usual vote of thanks to the chairman brought the pleasant evening to a close.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

BANKFOOT AND DIST. C.B.S.

At a special general meeting held May 9th, Mr. J. Taylor (president) in chair, it was decided that the headquarters be transferred to the Red Lion Hotel. Mr. H. B. Wood (the proprietor) has already acted in a most generous manner, and at our first young bird show on June 10th he is giving a very heavy silver and gold medal for the best bird; he has also given us splendid support financially. A really fine room is at our disposal for shows, and a private room will also be set apart for the members on show days and meeting nights. Refreshments will be supplied to members at meetings and shows in private room at lowest prices. With the removal of the headquarters to the very heart of the district a move has been made in the right direction. The society's ramble to Hardcastle Craggs on Sunday, May 21st, promises to be well attended. Fanciers from all societies will receive a hearty welcome to join us. A start will be made from the Red Lion Hotel, at 1 o'clock.—F. Gelder, Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting at headquarters, 60, Paddington Street, on May 8th. In the unavoidable absence of the secretary, Mr. A. W. Curtis filled his place, whilst Mr. W. Shepherd took the chair. Letters were read from Mr. H. E. Tringham, and the secretaries of the London Federation, and N.B.B. and M.C. A schedule of classes numbering fifty-two was drawn up for young bird show on July 1st. The following members gave specials: W. Shepherd, F. Knight, T. Kelly, T. Sayer. The announcement was made that a cricket match would take place against the "Early Birds" C.C. on Saturday next, May 20th, at the Paddington Recreation Ground (off Elgin Avenue, Edgware Road), several members intimating their intention of taking part (two fanciers, a batsman and a bowler, would be gladly welcomed to assist us). A "Cage Bird Staging" competition then took place. The following exhibited: Messrs. W. Francis, W. Page, W. Sanders, S. Turner, W. Cottey, H. W. Dickinson, W. Styles, and H. Brumbridge. The judging was entrusted to that keen and enthusiastic fancier, Mr John Frostick, who placed them as follows: 1st, W. Francis (Whitethroat); 2nd, W. Page (Linnet); 3rd, H. Brumbridge (Yorkshire); vhc, W. Styles (Bullfinch); hc, H. W. Dickinson (Crest); c, S. Turner (Yorkshire). Preceding the final judging, a judging competition took place, when three champions, six amateurs, and nine novices from amongst those present participated. Working the points out under the "Curtis" system, the result was: Champion, J. Pooley, 15 pts.; amateur, E. C. Offord, 14 pts.; Novice, W. Cobb, 15 pts. The above winners, and the first, second, and third in the class, will be presented with medals at next meeting. At the close questions were asked by Messrs. J. Pooley, G. Bryant, W. Page, and J. Chard, which were answered to the great satisfaction of all. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Frostick for his judging, and for the masterly exposition of the correct staging of show birds. Mr. Frostick returned thanks, adding that his future services would always be at the members' disposal. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the chairman.—V. Wynn, Hon. Sec. (From Notes by A. W. Curtis.)

OPEN NORWICH C.B.A.

Meeting of Committee held May 13th, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Mr. R. Halliday in chair. Business transacted: Result of ballot for Committee read, and decided to include all three members who tied for last place. Decided, to have same number of shows (10) and similar competitions as last year. Secretary instructed to notify all defaulting members (from 1910-11) whose arrears are not paid by the end of June, 1911, that they be struck off membership. That the correct Norwich show cage (as adopted) be used at all shows. This rule to be strictly enforced. Tenders for year book invited. Decided, to elect two delegates to represent the O.N.P.C. on Cinderella Club Committee, and that same be Messrs. Simonett and Mitchell. Decided, to hold next meeting July 1st.—O. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting at headquarters, the "Feathers," Great Chapel-street, Westminster, on April 27th. Present: Messrs. J. Rohson (chairman), T. R. Trower, G. Crabb, W. A. Shepherd, G. Mortlock, C. Cooper, W. Page, A. Silver, C. T. Maxwell, C. R. Tyson, A. C. Askew, J. Dewhurst, and J. P. Carr. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. Letters were read from Messrs. A. F. Lydon, A. J. Simpson, A. Lickley, A. Morris, W. H. Pyke, G. H. Acton, C. W. Law, also several from medal winners.

Re the club's annual outing, it was decided that the morning party should go by the 9.20 train, and the afternoon party by the 1.37 train from Waterloo to Effingham Junction, and that a hot luncheon and cold meat tea be provided, and that the usual invitation be sent to all London societies. It was thought advisable to postpone the decision of the diploma until the next meeting to give the artists more time to send in their sketches. A vacancy having occurred on the committee, it was proposed and carried that Mr. C. Botting should be elected to fill the vacancy. The new clasification was again discussed and adjourned until next meeting. The following new members were elected: Mr. A. Morris a vice-president; the Hon. Mrs. Bourke, the Rev. A. H. Soames, W. H. Raven, and T. Holmes. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Secs.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN O.S. (Notts.)

We had a fairly good representative meeting of fanciers on May 13. Good business was done. Mr. R. Holmes, who is a most enthusiastic fancier, was elected to the presidency. Mr. J. Wood still remains vice-chairman. Mr. H. Cowpertwait was elected treasurer, and myself as secretary. Only a portion of the committee was elected, as those present were desirous of getting a good sound body of fanciers, the matter being left over till our next meeting (May 27). Mr. J. Cowpertwait is giving a guinea special for most points gained in the Crest and Crestbred section throughout the year (not to include selling classes). Two other valuable specials contributed by several fanciers will be given to the 2nd, and 3rd runners-up. These are independent of the specials given by the society, which run from 30s. downwards. These specials should be an incentive to the Crest fanciers of Nottingham to come to the front and make this season's shows a success. We have two good staunch Crest fanciers in Nottingham in Messrs. R. Rhodes and G. C. Ley, who are doing real good service in supporting the Crest classes throughout the country. And we local Crest fanciers (and there are many in Nottingham) should do our best to help them in their endeavours to place this noble bird in the proud position it once held. This society is open to a ten-mile radius. Our next meeting night is May 27, at 8.30 p.m. Shall be pleased to give any particulars asked for.—J. Cowpertwait, Sec., 22, Edwin Street, Nottingham.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Our country ramble took place on Sunday, May 14th, when, unfortunately, the rain poured in torrents all day. The secretary appeared at Stratford Station early with the idea of cancelling the arrangements, but the members enthusiastically defied the weather, and the party, numbering fourteen, started for Loughton. There we were met by our guide, Mr. Morris, who very quickly escorted the party to the forest. In spite of the rain an eager search for rare birds and nests was soon made. Thrushes' nests with eggs and young were found in abundance, and some pretty sights were seen that will be long stamped on the memories of the party. Owing to the weather we were unable to use the cameras, otherwise we should have liked to have seen a reproduction of these sights in CAGE BIRDS. About mid-day it was decided to abandon the ramble and make for the "Owl Hotel," the party being very wet outside but very dry inside. Our hostess, Mrs. Langdon, had prepared a good spread, and after a most enjoyable dinner the tables were cleared and songs and speeches were the order of the hour. Miss Langdon and Mr. Adams kindly presided at the piano, and songs were given by members of the party. Great reluctance was shown when the time arrived to commence the return journey. Stratford Station was reached at 7 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The members are asked to turn up in good numbers at our next meeting on May 25th, when our secretary will have a big and very special surprise in store for them.—C. H. Paxman (chairman).

SWANSEA C.B.A.

Meeting held May 9th, Market Coffee Tavern, Mr. J. W. Ford presiding. It was gratifying to see such a large attendance, and the interest taken by members in the business. Fixing date and place for F.F. Show. Several dates were mentioned, and after discussing the pros. and cons., July 1st was fixed on as being most convenient. The selection of hall was left in Secretary's hands. Final arrangements for cup were proceeded with, and after having such a grand response for subscriptions, it was decided to obtain two cups for F.F. Show. One cup will be for best young bird bred by a member, and the other for most points gained by four nominated birds in the British bird section. The two cups cannot be won by the same member at the show. With this splendid inducement it is certain entries will be a record. Election of judge for show: A unanimous vote in favour of Mr. D. A. S. Longden, who kindly accepted. (I am certain all fanciers will be pleased to know that Mr. Longden has been selected as one of the judges for one of the largest shows in London next season). Final table show of the season caused some excitement owing to the small number of points separating the three who were leading, and as there were only two gold-centre medals to be awarded to the two highest in points, the three members brought down as many birds as possible. The judge (Mr. J. H. Ford) having made his awards, the Chairman announced Mr. Phil Jenkins highest with 92 points; Mr. D. Williams second with 50; and Mr. F. Heal third with 40. We made Mr. D. Jeremy (Morriston) a member. Next meeting will be devoted to the classification for next open show, and every member should be present.—S. H. GEORGE, Sec.

The Shows.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

April evening show proved a splendid success, entries in all sections totalling 155. Mr. C. H. Cooper judged the cage birds. Mr. J. Reed was awarded certificate for best bird in show for a beautiful Glossy Starling.

CAN. (6): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Reed. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Reed. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Reed. RED-POLL, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, r, vhc, hc, Reed. FOR.: 1, best bird, Reed; 2, 3, r, Smith.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

PORTMADOC.

Portmadoc annual show held May 15th, in grand weather. The attendance was really good as usual at this event. The cage birds were very few in numbers this time. Some well-known winners were staged. We are sorry to find a decrease in the entries and classes; but not one special was provided for this section. The Norwich, Yorkshires, and Mules were good in quality. The acting chairman is Mr. W. Morris Jones, J.P.; treasurer, Mr. W. Jones, Mr. R. G. Humphreys held the secretarial reins, which he ably handled once more. Mr. J. F. Entwistle (Wakefield) made the awards.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL., CL., ETC. (1): 1, W. H. Williams, cl. yell., grand type and quality, nice round head, good eye, nicely tapered, rich col. NOR. A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, W. H. Williams, 1st variegated Crest, immense size, good frontal, nice leafy feather, 2nd well-known varieg. yell., grand type, full of quality, well over perch; 3, Master Owie Jones, cl. buff, good size and substance, very typical; vhc, J. Williams, another good buff, often described. YORKS., YELL., CL., ETC. (5): 1, E. Edwards, cl., good length and col., stands well; 2, E. Price, lengthy and stylish, good position; 3, J. W. Pritchard, good length and quality, nice wing carriage and tail, very nice feather; vhc, J. O. Williams, thigh ticked yell., full of style and quality, wings well foloed, plenty of leg, well balanced; vhc, J. E. Jones, cl. yell., straight and slim, showing plenty of nerve, leggy and stylish, good col. YELL., A.O.V.: Cancelled. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, H. S. Davies, grand light Goldfinch Can. Mule, in good form, 3rd Bullfinch-Goldfinch, good size, lustrous col., showing both parents, well shown; 2, E. Price, another good light Mule, close up, very little to choose between. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (9): 1, Evans and Roberts, good size, grand blaze, rich tan, bars well defined; 2, John Williams, medium size, nice blaze, good ground col., very typical, well polished; 3, R. Lloyd, good col. and markings, in nice form; vhc, E. Jones, well known, typical Finches, in A1 form. BRIT HARDBILL, A.O.S. (9): 1, J. Williams, immense size Bullie, good dense black cap, rich col. breast, A1 feather; 2, J. Rowlands, another good col. Bullfinch; 3, Mrs. W. Edwards, good Yell. Bunting, in nice form; hc, E. Price, grand Bullfinch. BRIT SOFTBILL (1): 1, J. Kershaw, Waxwing. FOR. (2): 1, H. S. Davies, well-known King Parrakeet, in good form; 2, Humphrey Pritchard, good Cockatoo. BRIT GOLDFINCH, NOVICE: 1, Owen Williams, very fair Finch. CANARY (LOCAL): (3): 1, R. P. Williams, variegated Yorks., grand length and style; 2, D. Jones; 3, R. Jones.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held headquarters, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge-street, before a fair company. We had 52 birds to sing for four good prizes. After some good singing the winners were: 1st, W. Dobson; 2nd, J. Kirk; 3rd, T. Piper; 4th, H. Morley. Next week we have an open to all England sing, first pair of birds in the window at 3 o'clock. Anyone desirous of bringing a bird should be at headquarters before 2.45, as we draw then for the hang.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality Linnet singing contest held King's Head, Shannon-street, May 13th, when 27 birds faced the judges, Messrs. T. Summers, W. Naylor, and S. Hardcastle. After very good singing the result was: 1st, D. Clegg; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, A. Butler; 4th, W. Bisby. Also May 14th, when 17 birds entered. 1st and 2nd, Stead; 3rd, H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, S. Hardcastle, and J. Naylor. Next week's is the last day to pay up for our Whit Sunday sing.—W. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Weekly contest held Springhill Tavern, Buslingthorpe Lane, May 13th. Twelve birds were entered. 1st, C. Ward; 2nd and 3rd shared between Thirkell and Sellers. Judges, Messrs. Simmonds and Skidall. These contests are held every Saturday at 3 o'clock. Weekly contest held Skinners Arm, Buslingthorpe Lane, May 14th, when 17 birds were entered. 1, Green; 2, 3, shared between C. Ward and Clegg. Judges, Messrs. C. Biss and J. Simmonds.—J. Lunn, Sec.

DARLINGTON.

Linnet singing contest held Rising Star Inn, May 13, when 32 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, 2, 3, Pitman; 4, Labourn. Judge, Mr. T. Brown; timekeeper, Mr. J. Cuthbert. We hope Linnet fanciers will attend meeting, May 25, 8 o'c., at above house.—Todd, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn quality Linnet S.A. contest for quality held May 13th, at club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. There were 16 birds which competed for three good prizes given by Mr. and Mrs. Morris. 1st, E. Ashton; 2nd, G. Hayhurst; 3rd, J. Astley. Judge, Mr. W. H. Topping; timekeeper, Mr. T. Lomax.—T. Slater, Sec.

LEIGH.

The Globe Inn Linnet Club held an open-to-all-England contest, Victoria Inn, Westleigh, May 13th, when we had a very good entry of 40 birds. The singing for quality was very good indeed, but the time singing was poor. We gave the usual four prizes for each class. Winners—Quality: R. Howcroft 1st, F. Gibbins 2nd, E. Page 3rd, J. Whittle 4th; for time: J. Hampson, 96, 1st; J. W. Jones, 46, 2nd; W. Hampson, 37, 3rd; W. Budsworth, 32, 4th. Judges for quality, Messrs. J. W. Jones, P. O'Neil, F. Gibbins; for time, Messrs. R. Stathan, J. Murphy; timekeeper, Mr. J. Yates; birdman, Mr. J. Whittle. I may say the landlord was so pleased with the result of the contest that he has given us another date, and another after that, if we can make it convenient. I also wish all fanciers to note that we are holding an open-to-all-England Linnet contest for quality and time at headquarters May 27th, when I am hoping to see some fresh faces in Leigh.—J. McAllister, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Rock Inn Linnet singing contest held May 14th when 24 of the best bird in the district sang for three good prizes, and some very good singing was heard by a good company. Kirk, 1st; Dobson, 2nd; Piper, 3rd. We are having an open sing at West Riding Hotel, May 21st, when there will be three or four prizes, including a special. I hope all Linnet fanciers will give us a visit.—B. Nelson, Assist. Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club are holding an open Linnet contest at Weavers' Arms, Scholes, on June 3rd, for time and quality, when prizes to the value of £2 will be given. There will be a special meeting for members at the Weavers' Arms on May 20th, members to meet at 7.30; business important.—A. Parker, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Quality Linnet singing contest, held Prince Albert Hotel, May 14th, when 27 birds competed for 5 good prizes. Result: 1, Bland; 2, Sellars; 3, shared by Butler and Chippendale. Judges: Messrs. Harry Allen and C. Lorriman.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held St. Lawrence's Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, May 13th, when 22 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard, with the following results: 1st prize, W. Weaver; 2nd, J. Gurden; 3rd, W. Wilson; 4th, F. Gibson; 5th, F. Littlewood. Mr. Jackson kindly officiated as judge and Mr. Kirby as timekeeper.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. held weekly contest headquarters Cartman's Arms, Canning Street, off Brook Street for quality. Three good prizes were given:—1st (tea service), Broadbent; 2nd (copper kettle), Thundercliffe; 3rd (mirror and brushes), Norton. Judges, Messrs. Allen and Thundercliffe. Also contest May 13th, when 26 birds competed. 1st prize, Mr. Fred Allen's champion, simply ran away with the contest; it is indeed a marvellous "musical box"; 2nd prize, Thundercliffe; 3rd, Dearlove; 1st prize "Novice," James. Judges, Messrs Gant and James. It is pleasing to see old fanciers attending this new club once more.—Thundercliffe, Assist. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held headquarters Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, May 13th, when 14 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes singing), and some good singing was heard. 1, Bisby, 103sec.; 2, Watson, 91sec.; 3, Thompson, 86sec.; Thompson 64sec. and 63sec.; Thorpe 50sec., Cole 40sec. May 14th, 16 birds entered for 3 special prizes (3 minutes' singing): 1, Watson, 79sec.; 2, Robinson, 77sec.; 3, Thompson, 51sec.; Watson, Thompson, 43sec. each. Contests every week. All club members must be financially straight on club books by May 21st, or they will be excluded from all benefits; no money returned.—A. Brown, Sec.

IVESTON,

Fortnightly sing, held on May 13th, when 26 birds faced the judge, Mr. T. Settrey. Barras 1, 2, 3. Next sing May 27th, when £1 will be added to 9d. per bird; 3d. back. Meet at Masons Arms.—W. Atkinson.

DURHAM.

A Linnet contest was held at Mr. J. Todd's, Green Tree Inn, Withington, Durham, when 61 of the best birds in Durham sang. Five divided: Franks, Bill Sunmers (Sunny Brook), D. Martin (Spennymoor), M. Clark (Withington), A. Bayliss (Brandon). Next contest, Mr. J. Todd's, Green Tree Inn, Willington, May 27th, when £2 will be given in prizes.—C. Franks, Sec.

GREAT HOUGHTON.

Gt. Houghton and Dis. Linnet Assoc. contest held Old Hall Inn. Last week in our notes we stated that our next open contest time singing for Linnets would be held Whit Monday. We are now unable, owing to later developments, to have it on that date. So it will be held on Whit Sunday; birds hung 12.45 prompt for special prize, and entry fees at 1s. per bird. After the contest the same day Mr. B. Midgely will give an address, in which he will point out the views held by our club in connection with the purchasing of a cup, etc. We hope to have many visitors, at 7 o'clock p.m., Sunday, June 5. Also on Sunday, May 28, we are having an open-to-all-England contest for Larks, as we want to give all fanciers a chance. Particulars can be had from —Jas. Halpine, Sec.

MANCHESTER.

Manchester and Salford Linnet Club first open contest held Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, Salford, when 45 birds sang for good prizes, contest singers coming from all parts; and some splendid singing was heard by a large number of visitors. The judge's decision gave every satisfaction. Winners: For quality: 1, W. Barnes (Wigan); 2, W. Topping (Blackburn); 3, C. Randles (Warrington); 4, J. W. Jones (Leigh); 5, B. Jones (Leigh). For time: 1, R. Leyland (Wigan), 155; 2, 3, P. Owen (Tyldesley), 134, 134; 4, F. Hughes (Warrington), 126; 5, W. Ashcroft (Pemberton), 75. Judges for quality were Messrs. W. Barnes, W. Topping, and T. Statham; timekeepers, Messrs. Mawdsley, W. Peat, and R. McFarlane; birdkeeper, Mr. J. McAlister. The special prizes given by Messrs. Kremner, Tib Street, and Mr. Bird, Moss Lane, Hulme, were won by Messrs. B. Jones and W. Ashcroft. The contest was a great surprise, it being the means of bringing fanciers from all the surrounding districts, who intend to make this club a success. Great praise must be given to the officers from the Wigan, Leigh, Blackburn, and Warrington Clubs who did their best to make contest a success. Anyone wishing to join this club kindly send names to me—B. Wharton, 18, Mitton Street, Stanley Grove, Longsight, Manchester.

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Kindly notify fanciers that I have removed from Gladstone Street to 1 and 3, Victoria Street, Micklethwaite, Bingley, writes Mr. James Hartley.

The headquarters of the Bankfoot and District C.B.S. have been removed from the schools to the Red Lion Hotel, Bankfoot, writes Mr. F. Gelder, the sec.

Kindly note that I have removed from Rodsley Avenue to No. 5, Cramer Street, Gateshead, writes Mr. A. Holden, secretary and treasurer of the Gateshead and District C.B.S.

If the person who sent us, on May 15, 7d. for a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners" will send us his (or her) name and address, we shall be pleased to forward the book.

Mr. A. G. Davis, of Tib Street, Manchester, has been engaged to judge our annual members' show on November 25, writes Mr. J. R. Colville, Sec. of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S.

On Thursday next, May 25, at the headquarters of the East Ham C.B.S. (Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street), a talk upon "Colour Foods and Colour-Feeding," will be given the members and friends by Mr. G. E. Weston. Commence 8 p.m.; visitors welcome.

At our next meeting, on May 20, writes Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucus, Sec. of the Pontypridd, Pwllgwaun, and District F. and F.S., we are to consider among other matters the suggested change of the name of our society. There is, I may say, every likelihood of our making up into a strong society this year. We should like a few more cage bird members to join us.

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Twitterings.

The New Cross and District C.B.S. ramble to Hildenboro' will take place on Sunday next, May 21, write Messrs. Barton and Hearn, the joint hon. secs. The train leaves New Cross (S.E. and C.R.) station at 9.25 a.m.; fare 4s.

Will members and friends of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. sec., please note that the paper on British birds by our old friend Mr. Lugg will be postponed until May 30, at the Reindeer Hotel?

My father set sail on the "Athenic" on April 27 for New Zealand, writes Mr. Edward Lindley (Wombwell), and we are advertising the remainder of cages and other bird-room requisites. I wish CAGE BIRDS and fanciers good luck.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Chas. Houlton, the well-known judge of Hybrids and British and foreign birds, is now enjoying the best of health once again, and his many friends will join us in wishing him a long continuance of the same.

Will members and friends kindly note that we have engaged Mr. J. A. Tonks, of Wednesbury, to judge our June nest feather show? writes Mr. J. Gibbons, Sec. Wolverhampton C.B.S. The classes for same are 3 Norwich, 3 Yorks., and 1 mule.

I have been appointed Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Harrogate Cage Bird Society in place of Mr. Barnwell, who is going to take a rest for a while, which I am sure he has earned, writes Mr. W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terrace, Harrogate.

Will members of the Musselburgh O.S. please attend the next meeting, as Mr. Steel (Dalkeith) is having a question night on "British Birds," writes Mr. Wm. Nisbet, the Hon. Sec. Also those who have not booked their hens are requested to do so at once.

The Skipton and District C.B.S. are having a ramble on Sunday next, May 21, friends to meet at 8.30 a.m. at the Ship Corner, writes Mr. R. Roberts, the Hon. Sec. The route will be via Gargrave, etc. We hope to have a good muster of members and friends. All are welcome.

I have taken CAGE BIRDS since its first issue, which I bought at a railway bookstall in Edinburgh. I wish it all the success and support it so justly deserves. I also congratulate you on the fine move you have made in forming CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, of which I intend being a member.—Alex. Bryden (Biggar, N.B.).

Friends and members of the Pentre and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. George Lingard, the Sec., will be glad to hear that their worthy chairman, Mr. John Byard, has been elected to judge the cage bird section of the Treorchy F.A. show, to be held on Coronation Day. We wish him and the show every success.

We have been very fortunate in securing the services of the following well-known judges for our annual members' show on November 18, writes Mr. W. Proudfoot. Sec. and Treas. of the Glasgow West End C.B.C., viz.: Messrs. A. Sloan (Glasgow), L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh), and Jas. F. Dewar (Edinburgh).

Ramsden's Pure Peppers have arrived. They are of beautiful colour and quality. Grown by experts, ground under Government supervision, and guaranteed absolutely pure. Young birds thrive on Ramsden's Peppers. There is no pepper or colour feed on the market to equal Ramsden's. The pepper that holds the Palace record.—Advt.

We are holding our annual nest feather show on July 22 and 23 at our headquarters, Railway Hotel, writes Mr. R. Charleson, Hon. Sec of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S. We have engaged Mr. Chas. Houlton, of St. Helens, to judge. We are also having an open Linnet class, house-moulted or field-moulted. I hope we shall have a good entry.

Having so many applications through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for cage lists, I am compelled to get 20,000 new illustrated lists, which are now in the hands of the printers, writes Mr. R. Hogg (Middlesbrough). Would fanciers who have applied for same lately note that these will be forwarded in the course of about fourteen days?

I call fanciers' attention to the musical treat our assistant secretary, Mr. H. W. Tomsett, has arranged to take place at the Reindeer Hotel on May 22nd, at 8 p.m., on behalf of the funds of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Hodson, sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. A whole host of first-class artistes have been engaged. Members and friends intending to be there are asked to be early. The room only holds about 150, and last year at the concert was crowded right out. Particulars can be had from Mr. Tomsett, 34, Endwell-road, Brockley, or from myself at 39, Friern Road, East Dulwich.

Mr. F. Bate (Stoke) will judge our F.F. show on June 24, and Mr. J. H. Roe our open show on October 7, 1911, write Messrs. Hallam and Lovatt, the hon. secs. of the Longton and Dis. C.B.S.

We are holding our first feather show on June 17, and have engaged Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) to judge, writes Mr. J. Spencer, Hon. Sec. of the Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S. The members have arranged to have their annual ramble to Knutsford on May 21 (Sunday). We invite any local fancier to join us to meet the 2 o'c. train, Central Station (Manchester).

We have been successful in securing the following gentlemen to judge at our annual show on October 14, writes Mr. R. Whitton, Sec. of the Broughty Ferry C.B.S.: For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. D. Black (Govan) and W. Rodger (Colinton); for Cresis and Norwich, Mr W. Griffiths (Glasgow); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Smillie (Ricarton); and for British and Foreign birds, Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart).

Mr. T. Smith, writing on the 15th inst., states:—The return of membership tickets of the National Scotch Fancy Canary O.A. up to date is satisfactory: but a large number of gentlemen to whom tickets were sent have yet to account for them. The executive highly appreciate the support accorded so heartily, and remind your wide circle of readers that the membership closes on Wednesday, May 31.

All members and friends of the Brighton C.B.A., writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, the Hon. Sec., are invited to join the party for a ramble on Sunday, May 21. Train leaves Brighton (Central) for Newick at 8.35 a.m. We ramble from Newick through Charley and district to Lewes, returning at about 5.30 from Lewes. The total fare is 1s. 11½d. We meet under the clock at 8.20 a.m. sharp.

OBITUARY.

I am very sorry to have to inform you, writes Mr. W. Proodfoot, Secy. and Treas. of the Glasgow West End C.B.C., of a death in the family of one of our esteemed and respected members, Mr. C. Campbell. His little boy died on May 10 after a long and very serious illness. The sympathy of the office bearers and members of the club goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Fred Fox, Secretary East Ham C.B.S., that I inform you of the sad loss sustained by our worthy member Mr. C. H. Gibbs, of Forest Gate, whose wife passed away after giving birth to their first child on May 12. I conveyed the sad news to our members present at the ramble on Saturday, and in a few moments enough money was subscribed to enable a wreath to be sent from the society. I am sure all fanciers will join us in sympathy with Mr. Gibbs in his terrible loss, and himself only just recovered from a severe illness.

Will exhibitors and all concerned kindly note, writes Mr. W. C. Lockwood, Hon. Sec. Southend and Southern Counties O.S., that we have engaged Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) to judge the Canaries, and Mr. J. Dewhurst (London) for the British and Foreign birds at our open show on November 8 and 9. With these noted judges we look for a bumping entry, and are confident of the support of all fanciers.

We have received from Messrs. Jas. Dean and Son, (Aviary Glass Works, 24, 34, Hook Street, Liverpool), an illustrated price list of the glass aviary and bird cage furniture (drinkers, egg drawers, etc.), aquariums, fish globes, and the like, supplied by them. The goods retailed by this firm are most reliable, and represent the best workmanship. A speciality to which they draw attention are illumination candle lamps for the Coronation, garden parties, etc. Readers should write for one of these price lists.

The annual ramble of the Hull C.B.S. is fixed for Saturday, May 27, writes Mr. Ernest R. Ridley, the Hon. Sec. The place to be visited is Barton-on-Humber and district. Members and friends, of whom it is hoped we shall see a goodly number, are requested to meet at the Corporation Pier at 1.20 p.m., to proceed by the 1.30 boat. Special arrangements have been made with the Great Central Railway Co. for members and friends to travel at the reduced fare of 1s. return, each person to take his own ticket. Tea will be provided at the Red Lion Hotel, Barton, at 6.30 p.m. I hope every member will make a special effort to go.

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The Leyton C.B.A. extend a hearty welcome to any fanciers who care to join them on their ramble on May 27. We shall be going over entirely new ground this year, with Mr. J. S. Clarke, as usual, acting as guide. The party will assemble at Theydon Bois Station. The train leaves Liverpool Street at 2.8. Stratford 2.23, Leyton 2.26, Leytonstone 2.30: change at Woodford for train from Fenchurch Street 2.12, Stratford 2.30, Leyton 2.33, Leytonstone 2.37, Woodford 2.48, arriving at Theydon Bois 3.7. A start will be made directly after the arrival of the 3.7 at Theydon Bois. The party will then make their way to the Owl (studying bird life, of course, on the way), where a substantial meat tea will be served.—FORSE AND SON, Hon. Secs.

London Federation of C.B.S.

The next meeting of the council of the London Federation of C.B. Societies will be held at the Feathers Hotel, Westminster, May 26, at 7.45 p.m., writes Mr. James Bray, the Hon. Sec.

Petition re Bird Laws.

Kindly ask your readers, writes Mr. T. R. Trower, to return to me, at 442, Caledonian Road, London, N., all signatures to the "petition to the Home Secretary re Wild Bird Laws" not later than first post Monday, May 22 next.

Green Canary Association.

Societies are requested to make application for the Green Canary Association's patronage as early as possible. The classification is four Yorkshires, four Norwich, and four Borders (greens), and either all or part can be applied for, same as last year.—Geo. Green, hon. sec., 39, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

Open Norwich P.C.

The committee of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club invites applications from societies desirous of their patronage for season 1911-12. All applications to be handed in to Secretary not later than June 30, 1911.—Mr. O. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec., 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

Fanciers at Cricket.

Given fine weather, metropolitan fanciers have the opportunity of spending an enjoyable afternoon this Saturday, May 20, watching the City and Suburban A.C.B. play the Early Birds C.C. at cricket. This is always a pleasant and thoroughly sporting match, and is fought out on the Paddington Recreation Ground, Maida Vale, W. (just off Elgin Avenue, Edgware Road). Motor buses pass the avenue. Commence at three o'clock; teas can be obtained in the pavilion on the ground.

Midland Counties Y.C.C.

The annual general meeting of the Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club will be held at the Crown Hotel, Station Street, Birmingham, on May 25, at 8 p.m. sharp, when we hope to see a good muster of members. A few of the items on the agenda are: Patronage for 1911; balance-sheet; and purchase of challenge cups. Will any member not being able to attend, and wishing any matter brought before the meeting, please let us know at once?—BECK AND ANDREWS, School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Staffs.

A New South American Thrush.

I hear, writes Mr. W. E. Teschemaker, B.A., that a well-known member of the Foreign Bird Club has imported a pair of Thrushes from South America, one of which has been examined by experts at the Museum, and is believed to be new not only to aviculture, but also to ornithology. Another skin is required to finally settle the matter. I sincerely hope the identification will prove correct, for the importer is an aviculturist of the right sort, and will well deserve the distinction, if only for his many plucky attempts to introduce new and interesting species.

A Presentation at Whitburn.

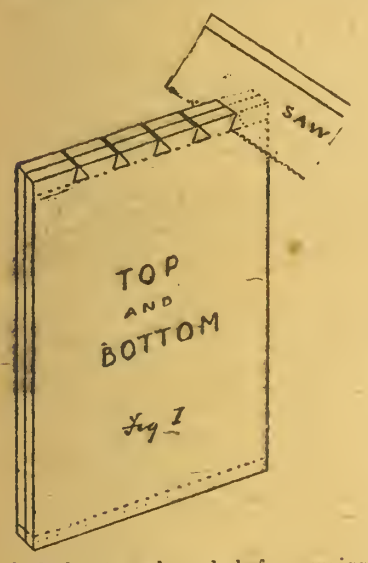
The members and friends of the Whitburn Society met in the Baillie Institute on May 5, and spent a most enjoyable evening, writes Mr. T. Duncan, Secretary, Whitburn C.B.S. A presentation was made to one of our esteemed members, Mr. Robert Calder, who is about to leave this country and take up his abode in South Africa. We are sorry to lose such a valued member, as his services were always freely rendered. Our president, Mr. R. Lambie, made some well-chosen complimentary remarks when handing over to Mr. Calder a beautiful silver cigarette case, fountain pen, and pocket-book, subscribed for by the members and a few friends. Mr. Calder, in a neat little speech, thanked the subscribers for such beautiful gifts. Afterwards songs were rendered by many of the company present, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing, "For he's a jolly good fellow." We wish Mr. Calder the best of good fortune.

How to Dovetail a Cage:

A method which ensures perfect joints and the maximum of strength.

. . By . .
J. FREEMAN
(Hull).

I trust this hint on dovetailing will prove of value to readers of CAGE BIRDS. First of all cut the two pieces intended for the top and bottom of the cage exactly one length. Supposing the wood is ⅜-in. thick, mark a gauge line ⅜-in. from each end right round each piece. Put these face to face, and knock two small sprigs in about 2-in. from each end, not to go through. This keeps them from slipping when sawing. See they are both



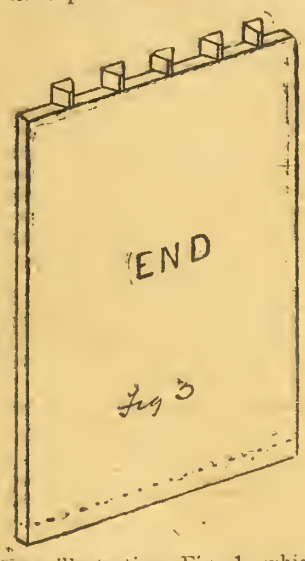
placed flush at each end before sprigging. By this method you can saw the top and bottom together, saving time.

Set the first dovetail ½-in. from each corner, top and bottom the same. Then space the rest out equally between, say, 2-in. apart; also square the lines across the end of the grain as illustrated. You only need mark one of these pieces. By sawing to pencil lines down to gauge line the other one will not be far out. (See Fig. 1.)

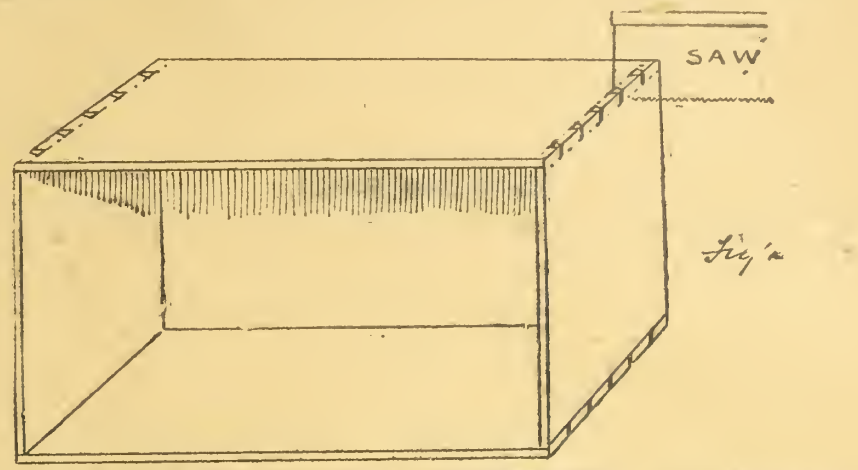
The next thing is to make the two pieces intended for the ends of cage. Let these be one length exactly, and put the gauge line round ⅜-in. from each end, the same as before. Now separate the top and bottom pieces and put the four pieces in position. See that one piece does not project beyond the others when marking; see also that they are flush on the front side. You can always take a shaving off the back edges when the cage is glued up. Put a little weight on the top. Then put the saw through the saw calves of same, very steady, just enough to scratch the end pieces, and turn bodily over and do likewise. (See Fig. 2.)

It is best to mark the corners you intend fitting as in sketch to avoid mistakes; mark the vertical lines down to the gauge line; this will be a guide for you to saw straight. It is best to saw these separately, just leaving your marks on the least shade; this allows the cage to knock together nice and tight.

The only tools that are absolutely essential are a tenon saw, a ¼-in. wood chisel, and a hammer. Chisel out the parts that are minus in Figs. 1 and 3, as illustrated. It is now ready for fitting together. The best way is to lay a piece of lath across just clear of the dovetail. This keeps the hammer face from marking the wood. Knock evenly right across until it is down. Make a little thin glue and just glue the pins on the two ends of the cage. This will be sufficient before fixing permanently. Cages made this way are well worth the trouble, and it becomes quite easy with a little practice. I think readers will



see in my illustration, Fig. 1, which pieces require cutting out—the 5 small pieces out of the top and bottom, and the 6 spaces in Fig. 3. Do the same with the remaining corners



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5: My New Zealand Parrakeets.

No man will ascribe to luck what can with any plausibility be attributed to his own merits. When, therefore, one fine morning I got a wire from an old friend to say that he had five New Zealand Parrakeets to arrive on a given date, I decided at once that the telegram was a fine tribute to my merit. No one can tell how anxiously the days passed before the New Zealanders arrived. I read everything I could about them in books, and I studied their appearance for hours in Green's "Parrots in Captivity," for that is the best picture to the living reality. I was asked several times during the next few days why I was looking so serious? Had anything gone wrong in the parish, or had I lost something? Of course, I couldn't say what I was really studying, because it was the price of the Parrakeets. How was I to raise £7 10s. when I only had got £5? This, as some of my readers will understand, was a very nasty bit of "mental" arithmetic, and would make the most lighthearted person look serious—for a time at any rate.

I am not going to tell my readers how the odd fifty shillings was got together; suffice it to say that it arrived somehow before the day it was required.

By the way, when any new and expensive birds are likely to arrive, it is always well to offer a "hush box"; and it is properly offered not by children to their parents, but by husbands to their wives. It is a real box, which you can sit upon or drop without any chance of damage, and contains a guinea's worth of the most lovely mixed sweets. Everyone who goes to a City dinner gets one of these delightful boxes to take home to his wife. Should she begin to scold the poor fellow for sitting upon the box, shall we say, or stumbling upstairs, he has only to say, "Hush, my dear," as he gives her the box. "Hush" is an easy word to pronounce, and madam, as she takes the box, finds it easier to obey her husband's commands, as she promised she would do. By giving a little present before a new arrival, I generally manage to get them safely landed without any unpleasant and too searching enquiries as to what I have paid for them. In getting a new pair of birds you should never talk too loudly about their rareness, as after a time people put two and two together and connect rarity and high prices together. This is distinctly unpleasant.

Jumping and Scratching.

A few days later I got another wire saying that the steamer was in, and that I might expect the Parrakeets the following morning. They came about 10 o'clock in a box with a gauze front, through which they could see and be seen, but could get no draught, but at the same time an abundance of fresh air. It struck me as a very natural and useful combination, what the conventionally unconventional Yankee of the last generation would have called "darned neat and appropriate."

What struck me at once was their peculiar gait. It was quite unlike that of any other Parrakeet I was familiar with. They moved about the floor in a series of short jumps, and they turned over the sand in search of titbits very much like the common or garden hen.

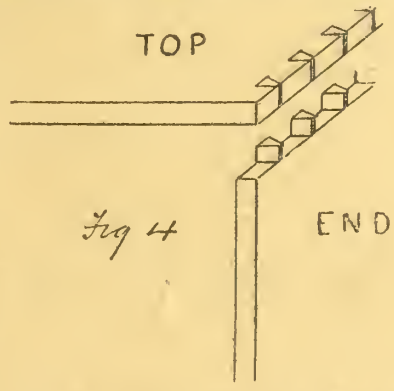
On examining them carefully I was delighted to find that I had three cocks and two hens. The hens were easy to tell by their smaller size, finer look and more sober colouring. I was sitting reading on a box in the aviary next day, as I often do, when I looked up in sudden astonishment, as I heard a very small but distinct bleat. It might have been a fairy goat. As I am not Mr. Holmes Pegler, I do not keep goats, and I did not see how a goat could have got into the aviary unknown to me. I looked about and listened carefully, and all at once I understood that the bleat had come from one of my New Zealanders and then I tumbled to it that this was their call note.

The plumage is very soft and of a rather dark shade of green, while the forehead and cheeks are bright crimson. On each side of the rump there is a little patch of red. The flights are blue, and the beak is horn-coloured inclining to white at the tip. The eyes are a beautiful ruby, which gives the birds a rather evil look, but completely belies their nature, as they are the most sweet tempered things and would not hurt a healthy bluebottle.

A Horrid Fact.

New Zealanders are very very rare. It is I should say, fifteen years since I had mine, so that my readers are not at all likely to get any. I do not say this by way of discouragement, but simply state it as a "demmd horrid fact,' as Mr. Mantalini would have said.

I put my new arrivals into two separate compartments of one of my Parrakeet aviaries



—a pair in each—and caged the odd gentleman as a reserve in case of any casualties, and then awaited developments. I had some hollow logs rigged up near the roof, and away from mice, which I felt would appeal to the heart of any self-respecting New Zealand Parrakeet. They soon began to explore their new home, running over the wire like mice. They spent a lot of time on the floor, passing about with queer little jumps, and scratching up the soil continually.

For all Australian Parrakeets it is necessary to provide either a small lawn or a daily supply of grass. Lawns are not very successful, as wire netting and grass is not compatible, as the constant drips kill the grass and the Parrakeets complete the work of destruction, and the mice loyally help them. I have accordingly abandoned the attempt to keep a small grass plot. It is all right in theory or pictures, but not in actuality and I feed on a bundle of flowering grass each morning, or, failing this, a bunch of groundsel.

If there are young about, green food is absolutely essential, as all Parrakeets feed almost entirely on it; at any rate, for the first part of the time.

For food, I supplied them with white millet and the best Spanish canary seed, so that they are very simple feeders. New Zealand Parrakeets are very free breeders, and I should say that almost all who have been lucky enough to obtain them have been successful in rearing. I should say that they come next to Budgerigars as free breeders.

The eggs, like those of all Parrakeets, are white and rather big for the size of the birds, and very round in shape, and the clutch often runs to six, so that if only anyone can get a healthy pair to breed, they are a very profitable investment, as they will readily sell at £5 a pair like hot cakes, as we say up in Galashiels. They are the best of feeders, and generally bring up every bird hatched.

I find it best to cage up the youngsters as soon as you see they are able to feed themselves, as otherwise they worry the old birds, follow them into the log, and spoil the second brood. They are perfectly harmless, and may be trusted freely with small Finches; but I should never put them with other Parrakeets, as they would put up with any amount of bullying without trying to retaliate.

Not Exactly Musical.

I should not say that New Zealand Parrakeets are musical. They have pleasant voices, but when I hear several of them tuning up together, it always sets me thinking of a passage in Dickens, which speaks of a chorus "in which every man put in the tune he knew best and sang it to his own satisfaction." Everybody has a big fault—a sort of standing characteristic, a piece de resistance for their friends to cut at—and in general they cut and come again. Indiscretion is mine. I thought that seven New Zealand Parrakeets would live for ever, or, at any rate, another season I could, I argued, well afford to part with one pair and the odd cock, and besides, I was so hard up and I wanted money for other sorts. I let them go, therefore.

What happened I will tell you a little later on. I got a very nice little cheque, which I soon melted into other sorts, and, like the poor grasshopper, I felt quite merry, as I thought it would always be summer.

As I look back, I am persuaded it is better to remember time in the same light as the Queen of Spain's legs, facts which certainly existed, but the less said about them the better. It causes me, as Bishop Wilberforce once said, to want to lie down on my stomach and howl.

Seeing Both Sides.

Before another spring came round the man with the scythe had cut short the life of my poor little New Zealand hen, and the cock had to remain a disconsolate widower, for, try as I could, and advertise as I might, I got no offers of a hen. If there were any (I hope there were not) they were not offered to me. I like to try to see both sides of the question like my chimney sweep, who, when a Primrose Dame came to see him on behalf of the Conservative candidate, sometimes agreed with the 'Onse of Commons and sometimes with the 'Onse of Lords. His birth and sympathies naturally inclined him towards his own class, the Commons, but then he knew and respected and swept the chimneys of the local Backwoodsman, a worthy Norman and regular Churchgoer, who went red and swore at you on the smallest provocation, but was the best of good fellows and never bore malice.

Well, as I was saying, I like to try and see both sides of a question. I did in this case, only somehow there didn't seem to be two sides. If a man had a hen New Zealander he ought not to want to keep it. I wanted it, therefore I ought to have it. I was willing to pay a good price, what more could a reasonable man want? I suppose there was another side. At any rate, I got no offers, and so I had to give up. Still, one can always find a use for superfluities. Master Mobbs' double-bladed knife with a corkscrew in it was sent by his stepmother to the Missionaries; so an inconvenient or superfluous article can always be utilised as a wedding present or a Christmas gift. Master New Zealander was so employed. I gave him away and thereby gained to myself much credit for generosity. It ought to have reminded the recipient of the story told of Bishop Wilberforce, who said, after meeting with a brother bishop, that he had often heard of the milk of human kindness, but never hither to had he met the cow!

- The Linnet: -

Its preparation, legitimate and otherwise, for the Show Bench.

. . By . .
J. NICHOLSON
(Skipton).

How the Linnet is stained and faked for the Show Bench was exposed by Mr. J. Nicholson, of Skipton, before the Leeds C.B.S. on May 6th. Amongst the visitors present were Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford), and Mr. J. Overend ("Old Jim") (Ravensthorpe), one of the oldest exhibitors in England.—W. A. Wilson, *Hon. Sec.*

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: The Linnet has been my favourite cage bird since I was a boy, and I may say I have never been without some specimens.

Where to Find the Linnets.

Where there are any whin bushes in waste land or moor there are sure to be some Linnets' nests. If you go out in the country in the latter part of April or even in May, and you see any of these bushes, get nicely out of sight and you will not have long to wait before you will see the male bird come on to the highest branch: and if ever you heard a lovely song it would be then. After they get their young ones up they invariably go to the cornfields, and as the Linnet is a bird that is drawn by the call of another the birds naturally collect in large flocks.

Little do they think they are called Sparrows by the farmers, who shoot them down in scores. There is no doubt about it; they go to the corn when it is in stacks to get the wild seeds, and the farmer, who knows nothing about these lovely birds, thinks they are eating his corn, and shoots them down, and the worst part of it is that a number of the birds are not killed outright, their wings being broken, so they are left to die. I often wonder why the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is not on the look-out for things of this kind, instead of watching a poor working man, who goes out to catch the birds in winter to sell in order to get some bread for his children.

Mind you, this is no fairy tale. I have a man in my mind's eye who three winters ago, being in the building trade, could get no work owing to the weather; he went out for the purpose of catching a few Linnets. He was caught in the act, and summoned, and although he pleaded poverty (which was quite true), he was fined £1, all his birds let go, and his nets burnt. Gentlemen, my opinion is that there is more cruelty in leaving birds with their wings broken than in keeping them in cages.

To get back, now, to our subject. After the corn is gathered up the Linnets will stay for some weeks in the same fields, and their move will be to the lowest land where there are some seed fields, and you will find them there right away into the winter. And this is the place to go to if you want to catch them.

Catching and Caging.

My method of catching is this: First get leave of the farmer to catch them and to cut the long twigs of the hedge-top, thorn hedge preferred. I get some hard rushes six inches long, and dry them well; then I lime them half way. You can stick the other end on the thorns just slanting. You will get as many Linnets as you want in about an hour if you take with you two good Linnets, and if possible a Linnet Mule having a Linnet's song. If your birds are fit, you will catch plenty. By catching them yourself you have the pick, and a better chance of getting a good bird.

The next thing is the caging. I put mine in a large flat cage, several together, and put them in a very quiet place. I give them plenty of seed everywhere, and water where they can see it. It is a very good plan to have a large bottle of water wrong side up and a little hole in the cork so that it will drop into their drinking glasses. The birds are then more likely to see the water. This is a very important item, as several birds will die otherwise through not being able to see and find the water.

After I have had them in a large cage I pick out the best and put them in a small hop cage. Do I hear someone say this is cruel? I think it is not cruel, as they cannot knock themselves about the same as in a large cage. I always keep them in a nice quiet corner, where they can see people passing them, and I spray them twice a week if possible, as spraying helps to tame them, and you want to get them nice and tame before they commence moulting.

When my Linnets start in the moult I transfer them to a stock cage.

We come now to the time when we will have to look around to see which is the likely show bird. For a start you want the largest one, with a large head and bold eye, good position and carriage, with plenty of markings. I like the markings or pencillings to be small and plentiful — not those thick streaks straight down which some have. Then there is the colour, which must be a good nutty brown. But how often do we see it stated in the reports, "beaten in colour to-day," and the last time the same birds met the colour was not there?

The "Colouring Business."

You may think I'm a bit sore on this colour business, but I can assure you I am not. But I have seen birds, yes, and good specimens of Linnets, which have had to stand down for this colour trick. They will tell you, "You do not know how to feed your birds." Others will say, "I colour feed my Linnets." I have known them to be colour fed in one week. Another fancier will say, "You want to get the wild seeds." I have come here this evening to give you an insight into this colour business.

You will have to go to the chemist's shop and buy 3d. worth of brown seal dye, which is enough to stain all the show Linnets in Yorkshire. Some fanciers cover the white of the wings with a shield; others put vaseline on. This dye cannot possibly be got out of the feathers by any vegetable or chemical acid. The unnatural colour that I have seen on some of the birds on the show bench has been put on with this brown seal dye.

My method of feeding is the ordinary mixed seed, always with plenty of plantain (rats' tails), and shepherd's purse; and if you will give your Linnets plenty of these with good hemp seed you will get plenty of colour; that is, if you select a good coloured bird to start with. It is very gratifying to a fancier when he has spent his spare hours in the country gathering these wild seeds to be rewarded by getting a prize card for his bird. He never once thinks of the labour and expense he has been put to. No; his bird has secured a prize card, and that is sufficient for him. Then in perhaps two weeks' time he sends his bird out to the show again, where he meets the same birds as before, but behold! to his great surprise his bird is cardless—beaten in colour. You can complain to the show officials, but they are helpless in the matter. You next go to the owner of the birds, and he will tell you to get the dye off when he knows full well such a thing is impossible, as up to the present no chemical is known that will take it off.

This colour-"faking" is a great drawback to the Fancy, as not only do we find Linnets "faked," but several others are got up. How often do we find on reading the show reports such expressions as "wonderful bib"? Yes; you can get a bib half an inch long by cutting the top of the throat feathers with a pair of scissors. Then the report on the Yellowhammer — grand "V" on his head. How gentle must the hand be when it shaves the top feathers of the bird's head which leaves the grand "V"! I daresay some of you will have wondered many a time how these birds have been got up, and I hope in the future you will be able to try and stamp this "faking" business out of existence.

Goldfinches and How to Feed Them.

Now just a few remarks on the Goldfinch and Bullfinch. It is a most remarkable thing to me where all these lovely Goldfinches come from that one sees advertised, and how few are to be seen in the fields, especially in Yorkshire. The only place where I have ever seen any great number was in Borrowby, near Thirsk. I know a gentleman who caught 40 one morning in one field, and it was in the last week in October. I would strongly advise everyone of you not to buy any young Goldfinches before that time, and if fanciers would only keep off buying until October or later they would save hundreds of them, because we all know that the Goldfinch is a very late breeder. I have seen them in the nest in August, and you can see them advertised the same month; the result is that you can get them sent you straight from the field where they are caught—some of the poor little things only four or five weeks old.

I feed my Goldfinches on hemp, niger, linseed, canary and teazle. To get them in breeding condition give them plenty of dandelion heads; there is nothing better that I know of. When the dandelion is out of season get hardheads, then the large thistle, best known by the name of Scotch thistle. I gather a quantity of these for the winter, and if you have plenty of these by you there will be no fear of your losing any newly caught birds.

(To be continued.)

Crests and Crestbreds.

Some Experiences of Thirty Years' Breeding.

By W. HAYSOM (Southampton).

I have been a breeder of Crests and Crestbreds for over thirty years, and have been awarded hundreds of prizes at many leading shows, including medals and cups, etc., for best bird in show. As far as I can gather there are not many breeders of Crests in the South. I visited a room of a lady fancier; she has a few nice Plainheads, also a few promising Crests and Crest-breds, and if they go on well, with a good moult, they should be heard of later on.

A Remarkably Good Feeder.

Crests and Crest-breds are my particular fancy, although I breed a few Norwich plainheads, and a few Goldfinch and Canary Mules, and oftentimes have had to sacrifice the latter for the hens to bring off the young of the Crests, for I find very often they are rather lazy feeders, and any young left to them are almost sure to die. But sometimes I find they rear the young well. I have a fine Crest-bred hen that is a remarkably good feeder, and will sit and feed as you look at her, and brings them up beautifully clean, till they are about four weeks old; then she will start to pluck them, and nothing will stop her but giving her some white, frayed-out swansdown and putting the young ones in a nursery cage and hanging them outside. But the bars of the cage must be close, so that she cannot get her head in between to get at them.

I breed my birds in cages in a room facing south, all the cages facing one way, so that the birds cannot see each other, as I find that if they do they are over-anxious about their young, and often leave their nests, and worry about the cage. Always let the hen's mate remain in sight of her should you separate them when sitting, having a wire partition in the breeding cage.

When the young are hatched feed them on hard boiled egg, white and yolk chopped fine, mixed with Osborne biscuit; a little green-food such as dandelion leaves or watercress and scalded German rape.

A Clear body dark Crest preferred.

Now, with regard to Crests, I like a clear body dark Crest. I think they are very pretty, and so are the even-marked wings. But I do not despise the all-green birds; as a rule they are larger and produce a larger crest, especially if bred from two greens. I have found best results from a Crested cock with a big heavy crest, and a good round-headed Crest-bred hen with not too much lash, but good length and thick feather on head. I find that a hen with plenty of lashing is likely to breed birds with splits and twists in crest, and oftentimes some of the feathers will grow twisted in the stubs, so that the birds will not make show specimens, but they make good birds for the breeding cage.

If a fancier should be going in for Crests, the best way would be to purchase a pair of birds from some reliable breeder. There is no need to give a fancy price if the blood is there, but you must have a good strain, or you will never breed a show specimen, and only disappointment follows. Place yourself in a good breeder's hands, or go to shows and see for yourself, and should you see a decent bird at a reasonable price, and can find out that the breeder is reliable, have it. Do not trouble about shapely crests, if plenty of broad long feather is on the skull. I like a nice round daisy-shape crest, not put on as if pasted on, but to be a lively Crest that you can see move when you are looking at it, long in feather and broad, well down to end of beak, and all to find its position without any grooming, with a nice neat little centre.

I also like a Crest-bred with small beak, round head, broad feather, thick body, and good length of feather all over, to feel silky in your hand, not harsh. I think that if you commence with such a pair, with a bit of good luck in bringing up the young, there will be no doubt about breeding a good bird or two, but do not expect all show birds. Some are sure to turn out wasters. But don't part with any until after the moult; then you can see what they are—they alter so much.

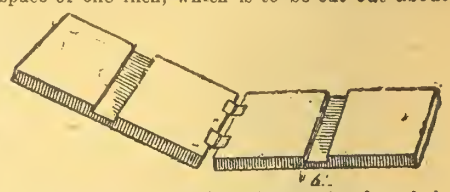
Keep them warm when moulting, and free from draught, but do not coddle them in heated rooms; you will then have them much stronger, healthier, and in better condition for show. Feed on plain Canary seed (best Spanish) every day, a little crushed hemp and scalded German rape twice a week, with a little crushed Osborne biscuit just damped with milk to make it crumbly moist, every other day. Then I have no doubt they will go on satisfactorily.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 508.
A Handy Perch Cleaner.

Sent by Mr. W. Dawes, 65, Rhoda Street Nelson, Lancs.

Enclosed is a diagram of a perch cleaner, which will be found to be a very handy thing for those keeping a lot of birds. Get two pieces of wood six inches long; measure two and a half inches from each end, thus leaving the space of one inch, which is to be cut out about



one quarter of an inch. Then cover the whole surface with sand paper. Make both pieces of wood alike. Then fasten together at one end with a small pair of hinges, having at the other end a small catch so as to grip the two together. This is my own idea, and I find it a very useful thing which can be made for about threepence.—Walter Dawes.

No. 509.
A Bottle-filling Device.

Sent by Mr. A. Porter, 18, Brazil Street Hull.

It is frequently necessary to pour liquids from a shallow vessel into a bottle, and if there is no funnel handy this proves a tedious and messy job. To overcome the difficulty, a



small piece of cane or wire can be placed in the bottle, and the liquid poured down, when it will enter the bottle without a single drop being spilt.—A. Porter.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Friendly Canary.

We have a Canary and a Goldfinch. We put them in a cage. One day the Goldfinch broke its leg and could not get at the seed. The Canary, seeing its mate was hungry, took it some seed in its beak, and has continued to do so.—Percy Arnold Thackray (age 8 years), 82, St. Augustine's Terrace, Halifax, Yorkshire.

*Goldie Prefers His Cage.

My father has a Goldfinch which is very tame. Recently it was hung outside about half-past six in the morning, and was singing well for about an hour, when it became very quiet. My father went to the door, and found the cage door wide open and the bird gone. He saw it in a hedge and went to it; it flew across the fields about half a mile away. So he gave it up as lost. He left the cage hanging outside, however, and went for a walk. When he came back about four in the afternoon the bird had come back and had gone in the cage.—George Stone, age 8, Gorsty Bank, Knutton, Staffs.

**The "Dead" Owl.

A short time ago a friend of mine caught a fine barn Owl and gave it to me. For three days he was very sulky, sitting in the darkest corner of the cage, and only eating the pieces of meat at night-time. Upon the fourth morning of his imprisonment, on going to look at him, I was very sorry to find him lying apparently dead. Taking, as I thought, his lifeless body from the cage, I commenced to dig his grave, when all of a sudden, and like a shot, the "dead" Owl rose into the air, and with a merry "tee-whit," which seemed to mean, "Ever been had?" my artful pet disappeared.—J. F. Huckvale, age 15, 12, Henley Stret, Stratford-on-Avon.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red also.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Support from all Quarters. A Fine Start. Keep it Going, Readers.

Notes by the Secretary.

One of the Old Brigade.

It is with very great pleasure that I announce that my old friend, Mr. S. Cook, has joined our ranks. To some of the younger generation his name will scarcely be known, but those who, like myself, are of an older growth, will be glad to hear that our esteemed fellow-fancier is well and hearty, and still takes a keen interest in the delightful hobby of bird-keeping. A quarter of a century ago, when bird lovers had to find out for themselves, without the aid of such a paper as CAGE BIRDS, the proper way to feed and keep their birds, friend "Sam," as he has for many years been called by those of the older school, was well to the front as an exhibitor of British birds. I believe he was the first ever to exhibit a Tree-creeper, and the doings of his famous hand-reared Redstart of that long ago period are recorded on a silver cup which is one of the most cherished ornaments of his sideboard to-day. When he was appointed for the first time a judge of the British bird section at the Crystal Palace, he gave up exhibiting, and, in association with his life-time friend, Mr. Jos. Hills, of Sudbury, his appointment became a yearly institution at the "Great Glass House," until the two of them retired together, their last appearance as judges being at the "Jubilee" Show of 1909. I am sure that Mr. Cook will be welcomed by young and old as a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

A Fine Suggestion.

The suggestion of Mr. A. Hollingshead, in his letter published below, that members should get into touch with the keepers of, maybe, only one bird, is one of the best, indeed, the very best which has been made during the first weeks of the existence of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. It is just these bird-keepers we wish to reach. Many of them, although anxious to afford their pets every possible attention with a view to their comfort and happiness, are doing with them things they should not do, keeping them in unsuitable cages, in unsuitable positions, and feeding them on unsuitable food, and they would be grateful for the knowledge which would enable them to obviate all this. Every one of our readers could do something in this direction with a minimum of trouble, and the accumulated advantage would be enormous. I can foresee having my labours multiplied, but this does not dismay me. I can get such help as I wish, and if I have to get a dozen Assistant Secretaries, so much the better. In reply to his second suggestion, something of this kind is already having consideration, and will doubtless be put into effect in due course. It is of course much too early yet to take active steps in the direction indicated, as before CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is a year old, its present membership list, gratifying as this is, will be many times multiplied, and we shall be devising some means of dividing the country into districts, in order that the many thousands of small bird-keepers who are not members of any association may be properly represented, according to the proportion of their numbers in any locality.

I have again remittances from several correspondents who have sent for badges only and have failed to notice that these are only supplied to members. Will they please send on, in addition, the one shilling membership fee, when the badges applied for, together with membership receipts shall at once be forwarded.

The League Competitions.

I am pleased to see that many members have entered with spirit in the race for our prize of £5 for most introductions before March 11 next, and £3 for second most. These prizes are well worth winning, and the competition promises to be correspondingly keen.

Mr. Peck, of Bexley, whose name I regret was last week incorrectly spelt as Peek, in sending a further list of introductions, says that he soon hopes to introduce a member from Canada. This is showing a proper spirit. It certainly appears very probable that I shall soon be looking out for the Assistant Secretaries mentioned above. I regret there is not space to publish Mr. Peck's letter in full, and scores of other correspondents will please accept the same explanation of the non-appearance of their letters. It is only possible to make a selection, and short extracts. Those whose letters do not appear, must not think their kind wishes and promises of support are not fully appreciated. I should require the whole of the paper to do them proper justice.

Needed 30 Years Ago.

Several correspondents welcome CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE as an organisation that has long been wanted, and one heads his letter "Thirty Years Behind." We shall soon fill up the gap. In many respects the "good old days" do not compare favourably with the times in which we are now living, and, now that the LEAGUE has come to stay, it will not be long before bird-keepers will find that they are able to pursue their hobby free from the unwarranted interference of fanatics with an axe to grind—people who know nothing whatever of the subject against which they are inveighing.

If every individual reader of CAGE BIRDS will follow the lead of the many hundreds who have already become members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE we shall in a very few weeks become an organisation that will give pause to those who would put an end to our hobby. It is the small man who is most helpless, but 50,000 small men, banded together for mutual defence, are "different goods," and our opponents will not be slow to appreciate the fact, and leave us alone. We shall then be free to devote ourselves to the many objects which demand our attention for the betterment of our Fancy. Even though we are left undisturbed, which we shall be, there will be plenty of work, and *it will be tackled*. First of all, I want to count our members by the many thousands. You can enable me to do this in a week if you choose. The sooner I am able to do so the sooner I shall be free to devote my energies to the carrying-out of the general objects of the LEAGUE, many of which have already been outlined to you.

Don't Delay.

Hasten, therefore, to send along your applications for membership. I need scarcely repeat that the membership fee is the very small sum of one shilling per year, and that the badges are sixpence each. The purchase of the badges is, of course, optional, or may be deferred; but I think no member would like to be without one, so send along your eighteenpence, and you will receive by return post a badge for coat or watchchain, or one in brooch form, if preferred.

MORE VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

Sir,—The LEAGUE will be as valuable to the novice as your paper CAGE BIRDS.

S. F. STONE (Porth, S. Wales).

Sir,—I think we have been in need of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE for many years.

B. TIDY, Hon. Sec., Sittingbourne C.B.S.

Sir,—Thanks for the beautiful badges. We are both very pleased with them.

JEFFRIES and HUSBAND (Richmond, Yorks).

Sir,—I think that in a very short time all CAGE BIRDS readers will be in CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

E. B. FIELD (Bradford).

Sir,—My wife is very pleased to see that she has the honour of being the first lady member enrolled, and joins me in wishing every success to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

C LOCKETT (Dover).

Another Family Party.

Sir,—I am proud to become one of the early members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I also wish you to enrol my two sons, Clifford (aged 13) and Norman (aged 11). They are true bird-fanciers, and help me a great deal.

W. J. SINGLETON (Wolverhampton).

A Cert 'a'

Sir,—I was pleased to read in Mr. Fulljames's notes in CAGE BIRDS on Saturday that he gave a thought to the ladies. I am now laid aside with two fractured ribs, and I do not know what my birds would have done if I had not had a wife who is a bird-fancier. One very big bird man said to me last week that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE was a "nap hand."

BERNARD GABBITASS (Mansfield).

The Word "Royal."

Sir,—Am glad we are to have a society powerful enough to thwart the powerful aristocratic and autocratic R.S.P.C.A.

By the way, could we not ultimately get the "R" (Royal) attached to our LEAGUE? Best wishes for the LEAGUE and for its wonderful organ, CAGE BIRDS.

W. P. FINN (Bexhill-on-Sea).

REPLY: All in good time. We are young as yet.

"Catching Pals."

SIR,—I think it would be a good idea if each member wherever he saw a bird in the window of a house called to try to get the owner to become a member of the LEAGUE. By this means it would make the LEAGUE a very powerful association, as they could hardly refuse to join the association for such a modest sum as 1s.; I think that if each member did this in the town where he lives it would be a great success. I also think it would not be a bad idea to publish a list of members' names and addresses each year, in book form, making a charge of 2d. per copy. The profits of the sale could go to increasing the funds of the LEAGUE. Of course, these are only a few suggestions by a modest member, and they can be taken for what they are worth. I wish CAGE BIRDS and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE every success.

A. HOLLINGSHEAD.
(Hove, Brighton).

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager. * Under the rules of the C.B. Union.

England.

*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.

Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street).

Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).

Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.

Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.

Oct. 14.—**Morpeth.**—(J. Nichol. Castle View.) J.C.B., A.H.

Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R. W.M., J.T.

Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.

Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.

Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.

Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery. Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.

Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)

Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.) H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.

Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.

Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.

Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.L.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.

Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.

Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, The rosa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.

Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).

Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.

Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.

Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.

Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)

Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.

Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.

Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E Wilkinson, 9 Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.

Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)

Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.

Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.

Nov. 17 & 18. **Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)

Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.

Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.

Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.

Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)

Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.

Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).

Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)

Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestley, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.

Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).

Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.

Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.

Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.

Dec. 15 & 16. **Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Scotland.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.

Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.

Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B., W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.

Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)

Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street).

Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T.

Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan St.). A.C., J.P.

Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 13, St. Clair Place).

Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.

Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 172, West Broad Street).

Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)

Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street.)

Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.

Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)

Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dunmnett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.

Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. PLENTELL.—Glad to enrol you a member, and to hear of your success with your birds. CAGE BIRDS will always be pleased to help you in any difficulty which you may experience.

D. FLOCKHART.—Quite correct. Although not the first member from Midlothian, you are the first from Bonnyrigg. Pleased to welcome you to the League, and to hear of your determination to "catch more than one pal." The more the merrier.

R. HODSON.—The question of establishing local centres is having consideration, and there is no doubt that the idea is good one. Up to the present I have had nearly all my time occupied in the pleasant duty of enrolling members, and sending out badges.

G. STRACHAN.—Thanks for good wishes. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has no intention of becoming a governing body, or of investigating alleged cases of borrowing and lending. There is a CAGE BIRD UNION in existence, and the dealing with such cases falls within the province of that body. If the offenders are members of a Cage Bird Association, the committee of that Association would also know how to deal with them. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is simply a body of bird-lovers bound together in defence of their hobby of bird-keeping against the mischievous and misguided attacks of shrieking sentimentalists, to enlighten the small bird-keeper as to the proper keeping of his or her pets, and to see that an end is put to a campaign which would not only abolish bird-keeping in its entirety, but would, incidentally, throw out of employment many thousands of workers engaged in allied trades, which trades owe their existence to the universal popularity of our fascinating hobby. There is a very wide scope for our labours without taking over duties which belong to previously existing organisations.

J. FISHER.—Of course your local hon. sec. could send up in one lot the names of all those who wished to become members of the LEAGUE, and could allocate half of the membership fee to a special fund to be spent in prizes for your show. Please see last week's answer to "Hon. Sec."

A. D. WELCH and many others. Thanks for good wishes and promises of support. Sorry it is quite impossible to reply to all individually. See my note, above, as to space.

A. H. C. LEGG.—Sorry, letter crowded out this week.

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BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in every case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Around Frome.

Breeding operations around Frome have not been very encouraging up to now, with one exception. This is Mr. W. Dodge, who started with four hens and reared three fives and one three, all of which are on the perches. The three first mentioned are now on six eggs each, the other on four. They are Borders. How is this for a record? C. J. Young, secretary, Frome F.A.

A Grand Start.

I bought two Linnets, and my wife said, Why not get a Canary? Near where I live a dealer had newly opened a shop; so I bought a good Yorkshire Canary off him, and a hen. I got the cock one day and the hen the next, giving 9s. for the former and 2s. 6d. for the hen. I put them both together right away, and fed them on the best Spanish inga seed, cuttlefish, green food (mainly water cress), and hemp crushed. They were together for nearly three weeks, when the hen laid her first egg. I took the egg away and replaced a pot one, when she laid three I put them back again, but was surprised to find that the hen laid two more eggs, making five in all. She hatched all five, which are doing well up to now. The first egg was laid on April 26. She hatched five out on May 12. My birds came off a good stock, from a man who sends birds all over the country. The dealer bought this breeder's stock right out. I have a Goldfinch, two Larks, two Linnets, and a Chaffinch, and all doing well. I gained a great deal of knowledge from your "Nutshell" series of booklets, and I take CAGE BIRDS every week; this has helped me wonderfully.—William Dorrington (Manchester).

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of poper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as spoce permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stomped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so cleorly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9)—*All queries must be addressed the* **Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Young Dying.

Lucky Jim.—If you strictly adhere to the system laid down in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and the hens feed well up to the last, and do not "sweat" the young, there is, in my opinion, only one cause of your young dying, which will be found in the quality of the food supplied. And as the losses begin to occur at the time when you will be starting to add hemp to the dict, I strongly suspect this is the cause of the mischief. Examine this seed, and break it open and see the kernel, and if it is not quite sweet and fresh, reject it, and either get a good quality or use none at all, and if there is a large brood of young give a little soaked and well-drained rape instead. But, remember, the latter turns sour very quickly indeed in warm weather. With due attention to this one point, I think your losses will cease. See that the cages are perfectly sweet and clean, the egg-food ditto, and given fresh at least twice a day, and not in too large quantities; and from the fourth day give green food, crisp and fresh, also at least twice a day. As regards your other questions, you should certainly store your seed so that mice cannot get at it. In their visits they frequently contaminate the seed with voidure which is apt to convey very serious disease to birds eating the seed afterwards. The apparently swollen condition of the hen was probably nothing more than her forward condition. You could get pyrethrum powder from any large chemists.

Hen Flagging Feeding.

J. Ivy.—To take your samples of food first, the canary is extremely small, thin, and of poor quality; the rape is a good sample of summer rape; the hemp is stale and rancid, not fit for feeding birds with young, and is probably the chief cause of the trouble with the hen. The egg-food is a spicy condiment containing fenugreek, which may be useful enough for helping hens into condition, but I should not care about it for rearing young. As regards the hen, see that all foods and food vessels are perfectly sweet and pure and fresh, and give moist foods in moderately small quantities at least twice a day. Discard the hemp altogether if you cannot get a better sample; also try to get a better sample of canary, and use fresh eggs and bread crumbs or crushed Osborne biscuits with a little maw seed added, in preference to the food you are using. Do not make it too moist. Be careful that the soaked rape does not become sour. If you have to discontinue giving hemp, give a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with maw once a day for a time. Give this at mid-day. If you can get freshly-gathered chickweed, groundsel, or lettuce, give this in reasonable quantities fresh three times a day. Keep the cage quite clear of all stale or withered portions of food of all kinds. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea for one half of the day for two days. Empty the drinker last thing at night, re-fill, and add the soda, and throw this out next mid-day, and re-fill with fresh, pure water.

A Disappointment.

Amateur.—You do not appear to be feeding correctly, which may account for your losses so far. Try the following method: When the hen begins to sit, give a diet of plain Canary seed only, with a pinch of summer rape about every second day, and once a week just a crumb of sponge cake or a little crushed plain biscuit, given dry. Offer the hen a bath for a few minutes daily from the twelfth day of incubation, and if she appears to flag in feeding any time after the young are hatched, dissolve a little common salt in the bathing water for a few days, and also add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water for one-half of each day for a day or two. When young are hatched, give a little yolk of egg quite fresh for the first few hours. Next day give half egg and half powdered biscuit or stale bread crumbs, and gradually increase the proportion of the latter to two parts to one part of egg, and add a sprinkling of maw seed to it. Do not make food very moist. There is sufficient moisture in the egg to bring the whole to the proper consisteucy when well stirred together. Give this in small quantities, fresh at least twice a day—three times would be better in hot weather—and wash out vessel each time. On the second or third day begin to give a little fresh, crisp chickweed, lettuce, groundsel, or watercress fresh twice or three times daily. Remove all stale portions when giving fresh. In about a week you may add a little soaked rape in a separate vessel, but see that it does not become sour, and a few days later begin to give a little cracked hemp, and see that this is quite sound and sweet. Keep the water supply pure and fresh.

Management of Young.

Query.—(1) At three weeks old the young will be quite old enough to go into a nursery for a short time before being placed quite "on their own." This you should hang on the open doorway of the breeder so that the cock may still go on feeding the young if necessary, as will probably be the case for some days. But you must also give a little of the ordinary egg food supplied to the parents in a vessel in the nursery cage and sprinkle it with a little maw. In another vessel, or the seed box, if one is in cage, give a supply of Canary seed and sprinkle a little summer rape on top, and each day give a little cracked hemp—see that this is quite sound. When you find the young cracking the Canary fairly freely, you may remove them to a cage by themselves for a few days and continue the same feeding, but also give water on the cage at this stage. A more liberal supply of food will also be necessary. Keep the egg food rather on the dry side, and limit the greenstuff for a few

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days. When they seem quite strong on the perches and are cracking seed well, you may transfer them to a flight. Then give a staple of plain Canary seed, gradually withdraw the egg food, and give a little two or three times a week only. On two other days give a little of a mixture of summer rape, hemp, broken groats, and crushed dry biscuit, occasionally substituting a little bread and milk sprinkled with maw for the egg food. Stop cracking the bemp as soon as you find the birds able to manage it themselves. (2) You would probably do much better to remove the cock whilst the hen is sitting as before, as the hen may not go to nest again by the time the next brood are out of the nest, and if you decide to do this you should place him and the young in a cage by themselves. He would feed them as long as is necessary, when they could go direct into the flight and be treated as above.

Not Mating (J. S.).—See reply to "Mac." in this issue, and follow advice therein given, which should quite meet your case. See that all your seeds and foods are sound and sweet, and that the birds are kept under healthy conditions generally. Two mealworms each per day for a time would do good if you have them handy.

Accommodation (E. S. M.).—On strict hygienic principles, four birds the size of a Norwich Canary are all the aviary will accommodate. But by paying very close attention to cleanliness, and keeping the floor well sanded or covered with sawdust, and gritty sand supplied in a tin, you might keep six or eight in it during the winter. The general rule is to allow one square foot of floor space for each bird the size of a Canary. In small aviaries height is of little moment: floor space is everything, so to speak.

Vanishing Hopes (Rather Crest-fallen).—Yes, there is a fair chance still of getting another brood out this season if you re-mated the pair within a few days of the hen leaving the clutch of clear eggs. If you did not do so, mate them at once. Give a crystal of sulphate of soda in the drinking water for one day, and add a teaspoonful of egg-food in which you have mixed half a teaspoonful of a mixture equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure to the dietary every second day, and on the alternate days a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and millet. Give a little green food daily. Continue this treatment until the hen has gone to nest again, then feed plainly, and go on as advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners."

Sore Foot (Corinium).—The absence of the one claw is probably owing to the bird getting it fast in the wires or round a perch and tearing it out in its struggles to escape. Dissolve a small teaspoonful of boracic acid in a tea-saucerful of hot water, and, whilst still quite warm, bathe the foot, or feet, in it for a few minutes, dry gently, and anoint sparingly with a little zinc ointment. Repeat this daily for a few days. You did right to cut the overgrown claw back. You should do the same with all that are overgrown, if you have not already done so. After bathing foot clean, hold up in front of a good light, and you will see a fine pink line running part of the way down the centre of the claw. This is the blood vessel. Cut a little short of the end of this line, and no harm will be done.

Watery Eye (Troubled, C'hurst).—You should first of all see whether the bird roosts in a position where it is exposed to a little draught through a chink in the aviary, or whether it is caused by mechanical means, such as friction with some part of the wire or rough woodwork, or by little bickerings with the other youngster. If none of these causes are apparent, catch the bird and see if there is a small recurved plumelet ("feather") growing on the eye-lid, which turns into and irritates the eye. If there is, remove it carefully, and also in any case bathe the eye with a luke-warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid dissolved in a tea-saucerful of hot water. Repeat the bathing each day as necessary. If the aviary is a large one, so that there is much trouble in catching the bird, keep it in a cage during treatment. Do not give egg-food freely every day except when young are being reared. A mixture of crushed dry plain biscuit, broken groats, millet, black rape, and cracked sunflower would be much better.

A Trio (St. Elmo).—(1) There is no hard and fast rule for ceasing to supply green food to the young. Many of the most successful breeders do not stop it at all, but those who do, drop it when the young are taken away from their parents and placed "on their own." Should they show signs of looseness, it is as well to withhold very succulent green stuff or even drop it altogether for a few days. It is only in such cases that I drop it myself, and then as half ripe plantain stalks are coming in I begin to give these in place of more juicy stuff. (2) Pay no heed to faddists who tell you it is best not to give young Canaries water. Those who cannot rear Canaries and keep them healthy and strong without depriving them of one of the prime necessaries of life, have yet something to learn. Keep the water supply pure and fresh, and there will not be the slightest necessity to deprive the bird of it. (3) I have never used ground almonds in the egg-food, so cannot pass an opinion upon it. Fine oatmeal is apt to cause constipation, if used in excess, and some birds do not appear to relish food containing it. If a slight dusting of sugar is added, they like it better, and then, in limited quantities, it would be very useful for large-framed birds—Lancashires, Crests, Belgians, or Scotch Fancies, for example. A few broken groats, mixed with the seed supply, would serve the same purpose just as well.

Seed and Damaged Egg (P.K.).—(1) No. 1 canary is an excellent all-round sample of first-rate quality. No. 2 is of fair average quality, quite good enough for ordinary use, but decidedly inferior to No. 1. No. 1 rape is also an excellent sample of high quality. No. 2 is a very fair sample of summer rape, but a trifle strong in flavour, probably for want of a little longer storage. It is quite safe to use in an ordinary way, but No. 1 is quite the best, and specially suitable for high-class songsters. For the latter purpose it is worth the extra penny per lb. (2) It is quite possible for the cracked egg you have patched with stamp paper to hatch out. But if the patch is anywhere near the part where the egg should "chip," you should test the egg in warm water on the fourteenth day, and if the movements show that it contains a live chick soak off the paper, otherwise the chick may not be able to break its way out. By the way, the gummed margin of a cigarette paper is far better than stamp paper for patching birds' eggs, being so much thinner, and quite strong enough for all purposes.

Not Nesting (J. D. B.).—Put the birds on a staple diet of plain canary seed only for a week. Give three or four dandelion leaves to each pair daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda as large as a small pea every second day. Limit them solely to this for a week. After that add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet. Give a small teaspoonful of egg-food in which you have mixed half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seeds, every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, millet, and a half part teazle, linseed, and yellow mustard, and continue the green food as before. If you have them handy, give each 2 mealworms a day. If they do not appreciate these larvæ whole, mince them and make into a soft paste with a little crushed spongecake, and stick on the end of a perch for the birds to peck at. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel, every second day in the second week. Sesame is a small, flat, whitish seed, very useful for helping to bring hens into condition. You can get it from almost any large seed dealer—certainly from all the large dealers who advertise in our columns.

Loss of Feathers (F. A. Phillips).—It may possibly be due to advancing age, in which case a perfect cure is rather hopeless; or it may be due to insect pests, in which case the remedy is obvious. Examine the cage and bird well for traces of these pests, and if any are found, eradicate them at once. Keep cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. Allow bird to bathe freely, and once or twice a week add a few quassia chips to the bathing water. Feed on a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. On two other days give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts millet, teazle, black rape, and linseed. Give a little green food—chickweed preferably—daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of lemon juice, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash, every second day for a week, and afterwards twenty drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. Continue this treatment for a month, then cease treatment for a month. By that time the moult will be about commencing, when it will be very opportune to repeat the same treatment for another month, to help the bird to get through a healthy and quick moult.

Feeding Rollers, etc. (Rita).—(1) As a staple diet a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week half a teaspoonful of egg-food sprinkled with maw seed, or an equivalent quantity of bread and milk or crushed spongecake, or, again, you may use all these in rotation for the sake of change. On two other days each week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture two parts each hemp, millet, and black rape, and one part each of inga, teazle, gold of pleasure, and linseed. Give a spray of green food daily from now onwards, until late autumn, then give it once or twice a week in suitable weather. (2) A Hartz Mountain and a Roller are practically one and the same breed, but the latter has a more cultivated type of song, and is more highly trained in vocal abilities. You should get the nutshell booklet on the Roller Canary, 2½d., post free. (3) An uncomfortable perch might make a bird restless at night, but it certainly would not make it wheezy. The probability is that the wheezing disappeared spontaneously with the advent of milder weather, and coincided with the exchange of the perches. But it would be the former and not the latter that was responsible for the disappearance of the wheeziness.

Young Dying (Yorkshire).—Sorry I did not clearly understand your last query. Still, the reply given last week will fully meet your difficulties, and you cannot do better than follow the advice given in the queries to which I referred you. It is not at all likely that the egg-food is too rich if you gradually lower it from the first day to about equal parts egg and bread crumb or biscuit, and gradually bring it by the end of a week to a third part egg to two-thirds biscuit or bread, or, better still, you will find equal parts egg, bread crumb, and crushed spongecake an excellent food. It is far more likely to be the quality of your hemp that it at fault. Look carefully into this. When next young are hatched be careful not to give green food in a wet condition, but see that it is quite clean, and has all stale or decaying portions removed, and keep the water supply pure and fresh. Keep an eye on the young, and if they show signs of diarrhœa add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water for a few days. You may, of course, try puppy biscuits if you wish, in which case use a good brand with no meat in them, and scald until quite soft rather less than the quantity required for use. Drain well, and bring to a crumbly consistency with a little dry biscuit powder or bread crumbs.

Two on Mating (No nom-de-plume).—(1) I do not remember receiving the previous query you refer to, but anyway, all received up to date have been replied to, so perhaps your reply has already appeared. If the Linnet is tractable and steady, you may, of course, leave him with the hen. If he molests the hen on the nest, or tries to pull nest to pieces, remove him. (2) The hen that has not come in breeding condition is far better remaining as she is in this respect. I would not, in any case, breed with her. Still, if you wish to try, treat as advised to "Mac," but on the alternating days in the second week give 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, in the drinking water. Also see that it is kept in a fairly equable place, well ventilated, but quite out of the way of cold draughts, and not near nor over burning lights in the evening.

Sweating Young (J. W. O.). — Read reply to "Amateur" in this issue, and if your general treatment does not coincide with that advised there adopt that treatment with the future brood. If the young show signs of diarrhœa add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water of the parent, enough of which will find its way to the stomachs of the youngsters. Also see that all your foods and seeds, especially the hemp, is quite sound and sweet. Keep water supply sweet and fresh, and do not give wet greenstuff, but see that it is crisp and dry, and free from withered or decaying portions. Offer the hen a bath daily and dissolve a little common salt in it for a day or two. Add a little maw seed to the egg food. You would do well to get the parts of "Our Canaries," which deal with feeding and "sweating."

Not Nesting (Novice, S. G.).—I'm afraid there must be something wrong with your general management and the place where you keep the birds. See that the cages are kept in a bright, healthy place, well ventilated, but quite free from draughts, and impure air, and well strewn with clean, gritty sand. Then follow advice given to "Mac," and if you have them handy, also give two or three mealworms a day for a time. If the birds do not take readily to these larvae, mince them, make into a soft paste with a little crushed sweet biscuit and sprinkle with maw, and stick on the end of a perch for the birds to peck off. You would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, from our Manager for details of general management.

Bare-Neck Pairing (2nd Query).—If the hen is in good general health and active, you may, of course, mate her and there is no reason at all why she should not breed successfully. The only risk is that if this bareness is anything but of a temporary and passing nature the young may be born with a predisposition to become similarly affected at an early age. The trouble may not show itself in such case for the first season or two, but would in all probability put in an appearance and spoil the birds long before they had got well into the prime of life. If you mate her you must suspend the treatment advised last week until she has done breeding, when you should resume it for a few weeks before the natural moult sets in. You may, however, still smear the bare place with the ointment a few times before she settles down to nesting in earnest.

Trouble with Hen (Doubleyou).—Something has probably gone wrong with the normal process of egg-production, and without knowing what this is you can do little beyond waiting the course of events. It is useless treating her for egg-binding, as this is not in evidence. Try the following treatment and report progress at end of the second week, referring to this reply. Mix together a small quantity of sherry and syrup of buckthorn in equal parts, and give two drops of this direct in the beak morning and evening for one day only, and then treat as advised to "Mac," except that you should use chickweed or watercress as green food, and not dandelion. Stop all other foods and dainties, except those advised in reply. Handle bird gently, and do not flutter her about any more than is quite unavoidable.

In Doubt (H. H.).—(1) I take it you mean is there any hope of a successful alliance having occurred between the common green cock and Norwich hen. In such a case one can only follow the advice of a famous politician, and "wait and see." If the sex of the green cock is really undoubted, I should certainly not despair because I had not witnessed any contact. You can never tell in these cases, and it is frequently the unexpected that happens. Therefore, by all means let the hen sit her full time If the eggs prove clear, and the hen starts nesting again, with the cock in no better condition, why not endeavour to get that "very quick" Yorkshire at liberty to mate with her next time. As regards "sweating," see reply to "J. W. O. (2). If the five years old Cinnamon hen is quite healthy and active, she is certainly not too old to breed successfully. In this case also you should give the eggs every chance, and see what result is forthcoming.

Not Nesting (Mac.).—Put the birds that do not come into condition on a staple diet of plain Canary for a week. Give a liberal supply of young, crisp dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea every second day. After this add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple. Give a small teaspoonful of egg food, with half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts parts maw, sesame and gold of pleasure mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, black rape, millet, and yellow mustard, in equal parts. Continue the daily supply of dandelion. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week. Allow them to bathe freely. Could you not have arranged to put a suitable cock that was more forward with the hen that has made a start? This would have been best. Anyway you should leave the pair together now, and let matters take their course. Things may come right in the end.

Signs of Vermin (B. F.).—The insects you found when you first noticed these symptoms were the grey louse which often troubles Canaries. Your treatment was very nearly the correct thing, hence its success. This time, however, it is quite probable the cause of the symptoms may be red mites, which will not be found on the birds, but hidden away in cracks, joints or corners, or under the ends of the perches of the cages. Examine them well with this object in view, and if any mites are found, clear out all you can from the hiding places, and then flush them with Izal or some similar carbolic disinfectant by means of a small camel hair pencil or chip of wood. Also dip the extreme ends of the perches in the fluid. Repeat this three or four times at intervals of a week. Allow the birds to bathe daily now, and add a few drops of quassia extract to the water twice a week. For the rest, as soon as the birds have done breeding—it would not be wise to begin before—adopt the treatment given in reply to "1st Query, Yorks," in last issue.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Leadbeater Cockatoo.

S.A.D.—The Leadbeater cannot be accounted a talking species, nevertheless, I have come across one that talked, and your bird should respond to patient tuition. An old bird of any species takes much more teaching than a young one, but no species of Parrot or Cockatoo is hopeless. Diet: seed mixture—canary, white millet, oats, paddyrice, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds, the whole to be well mixed together; nuts, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, grit, cuttlebone, and greenfood. Value, 40s. to 60s. according to condition.

Not Talking.

Constant Reader.—It frequently happens that a change of home throws a Parrot off talking, but as soon as it settles down, it should take it up again. Also, if kept where it will hear plenty of conversation and is talked to continually, it will ultimately respond and increase its vocabulary. While the bird continues thin, in addition to the diet you are giving, supply a little boiled maize daily, boil till soft, drain off all water, and then soak into it half a teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Keep a small bottle of Dinneford's Magnesia by you, and when the bowels are out of order put one teaspoonful in the drinking water. I should also supply a few nuts at intervals (shelled walnuts are good), and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in its cage. Re Grey Parrot, I can only refer you to our advert. columns. The Blue-front is dealt with in "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"; write our Manager.

What Parrot?

S. Stephens.—It is a Pennant Parrakeet. For diet give a seed mixture consisting chiefly of canary and white millet, with a small quantity of oats and hemp. A few sunflower seeds may be given occasionally as a treat. Continue to use the quassia solution. Give once a week one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. If you could get it, put into some outdoor aviary for the summer months; this would be the best cure for the feather picking, but the changed mixture and other treatment should soon bring about an improvement in its condition. In addition to seed, it must have ripe fruit (apple is very good), greenfood (lettuce and flowering grass), also a piece of plain biscuit, and a piece of clean cuttlebone kept hanging in the cage. It is good practice to add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture. About 30s.

Siskin and Parasites.

M. B. Walter.—Keep the Siskin's bowels moving freely by occasional doses (one teaspoonful to one ounce of water) of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water. This will also prove cooling if there should be any skin irritation. Take the bird in the hand and bathe it gently. Use a mop camel-hair brush, with quassia solution every other day. You can procure the quassia solution from our advertisers; it will only need diluting for use. You must also give attention to the cage, or you will never get the bird free from mites if it is troubled with these pests. First paint it (inside and out) with neat paraffin, and then after an hour or two's interval, scald it out with boiling water, finally swilling with cold water, and then leave in the open air to dry. A little chemical food in the drinking-water will prove a good tonic at this juncture. Also keep up a liberal supply of green food, such as tender lettuce, flowering grass, groundsel, etc. If you have an outdoor aviary, turning it in there for the summer months would prove the simplest course.

An Ailing Parrot.

F.G.S.—Your bird was evidently quite a weakling when it came into your possession, but now it has got the turn, it should soon improve, but as it gains strength the leg will materially improve, but I fear there will always be a slight deformity; however, I should certainly advise you to fasten one "claw" up as in the illustration, and after about three of four weeks release it and fasten up the other one. You must stop the sop, but it can have a little boiled corn if it is very partial to it, but if it is eating heartily of the seed mxture and putting on flesh, it will be better without it. Continue to treat as already advised and continue the Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking-water till the bird is fairly fit, and if there should be any signs of constipation, an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia will suffice to keep them well regulated. In case of any relapse, write again at once will full details. From your description it appears to be a case of rickets, which I fear cannot be entirely cured, though it may be partially so.

What Bird is it?

Queenie.—It is not an Indian Parrakeet, but an Australian Rose-breated Cockatoo, which, though it holds its reputation as a talker in its native country, very few of the large numbers imported to this country become at all loquacious, nevertheless, I have known several really talented birds of this species, but it was the result of much patient teaching. Most individuals are accomplished acrobats and make clumsy and grotesque pets. Keep your bird where it will hear plenty of conversation. When offering it tit-bits, give them with some regular remark—such as "Something nice for Polly"—and talk to it when it is in a restful mood, and to a greater or lesser degree, sooner or later it should prove responsive. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops; table scraps, nor any kind of animal food.

Young Grey Parrots.

A.B.—Fuller details than space will permit me to give here will be found in our nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager. The box-cage should give them privacy and shelter from draught and be better than an all wire one for them. Note, It is possible, nay, very probable that the birds died from some infection contracted during the voyage to this country, which developes and becomes acute after a few weeks' stay here—the trouble becoming active usually after a chill and soon terminates fatally. Your cages should be well disinfected and scalded out with boiling water before being used for other birds. On arrival keep the birds warm and an addition to boiled maize and ripe fruit, supply a seed mixture of canary, white millet and hemp seeds, also a piece of cuttlebone and a little moistened "Osborne" or some similar biscuit—moisten with Parrish's Chemical Food and water—keep the bowels well regulated (not really loose) with occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia.

Love Birds (Nenagh).—We thank you for courteous acknowledgement.

Budgerigars not Breeding (J. Hague).—Your birds are in the moult and will not breed till this is over, but after that they should soon settle down, and, as the season in this country runs to the end of October at least, there should be ample time for several broods to be successfully reared. The same applies to the Cockatoels, you can only leave them to themselves and wait with patience their settling; again, if these are youngish birds, this may mean a little delay, as they do not breed till they are two years' old. Add to your dietary, spray millet, and give lettuce and flowering (seeding) grass in lieu of the dandelion. These birds enjoy a wet piece of turf to roll about on, this being their natural way of taking a bath. Our Nutshell Booklet, "The Budgerigar," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would help you.

What Bird is this? (A. Sinclair).—Your bird is undoubtedly the Australian Rose-breasted (Roseate) Cockatoo, newly imported specimens of which are often obtainable at 7s. 6d. each, which I should say is about the value of your bird.

Again, what Bird? (E. Thornton).—Will reply to this query in next issue, as I don't recognise the bird at sight, and I am just now out of reach of my works of reference.

Parrot with Fits (Pickford).—Dissolve three grains of Bromide of Potassium in a little syrup, and administer to the bird in some form direct to the beak. Give three doses with a day's interval between each dose. Also keep the bowels well regulated, but not watery-loose with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and greenfood. The seed mixture would be better if half its bulk consisted of canary and white millet—a pinch of grit should be added to the daily supply of seed. Report progress in a fortnight.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Small Softbills.

American.—(1) I think the Blackcap Warbler would be the best you could make a start with. This species is fairly easy to keep in health all the year round, as it feeds a good deal on ripe, soft fruit, and this can in most cases be conveniently supplied at any time. (2) Any good cage-maker (apply to one of the well-known men advertising in our columns) will supply the correct type of cage. Tell him the bird you want it for; the same type of cage is used for Nightingales, Redstarts, and the like. A really good one, enamelled inside, will cost 6s. 6d. to 10s., according to size. Take my advice and have a large one. (3) The stock insectile food you name is very good, and suitable. I have used it in my own birdroom with every success. Mix amongst it a little (say about a third) of crumbled stale sponge cake. Give (as intimated above) plenty of very ripe fruit—banana, pear, pecled grapes, sweet orange, soft figs and dates, scalded and cut up sultanas and grocer's currants, raspberries, etc., etc. Offer some live foods of various kinds, as available. (4) The conditions mentioned would suit admirably. (5) These birds seldom require any "steadying." They soon settle down, though always more or less lively seldom acquiring that stolid tameness which distinguishes most Nightingales. It is a matter of disposition. I recommend you to read Mr. Norman's book on "Softbills" (post free 1/1).

Greenfinch-Hawfinch Hybrids.

H. Beddy, jun.—Yours questiou are a hot lot, and would need a column to answer in full. However, here goes. I see no reason why Hybrids should not be bred between the Greenfinch and the Hawfinch. They are close relatives—much more closely related, in fact, than the Greenfinch and Bullfinch. I should favour mating a very small cock Hawfinch (they are often to be got), and a very big hen Greenfinch. But I should certainly try also with the sexes reversed. No need to worry about the colour of the Greenic (yellow-green or grass-green) the size being the most important point. They should both be steady birds, well used to cage life. Use, of course, the best coloured small Hawfinch obtainable. Have never heard of "Canary-reared" Hawfinch. I should imagine that baby Hawfinches would send any respectable hen Canary into hysterics. An aviary would be all right if only the pair occupied it; if otherwise, then a very large cage would be best. I do not know anything about fertile eggs from any cock Bullfinch, Chaffinch, or Yellowhammer (whether wild-caught or Canary-reared) and hen Canaries, never having had the luck to obtain them. I have inspected said-to-be Yellowhammer-Canary, and Chaffinch Canary Hybrids; but my mind has never got beyond the said-to be stage as yet. I hope you will be able to convince me, and other Hybrid breeders. I can see that the meaning you read into the word "call" is not the same as that I myself put upon it. "Call" in this connection does not indicate a vocal effort, but the act of the hen when inviting her mate to the crowning joy of connubial bliss. Hence our previous misunderstanding. Give nest-bag in addition to the lining. Mix in the canary-seed, as suggested. Cock Goldies do not help to build the nest. Your bird apparently wishes to breed. Are you sure it is a cock? And I think this ends your little dozen fourteen questions!

Young Thrushes (G. Bailey).—You would have to depend on the ordinary soft food mainly, but, in addition, should provide worms from the garden, mealworms, gentles, blackbeetles (cockroaches), and snails. The time of incubation is fourteen days. I wish you good fortune; the live-foods will bring it, if anything.

Bullfinches in Aviary (J. Hague).—You should send 2½d. to CAGE BIRDS for the "Nutshell" handbook upon the Bullfinch. It will tell you all about the best foods—shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, hawthorn and fruit bush and tree buds, etc. for your purposes. I have no doubt the hen would relish a small dish of a good insectile food, with which you should mix a good proportion of live ants' eggs.

Canary Eggs in a Chaffinch's Nest (J. W.).—If you take away the eggs of the Chaffinch and substitute Canary eggs, any young Canaries hatched would be reared by the Chaffinches. I know that this has been successfully done. The same, too, in the case of Linnets and Greenfinches.

A Crested Goldfinch Mule (H. Boddy).—A Goldfinch Mule with a crest has no special value so far as the fancier is concerned. Some people might give a shilling or two extra for it, as it is a bit of a novelty. But crested Mules are uncommon only because Mule-breeders do not as a rule use crested hen Canaries for muling purposes.

Yellow Hammer Canary Mules (Well Wisher).—The fact of the hen Canary going to nest does not by any means prove that you will get young from her and the cock Yellowhammer. The eggs are the chief things, and I expect you will find they are all clear. I have had hens pair freely with both cock Chaffinches, Bramble-finches, and Yellowhammers, but all their eggs have proved unfertile. I have a cock Chaffinch now which feeds a hen Canary and fusses round her far more than any cock Canary would; her first nest of four eggs are all unfertile, though. Of course, I still live in hopes. The hen will feed the young on the foods usually given; personally, I should mix some live ants eggs amongst the egg-food if ever I got any young from such a mating. The latter are so rare as to be unknown up to the present.

Leaving the Linnet in the Cage (W. H. K.).—It is invariably quite safe to leave the cock Linnet with the hen Canary while she is incubating the eggs and rearing the young. It is the same with many Goldfinches. It is well to know the dispositions of one's birds, of course. But if the Linnet does not pull the nest about while the hen is building and sitting, then he can be accounted safe. I have only had one Linnet for several years past, which was so "hot-headed" as to be unable to let the housekeeping duties take their usual course.

Greenfinch-Canary Cross (F. J. F.)—The Greenfinch-Canary cross is certainly worth trying, and young not at all difficult to obtain. You are not feeding at all correctly. Consult the "Nutshell" booklet on the Greenfinch, published by CAGE BIRDS; it is only 2½d., post free. Let him have some sunflower seed, above all things. Pleased to hear you are joining "Cage Birds League"; evidently you know a good thing when you see it. The League is worthy of the support of every fancier the British bird men in particular.

Choosing a Linnet (Anxious). You should send 2½d. to CAGE BIRDS for the "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet, which will tell you all about the sexing and also the feeding; etc. However did you get it into your head that the "best singers" were caught at some particular place in some particular shire? That is all bunkum. Wherever Linnets are found, there also will be found both good singers and bad singers (from the song fancier's point of view). The selection of the good singers has to be done after the birds have been caught, and have "opened out." Young Linnets, of course, can be caged near a good noted old bird, and will pick up much of his 'pleasant song." The only way is to get a number of Linnets and afterwards sell those which do a bad song. The hen is a greyish bird, with heavily streaked breast (the breast of the cock is red at this time of the year, a certain guide to the sex). The breast feathers of the cock have a "mooned" appearance at the tips; he is very brown (nutty) on the back and wing butts (the hen is greyish). Sure sex signs, these.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. Locke. — Meningitis, or inflammation of the covering of the brain, was responsible for death of Yellow Bunting. This is often part of a specific disease, but in this case it resulted from digestive trouble. This is not a common complaint, nor are hand-reared birds more susceptible. An occasional aperient given in the drinking water will obviate this trouble. Try a more restricted diet as your bird was much too fat.

Sparrow.—The growths were of parasitic origin, due to a vegetable organism, a fungus which is sometimes found in seed. Treatment should be early attempted, and by a skilled person, to be safe and effective. Occasional applications of dilute solutions of Formalin will render the parasite inocuous, and will dispel the growths. This should be very carefully applied, as it has a very destructive action, and must be used with great discretion. Tincture of Iodine is another very useful agent, but not so effective.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—May 25, Temperance Hotel, 8. Schedule for F.F. show. Subs. now overdue; will members please note Rule 7 in Club Card? R. Forster.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—May 24, Ramble from Lyndhurst Road to Brockenhurst. Will members intending joining party kindly notify Hon. Sec. at once.—W. O. Brooke.

Bradford Cinderella Club Committee, May 24th, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 8. Meeting to decide venue of show, and to make arrangements with regard to working same. All representatives please attend.—H. Hill.

Barrington and Choppington S. Club C.B.S.—May 20, Social Club, 7. General, last meeting for accepting new members.—T. Griffiths.

Brighouse C.B.S.—May 22, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bankfoot C.B.S. — May 21, Red Lion Hotel, 1. Ramble to Hardcastle Craggs. Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—F. Gelder.

Brighton C.B.A.—May 24, headquarters, 2, Cheapside, 8. All invited.—W. H. Gibb.

Choppington C.B.S. —May 20, Railway Hotel, 7. Final arrangements for nest feather show; subs. due.—G. H. Seely.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—May 20, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30. Annual meeting, balance sheet, etc. —Grayshon and Allen.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 20, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 7. Open night smoker; all members and fanciers invited. Welcome return of secretary.—W. Morement.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—May 20, Co-operative Hall, 7. Nomination of judges, first feather show.—R. T. Campbell.

Derby C.B.S.—May 27, Derwent Hotel, 7. Important business. Nomination of young birds. — W. Stevens.

Dalziel O.A.—May 20, Y.M.C.I., Brandon Street, Motherwell, 7. Election of Norwich judge.—J. Mathieson.

Dubmire Workman's Club C.B.S.—Sunday morning, May 21st, Club, 10.30. Forming classes for F.F. show, etc.—D. Hann.

East Ham F.S.—May 15, Earl Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Results of monthly show.—H. Rutter.

Eccles C.B.S.—May 24, Diamond Inn, 8.30. Important.—H. W. Jones

Glossop, Hadfield, C.B.S.—May 22, Mr. Deakins, Hague Street, Whitfield, 8. Important show business.—H. S. Waters.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—May 22, St. John's Club, 8. Special meeting. To revise rules, and classes for F.F. Show.—W. T. Mattinson.

Green C.A.—May 25, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Important. Judge and schedule for young show, etc. —G. Green.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—May 20, Church Schools, 8. Will members kindly note alteration of meeting night. Special business. Cinderella club show.—H. Gornall.

Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—May 27, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. show, three classes, Bramble-finch, Chaffinch, Buntings, A.V. Judging competition paper on breeding and colour-feeding, by J. H. Adam.—T. Drysdale.

Grimsby O.S.—May 25, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Classes: 1, Champ. Nor. Yell.; 2, Buff; 3, Nor. Yell; 4, Buff, 5, Mule; 6, Linnet; 7, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Ck.; 8, A.O.V. Brit. Judge, Mr. J. Calam (Hull).—Towl Bros.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S. May 26, Marie Street Halls, Crosshill, 8.—R. Heggie.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—May 25, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, 8. "Birds I have met," by Geo. Crabb, Esq.—C. W. Law.

Heywood O.S. — May 23, Rochdale Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Classification, etc., for Y.B. Show, members try and be present.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hirst Universal C.B.S.—May 27, headquarters, 7 Annual show, date, classification, judges, etc.—R. Middleton. (Will Mr. Middleton kindly let us have his address.—Ed.)

Ilkeston C.B.S.—May 27, Great Northern Inn, 7. Classes and judge for open show.—T. Smith.

Leicester C.B.S.—May 24, Saracens Head Hotel, Market Place, 8.15. Greenfood, its uses and abuses. Mr. J. Heighton.—J. A. Tyler.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 24, Railway Hotel, 7.45. To consider table nest feather show.—R. Charleson.

Midland Roller C.C.—May 25, Swan and Peacock, 8. A few birds. Members please attend.—T. J. Smith.

Morley C.B.S. May 20, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Important business.—A. Gledhill.

Musselburgh O.S.—May 27, Gray Horse, 7. Lecture —F.F. show, etc.—W. Nisbet.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—May 20, headquarters, 8.30. Arrangements for Y.B. show.—G. Harwood.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 23, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Show business.—J. Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—May 25, Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. New classification.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.—May 20, Grapes Inn, 8. Arranging judge for F.F.S.; will all please attend. —J. Bunn.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—May 24, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Table show, 2 classes, viz., 1, A.V. Brit.; 2, A.V. Foreign. —G. Taylor.

Oldham C.B.A.—May 23, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Show business, etc.; meetings held every week up to show.—J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—May 22, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Arrange F.F. Show, etc. Please attend.—J. Critchley.

Pontypridd, Pwilwaun F.F.S.—May 20, Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, 8. Election of officers, consideration of next show, enrolling members, and change of name of society.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Poplar C.B.S.—May 25, headquarters, 8.—H. W. Cook.

Pentre C.B.S. —May 20, Queen's Hotel, 7. General meeting; members and fanciers invited.—G. Lingard.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—May 23, Victoria Hotel, 8.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Sale Open O.S.—May 22, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Final fixture of date and nomination of judges for open show, also room for F.F. and open show.—J. Briam.

Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A.—May 27, Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 6.30. Election of judges, etc. Large attendance desired.—J. R. Meikle.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—May 24, Friendly Societies' Hall, Camden Road, 8.30. General questions, with specimens—also competition for mixing cage bird food. Two prizes, awarded for rapidity, quality and cleanliness. To consider date of annual open show. —Friends invited. H. G. Whibley.

Warrington C.B.S.—May 25, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Paper by Mr. Knowles, Nest feather show business Will members kindly be there to time?—G. M. Nelson.

West Stanley C.B.S.—May 20, Stanley Inn, 7.30.—W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 23, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Lecture on Colour Feeding, names to be given in for Ramble for May 28th.—W. C. Andrews.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—May 23, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. Fixing standard show cage (samples on view). Annual picnic, etc. R. B. Gibb.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Smoker (W. Morement).—We shall be pleased to publish the items you mention; thanks for your promise.

Photographs (G. Bailey). Many thanks for the two photographs, which we will try to reproduce in one of our special illustrated supplements.

Distributing Specimens (R. Wharton).—We are much indebted to you for your kindness. Hope the society may continue to flourish.

A Breeding Cage (A. Herbert).—We are extremely sorry to hear of your misfortune, and trust you will soon have news of the missing model cage.

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A Question of Status (Amateur and Novice).—(1) No difference at open shows unless classes for amateurs or novices are provided, in which, of course, a champion cannot enter birds. If an amateur or novice wins a first prize in the open classes of an open show, he becomes a champion. (2) The general rule at members' shows is that when a fancier has won three firsts in amateur classes (or novice, where no amateur section is provided), he becomes a champion. But only firsts won at annual members' shows count, as a rule—not young bird shows, table shows, and the like. (3) Practically every society has at least champion and novice sections at its members' fixtures, and many have an amateur (i.e., intermediate) section as well. That some such division is beneficial to a society and its members cannot be questioned, we should imagine.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

St. Austell (Royal Cornwall Association). June 14th and 15th. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 20 open classes: Nor. 4, Crests 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule classes: Nor. 4, Group Can. 1, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 2 Brit. 4, Group Can. 1, For. 2, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 3/-. Fee, 1/. Entries close May 27th to H. Boyd. Hancock.

Correspondence.

Fixed Prize Money at Sheffield Shows.

Sir,—I see by the report of the Sheffield O.S. that they are giving fixed prize money at their Nest Feather Show, which they claim is out of the ordinary in the Sheffield district. I should like to point out that this is not so, as the Walkley C.B.S. has given fixed prize money for several years at their Nest Feather Show, and at their Annual Members' Show since the formation of the society.

J. Woolhouse.

The National British Bird and M.C. Country Ramble.

Sir,—Respecting the N.B.B. and M. Club's ramble on Saturday, the 27th inst, both morning and afternoon parties will meet at the booking office, new South Station, Waterloo. The morning party go by the 9.20 train from No. 2 platform, and the afternoon party by the 1.37 train from No. 5 platform, each person to take his own ticket. I should be obliged if those who intend going would communicate with me at 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, stating which party they would like to join.

J. P. Carr, Jt. Hon. Sec.

A Scottish Presentation.

Sir,—I have much pleasure in complying with the request of Mr. George Marlin in his letter to Cage Birds of 13th inst., to keep the list open until 15th June, and I trust that by so doing the amount already subscribed, viz., 24s. 6d., will be greatly augmented. I am sorry I cannot attend the half-yearly meeting of the City of Glasgow O.A., but Mr. Frank Taylor will be pleased to accept any subscriptions towards the marriage present to such a worthy fancier as Mr. Chalmers. Will all friends wishing to assist kindly send on their contributions, large or small?

J. Brown.

599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

How I Got the Youngsters' Crops Filled.

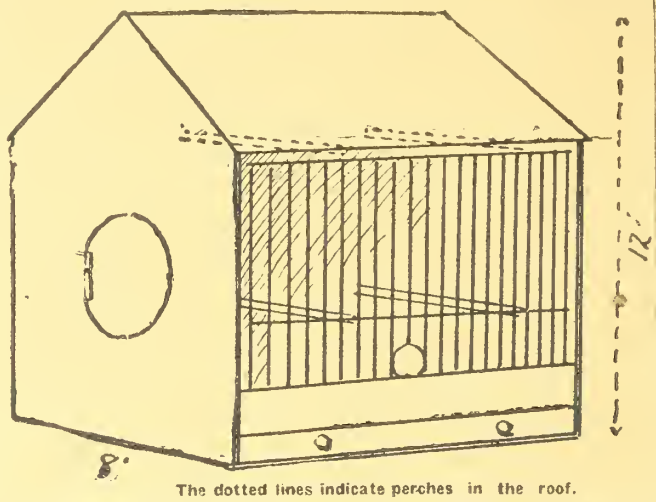
Sir,—I have often received valuable information from Cage Birds, and maybe the following will be of assistance to fellow-readers. I had a hen with two young ones a few days old, but their crops always empty. I then put in the cock; first day full crop, second and third (as usual), empty. On the third day I watched the birds, and the hen would not let the cock go anywhere near the young ones. She kept hopping from one perch to the other, then would drop down to the water hole, put her head out and chirp to any bird she could see, or that would reply to her call. I then took the cock away and got a piece of zinc two inches square and fixed it round the water hole. The hen could then do nothing but drink. I then fixed a piece of cardboard in front of the cage, with a little space top and bottom for light. Result: Young nine days old and with full crops.

First Crop, Yorks.

The Bradford Cinderella Club Show.

Sir,—The Bradford Cinderella Club Committee met May 10th at the Market Tavern, Bradford, to consider the advisability of running an open show on a large scale for the benefit of the poor children in the city. At the outset Mr. H. H. Towers was elected as chairman of the Committee, with Mr. H. Hill as secretary, and Mr. F. Hammond as assistant secretary, the two last-named officiating as treasurers to the fund. After a few opening remarks with regard to the object of calling the meeting, a resolution was unanimously carried that the Committee run an open show, and that they accept the date which the Bradford East Society had freely offered them on which to hold the show, viz., December 9th. It was left to a future meeting to decide as to whether it shall be a two-days' show or not, and also where the show shall be held. The following working committee of seven was appointed: Messrs. R. Halliday, S. Dean, W. H. Shackleton, H. J. Chittenden, D. Sunderland, W. Crabtree, and W. A. Cowgill. Further decided, to invite two representatives from each Society connected with the Yorkshire Union and Bradford Societies who are not connected with the Union, along with representatives from each specialist club, and two from the Cinderella Club proper. The Sub-committee of seven, which the Bradford East Society had appointed to help to run the show was appointed en bloc, in addition to the above, thus making a very strong committee. Mr. D. Sunderland handed over to the secretaries the sum of £2 11s. as surplus funds left over from the last show, held at Allerton, and it is hoped to be able to hand over a substantial balance to the Cinderella Fund as a result of the present endeavour. The Bradford East O.S. Rose-Bowl will be competed for, for the best unflighted bird bred by the exhibitor, and it is also desired to "unearth" one or two trophies in addition. Anyone who is in a position to lend assistance to the Committee, either in working for same or soliciting specials, or who feels a desire to give financial assistance to this most deserving charity, should communicate with the secretaries, who will be only too pleased to accept same. If cage bird fanciers will rally round and support this scheme, success is assured, and it will undoubtedly be the greatest event in Yorkshire. It will be a show full of variety, and as it appears likely at present that nearly all the specialist societies' patronage in Yorkshire will be granted, both fanciers and visitors can rely on seeing some of the finest exhibits that ever graced the show bench in their respective varieties. The services of some prominent persons in the city will be requisitioned for the opening ceremonies, and as much financial assistance is needed for carrying a show like this to a successful issue, it is hoped the funds will materially benefit by this arrangement. Every little help will be gratefully acknowledged. Kindly remember that all help given in a charitable cause of this kind, is given for the benefit of those who have not been so freely endowed with this world's blessings as we ourselves: it is for the children, who are not responsible for their precarious position, that this show is being held. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel manfully, and make it a magnificent success. The next meeting will be held at the Market Tavern on May 24th, at 8 o'clock, when all the representatives from the different societies are invited to attend.

H. Hill, Secretary.



The dotted lines indicate perches in the roof.

Training of Chaffinches.

Sir,—Considering it my duty to help any readers of Cage Birds, my friend, Mr. E. Grantham, should keep his Chaffinches in small cages. He should take two cracker biscuits, put them on the stove for five minutes, and then crush them up. Give a biscuit daily. I think that is the only thing that will help them to sing. I hope Cage Birds will publish this sketch of a Chaffinch's cage: it will be useful to some reader. I think Mr. A. Woodruff is cruel to cover up his birds; I hope this will help him, and I trust he will try it.

O. E. Blake.

A Young Linnet Problem.

Sir,—Will some kind reader advise me on the following points: There are several Linnets' nests in my field, and I have not had time to hand-rear any young. If I put them into a cage when about ten days' old, will the parent birds continue to feed them until I can cage them off? Are there any points to be observed when doing this?

H. Metcalfe.

Bold Behaviuor of Thrushes.

Sir,—On Saturday last the Surrey Territorials Association held their sports on the Sports Ground, Redhill. I noticed that a Thrush had built her nest in a creeper on the pavilion about 6ft. from the ground, and quite a lot of hammering had been done in order to secure the decorations which hung about a foot below the nest; while from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. crowds of people were standing and passing close by; also a brass band played, and guns were fired. In spite of it all I noticed the parents busy passing between the people, nearly touching their faces, in order to feed their three young. I thought it very good, and worthy of mentioning.

A. W. Bacon,
Hon, Sec. Redhill C.B.S.

A Goldfinch Slaughters Its Canary Mate.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to answer Mr. T. Henly re Goldfinch slaughtering its mate? I have had the same experience. I have a four-year-old Goldfinch and a four-year-old hen Canary, a mottled one, which he is paired to. He will nest and feed her as well as any cock Canary. But, thinking of trying my luck with another hen or two, I bought two, and having got them into breeding condition, I put him up with one of them—a ticked yellow—on the Sunday night. On going round on the Monday dinner-time I was surprised to see the floor strewn with feathers, and on looking into the cage I saw the poor hen all but dead. I would not give it up at this, so I tried the other hen—a yellow with a cap on the back of head. He served her the same, only I got her round again. He will not pair to any other hen but the old one. I can always do better when I let them loose in an aviary four yards square. I find he cannot hurt the hens then.

A. Linch.

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Lancashires and Lizards of To-day and Yesterday.

Sir,—I see a letter from one who signs himself "Truth." Well, "Truth," the first part of your letter I pass over as twaddle. I may be a little dense, but not so dense as to think a mongrel is better than a clear-bred Lancashire show-bird. The mongrel may be all right in Rochdale, but a lot of exhibitors are getting tired of sending well-bred Lancashires out to fill classes up and be beaten by mongrels that ought to be at home, or in a crest breeder's room. You say I make light of Mr. House; nothing of the sort, for Mr. House can judge if he has the right stuff put before him. What can he or anyone else do when two sorts are in a class? If he goes for a bird answering to the standard, he is wrong, and if he goes for a bird showing crest or "fat-head," he is wrong again. So what is he to do? If he puts a big, coarse bird down he is also wrong. So I for one don't envy the judge his job at Rochdale. Re my smile at Mr. Barrass when I read his lecture, I could not help it on reading his reply to a member as to what effect a Crest had on a Lancashire. He said he did not know, as he never put it in. If that is so, how is it he gets disqualified so often? The Rev. Hudson did it the first time at Manchester. Mr. House has done it again since, also put his birds down for being blind. Lancashires that have a lot of Crest in them will go blind, like a lot of Crests do. What I cannot understand is why we cannot have birds as near the standard as we can get them. We have the standard show cage, why not the bird? No one has had a better chance to breed mongrel winners in the past than I have, and who has a better chance to-day, seeing that I have three good clear Crest-bred cocks, all with good big heads? I was asked by a well-known Oldham exhibitor why I did not put Crest in and take my place with them, and "come amongst them." My reply was: "No, Teddy, I shall never do it." This was at Rochdale Show. I have 15 pairs of Lancashires breeding, and I know now before the show season I shall have no chance of winning, as I don't care to show a fatheaded one. You say, Mr. "Truth" you have not seen me stage a winner. I suppose you mean in all-England shows. Now I have not won, but I have been very near, and you have not seen me show many losers. You may have seen me at a good many shows criticising the mongrels that have been shown. In your twenty years as a fancier, do you remember me staging and winning with a ticked Yellow Plainhead (not a "fat head") at Oldham? Mr. House judged. It was an Oldham Cage Show, a "borrowed bird" show, and all the best in Lancashire were there—that sort of show was harder to win at than an all-England show is to-day. Did you know I won special for most points at Manchester Show? I don't often show, but in what bit I have done I have been in front of your "shining lights." It must be a great feat to win 10s. or 12s. first prize on the show bench, after winning and losing hundreds of pounds on the cinder path and the racecourse as I have done. Before I finish, I may say I don't think it is a pleasure to Mr. House or any other judge to disqualify any man's birds, but I think if a man is so foolish to send such birds out to a show after breeding and showing and winning for twenty or thirty years, it is his own fault. He ought to know better than throw a chance away and risk getting disqualified. I am pleased to know Mr. Dewsnap breeds all his own birds. I breed my own, too, and have no one coming to my rooms to keep me straight or tell me what I must do to win, as I keep birds for pleasure, not for what I can make out of them.

Edward Fuller.

Sir,—Mr. Fuller has had every chance of coming forward to give "his" views on the "Lancashires of to-day." Personally I am extremely sorry that he has not come up to the scratch and expounded himself from the fountain head—Rochdale or Oldham—of the variety. I am given to understand that the 33 years' "novice"—a long apprenticeship—was approached by the Oldham Society stating that their headquarters were at liberty for him, seeing that he desired Oldham and not Rochdale to answer the "questions" that would arise from somebody else's paper—Mr. Sam Fitton's. A very funny order. Well, I believe he's not going to fulfil that self-made arrangement. Why? I fancy someone has whispered into his ears, "Don't be foolish, Ted; stop at Glossop." I should think that all who have read the trashy, insinuating abuse that has been produced by his—or should I say somebody else's?—pen have done nothing but laugh, as not one of the gentlemen whom he tried to hit have taken the least notice of him—treated him with contempt. I think it is the proper way, too. Poor Ted! If he has not been cut to the quick by ignorance, let him come forward with a lecture and debate the question like a man and bring the list of "his winners" in open competition to the front as a kind of footing. I have been looking up some old catalogues, but cannot find his name prominent amongst the good, honest, stalwart fanciers whom he has quoted in his cynical remarks. Honour to whom honour is due. It's no use of pointing out facts to Mr. Fuller through the Press, as it is "so easy" to get someone to write for him. I hope that the "Lancashires" will still keep progressing by the aid of the gentlemen whom Mr. Fuller has so often tried to "hit below the belt," but missed every time. Poor Ted! Pass the nuts round, please.

John Henry.

What Canadian Bird was this?

Sir,—In answer to the question in this week's Cage Birds, "What Canadian bird was this?" I might mention that last year, whilst on a tour through the South-Western States of America (on looking up my diary, I find it was the 8th April, 1910) I saw a large flock of the birds your correspondent describes—bright yellow head and neck and jet black body. We had camped on the banks of the Bluey River, near to the Choctaw Indian Camp, Johnson County, Oklahoma. On my remarking about the similarity to our English Blackbird, one of my American friends immediately fired and brought down two for my inspection. On asking the name, I was told "Blackbirds." They seemed quite a familiar bird to my friends. So I think Mr. Deaken has named them pretty correctly, except that he saw his in Canada and I saw these in the State of Oklahoma.

R. H. Gills.


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A Ringed Swallow Caught.

Sir,—I had a Swallow brought me at the end of last week by a young blacksmith who lives close here, as he did not know what it was. He had caught it in his forge as it had got entangled on the brickwork. It was in splendid health, feather, and condition, and a cock bird. I caught sight of a metal ring on its left leg, which I examined with a powerful glass, and it had the number 13 on it. I advised letting the Swallow go, which the blacksmith did. If worth recording in Cage Birds, it may be seen by whoever rung the bird, and we may learn from whence it came.

F. J. Weaire,

Snodland, Kent.

Clearing Mice Out of an Aviary.

Sir,—Surely your correspondent, S. R. Williams can place his seed out of the reach of mice, on small stands or tables, with the legs fixed well under, away from the edges, so that the mice cannot possibly get on top? He can also fix his traps inside inverted boxes, or wire-work, or low cages of very small mesh with a narrow margin underneath for the mice to enter by. It is a pity to see the birds' food eaten or spoiled by these nasty little vermin when such simple means can be adapted to foil them.

J. Wadsworth.

Sir,—In reply to S. R. Williams' enquiry re mice in aviary, may I suggest the following method of getting rid of the pests? Soak some Canary seed in a strong solution of corrosive sublimate or strychina (both deadly poisons), and when the seed has become thoroughly saturated, dry it in the sun by spreading it out thinly on a sheet of paper weighted at the corners to keep it from blowing away (covering it with glass to keep strictly within legal bounds). When it is quite dry it should be put in a small cage, between the wires of which the vermin can creep, but the birds cannot. If the cage has been baited for a few nights with sound seed the mice will then partake without hesitation of the poisoned grain and be found in the morning stiff and stark in the cage or close outside it. Needless to remark, when all the mice have been caught the small cage should be at once thoroughly cleansed, or, better still, burned. This is copied from a book by the late Dr. Greene, and I trust the information will be of use to enquirer.

"Verb. Sap."

Sir,—One of the readers of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, is making enquiries re how to rid mice from his aviary. I think by trying the following method he will be successful; I have tried it with great success. Get some good lime, and stop every hole excepting one. Leave that one open always. Then get a box (a good deep cigar box will do)—one which you can set one or two nipper traps inside. Make a hole at one end of the box so that the mice can run in. Place the box inside the aviary on a level with the hole left open. Bait your traps, and scatter a few hemp seeds in the box. When the seed is done the mice will go for the bait on the traps. In this way you will be able to clear the lot. They will not make another hole as long as this one is left open. When I was in Bradford I went into a house that was simply swarmed with mice. I did not know how to get rid of them; but I studied this method out and tried it, and I caught close on a hundred in a few weeks. I think, if Mr. Williams will try this method, he will be satisfied. I wish your paper every success.

James Hartley.

The Clashing of Shows in Ireland

Sir,—Your correspondent, "Southern," is correct in saying the Y.C.B.S. changed their date, but it was to avoid clashing with Banbridge, and I think, in the interests of the Fancy, some arrangement should be made to avoid both shows (that is, Sligo and the Y.C.B.S.) being failures. Re Larne and the Dublin P.B. and C.B.S. show clashing, I agree with Mr. Mayne, but if Larne could possibly change their date they would be well repaid with entries, as last year's catalogue will show that a large number of their entries came from exhibitors who will be supporting Dublin Show. I am informed the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. held their monthly meeting, May 6th, and I was surprised to learn there were no further proofs re the allegations made at the previous meeting with regard to the Yorkshire that won the cup. Evidently there is some mystery about this society, or their meetings would be reported. Perhaps the corresponding secretary has resigned his honorary position; or would it be on account of notice of motion being given that members writing letters to Cage Birds be expelled from the society? Had the letters re borrowed birds at Sligo Show the intended effect? Might I ask if the society's rules debar members from exposing unscrupulous exhibitors who have been admittedly guilty of lending and borrowing birds for exhibition some time ago at Larne and Lurgan Shows? As a fancier, I would like to see a report of every meeting published in Cage Birds. Having read a letter in a past issue from Mr. Stewart re the Norwich Plainhead C.C. of Ireland, there is no need for comment other than to express my sympathy with the officials who, I dare say, stick to the society for the love of the Fancy. Mr. Stewart, it does seem strange a club open to all Ireland should boast of eight members, when there are at least 80 breeders of the Norwich Canary in Belfast!

One in the Know.

A New North of Ireland Show.

Sir,—We have just formed a Cage Bird Society in Newtownards, and purpose having a show in the latter part of this year, so to prevent clashing with other shows in the North of Ireland, we would esteem it a favour if secretaries of other societies would forward on to me the dates on which their shows will be held.

F. Robinson, Sec.

126, Greenwell Street, Newtownards, near Belfast.

A Singing Bullfinch.

Sir,—In reply to a letter that appeared in Cage Birds a fortnight ago, over the name of J. Blessington, saying that a Bullfinch has no song, I beg to say that I have a Bullfinch, caged since about October last, that sings almost all the day long; in fact, it is singing as I write these lines, and more than one note, too. It is very much like the Linnet's song, yet I have no Linnets—the Bullie is the only bird. If some kind friend would present me with a Norwich type Canary hen (a dark bird) I would try for some Hybrids. Having been out of work, I cannot afford one myself yet. I may say that three years ago I bred a nest of Mules the first time of trying with a Goldfinch (that had been given up by an experienced breeder as too wild and no use) and an ordinary type of Canary hen.

Bullfinch Lover.

The Champion Scotch Fancy Canary of 1911.

Sir,—Who will breed the champion Scotch Fancy this summer is a problem which cannot be solved at the moment. Leith had the distinguished honour last year. The yellow cock was a thoroughly popular winner. He declared his success in September, and won the honours all over the show season. Being no new achievement with the owner to win, he carried his honours as a matter of course, but he was, all the same, proud of the high standard and quality of the bird. To produce a superior exhibit will be no easy task, but the Fancy is advancing, and there are gentlemen who will do their very best to surprise the world with a grander specimen than has ever been seen. It is that spirit which calls forth the best and highest that is in a fancier. A fancier never knows what he is rearing, but when he becomes the owner of a sure winner he has reason to be convinced that he has done something in his spare time. Admittedly the reward is small; indeed, the prize-money is miserable, and takes away all the glory. Just imagine breeding the champion, and only getting a paltry fourteen shillings as premier prize! With success at every exhibition, showing does not pay a fancier's railway fares, excess for boxes, membership, entrance fees, loss of work visiting shows, and other incidental outlays exhaust the income, tempting the winner to say: Is it worth while to do a bit of winning? Of course, wins help the sale of the other stock and forms an inducement for one to persevere. Another consideration not to be overlooked is the cheap class of special prizes awarded. It would be an eye-opener were the actual cost of some of the special prizes labelled on the articles. A generous donor could lift up the Fancy, but where will he come from? There are strong men in the Fancy, and they will continue to breed something worthy of their strength of character.

Scotch Fancy.

The Proposed Border Fancy Club for the North.

Sir,—Seeing an article under the above heading in last week's Cage Birds, I am prompted to ask the following question: Is there not a Specialist Club in existence, to wit, the Border Fancy Canary Club, with Mr. Jamieson, of Hawick, acting as secretary? This is an old-established society of some twenty years' standing, and I believe it has a roll of membership numbering over 300. Surely it would be better for fanciers to join the above rather than endeavour to form a separate society, especially seeing the one in existence is in a flourishing condition, and governed by a tip-top set of fanciers? I believe they are willing to grant their patronage to any show that will provide a classification covering each variety. But perhaps Mr. Jamieson will oblige fanciers in general by giving a few details of the working of the Border Fancy Canary Club. It seems to me we can have too many societies aiming at the one object, in which case it is like a house divided aganst itself, and sooner or later the said house falls. The Green Borders have been taken into the Green Canary Association, and, judging by the results of last show season, there should be some large classes in the near future. The undersigned will have pleasure in giving any information regarding the Green Section of the "wee gems," and there is no doubt a lot of good could be done in the shape of having a set of show regulations laid down, such as standard cages, etc. At present you have only to visit a show to see quite a number of sizes and patterns in the cages benched. If a specialist club grants its patronage to a show the first thing to stipulate is that every exhibit should be staged in similar cages. If this were done, it would do away with a lot of grumbling, and would enhance the appearance of the exhibits. What can be better than uniformity? It would be well-nigh impossible for fanciers to patronise, say, three societies in different parts of the country at the same time; consequently, if the exhibits were split up, the classes would suffer all round. If needs be, North and South Sections could be arranged, but unless the reins were held by a committee prepared to carry out the rules without fear or favour, it would result in disaster. I would like to hear the views of exhibitors. These are the men we want, not the stay-at-homes; one good exhibitor is worth a field full of the former. And what delights the genuine fancier more than to see his bird placed at the head of a large class? There is very little honour attached to a win in a class where every bird has a card.

Geo. Green,

Hon. Sec., Green Canary Association.

36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

Sir,—In reference to the above, we have been requested to call a meeting to consider same for eight o'clock on May 20, at the Lockhart's Monument, Granger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. So will fanciers of the Border Fancy Canary please attend, and let us have a full meeting?

Peel and Smith,

31, Elsdon Road, Eyesford, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

Under the White Rose.

THE Bradford Cinderella Club Show Committee has, after a lapse of a few years, been resuscitated, and in fine style, too. It looks as if the Committee will be stronger and better than heretofore, and if all comes to a head that has been proposed, there is a goodly prospect before them. In the first place, three officials have only to be mentioned to show that all will be well. Mr. H. H. Towers (the Yorkshire Union President) has accepted the position of Chairman, and Mr. H. Hill, and Mr. F. Hammond (sec. and treasurer respectively of the Y.U.) have undertaken the combined duties of secretary and treasurer. They will be backed by a strong committee, a number of whom have already been chosen, and as the Bradford East O.S. have given up their show date, Dec. 9th, for the Cinderella Show, their committee have been co-opted to assist in the work. Along with these, each Society in the district, and also the Specialist Clubs, have been invited to send two representatives to the committee.

NOW there need be no fear but that we shall this year for certain have a big show, and there is every probability that a good surplus will be handed over to the Cinderella Club. Thus the fanciers of the district will be doing their share towards looking after the interests of the poor children of the city, and also much will be done to advance the interests of the Fancy amongst people who never see or hear of it in the way they should do. It is the intention of those interested to have a show on a large scale, in fact, on national lines, and therefore those that cannot be approached on the basis of the Cinderella Club, can probably be approached on the basis of a big show. It will be held in the most central place that can be obtained.

BRADFORD WEST had a good night last Saturday, when they made no fewer than fourteen new members. They are thus able to have full representation on the Council of the Union; quite like old times! They seem like to be "bucking up" and getting as strong as ever. They are working hard for it, and their secretary is tackling things in quite a business-like style, while he is ably assisted by many of the other officials.

THE Open Norwich Plainhead Club held their first committee meeting of the year on the 13th inst., to make the preliminary arrangements for next season's prizes and competitions. By all appearances the Club will go stronger than ever, and the competitions be keener than ever, and those societies who would like the patronage had better apply in good time. I can tell you there will be no "whip up" required to get the desired number of shows

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Wild-Bird Life.

A Wagtail's Nesting Place.

The nesting of birds is now in full swing. The majority of the feathered tribe incubate in the "merrie month of May." Of course, the Warblers are somewhat backward, as they failed to find the shores of Britain until rather later than usual; but as the bulk of them are in high condition when commencing the journey they are, after a few days' rest, quite fit to pair and nest; and it is therefore no unusual sight to see the Martins and Swallows collecting materials from the puddles in the roadway for the repair of the old nests within a week of their first appearance. These birds undoubtedly return to their old homes year after year, and if one can only judge by the gay twittering talk that goes on when a pair just returned cling to the old home, it appears more than probable that in their own way they are pleased to find themselves back again to familiar haunts. In very dry weather these birds find a difficulty in securing the mud with which to build, and after the water cart has passed along the road it is not uncommon to see quite a crowd of them settle around a small pool, twittering and calling as though telling the laggards to come and share in the find. The work of repair and building is only carried on in the morning, and the portion done is allowed to harden during the day, so that it is strong enough to receive another layer upon the following day. A pair of Pied Wagtails occasionally visit the writer's garden, and although he suspected they had a nest somewhere in the vicinity, it was some time before it could be located. These birds as a rule select a site well protected from view, and this proved to be no exception. A hole in a wall about seven feet from the ground appeared to suit them, but as there was higher ground handy from which a full view of the nest could be obtained, a broken brick was placed in front of it, so as to screen it effectually, and yet leave room for the bird to enter. This she continues to do, as the nest and its contents were not in any way interfered with. While searching for the Wagtails' nest, no less than three Robins' homes containing eggs were found in old tins. If a suitable one is placed where these birds frequent, they cannot possibly resist such a tempting site, and in most cases take possession at once.

The Most Beautiful Nests.

The Long-tailed Tits' and the Chaffinches' nests are considered the most beautiful of any built by British birds. In the course of construction the Tits' nest closely resembles the Finches', especially when half-built; but when she proceeds to add the dome it quite alters the character of the whole affair.

The Artful Starling.

Starlings are common everywhere; which is not surprising, for in building their homes they are very careful to get well out of sight and out of reach. A reader knows of a dozen nests in old trees, but in not one case is he able to handle the eggs; they are either too deep or the entrance is too small.

Note on the Peregrine.

The Peregrine is now confined to the cliffs by the sea, where he builds in security. He does no harm, contenting himself with the ample booty the cliffs and shores afford. When a pair have once selected a nesting site, they and their descendants will occupy the eyrie year after year. When falconry was at its height these breeding places were well known and jealously guarded. The penalty for stealing the young was very heavy, and somewhat barbarous.

In the Courts.

A London Man Sentenced

Warwick Rayner, described as an agent and collector, 95, Maria Street, Kingsford Road, London, was charged on May 1st, at Macclesfield, on warrant, with stealing by false pretences four Lizard Canaries, value 18s., the property of Julia A. Brooks, on the 27th March. —Mr. H. G. Barclay defended.

For the prosecution several witnesses were called from Macclesfield, London, Salop, and Liverpool, who stated that they advertised birds and poultry for sale in various papers. They received a reply from the prisoner, asking them to send several birds on approval, with a promise of a good order if satisfactory. The birds were sent to the prisoner's address in London, but the people did not hear any further from him, nor did they receive payments for their birds. Prisoner was arrested by Detective-Sergeant Cox, of the Metropolitan Police. When arrested he became very violent, and was conveyed to the police station with the assistance of two other officers. At his room was found a mass of correspondence relating to bird dealing.

Mr. H. G. Barclay, for the defendant, argued that, although prisoner might have committed a moral offence, there was no offence in law, because the prosecutor was not induced to part with the birds in consequence of any statement from the prisoner of some pretending fact made for that purpose, and therefore there was no case against him.

The magistrates considered the case proved, and sentenced prisoner to three months' hard labour.

How a Bird Business was Built Up.

A Visit to Mr. J. Thomas (Ambler Thorn).

Our Correspondent "Straight 'Un" has sent us the appended account of a visit he recently paid to Mr. Joe Thomas, the widely-known bird specialist, of Ambler Thorn, near Halifax.

Mr. Thomas, in his advertisement, always says, "Remember, I invite you to come and see my birds at any time, except Sundays," and as "Joe" advertises that he has thousands still on his premises, anyone who goes must be prepared to spend a little time there. I can vouch for that, as on the occasion of my visit I found there were nine rooms to go through that are given up entirely to birds of various kinds. Anyone going through the lot in search of some particular bird will have to put "all on" to sort it out in reasonable time; there are so many of them.

The System of Breeding.

Now I did not give Mr. Thomas much notice that I was going to pay him a visit; in fact, four hours after arranging with him I was there. We set out at once on a visit to the fifteen rooms where birds are being bred for him. All the birds are his property, and the breeders receive so much for every bird they get on to seed and deliver to him. They, of course, must not sell any birds, and I don't think they will; all are very decent fanciers, and are trusted with birds that are worth a little fortune. Just fancy going into a room where many of the birds have cost £10 or more each, and where a £6 bird is simply a stock bird! It is a great trust that "Joe" puts in his breeders, and they have their share of responsibility in the knowledge that their stocks are worth so much money; and each man is as eager to breed a winner as if the stock belonged to him.

The first place we looked in at is very pleasantly situated at the entrance to some large grounds. The birds will never be short of green-food here, no matter if the man breeds hundreds. And they will never be short of fresh air, either. I might say that all the breeders live around Queensbury and Ambler Thorn. All are within easy reach of one another, and situated on the heights between Bradford and Halifax; and if fresh air is to be had, it is to be found here—over 900 feet above sea-level. The first lots of birds I find consists of seventeen hens, and nearly as many cocks, part being Yorkshires, part Norwich; also three feeding hens. Some of the Yorkshire cocks, here have done well on the show bench during the past season, as also have a few of the Norwich; and with a bit of luck some winners should be turned out. All appeared to be going on nicely, and all were as clean as possible.

A little winding about through "ginnels" and "snickets" brought us to room No. 2, and here eight hens were up—all Norwich, and rattling good stuff; neatly built birds, cobby, brimful of colour. These cannot "miss," I think, though at the time of my visit they were not set going thoroughly. Several were, however, making signs that ere long housekeeping duties will be in full swing.

Our next place marked our only unfortunate time during the whole afternoon. Here, I understand, there are fifteen Norwich hens and some of the best cocks out, several having cost from £5 to £10. These could not be seen, as the gentleman in charge was out. He is an ardent cricketer, and was away playing with his team at the other side of the town. This, however, was our only miss.

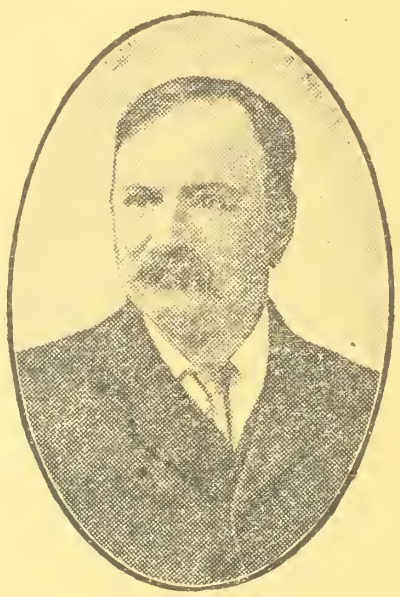
Looking Forward.

Our next place was a delight. Here I found fifteen Yorkshire hens and the necessary cocks, nearly every bird a winner, and some big fine youngsters in nearly every cage. Crystal Palace winners are expected to be turned out here in numbers, and if the old ones are anything to go by, it should turn out so. The strange thing about it is that fanciers say good stuff takes some breeding Yet here, I think, we saw the best lot of birds of the afternoon, and they were going on the best of any. Of course, the breeder has had a lot of experience, and is evidently a "trier" of the first water. Moreover, I must not let the occasion pass without saying a word about the room. It was of grand size and light; and there was a splendid array of cages, all as clean as a new pin. There were, too, special sun blinds to regulate the light, and the ventilation was well looked after.

A few doors further away, and we went into another room containing from twelve to fifteen hens—a few nice Norwich and some Yorkshires. Here also a little crossing is going on. A neat buff Belgian cock had two bouncing buff Yorkshire hens to mate with, and a yellow Belgian hen was on the nest to a nice typical Yorkshire cock. These are put up to produce something to work on in the way of stock birds for next year. Half-bred Belgians are very useful in the breeding room; so the future is being well looked after. Things here were just beginning to move. A few hens were sitting, and others were just commencing housekeeping.

A walk round Queensbury cricket-field brought us to the next room. The fancier here is a new breeder, and he has up four pairs of smart Norwich that should turn out something good. Let us hope also that he has the beginner's luck, and is fortunate enough to top the average list.

Now across a field, and over a high wall (to cut a corner off), then across a hen run, and we found ourselves amongst the birds again. These were a mixed lot—some Norwich and some Yorkshires, about a dozen hens all told. Several of the Norwich pairs were exceedingly smart, and should, to all appearances, turn out some "clinkers"; whilst the Yorkshires were a nicely balanced lot. This room was peculiar, but a very good one. It



MR. J. THOMAS.

is between two gable ends of houses that are about twelve feet apart. A floor has been fixed nearly level with the bedroom floors, and the top is like a greenhouse top—very lofty and well lighted. It was originally built for a joiner's shop. It makes an ideal bird room.

At our next place of call we found two rooms; each held nine or ten hens, all Yorkshires. In the first room several buff hens took my fancy. They were very neat and typical, and had good, long, raking mates. They were doing nicely. Here we saw the oldest youngsters; a few were already feathered, and looking very healthy. A few cages below some were already on the sticks—the first I had seen this season—and some others were just ready for "jumping." Both lots appeared as if they would do well, though a few youngsters had departed this life. But the man is lucky who can rear all.

The Fair Sex Scores.

Our next place I found was in charge of a lady. She had eleven hens, all Yorkshires, and is getting along nicely. Two young in one nest were nearly feathered, and looked like making fine long birds; others were growing fast, and the whole stock were good typical birds, that with luck should do well for both owner and breeder. This lady has also charge of three stock rooms, and is a valued servant of Mr. Thomas's. So we had a look through the stock rooms also. One room was all dismantled. The perches were all scrubbed, and seed boxes all cleaned, for the cages were being got ready for the youngsters as they came in from the breeders. In these they will be moulted. Some of the best of last season's birds were moulted here, nobody touching them except the lady in charge. The other two rooms were still occupied with stock, mostly Norwich, some real nice birds being amongst them, the noise they made testifying to the condition they were in. To keep birds in such a condition that have not been paired up is no easy matter. Cages in these rooms reach from floor to ceiling, and when full would easily hold from 500 to 600 birds. Now, however, many are getting empty, though some would be troubled at having so many birds on hand at this time of the year. Not so, Mr. Thomas; a few hundred more or less in stock do not make much difference to him.

Getting on to the Halifax Road we made a call, and this time found the birds were in a greenhouse. Nine hens here, all Yorkshires, except one pair (and a very nice pair too) of Norwich. This pair had a nest of three, just on the sticks. And likely looking birds they are, with plenty of timber in them even at this age; they will do doubt make up well. "Joe" thought them fine. Two good nests of Yorkshires were also on the sticks, and doing for themselves. One bird in particular looked promising, having plenty of leg; and it was of the "shooty" style.

We next visited three rooms, all in one fold. The first birds to be seen were a nice lot of seven hens; and several good stout pairs of Norwich, but these had hardly got going yet. Two good rounds are still possible, and I would like to hear of this breeder doing well. In a low-ceilinged house close by were a dozen or so Yorkshire pairs, and in an outbuilding opposite some twenty pairs of Norwich and Yorkshires; and amongst them were some "clinkers." One I noted specially: it was a big, slashing, uneven marked buff Yorkshire stock bird. It cannot help but breed some "rompers." Then there was an unflighted Norwich yellow cock, a noted winner, which had for mates two foul-marked buff hens—mother and daughter. The old hen bred sixteen young ones last year; so there should be something to show later on. There were many other noted birds in this room, but space forbids my saying more about them.

At Home.

Now, says Mr. Thomas, we will go home and see what is there. On arrival I found two other visitors waiting, one from Manchester and the other from somewhere t'other side of Todmorden; and they were straightaway taken into the two rooms adjoining the house, the one on the ground floor having a good supply of Norwich in it, and some feeding hens, perhaps 100 to 150; I didn't count them! Upstairs was a big lot of birds, Norwich and Yorkshires mostly; grand stock birds, and I was shown a few youngsters that were put "up at the top," out of the way. Mr. Thomas intended keeping them over to grow a bit. Several were very smart yellow Yorkshires, that may "do the trick" next year; and some were neat typical Norwich, just a bit on the small side. Across the road, a little further on, are two large rooms full of birds, Norwich and Yorkshires predominating, but with a good few Borders, Crests, and other varieties of Canarics. Then a room is given over below to Goldfinches—big Siberians, well on seed, singing away to their hearts' content. Also here a very smart Greenfinch, a Hawfinch, some Mules, etc., were to be seen. The Rollers are kept in a cosy little place. These, I was informed, were English bred; therefore the heating apparatus had been dispensed with, as they had been reared in a cold room. Another room here was in the throes of cleaning; and every year as the stock gets thinned down each room in turn goes through the same process. This cleaning down must be a big undertaking, quite on a par with the size of the business. Fancy! nine rooms to go through. One is more than enough for the average person. Here also is the washing room, where the show birds are put through the wash; and a special man is engaged for the purpose. There is also convenience for washing cages, etc.

A Welcome Interval.

The tea was ready for us on our return; in fact, I think it had been waiting quite a while! We were quite ready for it, too. The walk, though not a great distance, took up a considerable time, and one's appetite got a healthy edge. Naturally, during tea the conversation turned to birdy matters, and the time passed pleasantly, and all too quickly. Mrs. Thomas was a very kindly hostess, and if I had not had a good tea I could only have blamed myself.

We next paid attention to the office, which is fitted up with all conveniences—typewriter, desks, duplicator, files for letters, etc. The work herein is done by two lady clerks, one a shorthand writer and typist, under the direction of Mr. Thomas and one of his assistants.

Leaving here we wended our way to the last breeding room on the list, situated on the elevated part known locally as "The Mountain" (which is quite a fact, as it is over 1,000 feet above sea level, and in winter is as bleak as bleak can be). Here several pairs of grand Norwich are up, though they had not made great headway; still, it does not pay to start too early up here. We made another call to see if the gentleman we had missed had got home again; but they must have had a lot of scoring in the match, as he had not yet returned, and we had perforce to give it up as a bad job, though, considering no notice had been given, we were very fortunate to find fourteen out of the fifteen at home on such a splendid day—continual sunshine the whole time. If weeks had been taken up in making the arrangements it could not have been better.

Pure Air Provided.

Fresh pure air is found in all the stock rooms, and the system of ventilation adopted is a good one. Of course, there is one great advantage—all the property wherein these rooms are situated is Mr. Thomas's own, so he can do as he likes with it. Where there are fireplaces the chimneys are used as ventilators. The "breasts" are broken through so as to allow any quantity of fresh air into the rooms; the only precaution is to see that the draught does not blow direct on to the cages. Cold is not taken into consideration at all. No matter if the water freezes in winter the birds will not take any harm. Direct draughts are the only thing to be avoided. Then, in other rooms, ventilators are put into the windows; another idea in use is a system of pipes about five inches in diameter, which are brought from the outside, and allow the air to come through into the rooms. The air comes from the Ogden Moors (well known as the Bronte country).

The water glasses in some of the rooms took my fancy. They are very big, and the water will, of course, keep much sweeter, the larger the quantity. (though it must not be thought they do not get it fresh of'en). A big staff attend to the wants of the birds. This past winter eight people have had a hard task to keep up with the work entailed in looking after great numbers of birds like these—as many as 5,000 birds being in stock at one time. And the seed bill; well, it must be a big one, though, of course, all food stuff is bought direct, and in very large quantities. Even the "tit-bits" are bought in hundredweights at a time. Different this to "A pound of mixed seed, please"! Mr. Thomas has also a shop in Halifax. He can supply everything that is required by a fancier, whether he keeps Canaries, British, or any other birds. A glance through his catalogue is most instructive, and will assure anyone of this.

How to Get There.

Mr. Thomas lives in a road on the tram route between Bradford and Halifax, a little nearer Halifax than Bradford. Anyone from a distance must take the Queensbury car from either place, and get off at Ambler Thorn, and there you are. The trams pass the door. It is over thirty years since Mr. Thomas established himself in the Fancy, and words are a poor means of impressing upon anyone the magnitude of his business undertaking. But all bird-keepers, he assured me, are welcome to see it for themselves.

Although Mr. Thomas has been in the Fancy for so long a time, it is only during the last three or four years that he has been smitten with the "exhibiting fever." There is no doubt he has "got it bad," and he contracted it whilst exhibiting in the Yorkshire Union novice classes. Once having got into it, there is to be no backing out now. It will have been noticed that he has during the last season done well; and he is now working hard preparing for next season's fray. The birds he has out breeding (and there are about 150 pairs, at a rough guess) are some of the best to be had, and they have been sorted out by Mr. Thomas, assisted by two well-known fanciers, both of whom have great experience in matching pairs. It is now in the hands of the breeders to do the best they can, but, should they fail, there are numbers of the old ones that will take some stopping. I may say that it was his intention at the beginning to win some of the large trophies of the Yorkshire clubs, and he still adheres to this; and with a bit of good luck with the stock he has up he will take some stopping.

A Humble Beginning.

It is many years since Mr. Thomas gave up his occupation as a mechanic. He worked for a firm that unfortunately "went under." but that did not trouble him; he simply went in for the bird trade, and has never had any reason to regret the step he took. Things have gone well with him, for which he has to thank his business instincts, coupled with his capability for hard work, and his determination. He had to go to work at the age of eight, and at the age of ten he went into the pit as a hurrier lad. No education at all in those days was to be had. He had not even learned to read when he started work—what he knows he had to learn later in life, and even then he had not the chance of getting more than a meagre grounding of education. This reminds me of a picture I often see—a cartoon on education, where a stout, well-groomed gentleman, with a big, heavy watch chain and seal, is making the remark: "Eddication be blowed! I made my brass baht eddication at all." And it appears that it does not take education to succeed. Mr. Thomas has done well without it; and so have others.—"Straight 'Un."

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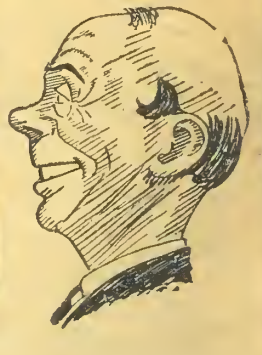
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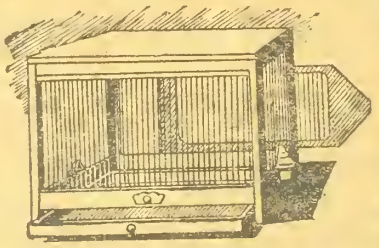
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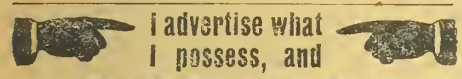
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OBITUARY.

Mr. JOS. OSTLE (Great Broughton).

I am very sorry to have to inform you, writes Mr. J. Ellwood (Cockermouth), of the death of an old fancier here in Cumberland, namely, Mr. Jos. Ostle, who died at Great Broughton on May 9, aged 67 years. He was interred at Brigham on May 11, being laid by the side of his wife, who predeceased him by 9 years. It was a large funeral, a few old fancier friends turning up, some from a considerable distance, including Mr. Armstrong (Whitehaven), Messrs. Robertson and Templeton (Harrington), and others from Crostbwaite, Maryport, etc. He was well known as a lover of a good Norwich Canary (in which variety he held a strong hand, locally at any rate). You could always rely on seeing a good hen or two when visiting him. He was an enthusiastic Oddfellow, being secretary to the local club, for many years also a prominent member of the Broughton Working Men's Institute, and a member of the Cockermouth Board of Guardians up to the time of his death. Whatever Joe took in hand he put his heart into. Much sympathy is felt for his only daughter and other relations in their trouble.

Mr. JOHN TAIT (Jarrow-on-Tyne).

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. Robt. Blore, Sec. of the Jarrow and Hebburn C.B.F.S., that I have to inform you of the death of one of our oldest members—Mr. John Tait—after a very short illness. Mr. Tait had a paralytic stroke the week previous, and gradually became worse. Deceased leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss, to whom the members of the club tender their sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Mr. Wm. SAUNDERS (Felinfoel).

I deeply regret having to inform you, writes Mr. T. J. Davies, Hon. Sec. Felinfoel C.B. and P.S., of the death of one of our esteemed and oldest members, Mr. William Saunders, who died on May 15 in his 75th year. He has been in failing health for a long time, and for the last few days he was in very great pain, from which death released him. He was one of the founders of the society, and remained an active member up to the time of his death. He was widely known as a breeder and exhibitor of cage birds, etc., but devoted his last years mostly to cage birds. His presence will be sadly missed at many local shows, as he has attended almost every one locally for many years. At our meetings we shall feel our loss. He was an enthusiastic member, and was always listened to with utmost respect; and his words of counsel were always accepted with gratitude. He leaves two sons, to whom we extend a heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. A. SPENCER (Doncaster).

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. G. Bescoby, Sec. of the Doncaster and Dist. C.B.S., that I have to inform you of the death, on May 22, of our worthy and esteemed president, Mr. A. Spencer, after a serious operation. Mr. Spencer was widely known as a Yorkshire and Norwich Canary fancier, and much respected; and I am sure all fanciers will join us in sympathising with Mrs. Spencer and family.

Mr. S. E. TONKIN (Cardiff).

It is with deepest regret, writes Mr. J. W. Dummett, secretary of the Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S., I have to report the death of our treasurer, Mr. S. E. Tonkin, at the early age of 26. On Thursday last he was out in his garden, where he caught a chill. Pneumonia set in, and he passed away on May 22. His death came so suddenly to us members that we none of us even knew of his illness; and we know only too well the loss it will be to the society. A young fancier, and very keen in the welfare of the society, his heart was always in his work. He has been a clerk to the London and North-Western Railway Co. for some few years, and was highly respected by all who knew him. The burial took place on May 23 at Abergavenny. I am sure all fanciers will join with me in extending sympathy towards the wife and family.

The Language of Doves.

Mr. Sibillot, described as an eminent French "columbophile," claims to have mastered the language of Doves, says the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." From what he tells us of it, their billing and cooing seems less melodious than we had hitherto supposed. The following is a short vocabulary: "Ahis": "I love you." "Ooohoo": "I am pleased." "Brrroo": "I am very handsome." "Vroof": "I am afraid." "Broo coo": "I am angry." "Rrrooff": "Get away." Finally, when a Turtle-dove pays court to his sweetheart he murmurs, "Ha! Broo coo too kroor," and the lady "twigs" at once!

Poor Birds!

There is a very remarkable plant which grows in the colony of Natal, according to the "Eastern Guardian." Its popular name is the "corpse plant." It grows to a very considerable size, and its principal feature is a bell-shaped throat, something like the flower of an arum lily, but much larger and deeper, and opening into a hollow stem. It is almost black in colour, and covered with a thick, glutinous secretion. Its principal characteristic is its loathsome odour, strongly resembling that of decaying carrion. By means of this it attracts carrion-feeding birds to it. Once they alight on it, they are lost. Their claws become entangled in the secretion, the bell-shaped mouth folds up, and they are literally swallowed, feathers and all, and digested by juices secreted in the throat of the plant.

The Shows.

WALTHAMSTOW F.A.

Very successful table show of British held May 18th, at headquarters, the Workman's Hall. Some nice birds were put down. Mr. Billingsley judged. Mr. W. Hellens was awarded special for best bird in show.

GREENFINCH: 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, Hellens; res., Pettit. LINNET: 1, 2, Hellens; 3, Pettit. REDPOLL: 1, Pettit; 2, 3, Hellens. A.O.S.: 1, Webb; 2, 3, Hellens.—H. C. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held May 17th by a very excellent gathering of members. Mr. J. Paterson, on taking the chair, said that so many putting in appearance proved that the interest in the society was keen, and that all were doing their best to make it a success. The novices were very busy, as we had a table show of two British classes for novices. A judging competition followed, for which there were ten entries. Mr. M. Cornor was the winner, giving the nearest result to the judge's slip. Next meeting: Classification for nest feather show and the date for ramble. There is yet time for intending members to join and take part in the first feather show.

LINNET, ETC.: 1, spl, 4, Burton Bros.; 2, vhc, Gregnry; 3, Lawrence; hc, Grainger. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, Lawrence; 2, Burton Bros.; 4, Grainger. Mr. R. Todd judged.—H. Todd, Sec.

Singing Contests.

SOMERSTOWN.

The Seymour Arms, Seymour-street, Somerstown, London, N.W. is open for singing contests. We had the first match on May 21st. The winner was D. Lewis; 2, 3, Pony Moore. Handicaps Tuesdays and week-ends. We had a very full house. No birds are barred—open to all comers.—P. Moore, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Quality Linnet singing contest held Prince Albert Hotel, May 21, when some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, Chippendale; 2, Sedars; 3, Madden. Judges, Messrs. Harry Allen and A. Binns.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, when 19 birds competed. Some excellent singing was heard. Result: 1, J. Lee; 2, J. Firth; 3, W. Weaver; 4, J. Walker; 5, G. Gurden. Mr. Jackson kindly judged, and Mr. A. Kirby was timekeeper.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Glasshoughton and District Linnet Club open contest held West Riding Hotel May 21st, when we had the value of 10s. for special prize. We had 35 entries (1min. face, and 1 min. bluff). Mr. Kirk was 1st and 2nd, 51; J. Higgins 3rd, 46; Britt Nelson, 4th, 37sec. Mr. B. Midgley (Great Houghton) gave us an address and 2s. 6d. for another special prize, and we had a pleasant afternoon.—R. Taylor, Sec.

SALFORD.

We want all intending members who gave their names to join Salford Linnet Club, to meet at the Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, on May 28, at 7.30, to decide about a contest with members at an early date, with a view to having regular contests. Will fanciers kindly send postcard whether it is convenient to attend. Address, B. Wharton, 18, Mitton Street, Stanley Grove, Longsight.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Travellers' Rest, May 13, when 32 birds entered. Result: 1, 2, Wilson and Adams; 3, Boyd; 4, McQuirk. Also May 20, the Black Horse Elvet, where 16 birds sang. Result: 1, Foster; 2, 3, Feany; 4, McQuirk. Mr. G. Reed (Brandon) judged both contests. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Walton. Next contest, Black Horse, Elvet, May 28, when a cup valued £3 3s., and other prizes, will be given.—D. Trotter, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn quality Linnet S.A. held usual singing contest for quality last week-end: 1, and sp, W. H. Topping; 2, E. Ashton; 3, E. Christopherson. 21 birds competed. The special prize was given by Mr. Lucas. Timekeeper, Mr. G. Lomax. Open-to-all-England contest for time and quality at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, Whit-Saturday, June 3rd. Hoping all Linnet fanciers will come in good numbers.—G. Slater, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon Street, May 20, when 23 birds entered for four good prizes. Visitors came from Lancashire and all parts of Yorkshire. After very good singing the result was: 1, W. Farrow; 2, W. Siesons; 3, A. Butler; 4, J. Green. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, T. Johnson, and W. Naylor. Also May 21, when 35 birds faced the judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, Wilson Naylor, and S. Butterfield: 1, Appleyard; 2, 3, shared by A. Richardson and J. Bland; 4, W. Sissons.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. held great open-to-all-England contest headquarters, Cartmans' Arms, Canning Street, off Brook Street, May 20, when some very good singing was heard. 1st, cup and championship, Fred Allen; 2nd (copper kettle), Broadbent; 3rd (vases), Norton; 4th (clock), Eccles; 5th (jam dish), Clark; 6th (clock), Dearlove; 7th (clock), Wakeling; 8th (clock), Mitchell. Also week-end contest, when 21 birds entered. 1st, Norton; 2nd, Eccles; 3rd, Broadbent. Judges, Messrs. Thundercliffe, Broadbent.—F. Allen, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Extra Club contest, held May 30, Headquarters, Globe Inn. We had a grand entry of some 42 birds, and some very good singing for quality, but very poor for time. It seems all our time birds have gone off song. We gave 10 prizes 5 for time and 5 for quality—and our members were so pleased that we have decided to give prizes this week-end instead of money, as some would sooner have prizes. I hope all fanciers will note that we hold open-to-all England contest, May 27, Headquarters. I am sure the prizes we are giving will surprise all. We hope to break all records.—J. M'Allister, Sec.

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CASTLEFORD.

Open-to-all-England contest, held May 20. It was very well attended. We had visitors from all the leading Linnet clubs in Yorkshire to hear 56 birds sing for three good prizes. After a very close sing, the winners were: 1, S. Morley; 2, W. Nelson; 3, T. Dobson (Leeds), 4, T. Piper. Mr. B. Midgley (Great Houghton Club) gave us their views re getting a challenge cup to be competed for amongst all the time singing clubs of England. Should this meet with the approval of any of the time singing clubs, I should like to hear from their secretary.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held headquarters, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, May 20, when Mr. J. Grundy gave three special prizes (3 minutes' singing). 26 birds entered:—1, Thompson, 84sec.; 2, Watson, 68sec.; 3, Robinson, 61sec.; Worrall, 54sec.; Worrall, 54sec.; Watson, 47sec.; Driver, 52sec. May 21, also, Mr. J. Grundy gave 3 special prizes (3 minutes' singing), when 18 birds entered. 1, Watson, 73sec.; 2, Wadd, 62sec.; 3, Thompson, 51sec; Thompson and T. Robinson 46sec. each. Contest every week-end.—A. Browne, Sec.

Club Reports.

LANCASTER PRIMROSE C.B.A.

A most successful meeting was held May 13th, when Mr. Mullinor gave us a splendid lecture on Canaries and British Birds. This association is now under new management, and we wish to thank all exhibitors for their patronage. We hope to make new friends from all parts. We hope also to have a record show this year. Will any friends, having the welfare of the society at heart, and who would like to become members, kindly send their names and addresses on to me?—J. Johnson (45, Perth-street, Moorlands, Lancaster).

LONDON & PROVINCIAL O.S.

Meeting held May 18th, headquarters. A large number of members and visitors turned up to hear Mr. Robson deliver a lecture on "The Yorkshire Canary." This proved most interesting and instructive, proof of which was found by the very numerous and animated questions and remarks which followed. Questions were asked by Messrs. Crabb, Mortlock, Couzens, Matthes, Bamber. The following were elected members:—The Hon. Mrs. Bourke and Mr. P. H. Harris. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Robson and to Mr. Crabb, the chairman.—C. W. Law, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S

General meeting held May 15th, headquarters. After the usual business our worthy president (Mr. Bladon) gave us a paper on the Cinnamon Canary and the uses of Cinnamon blood, which proved very interesting. Mr. Bladon told us what was wanted, and the best way to get it; also the benefits derived from the use of the Cinnamon in other varieties. After the lecture he was asked a lot of questions which he answered to everybody's satisfaction. A vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon brought the meeting to a close. The next meeting night falling on Whit Monday, I am calling it for next Monday, May 29th, when I hope as many as possible will attend to make the classification for F.F. Show.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

ILFORD AND DISTRICT F. & F.S.

General meeting held White Horse Hotel, May 9th, Mr. J. Smith in chair. The names of several judges for second monthly young stock and annual shows were put forward and the secretary instructed to write the same for terms, etc., the final selection to be made at next meeting, May 30. The new members elected:—Messrs. H. D. Cockman (Upminster), A. J. Matthews (Witham), H. C. Wood (Ilford), Jack Poel (Romford), J. Reed (Leytonstone), C. Small (Ilford), S. Summerhill (Ilford), Tomson (Seven Kings), and W. Smith (Forest Gate). At the termination of the general business a very interesting lecture was delivered by Mr. W. L. Rae, the subject being "Thirty Years in the Feathered Fancy." Although there was a very poor attendance, it was thoroughly appreciated by the members and their friends, as signified by the hearty vote of thanks accorded the lecturer at the conclusion.—J. H. Priestman, Hon Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Will members kindly refer to Rule 3 in new rule book, and Rule 4 old rule book, re subscription, so as to enable them to compete for the two gold medals for most points at the two first feather shows June 3rd, Three Tuns Inn, Eastwood, and July 15th Portland Arms, Jacksdale. Those who have not received schedule please apply for one, also those who have not received new rule card. We have made a good classification, so please show appreciation by entering a few birds, seeing that it is the first cage bird show ever held in Eastwood, Notts (so I am informed). There are 5 Nor., 6 Yorks., 3 Crest, 2 A.O.V. Can., 2 Mule or Hybrid, 2 Novice, and 9 British classes. Entrance fee, 1s. per cage. Mr. J. Acritt will judge. The show is open to all (except the novice classes, which are members only), birds to be staged by 12.30 p.m. There is an error in schedule in not stating that 12.30 p.m. is the time fixed for entries closing on show day. Schedules will be sent to any fancier requiring one.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec. (South-street, Greenhill-lane, Alfreton).

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Cairns Hall, Gorgie Road, May 16th—president, Mr. Charleton, presiding over a very large attendance. A report and letter were read regarding staging for annual show; this matter was, however, left over until Sept. meeting for further report. The classification of annual show came up for discussion, sub-committee's recommendations being unanimously adopted. The following is the order of classification:—Novice section, 13 classes, Crested 5, Border Fancies 14, Scotch Fancies 5, British and Foreign 15, Mules and Hybrids 4. A suggestion to include sweepstake classes failed to receive support. The judges' names will be announced immediately terms and arrangements have been completed. Decided to tender applications for the patronage of the Border Fancy Club, Scottish Plainhead Club, and British Bird and M.C. Also to secure Hyde's, Ramsden's, and other specials. Agreed to have a hand washing exhibition at Sept. meeting, and to hold a table show of Canaries at Oct. meeting, open to professionals and novices, arrangements for same being left over until Sept. meeting. A paper was then read by Mr. A. W. Watson entitled "Mule and Hybrid Breeding." Mr. Watson received patient hearing and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.—J. L. Mackie, Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held May 18th, Headquarters, Mr. Barkas in chair. Decided, to alter date of F.F. show from June 24th to July 15th, owing to the bad breeding results. The majority of our members are having a bad season so far.—J. Lindsay, Sec.

PONTYPRIDD & DIST. F. & F.S.

At the meeting held May 20th the name of the society was changed to the above. Councillor Daniel Arnott, J.P., was unanimously elected chairman. Also decided to hold a members' show in September, and the ordinary open show at the beginning of November. Six gentlemen were elected members.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, Hon. Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE & DIST. C.B.S.

The annual ramble takes place on June 4 (Whit-Sunday), meeting at Bell Lane at 5.30 p.m. With the kind permission of R. S. Pemberton, Esq., we journey to Sorry Hill Estate Woods, "doing" Mincing Woods first, then returning to Red Lion, Milsted, for cold meat breakfast. Then on again to Sweets Wood, working our way back to Minsted, and arriving home about 1 o'clock. All fanciers intending to join us should notify me at 13, High Street, Sittingbourne, not later than May 31. Breakfast 1s. 6d. All fanciers welcome.—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting held May 20, All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, Mr. Macgregor in chair. Two new members were nominated and accepted—Messrs. Smithers (Addlestone) and Robertson (Battersea). Annual show fixed for November 11. Mr. H. Norman being appointed to judge; he is also judging the first young bird show on June 24. Any member joining now will be eligible to compete for cups and other trophies, which it should be noted are to be won outright this year. Mr. G. Harwood, 9, Frere Street, Battersea, will give particulars to intending members.—J. W. Burgess, Assist. Sec.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Usual meeting held Co-operative Hall, 20th May, Mr. J. Rankine presiding. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the ramble has been put back to 3rd June. The outing will take place to Pitreavie, kindly granted by Mr. H. Beveridge and Mr. Wm. Robertson. We are leaving the top of New Road at 1.30, by car to Halbeath, meeting friends there from Hill of Beath, Cowdenbeath, etc. We start the ramble from there at two o'clock, having tea in Inverkeithing at six o'clock. The guide will be Mr. Hutton, head forester, and the leader for the day Mr. Wm. Malcolm. The young bird show was then fixed as follows: Date, 29th July, in the Co-operative Hall, at 4. Classification: Scot. Fcy. cock or hen, any col.; Nor. yell.; ditto buff; Crest; C.B.; Bord. Fcy. yell.; ditto buff; A.O.V. yell.; ditto buff: common Canary; self. class, A.V., price 10/-; light Mule or Hyb.; dark Mule; British hardbill; small softbill. Bunting included. Mr. W. Cullen will take the Canaries, and Mr. W. Malcolm the remainder. Entry money 6d. per bird, prize money paid from entries. Arrangements are now being made by the committee for the holding of the third annual show about the beginning of November. Three new members admitted to membership.—Robert T. Campbell, Secretary.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

A "Smoker" and Presentation to the Secretary.

A "Smoker" and presentation to our secretary, on his return to health, after four months' absence, were held May 20, at headquarters, before a crowded room, which shows the popularity of Mr. Rhodes as secretary. Mr. W. Wharton (in the chair) opened the proceedings with a few remarks, and called on Mr. Ridewood to give a selection on the gramophone. This gentleman gave us several capital records during the evening. Mr. Gilbert gave us a song, which was accorded a well deserved encore. Mr. Irlam then gave us a stump speech, entitled "All is not gold that glitters"—something out of the ordinary, and very well spoken. Our old friend and member Mr. J. S. Clarkson said: Having been asked to say something, I will go some nine or ten years back. The society was good then, financially, but things seemed to go gradually backwards. How it went that way I can't say, but in a year or two the balance in the bank had been reduced almost to nothing. About this time a young member was put in charge of the secretary's position, and for months and months he stuck to his post. The outlook was very bad, but he plodded on, and at last the sun began to shine on his efforts. The same member still hold the reins with a banking account of £22. Four months ago he was stricken down, and had to go under a very serious operation. We are pleased to say it has been very successful, as you will see, he looks better than ever he did. Our acting secretary made a suggestion that we should, on our secretary's return, make some small recognition of his services. So the outcome of that suggestion, which you all so liberally supported, is this beautiful oak smoking cabinet, and I here congratulate the committee on their choice. I will therefore call on Mr. Rhodes to receive on behalf of the members of the City of Bradford O.S., this small recognition of his most valuable services for the past 5 years. I have performed many pleasing duties in my long experience with the society, but I must say none have given me greater pleasure than this. May he live long and happy to be able to cherish this one small token of the members. Mr. Rhodes replied: It gives me the greatest pleasure to be amongst you all once more, but this beautiful cabinet has nearly taken all the speech out of me. I have always tried to do my duty, but I cannot take all the honour, for without the splendid support of the members I could have done nothing. As for this present I am that taken aback I can hardly say anything, but I thank you one and all, and shall cherish it as long as I live. I thought this was only a "smoker" welcoming me back to health, so you will excuse my shortcomings. (We wil. forgive him.) Mr. Clarkson said it was Mr. Rhodes' abilities alone that had brought him the hearty support of the members. Mr. Barnes then gave a song, followed by Messrs. Irlam, J. Dennison, and Theaker, who contributed. Mr. F. Rhodes made his debut in "Somewhere" in fine style. Mr. Morement created an uproar with "Mother up-to-date." Mr. T. Forham moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Clarkson; Mr. F. Ludbrook seconded, Mr. Clarkson replying. Mr. J. Lane moved a vote of thanks to the artistes; Mr. Inman ably seconded. An item of business was the election of Messrs. J. R. Taylor and F. Rhodes as representatives on the Cinderella Fund Committee. This ended one of the most pleasant evenings we have ever had.—W. Morement, pro tem; J. Roe, Assist. Sec.

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DUBMIRE'S WORKING MEN'S CLUB C.B.S.

Very good meeting, held May 21. We settled the classes for the First Feather show, and appointed Mr. Widowfield (Tynedock) as judge. It is the same fancier as was talked about in last year's "Annual," by Mr. Hutchinson, of Newcastle.—E. Hann.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held Fawcett Street Cafe, May 13, Mr. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. Decided, to hold our picnic at Corbridge on Whit Monday, providing there is an excursion on that day. Will all members who intend going kindly let me know at next meeting, on May 27?—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

RADFORD & DIST. (Notts.) O.S.

General meeting, May 9th, when the schedule for First Feather Show, for June 10th, was settled. Mr. T. Barker appointed judge. Classes included for novices only, and a medal given for most points in these classes. This course of letting novices compete among themselves will, we think, encourage young fanciers and increase our membership. A medal was also given for most points in other classes. Both medals were given by Mr. Oliver.—G. Lawrence, Sec.

CLYDEBANK AND DIST. C.B.C.

Meeting held Clydebank Shipyard Dining Hall, May 18, Mr. Sheriden presiding. A letter was read from our hon. president regretting he would be unable to be present owing to illness, but promising to assist us at an early date. Classification for first feather show fixed up, when it was arranged to give 4 classes for Nor. Plainheads (which is sure to be strong, this being the favourite variety amongst our members), and one class for each of the other varieties. Following new members proposed and seconded: Messrs. J. Robb and T. Spratt.—J. Hart, Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH C. & M.B.S

We have again engaged the Bucclench Parish Church Hall for the annual show on November 18, and have secured the services of the following gentlemen as judges: for Norwich, Mr. R. Martin (Kirkintilloch); for Border Fancy, Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso); and for British bird and Mule section, Mr. J. Pendrigh (Edinburgh). We have no meetings during June, July, and August; next meeting Sept. 7, 7 p.m., when Mr. Steel (Dalkeith) will give us a lecture on Foods and Fallacies. I am arranging a ramble to Musselburgh on June 24, when C. Sykes has kindly consented to show us around the district. Will members please note, and keep themselves clear for above dates.—J. Finnie, Sec.

ECCLES AND DISTRICT C.B.S

In commemoration of our first anniversary, we held on May 10th, at headquarters, a supper and smoking concert, kindly given by our worthy president, host, and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tims. We had a most successful evening. A fair gathering of members and friends sat down, and after Professor Griffiths had passed the words of grace did full justice to a most excellent supper, which was a compliment to our hostess as a cook, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Our friend and able pianist, Mr. Shepley, opened the concert with an overture. We proceeded with excellent songs and music, for which the artistes were heartily applauded. Mr. Kilner, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Monk, and the pianist contributed. The concert was brought to a close by all singing "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem. A vote of thanks was proposed to our host, hostess, and artistes, who responded with the toast of "The Society," and hoped that this would be one only of many such concerts.—H. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held May 17, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. Decided, we require five championship and two novice classes for our patronage. Members requiring Ramsden's colour-food to state quantities they require to Mr. Crawhall at next meeting. That Ramsden's special be given for second best bird at challenge cup show; winner of challenge cup debarred; birds competing for this special to be fed on Ramsden's food. That diploma be given to winners of challenge cup and Ramsden's special. Medals to be given as in previous year. Decided to have subscriptions for championship trophy. The secretary in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Crawhall, made reference to the sad circumstances that had led to his parting with his stock, and thanked him on behalf of the members for all he had done for the society in the past, expressing the hope that the time was not far distant when he would be able to take up the Fancy again. The proposition met with a hearty response from the members, thus bringing to a close a very pleasant evening.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

An excellent concert (styled a "Coronation concert") in aid of the funds of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., was held at the headquarters of the society, the "Reindeer" Hotel, Rye-lane, Peckham, S.E., on May 22nd. Mr. John Bright Crowe, who presided, was supported by Messrs. R. L. Crisp (who acted as chairman when Mr. Crowe left at a late hour), H. E. Tringham and J. Robson. There was a very fine attendance, which included a large number of ladies. A capital programme was gone through, Mr. H. W. Tomsett (the popular assistant hon. secretary) being responsible for its arrangement.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said that the society was in a very flourishing condition, and those who were at the head of affairs—Mr. Hodson (the secretary) and his fellow officers were deserving of very great praise. He then called on Mr. Hermann Sands for a pianoforte solo, which was followed by plenty of good singing by a large number of admirably selected artistes, including Miss Lena Corry, Miss Ellie White, Mrs. Lucy, and Messrs. Mark Lee, Ernest Bewsey, Stephen Moorcroft, C. Price, Fred Wilson, —. Barclay, and C. Howes. Mrs. Gertrude Brown accompanied throughout the evening in a manner which left nothing to be desired.

The event of the evening was the presentation of a gilt framed picture to a lady. Copies of a journal in one number of which the word "picture" had been previously written in pencil, were given out amongst the ladies present, and the fortunate holder of the marked copy proved to be Miss Pearson (a friend of Mr. H. E. Tringham's). The winner of the picture was congratulated, and was evidently pleased with the pretty gift.

A vote of thanks to Mr J. Bright Crowe, proposed by Mr. F. Cole, and seconded by Mr. L. J. Richardson, and another vote of thanks to Mr. Crisp, on the motion of Mr. Robson, brought a very happy occasion to a close. Mr. Tomsett, the musical director, was congratulated on all hands, and it was generally felt that whilst the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. has among its members such an able man, it need never fear any inability to provide a good concert.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held May 16th. Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair. Agreed to use lifting tickets in a different manner than formerly at open show; they have to be sent on to the exhibitor with his slips. The delegates that were at West of Fife League meeting gave their report, which was considered very satisfactory. The work of the society being in a very forward condition, it was agreed to close the meeting. Some of the members then had a nice ramble through the south part of Blairadam Woods, which finished a very enjoyable evening.—A. Dickson, Sec.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Special general meeting held "Boars Head" Hotel, May 16, when a very fair number of members were present. Mr. S. Mason occupied the chair. The chief item on the agenda was the First Feather show. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold three Saturday afternoon shows in place of the usual midweek F.F. show. The dates fixed as follows: June 24th, July 8th, and July 22nd. Mr. F. W. Nelson will judge the first. Will the members who were absent kindly notice the above, also that Mr. Nelson has promised £1 and W. Stafford 5s. towards the special prize fund? Subscriptions are due. New members will be welcome.—W. Stafford, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Arcade Temperance Hotel, May 17th, Mr. J. Simpson presiding. Estimates were submitted re show printing, the settling of which was left over till next meeting. A letter was read from Scotch Fancy judge intimating he would be unable to come to Cowdenbeath on November 18th. Another judge was nominated, and secretary instructed to communicate with him. Hall for annual show was again considered and a deputation appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements. The secretary submitted report from the Cage Bird League meeting, which was adopted. A discussion took place regarding rules for the League, and recommendations were sent to next meeting. Sub-committee submitted copies of rules for society and schedule rules, which were read and left over for final settlement next meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.—Joseph R. Reid, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

General meeting held May 11, Mr. F. J. Weaver in chair. There was a good attendance, when the following resolution was carried: "That we hold three nest feather shows, the first to be held at headquarters, June 15, for which the following classes were drawn up: 3 Nor., 3 Yorks., 1 Mule. Second show to be held at the Stamford Arms Hotel, which is to be the annual F.F. show; conditions later. Third to be held headquarters in August." Will those members who were not present kindly note that points will be counted at the shows for the proposed members' cup; so please do not forget to nominate your birds. A letter was read by the secretary re the proposal of the Midland Federation of C.B.S., which our members regard as the finest suggestion they have heard of for many a day. Three new members were duly elected in Messrs. Vaughan, W. Singleton (Blakenhall), H. Thomas (Walsall). Any other fancier intending to join please communicate with me before June 13, when he will be eligible to show his birds at the June show.—J. Gibbons, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

The various methods of making egg-food were discussed at a meeting held May 17th. Messrs. Lewis and Hands gave practical demonstrations, which were keenly watched by those present. Mr. Lewis used hard-boiled egg, and the same weight of bread, two days old, crumbled with the hands and then passed through a seive, made of perforated zinc, of medium-sized holes, nailed into a wooden frame. He then broke up the egg and forced it through the same seive with a knife. To this he added a teaspoonful of maw and the same quantity of castor sugar. These were well mixed together, and were then ready for the food tins. Mr. Hands's method was very similar, the difference being that the bread was not passed through the seive, and the ingredients were well mixed together with the hands. An interesting discussion followed, one member advocating the chopping up of lettuce and mixing with the egg and bread; another preferred soaked rape, while a third deprecated mixing the food with the hands.—A. S. Treasure.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

The society's first ramble, which was to Hildenboro', took place on Sunday last, May 21, it being a splendid success. Fifteen members, eager to learn all they could in regard to wild bird life, met at New Cross Station, for the 9.25 a.m., for Hildenboro', under the excellent care of Messrs. Pope and Meades. I am sorry to say that Mr. Barton, the secretary, and several other members were called upon for special duty (they being railwaymen), and were to their regret unable to join us. The weather was all that was hoped for, and right well did the members take advantage of it. Arriving at Hildenboro', the first thing was to partake of light refreshments and arrange matters for the day's gathering. Nest hunting was the next order of the day. Our desire was soon granted us, for when about two minutes' walk from the station a nest was spotted. I think it was impossible for even the smallest nest to miss the eye of our fanciers—everyone was eager to find the first nest. This one was situated on the extreme end of the branch of a large pine tree. After examination it was proved to be that of the Chaffinch, with a full clutch. After an explanation of the bird and its habits, we jogged along through the country until we reached the homes of the Linnets. These proved to be very plentiful, it being an easy matter to find nests of this species. We now started off for Nizel Heath in the hope of finding Mr. Goldie at home. On our way we found almost every species of British bird. After walking for a time we found ourselves at the place where our hopes led us to look for Mr. Goldfinch, but we were not so fortunate in finding this species—not even one could we see. Being defeated, we started off for tea, which was greatly welcomed. This was followed by another hour or two's view of the country, which brought us into Tonbridge. Here the party hired boats and enjoyed themselves on the river for an hour; after which we caught the train from Tonbridge for London. This brought the ramble to a close after a very enjoyable day.—Barton and Hearn, Secs.

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Kindly note that the dates fixed for our next annual show are September 20 and 21, writes Mr. H. Fabian Russell the Hon. Sec. of the Caterham and Dis. F.C. Will secretaries please avoid clashing.

Mr. H. Thomas, of 15, Clinning Road, Birkdale, Southport, requests us to ask Mr. J. Jeffrey (formerly of Kidderminster) to kindly communicate with him.

We have elected Messrs. Jeans (Camelon) and Hutcheson (Slamannan) to judge our show on November 18, writes Mr. R. L. Leitch, sec. of the Polmont and Dist. C.C.

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The committee of the Selkirkshire O.F.A. have elected Mr. Henry Bennet (Kelso) as judge of the Canary section at their show on October 21, writes Mr. James Robertson, the secretary.

The Preston O.S. annual ramble, under Mr. Dent's leadership, takes place on Sunday, May 28, writes Mr. J. P. Leeming, the secretary. Will all who intend going please meet the 9.30 train to Longridge? A grand walk is assured.

The first of our series of nest feather shows will be held at the Victoria Hall, Whittington Moor, on July 1, with Mr. W. Vardy as judge, writes Mr. G. Dodd, sec. for the Whittington Moor, Staveley, and Chesterfield Cage Bird Societies.

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Twitterings.

I have removed, and my address is now 35, Victoria Gardens, Rutherglen, writes Mr. R. H. Livingstone.

Result of draw in aid of H. Seely, Choppington Colliery:—1, ticket no. 918; 2nd, 342; 3rd, 892; 4th, 164.

My address after May 26 will be 41, Fisher Street, Dennistown, Glasgow, writes Mr. Robert Watson.

Those who intend getting a hot colour on their birds this season, see Sandiford's advertisement in Advertisement columns.—Advt.

Will secretaries and others please note that my address is now 7, Woodland Place, Cowdenbeath? writes Mr. J. R. Reid, secretary of the Cowdenheath C.B.S.

Owing to a new rule, we are obliged to alter the dates of two of our members' shows, viz., October 7 and November 11 to October 10 and November 7 (Tuesday nights), birds to be staged at 7.30 prompt, writes Mr. J. Lewis, hon. sec. of the Spen Valley C.B.S.

Mr. R. Halliday, of Shipley, will judge the members' nest feather show, to be held on June 3 at St. George's Schools, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, hon. sec. of the Leeds C.B.S. I hope members will not fail to include their entrance fees (fourpence); this is important.

Will secretaries in the West kindly send me on their schedules, as I am breeding Yorkshires and hope to show again this next season, writes Mr. H. Pincombe (Sydenham, Lew Down, Devon); late of Bodmin. I have been out of the showing this last two seasons.

The Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. annual ramble takes place on Saturday, May 27, write Messrs. Meades and Woolgar, the hon. secs. The brake leaves for Dartford to Green Street Green, leaving Club Room at 2.30. Friends are invited. Will those intending going please let us know by Saturday morning (fare about 1s. 6d.)?

The City of Bradford O.S. are holding two first feather shows (one on June 17 and the other on July 29), and four old bird shows (September 23, October 21, November 18, and December 23), during the current season. A leaflet containing particulars of same may be had of the sec., Mr. F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow St., Bradford.

The Poplar and Dis. C.B.S. go for their country ramble to Laindon, in Essex, on Sunday next, May 28, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, hon. sec. Train from Fenchurch Street at 9.45 a.m., Stepney 9.51, Bromley 9.57, Plaistow 10.4 a.m. Fare, 2s. 6d. return. A hearty welcome will be accorded to any fancier who cares to join us.

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The following gentlemen, writes Mr. Alex. Miller, sec. of the City of Dundee C.B.S., have been appointed to judge our open show on November 25:—For Crests, Mr. J. Young; for Plainheads, Mr. W. Hampton; for Scotch Fancies, Messrs. J. Stenhouse and J. Strachan; for Border Fancies, Mr. T. Arnott; and for British birds, Mr. R. V. Raine.

Will all members and friends of the Birkenhead Canary F.A., writes Mr. A. E. Lloyd, the sec., please note that our nest feather show will be held on July 8, and our old bird show on December 9, at the Co-operative Hall, Catherine Street, Birkenhead? We have engaged a well-known popular judge of Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries and British birds—Mr. J. W. Metcalf, of Liverpool.

We are now in a sound financial position, writes Mr. James Irlam, hon. sec., Sale and District Open C.B.S., and intend running an open show again this year—on November 17 and 18. No classes will be cancelled. This, I trust, will be the means of increasing the entries, as our show has been guaranteed against all loss. There are already two silver cups, and we have the promise of another valuable special for members only. I should like all members and intending members to send in their names and subscriptions on or before June 12, so that we can see what names to keep on the books. I hope to see this year beat all previous years, so I trust we shall receive the support of old and new friends.

We have received a copy of the British Roller Canary Club's handbook for 1911. The membership, we gather, is now over 200, and the Club is in a good position financially, the balance in hand being £7 8s. 7d. In writing to us the secretary (Mr. J. W. Norris) states that the Club has succeeded in the matter of the cup, the amount subscribed being £11 11s.

Will members kindly note that in future meetings will be held on Wednesdays, instead of Mondays, as formerly, in the Academy Hall, Fort Street, writes Mr. James Sloan, hon. sec. of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C. The next meeting will be held on May 31, when I trust the turn-out will be more numerous than at recent meetings. Classification for open show and other important matters comprise the agenda.

I have been a reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for many years, and I am sorry to have to tell you that I have to give up my birds owing to ill-health, writes Mr. J. Moore (Ramsey, Hunts). I have been under the doctor for eight months, and now have to go into the hospital. (We are sure our readers will heartily sympathise with Mr. Moore in his misfortune. We hope he may have a speedy recovery to health.—Editor.)

Considering that the North Wales C.B.S. was only formed last February, and that the total membership now number 87, we are confident of a splendid show on Whit Monday, writes Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary. Schedules have been sent out, and if any member has been overlooked will he please apply for one at once? We wish to remind secretaries and others that our open show has been fixed for Boxing Day, December 26.

Will fanciers please note that I have been appointed secretary and treasurer of the Halifax O.S. in place of Mr. Thackray, who has resigned, writes Mr. Jno. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley Street, Battinson Road, Halifax, to whom all communications should be addressed. Mr. F. Burdekin, 20, Tennyson Street, Lee Mount, has been appointed assistant secretary in place of Mr. Whitaker, who has resigned owing to ill-health. A speedy recovery for him is the wish of every member.

We have received from Mr. Jeffrey Walsh, the well-known bird and food specialist and cage maker (Pheasant Aviaries, Penny Street, Blackburn), a copy of his new catalogue of bird cages, aviaries, cage fittings, bird-room appliances, bird seeds and foods, etc. It is a very fine catalogue, running into over 100 pages, and is profusely and very helpfully illustrated. In it will be found full particulars of the numerous specialities in foods, cages, etc., supplied by Mr. Walsh, whose business is conducted on the sound principles of straightforward dealings and the highest quality wares at the lowest possible prices. Everything that a fancier requires—from the stock of birds down to the very least of his appliances, fittings, etc.—is to be had from the Pheasant Aviaries. The catalogue may be had post free on application by mentioning CAGE BIRDS when writing for it to Mr. Walsh.

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Yorkshire Canary Club.

Will all members of the Yorkshire Canary Club please attend the annual general meeting to be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin St., Bradford, on Saturday, May 27, at 6 p.m. prompt? A hearty invitation is extended to fanciers desiring to become members.—John Greaves, secretary.

National Green-marked Y.C.C.

The annual general meeting of the National Green Marked Y.C.C. will be held on May 27, at 3 p.m., at the Market Tavern, Bradford. All members are urgently requested to attend. Business: Annual report and balance sheet; suggested additions, etc., to rules; result of election of officers for 1911; etc. All cash specials won by members will be paid at this meeting.—F. Armstrong, hon. secretary.

Southern Norwich P.C.

Will clubs wishing to take up the patronage of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club for show season 1911 please apply at once to the Secretary, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, London, S.E.? The patronage will be balloted for amongst committee and the officers of the society, when clubs will be duly informed of the result. Members are notified that Rule 3 will be strictly enforced as to the payment of subscriptions. Will any fancier wishing to join kindly apply as soon as possible, as it is important to join before the end of July? The secretary will be pleased to forward novices any particulars, as it is likely the Club will be giving away some good and useful specials.—F. S. Matthes, hon. sec.

Our Queen's Birthday Canary

A Happy Idea of the Fanciers of Norwich.

Readers of CAGE BIRDS have doubtless already been made acquainted with the fact that Queen Mary has graciously consented to accept a Canary and cage from the bird-keepers of Norwich as a memento of her birthday. This interesting event has received wide-spread publicity in the columns of the daily and weekly newspapers. The fanciers of Norwich are to be heartily congratulated on planning so felicitous a method of commemorating the natal day of our beloved Queen—a method which redounds to the credit of the hobby of bird-keeping.

How It Originated.

On the occasion of our annual smoking concert this year (writes Mr. R. Roll, the secretary of the Norwich Alliance All England C.B.A.), our President, F. J. Lambert, Esq., on proposing the toast of the Association, suggested it would be an appropriate proceeding for us to send a Norwich Canary to Her Majesty the Queen as a Coronation and Birthday gift from the bird breeders of Norwich. He then took the matter up with the Town Clerk, who placed the same before the Lord Mayor of Norwich, who, in turn, communicated with the Queen's Private Secretary. This gentleman laid the request before Her Majesty, and she has very graciously consented to receive the Canary from the breeders of this City through the medium of our Association. I enclose you a copy of a communication I have received from the Queen's Private Secretary, Mr. Wallington. It will be seen from this that the President, Mr. Lambert, Chairman, Mr. Freestone, and myself will attend at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, May 25th, to hand the Canary and cage to him on Her Majesty's behalf.

The cage, a brass one, is guaranteed all British manufacture, and is simple yet chaste in design. It was selected by Her Majesty personally, and has the Royal Arms in the centre of the front, and the Arms of the City of Norwich at each corner.

Her Majesty's Letter.

Buckingham Palace.
3rd May, 1911.

Dear Sir,—I have submitted your letter to the Queen, and am commanded to say that Cage No. 1 will be very acceptable to Her Majesty. I shall be delighted to receive the President, Chairman, and yourself, at Buckingham Palace on 25th May in the morning.

I am, yours faithfully,
E. W. WALLINGTON.

R. Roll, Esq.

Choosing the Bird.

The committee were anxious to obtain as fine a specimen of the Norwich Plainhead Canary as the City could produce, and invited breeders to submit specimens for their inspection. The birds were taken to the club-room of the Norwich Alliance C.B.A., on May 22, and the task of selection was no light one, for the bird had to be not only as typical as possible and excelling in colour and quality, but a fine, free songster, to boot. A long examination and many consultations were necessary before the choice was made between the many grand birds put before the committee. This fell upon a young (1910) bird which was generally conceded to be a splendid example of the Norwich breed. It turned out to belong to Mr. George Campling, whose delight on learning of his good fortune can well be imagined. He has been a breeder of birds for upwards of 40 years, and has from time to time won a large number of prizes at the shows. By trade he is a shoemaker, in quite a humble way.

The visit of the committee to Buckingham Palace we shall hope to deal with in our next issue.

Another Scottish Sensation.

Remarkable Allegations against a Judge.

An account has reached us of some astonishing happenings at the recent meeting of a society in the vicinity of Glasgow. As the matters concerned, however, are apparently to be the subject of further investigation, and, possibly, it is rumoured, of legal proceedings, we only give a general indication as to their purport. It is alleged that a certain well-known judge and exhibitor lent a bird (or birds) to a certain party to be exhibited under himself, in his capacity as judge, at one of the large Scottish exhibitions. One of the accusers is the person who alleges that he had the loan of the bird (or birds). The party accused gives a point-blank denial to the charge, which he characterises as devoid of truth.

Nightingale at Brislington.

A Brislington (near Bristol) resident, Mr. P. Caesar, states that the Nightingale, after an absence of two years, has returned to Birchwood, and is now in full song.

The Beginner in the Canary Fancy.

By
Robt. J. ELLEBY.
(Ardwick.)

It has often been said that unless there were recruits continually joining the Fancy, the Fancy could not prosper. To a certain extent that is true, and it is for persons just entering it, and who are in want of a few simple instructions that these notes are written.

How to Begin.

The first question to ask is how shall we begin? Shall we begin at the bottom rung of the ladder, and climb up gradually to the top, or make purchases from champion exhibitors? I hold it best to start at the bottom, because if you do so, you will gain knowledge by experience, and what can be better? If you do decide to start so, you will not necessarily require a great amount of cash, because only a few shillings, probably less than twenty-five, will buy both birds and cages.

Having so made up your mind, the first consideration are the cages in which the birds will have to be kept. They will require to be a fair size, so that the birds may be kept in health and be happy.

Worth Their Weight in Gold.

In purchasing the first birds there is always the difficulty of finding a fancier who has a reliable strain of "feeders," because without good feeding hens (which are really worth their weight in gold) you will make little or no progress the first season. I may here say that I have never bought a good feeding hen during the many years I have been in the Fancy. You may think that I have not paid sufficient price for them; well, I can say that I have paid anything up to £3 each. The hens I have bought have caused me considerable loss and annoyance, but the losses have not broken my heart, because I am still going on. But I hope you may meet with a kind fancier. You might meet with one near where you live who would help you, and possibly sell you one or two of his trusted hens; and with a fair sized cock bird you may make a start.

If you have your choice, have a marked buff cock and two yellow hens, one of which should be heavily marked. You might then breed a very nice foul green, as well as Yellows and Buffs.

I am supposing you are going in for Norwich, which are so much admired and loved by thousands. In breeding Norwich Canaries, the one thing aimed at is bulk, not length; so when you buy your birds you should remember this, and select them fairly stout and of a good colour. Moreover, if you wish to produce good coloured birds, your stock birds should possess green blood; remember that unless you have green blood in your hen as well as in the cock, you will find to your disappointment that your birds will not come anything like what they ought to do, and you will be far behind others if you should happen to use some of the best of what you breed for stock birds.

Three Important Points.

So here are the three important things to be considered if you wish to make headway. First, raise up a few good feeding hens; secondly, get rather stout stock birds to begin with; and thirdly, buy birds which contain the valuable green blood.

With regard to cages, let them be fairly large. Nest baskets I prefer, because the air can get to the young when the mother is covering them with her body; also there will be less sweating, which is a very troublesome complaint in the warm days. I use nest baskets, and have never had a case of "sweating."

Do No Interfere.

When your birds are sitting, do not interfere in any way with them. Do not remove the eggs, as some advise; leave them alone. Wild birds do not have their eggs removed each day and put back again, so there is really no need, I think, for you to do so. Then as time goes on your young birds will appear.

The hen should then have a little egg (boiled hard and chopped fine); give this to her twice each week, and on the second day when the mother is off feeding, peep into the nest to see if the young ones are alive; and continue to do this. Should a youngster die in the nest, remove it.

I generally take the cock away from the hen when she has laid her last egg. You may please yourself, unless the cock pulls nest to pieces or upsets the hen; then you must remove him. In the meantime, he can be paired up with another hen

When the young are about 17 days old they will begin to perch. You should now think of putting them into a small nursery cage, which should be hooked on to the front of the cage containing the mother, when she will feed them through the wires. Hang the nursery cage sufficiently low so that the mother cannot get at their tails to pull them out, as it weakens them to have to grow a second tail; also the tail becomes much longer.

Be particular at breeding time to keep the cages clean. Fresh water should be given each morning and night when the youngsters are being fed, and only a little green food and crushed hemp seed should be given, when the young are about three or four days old. What is left should be taken out of the cage in the evening.

When to Remove the Youngsters.

When the young ones can eat for themselves, they may be removed from the mother; this will be between the 24th and 28th day. Continue to feed them as before, until they are six weeks old; then gradually get them on to mixed seeds. After that attention must be paid them because the moult begins then to take place, and they must then have a watchful eye kept on them as they often fall sick without any apparent cause.

I always use an antiseptic saline, and I never have any contagious disease, though I have had hundreds of birds in my room at one time. If fanciers only knew the value of it, they would use it, and not be troubled with that scourge known as "bird fever."

When you have got your birds nicely moulted, select for future operations the best of them for yourself, choosing those that are nice and full-chested, and the hens having the shortest wings and tails.

By the end of the breeding season the shows will be coming on, and no doubt you will most likely go and see what sort of birds catch the judge's eye. The Norwich are much improved the last few years.

The Sort of Bird to Win.

In closing, I may just state what a good Norwich show bird should be to win. The body should be short and stout, nicely rounded when looking at the front, wide across the shoulders when looking over the back; it must have short wings, carried well up on back, and a well carried tail; it should be fine in feathers, not of the long, leafy kind; it should stand nicely clear of the perch with good feet; and last and most important of all, it must have a big, wide head, either rounded or of the cushion shape, with good cheeks and thick neck well set on body. The bird should be of good even colour. A great deal is said about the length—6½ inches. But a good bird need not be that length to win; remember bulk is wanted, not length.

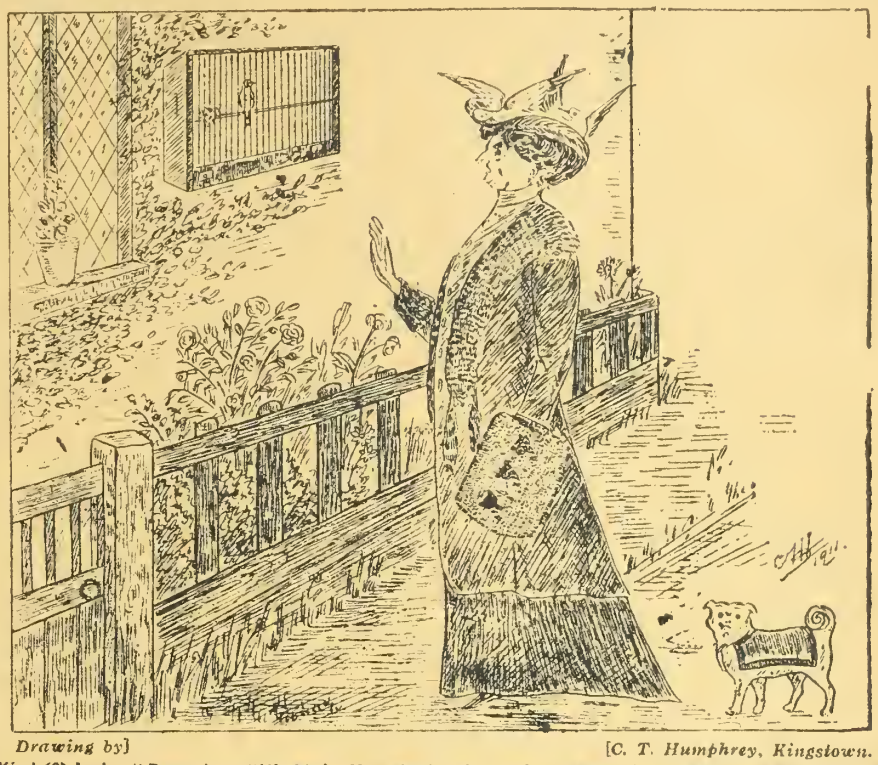
The Young Naturalist.

*Never Again.

Last year my father had a cat and a Canary which were great friends. The cat was called "Tibs," and the Canary "Dick." One day a strange cat jumped through the window. "Dick" not being afraid (he thought it was his friend "Tibs") merely looked to see what he was going to do. He had not long to wait, for in less than half a minute the strange looking cat sprang up on the table and snapped poor "Dick" up into its claws. Happily "Tibs" was just coming into the kitchen, and he bit the cat very hard. This made him drop "Dick" and ran to the door., He did not escape, for Jane the cook, seized the broom and chased him out of the house. He never dared touch "Dick" after this.—Sent by Charles Bridges, age 12, 15, Dovedale Street, Failsworth, nr. Manchester, Lancs.

**The Lost Magpie.

A friend of mine, who is a great lover of British birds, has amongst his collection a Magpie which is very tame. He calls it "Jack," and the children are very fond of it. The dog and "Jack" were great friends, and both ate off the same dish. The dog was put away, and the next day, to their great surprise, "Jack" disappeared. After a while they found out it was flying about the neighbourhood, and they went in search of it, and saw it. They took tempting bits of meat to it, and got it quite near, but it flew away again. "Jack" was very fond of mice, so they tried it with a dead mouse, but it flew away again and brought one of its own, and laid it down beside it. They had "Jack" almost caught, but they had to give up the chase. After being away from the beginning of November, 1910, it made its appearance in the garden on January 25th, 1911. When the children came home from school they were delighted to see "Jack" back again. They at once got its cage and put a bit of cheese in it, and "Jack" went into the cage and ate the cheese. So they closed the bird in and kept it there for a day or two, and now it is its old self again, flying about the garden at its liberty.—James Dick (age 12), 9, Brodie Street, Bainsford.



Drawing by] [*C. T. Humphrey, Kingstown.*

Kind (?) Lady: "Poor, dear, little bird....How shockingly cruel to keep it in a cage. I must report this to the R.S.P.C.A."

*A Strange Nesting Place.

While an employee of the Uttoxeter Gas Works Company was cleaning a lamp on the Heath, Uttoxeter, quite recently, he found a Tom-tit's nest containing seven eggs. Previously passers-by had noticed that the bird paid frequent visits to the lamp-post.—Sent by Doris Lycett (age 14), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 385).

The European Rock Sparrow.

A single specimen of this interesting species was recently given me by a lady residing in Italy. As its scientific name (*P. petronia*) suggests, it is a bird of the mountains and the rocks, and very partial to those old ruins which are so frequently met with in the south of Europe. It is found throughout the whole of Italy, in Sardinia, in the Pyrenees and Basses Alpes, and is common in Greece, nesting in the crevices of rocks and occasionally in holes of trees. Unlike our Sparrow, it is a shy bird, and in the nesting season shuns the neighbourhood of man. It is a thick-set bird, quite as large as our Sparrow, but very different in appearance. The head and back are light brown, streaked with dark brown; above the eye is a broad stripe of buffish white and another on the nape; the under parts are whitish, and the under tail coverts boldly barred with brown. Its most characteristic marking is a patch of bright yellow on the throat. It is not one of the handsome Sparrows, such as the Spanish species (*P. salicarius*), which has the whole of the upper breast and flanks strikingly marked with black on a white ground, but is interesting as being intermediate between this and the Eastern type, which has the whole underparts yellow, such as the Cinnamon Sparrow of the Himalayas, imported a few years since by Capt. Perreau.

More About Redpolls.

The same lady very kindly gave me four Alpine Redpolls, caught in Liguria, which have interested me greatly. They appear to be a race of the Mealy Redpoll, but distinguished by the remarkably bright shade of red suffusing the whole of the breast, the striping on the flanks being deep crimson. My correspondent also told me something which I not only did not know, but should never have guessed, namely, that Redpolls will not stand the heat of an Italian summer in captivity, although Siskins do well there both in aviaries and cages. When we recollect that the Siskin nests in the pine forests of the north of Scotland and that the Lesser Redpoll may often be found breeding in osier beds in the extreme south of England, this seems very curious, though it explains one point, which was never clear to me, namely, why the Siskin is the most popular of all cage-birds in the South of France.

Whilst on this subject, I may mention that I have had an opportunity of inspecting Mr. Cooper's Redpoll, which was referred to in this column recently. It is a great pity that its untimely death prevented him from exhibiting it, for, even in death, it was beautiful, and in life it must have been extremely handsome. The whole of the crown was deep umber; the throat and upper breast pink, with a very small black bib; the rump almost pure white, and also the underparts, there being just a few dark markings on the flanks; all the tail feathers, the flights and the wing-coverts being broadly margined with white. When Mr. Cooper described it as smaller than a Mealy he was evidently speaking of its apparent size, because, by actual measurement, it was larger, its length being 5¼ ins., and wing measurement 3 ins. Its beak also was much longer and stouter. As it did not seem to correspond well with published descriptions of type specimens of either Cones', Hornemann's, or Holbooell's Redpoll, I sent a full description of it to Mr. H. F. Witherby, who seemed to find the same difficulty in identifying it. The general conclusion that I have come to is that, although there undoubtedly is a northern race of the Mealy Redpoll which differs very markedly from the latter, yet that the distinctions between the above three forms are not sufficiently definite to separate them as distinct species. We might perhaps call them species in the making.

The Reddish Finch.

A Continental dealer, who knows my partiality for uncommon birds, recently sent me a pair of tiny Finches which he described as "Bourbon Grosbeaks," but which I had no difficulty in recognising as *S. nigro-aurantia*. Of all the South American Grosbeaks that I have seen these were quite the smallest—smaller even than the little Parva Finch. This rarely imported species comes from Brazil, where it is seen in some numbers in the millet fields. The male is cinnamon coloured, with black head and blackish wings and tail, and a broad and distinctive band of white across the primaries. The female is of the usual olive-brown colour and has a corresponding white band on the wing, or, perhaps I should say, this particular specimen had; it may have been a male in immature plumage. They measured 3¼ ins. in length, the wing, from the flexture to the tip of the longest primary, being only 1⅞ ins. Unfortunately these charming little birds did not survive the long journey. How is it that the Continental dealers can get hold of so many rare species? Also, how is it that they can sell them so cheaply?

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The Marked Yorkshire Canary.

How to Build Up a Strain.

By R. E. HELLIWELL (Halifax).

Mr. Stobart presided over a good assembly of members and friends of the Sowerby Bridge and District C.B.S, who had a very interesting evening, at the Wharfe Hotel, on April 27th, to hear Mr. R. E. Helliwell give the following lecture. Mr. Helliwell was listened to very attentively, and his lecture was enjoyed by all.

Technical Marks Defined.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Fanciers: Having been asked by your chairman to give you a paper on the above subject, I might say it is a pleasure to me to do so, and I hope both young and old fanciers will obtain a little knowledge from it. The first point is to learn what is considered a technical marked bird. The principal points are, eyes, wings, and tail. Any other marks are not considered technical marks at all. A bird that is marked on both eyes, both wings, and each side of tail is considered a six-pointed bird, this being the highest grade of variegation. I might state also that a four or six-pointed bird is termed even-marked or variegated. These two birds are eligible only in classes headed "Marked," "Variegated," or "A.O.V." But bear in mind that these marks must be clear and distinct, and not attached to any other marks.

The two-pointed bird, the three-pointed bird, and the five-pointed bird are considered to be unevenly marked, and if you have a bird marked with two technical marks along with any other tick this also is considered an unevenly marked bird.

The ticked bird, in my opinion, is a bird having one technical point only, or a technical mark along with any other body ticks, or one having a separate tick on any part of bird. Such a bird I consider a ticked bird, but if I am not mistaken the definition of a ticked bird is a bird having one separate technical mark along with any other variegation on its body, and this is so considered by all the principal clubs, Cinnamon or Green Marked. So, gentlemen, if you follow on these lines you will not be far wrong in the classification.

I think I have now explained very clearly what is meant by the technical points of the marked bird and the ticked bird, cinnamon or green marked. I also take it for granted that this applies to the Norwich Plainhead and the Border Fancy Clubs.

Eccentricities in Markings.

Now it is a great benefit for us to try and breed as near as possible to these marks, and if we do so we must look out for that bird called the heavily marked one. From the crosses I am going to mention we are bound to get sometimes both lightly marked and heavily marked ones; ticks and clears will also crop up sometimes. A heavily marked bird we may term an eccentric marked one. What I mean is marked anywhere about the body. Sometimes these marks are attached to the technical points.

I will illustrate how to obtain these principal points. At the present time there is a good opening for this variety, as we have the Green Marked Club progressing favourably more so than the Cinnamon Marked one, but at the same time I think there is plenty of room at our Union shows for a class specially for the heavy marked bird (yellow and buff combined). Now, if I am not mistaken, the Green Marked Club was formed practically for this particular bird, but, in my opinion, it is ignored. I think that if it was considered more, and catered for, the general Fancy would value it far more. I am sorry to say the general feeling is to ignore them in the bird room; I think you will agree with me in this respect.

Method of Producing the Points.

The question now is, how have we to produce these points, and what is the best method? Well, I have tried all ways, so I will explain the best and quickest way to attain our object. In my experience, I find the greatest percentage of markings come from the hen's side, green or cinnamon marks. Therefore, in pairing up, I always mind to have, if I can, as good a marked hen as I can possibly get, as clean and neat in marking as possible, especially the eye marks. Above all, these are the hardest to produce, as we can breed wing marks wholesale. As regards the wing marks, they want to be marked on the secondary flights, about three to four feathers, and not on the outside long flights, nor up the middle of the back. A bird marked thus is termed a saddle marked one.

You may start first with a cinnamon marked hen. Mind, it must have technical marks, or it is of no use. Either yellow or buff, it may be, but it must be well marked on eyes above all. In recommending cinnamon blood on the hen's side I do so because, as I said before, you get the greatest percentage of markings from the hen. Also, I might state, the cinnamon marked bird is full of the marked strain, if you get them from a practical breeder, who has been breeding for years for these particular points. The green-eyed are not as extensively bred yet as the cinnamon strain for purely marked birds, but they are better in type than the cinnamon marks, and stronger, and the best for colour producing. From the cinnamon blood you get that soft silky feather, but the birds deteriorate in colour. A big percentage you will find sometimes white in feather, but with a pinky appearance.

You must pair this cinnamon marked hen to a dark-eyed cock, either marked, or from a marked strain. You get stronger young this way than by pairing two cinnamon marks together; and you get both cinnamon and green marks, cocks and hens. By the reverse mating the whole of the cinnamon marks will be hens, providing your cinnamon marked cock is bred from cinnamon marks that have been bred in for generations.

I might tell you now that we shall have a job to find a reliable strain, as there are so many who cross their birds for fresh blood that there is no guarantee in this respect. But the green-eyed ones will be cocks.

In pairing two cinnamon marks together I find you are losing type and shape, because you will find the cinnamon marks are deteriorating in these points. There are some good birds, but they are few and far between. They have not the excellence, on the whole, of the green marked bird, as an all round Yorkshire. You must arrange the best birds your stock will allow you to pair together. You must not think I am condemning the cinnamon marks; not at all, as I like to see a good cinnamon mark, and I have bred good birds this way. If there are any cinnamon marked breeders here I feel sure that if they try one or two pairs dark-eyed and vice versa (both ways) they will be on the up-grade for improvement in their stock. You will lose nothing by doing so, as I feel convinced that this is the best way to produce the bird we are aiming at, especially if you are going in for cinnamon marks. Mind you, they are no use for exhibition if they have no technical marks on them; that is one of the main points, with type and feather. I also find that by pairing cinnamon and green together you get darker cinnamon colour.

A Believer in Pedigree.

At the present time I have two pairs together paired the same way, and if I am lucky to get some young I shall have a decent bird, no doubt. Bear in mind that you put decent birds together, with pedigree at the back of them. I maintain that a good bird will have pedigree even if you purchase it haphazard. If we could only trace it back it would be found to have a good pedigree somewhere. Good pedigree means good birds. You are practically experimenting with several varieties, clear, ticked, unevenly, even-marked, and heavy marks, cinnamon, or green marked. You can pick from these the lightest marked ones to pair together for clear breeding or to pair to birds from clear blood; then you will have a good foundation of colour in their veins to work on.

The old saying is, how are we to get rid of the heavy marked ones? Well, where there is a will there is a way. Sell them. Now, I don't mean to say put all your stock up for marked breeding; it is a mistake to do so unless you fancy marked breeding; but try two to three pairs, which will be quite sufficient to go on with. If a fancier favours this variety it is all right, but the majority favour clear and ticked breeding. Bear in mind that you will, however, have it to do sooner or later, if you want to be successful on the show bench in the Yorkshire varieties, or any other, at the present day.

In pairing up, providing I have some decent marked birds, I prefer putting two even-marked birds together, if the marks are clear and distinct from other marks. They can be either heavy marked or lightly marked. I don't care how heavy the eyes are marked, but I don't like heavy wing marks, if I can avoid them. Three to four feathers are quite sufficient in each cock or hen. I might say I like heavy eye marks on the hen's side mostly, as I find they moult out, especially the cinnamon marks. I am putting these birds together for marked breeding only; but for clear, ticked, or unevenly marked breeding, I prefer one, two, three, four, five, or six technical marks on the hen's side, paired to a clear, green, or pink-eyed cock, bred from clears. Work them the best your stock will allow, either yellow or buff cock or hen. If you are not breeding for marks as a particular object, from the latter pairing you will get, as I mentioned before, clears, ticks, unevenly, sometimes even-marked, and heavy ones. But for even-marked breeding I prefer the markings well balanced on both sides. Pair up like to produce like; that is my motto. I am proud to say that I have bred from this method two birds, a yellow cock and a buff hen, that have gained high honours at the Crystal Palace, and other shows, this last few years; but I am sorry to say that my two best birds are both dead. Still, I have them set up to look at, and they are good examples. I am hoping to produce another good bird or two if I am in luck's way.

Now, I like to stick to the way in which I have been successful, and if you, too, gentlemen, have a good method, stick to it, as there is no royal road to success. But bear in mind that success depends on pedigree in your hobby. Don't forget to have in your stock a bit of breed. What I mean is Belgian blood. But don't get inferior blood—that is, Belgian and Scotch Fancy combined, as there are crossed birds of this kind about. And mind dropped tails. This cross keeps your birds slim, straight, and of good position. This, along with other properties, helps you to attain success.

As regards your stock birds. I mind you get size and colour from the cock's side, and quality and position from the hen's side. I like my cock bird as long as possible, and as slim and narrow at the shoulder as possible. The hen I like a medium one, as I think that if you have a big hen you are losing quality and shape—I mean for stock purposes; only, mind you, with all the Yorkshire properties combined. But if you have a good big hen, a show bird, so much the better; but it is only a few who have such hens to breed with.

Just a word now as regards legs. I prefer decent-legged birds, both cocks and hens, for this is one of the main points in the Yorkshire bird. I mean clean-legged, and not set too far up the body, as the birds overbalance and lose the grace of the Yorkshire bird, that is, position.

You must discard for breeding birds marked thus: Chest, back, rump, cap, and neck; but if you should breed a good bird marked thus test its abilities, as you never know what they may throw. But they are detrimental to marked breeds, as a rule.

Whatever variety you go in for, you must make up your mind about it, and persevere to attain your particular object. You must bear in mind that you cannot build up a stock in one season.

A number of questions were forthcoming from a good meeting of members and friends, and these were answered satisfactorily by Mr. Helliwell.

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CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held May 9th, Nag's Head Cocoa House, Mr. Bracegirdle in chair. The letter from Mr. Hopkins re the formation of a union for Lancashire and Cheshire was again read, and after a discussion it was decided that we are not in favour of the proposed union.—J. Swindley, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held May 6, at 55, Briggate. Decided, to hold our annual contest on November 10 and 11, in the Leeds Temperance Societies' Hall, York Street. Also Mr. H. Best promised to give a paper on his methods and experience in the breeding and rearing of the Roller Canary.—H. L. Davis.

REDHILL C.B.S.

At a meeting held May 2nd, at Mutton's Hotel, a very interesting and instructive lecture was given by our old friend Mr. H. Potter of Redhill. Although the lecturer is not a large exhibitor, he is keenly interested in our British birds, and he dealt at length on "Our Country's Birds and how to distinguish them." You may often see our friend on a 14-miles ramble on Reigate Hills and Walton Heath (in spite of nearing his three score years and ten) admiring the feathered tribes. He dealt with the classes, orders, families, sub-families, genera, species and individuals by which we are able to distinguish our birds. Mr. Potter also had on view coloured plates of every British bird, namely, 398, which proved very attractive. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Potter, to which he replied. This brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.—A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIS. C.B.S

Meeting held Horse and Jockey Hotel, when the chief item was arrangements for nest feather show. The attendance was only moderate, and the committee cannot understand why members will not come to such important meetings as we like to suit all members, but we cannot do so if we do not know what they want. The members present, however, took a keen interest in the schedules of previous years and finally decided to have the same classification as last year. Also decided, to alter the date of the show from June 17th to July 15th, as many members think June too early. The show will be held in the friends' adult schools, if possible, and the classification as follows: Can. Champ. classes for Norwich and Yorks., 3 classes each; the Novice Classes the same; Mule or Hyb. 2 classes; A.O.V. Canary 1 class; British, 7. We made three new members in Messrs. Dyett, Eason, and Exton, and we give them a hearty welcome. Decided, to have a ramble round Wentworth on Sunday, July 9th, together with the members of the Parkgate Society. As some of the members of that Society know every inch of that district it should be a grand day's outing, and we hope all members will give or send his name for same by the next meeting, when I hope to give full particulars. At our next meeting we are having a table show of nest feather birds for novices and members; we hope there will be a good muster of birds. Friends are given a hearty invitation. The chairman (Mr. L. Havenhand) threw the meeting open for discussion, and we had an hour's debate, which was led by Mr. J. Perry, who gave us a lecture to start with; and as his subject was on the breeding season, he was followed with keen interest. Several members expressed their views. A lot of questions were asked of Mr. Perry, who answered them very ably. An interesting evening was finished with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Perry.—W. Richinson, Sec.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Widespread Evidence of Approval.
A Junior Branch.
"Humanitarian League" on the Warpath.

Notes by the Secretary.

A very pleasing communication comes this week from Mr. Singleton; see Views of Members. Such a letter as this shows with what enthusiasm our members are taking up CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and supports my statement of last week, that there are many bird keepers who will know nothing of the existence of the LEAGUE unless they see your badges. There will be, as in Mr. Singleton's case, no difficulty in getting them to join, once they know about the LEAGUE.

Two Young Members.

Mr. Peck, of Bexley, in sending a further list of introductions, includes the names of two young members, Bernard Chas. Norton, 5½ years, and Master Robins, aged 9. He says they are the youngest fanciers in their district, Dartford, and have both won prizes at the local show. May they go on as they have begun. He asks if he or any other individual will be able to compete against any big cage bird society. No; nor will the societies be able to compete against him. There are two sets of prizes, one set for societies and one for individual members, and neither will interfere with the other. £20 altogether is to be won, £12 by societies and £8 by individual members. The details have already been published, and I hope to find room to repeat them and to announce other important matters next week.

A letter from the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of Cheltenham C.B.S. conveys the intelligence that at the last meeting of the society CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE was discussed, "and met with general approval." "The majority of the members present," says Mr. A. S. Treasure, the Hon. Sec., "signified their intention of joining." The competition among the societies for our prizes promises to be as keen as that among our individual members. Secretaries of societies should note that, besides the possibility of winning one of our prizes for the introduction of members, their members may allocate half their subscription to the fund for the purchase of special prizes to be awarded at their own show.

A Junior Branch Established.

In response to the suggestion of many correspondents, I have pleasure in announcing that it has been decided to establish a junior branch of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, open to members who are under fourteen years of age at the date of joining. The subscription to the junior branch will be sixpence yearly, half the adult subscription, until the young members attain the age of twenty-one. Badges, which are, of course, optional, the same price, sixpence each. More about this next week.

Although I have two or three times notified that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE badges are not supplied to non-members, remittances for badges only continue to be received, and I now have quite a batch of these awaiting further instructions from those readers who have sent them. If those who have sent these applications will send on the shillings for membership, I will at once forward the membership receipts and the badges; or, if they do not intend becoming members, I will return the sixpences, less postage, upon hearing to that effect.

Not a Moment too Soon.

At the moment of going to press there comes to hand a pamphlet published by the "Humanitarian League," and entitled "The Other Side of the Bars: the Case of the Caged Bird." In this pamphlet the extremists have laid their cards on the table, and openly state that their object is to put an end to the keeping of any birds, large or small, Canaries or wild birds, in a cage of any kind.

Next week I shall deal fully with this precious document. Its publication shows that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has come not a moment too soon, and I want *every* reader to join at once and support us in our efforts in the protection of a hobby which appeals to hundreds of thousands of our fellow-countrymen and countrywomen as an innocent and instructive occupation for their spare moments, and as one which may, under proper conditions, be pursued absolutely without the cruelty which our opponents claim is inseparable from it.

MORE VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

"Can you give me any idea as to how members are coming in from Bradford and district? I would have great pleasure in pushing the effort forward if you think they are not coming fast enough from here. There ought to be a lot, as we have over a thousand breeders in the vicinity."

Bradford. S. DEAN.

REPLY.—CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has only been established three weeks, and we have a good few members from Bradford. Considering that even the breeding of Canaries is threatened by the faddists, and that in Bradford efforts have already been made with the object of putting an end to this branch of a hobby that is pursued by so many Bradfordians, it would have been thought that every Bradford man who is a Canary fancier would have joined the LEAGUE and have apportioned half of his subscription money to the Defence Fund. The opponents of cage-bird keeping would have little chance if the local members of Parliament knew that a thousand of their constituents were banded together in support of their hobby. Individually, a bird fancier can do nothing; but a thousand of them, with CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE behind them, would be in a very different position. I thank you very much for your kind offer, and shall be glad to assist you in any possible way. May I say that every member you introduce will be counted to your credit in the race for our £5 and £3 prizes?

H. J. F.

I am now making a further suggestion, viz., Do you not think it would be advisable to have some circulars printed showing the object of the society, and also all the advantages derived by becoming a member? These circulars could be distributed by members, and 1 for one would be pleased to take 100, and in order that it would not he a loss to CAGE BIRDS, you could make a small charge per 100 circulars, just enough to cover the cost of paper and printing. I called on Mr. W. Swaysland, the naturalist and bird judge, Queen's Road, Brighton, the other day, and he said he would join and send up his subscription at once. I think he would be a very good addition to our society.

A. HOLLINGSHEAD.

Hove, Brighton.

REPLY.—Your suggestion is being acted upon. As soon as a short draft of the objects of the LEAGUE is ready copies will be widely distributed. As to your reference to Mr. Swaysland, I would only say, "So do I." Now, friend Walter, come along. H. J. F.

Thanks for receipt and LEAGUE badge received. The badge is very neat, and very cheap.

Coventry. H. ADKINS.

Defence and Not Defiance.

Sir,—It is with pleasure I give you my opinion of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I should have written before, but I thought you would be too pushed for space, as so many have written to you in praise of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. In the first place, I must congratulate Mr. Fulljames upon being appointed the first secretary of the LEAGUE. There is one thing that seems to be a well-known fact, and that is that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has come to stay. I believe that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is the only body that will melt the iron hand of the faddists, thereby allowing us, as bird fanciers, the right to keep birds, which they say we have not a right to do at present. I am sure CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will do all in its power to stamp out cruel practices of any kind in connection with bird-keeping or bird-dealing. I am asking everyone who I think is a bird fancier if he has heard of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE; if he says No, then I take my CAGE BIRDS from my pocket and read him some of the objects of the LEAGUE, and I ask him to take CAGE BIRDS every week, so that they may read the good advice given therein, at the same time asking him to become a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I will do all I can to help CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE in the Rhondda Valleys, and seeing there is such a great number of bird fanciers in these valleys, and that Porth, the place where I live, is the junction to both the Valleys, I have a good chance to meet many bird fanciers. In conclusion, if there is anything I can do to help CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE I will do it with pleasure. My best wishes for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and may its great object be "Defence not Defiance."

ARTHUR H. C. LEGG,
Hon. Secretary, Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.

REPLY: Many thanks for kind offer of assistance. This is what we want. There is no help so good as voluntary help, and I am already assured of this from many quarters. Dont forget there is £5 to be won, quite outside of the special prizes which will accrue to your society from the allocation of half the subscription money of your members and friends.

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England.

*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.
Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street).
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth.**—(J. Nichol. Castle View.) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)
Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate, N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25. **Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(Winter and Hood, 93, Bolckow St.). H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 7.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). G.F., J.S., J.A., P.Pce.
Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 141, South Harbour Street).
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 13, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Gse, J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is a splendid means of keeping fanciers together in a body, and fighting against those who are trying to stop a harmless fancy.

Grimsby. F. GILLESPIE.

I am pleased to send names and subscriptions of the following gentlemen to join the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and hope to send others later. They are not exhibiting members; in fact, two of them have not seen our paper, CAGE BIRDS, yet. I showed them the badge and just told them the objects of the LEAGUE, and had no difficulty in obtaining their subscriptions.

W. J. SINGLETON.

Wolverhampton.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is a grand idea. It will mean a lot in extending the hand of friendship among fanciers. May it be a great success! Unity is strength!

Castleford. A. TOWLER.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. H. PECK.—Yes; the two young fanciers named are the youngest enrolled members of the League up to the present. Thanks very much for your efforts at recruiting. Hope your bicycle tyres will last you the season. Please see my note above for a further reference and a reply to your other question.

A. S. TREASURE.—Thanks for letter and kind promises of support. An answer has been sent by post.

A. MUNDAY.—Please see reply to Mr. A. Hollingshead in my notes above.

W. BINNS.—Many thanks. Every one helps.

H. ADKINS.—Very many readers who have already joined the League are not members of any bird club. It is not necessary to be a member of a bird club to become a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. It is the private bird owner who has had hitherto no organization to look after his interests who should join the League.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary,
Cage Birds League, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

June 3.—Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.; Leeds C.B.S.
June 8.—New Cross C.B.S.
June 10.—Bradford East O.S.; Radford O.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.
June 13.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
June 15.—East Ham C.B.S.; Wolverhampton C.B.S.
June 17.—Ardwick C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Hyson Green C.B.S.; Oldham C.B.S.; Wigan C.B.S.
June 20.—West Bromwich C.B.S.
Juue 22.—Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.
June 24.—Cramlington C.B.S.; Guisbrough Priory C.B.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; West Stanley C.B.S.
June 28.—South Birmingham O.S.; City of Birmingham C.B.S.; Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth).
July 1.—Barnsley C.B.S.; Bootle C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Clydebank C.B.C.; Dalton C.B.A.; Eastfield Side C.B.S.; Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.; North Shields C.B.S.; Nottingham Permanent O.S.; Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.; Preston O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Whittington Moor, Staveley, and Chesterfield C.B.S.'s.
July 3.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 5.—Cardiff C.B.S.; Sittingbourne C.B.S.
July 6.—New Cross C.B.S.; Oxford C.B.S.
July 7.—Y.C.B.S. of Ireland (Dublin).
July 8.—Amble C.B.S.; Beamish C.B.S.; Bedlington Station C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Hanley C.B.S.; Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.; Hetton-le-hole C.B.S.; Heywood C.B.S.; Leadgate C.B.S.; North London C.B.A.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Partick C.B.C.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Skipton C.B.S.; Spennymoor C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wombwell B.F.A.
July 12.—Reading C.B.S.
July 13.—South West London C.B.S.

(Shows of later date will be given next week.)

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on o separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of poper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems) will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an oddressed stamped envelope. Queries of on ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped oddressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee of sixpence, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this source will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Children's Dinner Fund (London).*

(9).—*All queries must be addressed the* **Editor, "Cage Birds,"** 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards ore not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Lite—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc. of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his question for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Canaries in Gas.

A. W. F.—Put the birds on a staple diet of plain canary seed for a week. Every second day give a small piece of bread and milk prepared by soaking stale bread in a mixture of two parts milk to one part lime water, drain off all surplus fluid, sprinkle with maw seed, and give to the birds. Give a spray of chickweed, or two leaves of dandelion on the alternate days. Restrict the diet to this for a week, and during the time give six drops of syrup of rhubarb aud a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water every second day. At the end of the week add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet. Give each pair of birds a teaspoonful of egg food with half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal part maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure, mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, black rape, and yellow mustard; and give a little dandelion daily. In the drinking water give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day for a week. Keep the room well ventilated, but avoid draughts in the cages, and replace the dish of carbolic with a dish of a deep crimson solution of permanganate of potash, changing it as often as it turns to a muddy brown colour.

Moulting Borders.

J. A.—Yes, it is necessary to use some preservative fluid with the mixture you enquire about, otherwise it will not keep good many days, and the ingredients are often wasted. The following is a good formula, and will keep good indefinitely. Get 3d. of hay saffron, and 3d. of cochineal from a chemist. Bruise the cochineal grains, and add all together to a quarter-pint of rum. Allow it to stand and macerate for a week or so, giving the bottle a good shaking each day. Then strain off the clear liquid for use. At the commencement of the moult give twenty drops in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water daily for a week or ten days, then give thirty drops about every second day for remainder of the moult. On the alternate days twice a week give a little egg food, slightly dusted with saccharated carbonate of iron, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a liberal supply of marigold and nasturtium blooms. I do not think dandelion blooms are of much, if any, use, but the above-named are useful, and may be quite safely given. It is only right to caution you that this system of moulting Borders is not strictly legitimate, and if you 'ow do it, so that the birds show distinct traces of colour feeding, you would run a great risk of having the birds passed unnoticed, or even disqualified.

Birds Flying Loose.

N. King.—Except the two particular birds forming one pair—Canary and Linnet—you do not mention what kind of birds all the 28 consist of, nor the proportion of sexes, or size of room, so I can only give you some general advice. So far as feeding and general management are concerned, you will find all you need in "Canary Breeding for Beginners." In allowing the birds to fly loose and breed in the room, you must not expect to breed from any particular mating you wish, because, even if you mate up the birds in cages and then liberate them to fly about, they will not adhere to your selection of partners, but pair up according to their own ideas afterwards. If you particularly wish to breed Mules, then you would need to turn in only hen Canaries and cock Finches. Or you might put in, say, Canaries and hen Goldfinches and cock Linnets and cock Bullfinches, thereby increasing the chances to four varieties of Mules or Hybrids. The proportion of cocks to hens should not be greater than one to three or four. Under this system cages would not be necessary. You should put up instead around the walls small bushes, twigs, etc., to provide nesting sites and cover for the hens nesting. Small bushes of evergreens afford the best cover. If the Canary and Linnet are confined in the cage, the hen may not he quite ready to nest in earnest. Still, it would do no harm to throw a piece of cloth or something over that part of the front of cage immediately in front of nest-box, just to give a little more privacy. Nothing else is necessary.

An Acknowledgment (A. W. F.).—Thanks for your letter. Shall be glad to hear result of treatment.

A Fine Brood (J. Clegg).—It is not so common an occurrence as we would all wish for a hen to lay six eggs in one clutch and bring up six strong, lusty youngsters from them, but it cannot be called a great rarity. Neither is it a record-breaker. It is just a trifle uncommonly good nothing more. I congratulate you on your success.

Canary Seed (No Nom-de-plume).—No. 1 is a good all-round sample of fine quality. No. 2 is not so good in quality. No. 3 is not quite so well ripened. In order of choice they stand 1—3—2, with not very much to choose between them, except that No. 1 is quite the best all round. They are all on the small side, but clean and bright.

Outdoor Aviary (Tree Climber).—If you are hard pressed for space indoors, you might transfer the young to the outside aviary for the remainder of the breeding season—say the next three months, or until October if the autumn should be nice and mild. This is the utmost I would advise you to do, as the construction of the aviary, as it stands, being only half-inch match-boards, is totally inadequate for a permanent residence all the year round. You should get the handbook on "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages," which our Manager would send you post free for 2 3, and see if you cannot convert this structure into one that would safely house your birds the year round.

Swollen Tongue (E.G.).—Sorry to hear the bird died, and under circumstances which prevented you sending the body for post-mortem, which would have been most advisable, and the only satisfactory way of determining the real nature of the trouble. It is quite within the range of probabilities for it to have been cancer, but the asthma theory may be dispensed with. The breathing symptoms would arise from the bird's inability to close the beak. To be on the safe side, you should thoroughly cleanse and disinfect the cage before keeping another bird in it. Thanks for sending report.

Egg-binding (Ikey).—I really cannot tell whether it was you that caused the egg-binding or not without more detailed particulars of your general management. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, or take "Our Canaries," which would keep you on the right track in managing your stock, when this trouble should be conspicuous by its absence. Keep them on a diet of plain canary whilst sitting, and when they are coming forward for laying again, give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, black rape, and millet, every second day; keep a piece of cuttlefish in the cages; and get a little old mortar from some demolished building and smash it up and strew liberally among the sand on the floor of the cages. Give a fair supply of green food daily—chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress, in the order named for preference, but strictly avoid dandelion for these hens.

Cause of Illness (G. G. K.).—I have no doubt the bird had a slight apoplectic seizure, and question the wisdom of "feeding him up" to force him into breeding condition again this season. You would do better to put him on the retired list for the remainder of the year. The aperient you gave him would do good, but the turpentine was useless and unnecessary. For the next month give a staple of plain canary only, and a liberal supply of chickweed or green plantain stalks daily, with just a scrap of bread and milk twice a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda every second day for a week, and in the next week six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day. Keep it quite quiet and free from excitement, and leave the rest to Nature. That is all you can do.

After Egg-binding (Vulcan).—I'm afraid I don't quite follow you when you say "twice they parted with egg, but in every case no egg could be seen, etc." If the hen or hens are really egg-bound time after time there must be something wrong with your general management, or most likely they are in an overfed condition. Put them on a diet of plain canary only as staple for one week, and every second day add a pinch of white millet. Give a liberal supply of chickweed, lettuce, or watercress daily, but no dandelion. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day. After this give a pinch of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts millet, inga, black rape, and linseed. Continue giving the green food daily, and keep a supply of cuttlefish in the cage, and when the hens are again coming forward for laying get a little old mortar out of some demolished building and smash it up and strew it on the floor of the cages. I would advise you to take not more than two nests of eggs from these hens this season, and after that turn them into a large flight or aviary for the winter.

Broken Leg (J. R. L., Acton).—You did right to cage the bird alone. See that the cage is kept in a quite quiet place, and avoid fluttering or disturbing the bird as much as possible. If necessary, throw a light cover over the cage to keep him from being flurried. The perches, or perch (one would be enough as a rather small cage is preferable) should be placed low down, and be of a fair size, and placed so as to give the bird the least amount of effort to get upon, or about, them. Keep the floor well strewn with clean sawdust, and see that the seed and water are easily get-at-able. Keep the bird under these conditions until he voluntarily resumes activity, and again uses the leg freely, which may be in about a month from time of accident. Do not attempt any mechanical remedy whatever.

Not Nesting (W. H. Lovelock). (1) Give the Yorkshires a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg food, with a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed mixed in it, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, black rape, inga, millet, and a half part of yellow mustard. Give a liberal supply of green food, especially dandelion, daily. Two or three mealworms a day, if you have them, would be very useful. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week. Beyond this you can do nothing but patiently await the course of events. (2) Treat the hen that sits on nest without laying by giving only plain canary seed and a liberal supply of dandelion daily for a week, and sulphate of soda in water same as No. 1. Afterwards feed the same as No. 1, and omit the soda. When the other hen that has had young is ready to go to nest again, do not hesitate to take the cock from this hen to put with her, as it is very doubtful whether this hen will do any good this year. You should get the part of "Our Canaries" dealing with "squatting hens," and read what is said there on the subject. By the way, I should be glad to hear the result of this bird's attempts at breeding, both this year and next, if you would kindly report it, referring to this reply.

Birds and Books (Indebted).—By changing the cocks as you did at a crucial moment, you seem to have succeeded in producing a Mule and pure Canaries in the same nest. Had you left the Goldfinch in at first, you see all would have been well, notwithstanding your doubt about his performances. You should now wait until the young are out of the nest and beginning to feed themselves nicely before you reintroduce him, so as to avoid all risks of the hen ceasing to feed them when re-mated. Providing neither the last year's cock nor his mother are inbred to any appreciable extent, and are both strong and healthy, there is no reason why you should not mate them either this year or next. But do not interbreed again with any of their progeny. You will find a list of all our books in various parts of the paper. "Cage Bird Hybrids" is far and away the best thing you can get in this line. By the way, it was not 7d. per week, but per month. Now, however, the work is complete, and can be had ready bound, on easy terms, as advertised on the back page.

Four in One (G.E.C.)—(1) Certainly, in quite warm weather such as this it is not only advisable, but very beneficial to allow the hen to bathe whilst sitting. Leave the bath on for a couple of hours morning and afternoon on last day or two of incubation. (2) Yes, plain canary seed is quite sufficient whilst sitting. A pinch of rape about three times a week may be given, but is not really essential. If the cock is running all the time in the same cage as the hens, of course he gets the same treatment as the hens. (3) Give a very little egg food on the thirteenth morning after incubation has commenced. The young will probably hatch during the day, and if they do, give a little fresh egg food in the afternoon. After this continue the supply regularly, fresh two or three times a day, and in small quantities at first, gradually increasing it from day to day. (4) In ordinary cases begin to give green food on the third or fourth day, but should the hen show signs of not beginning to feed young, you may give a little greenstuff from the first.

Continually Moulting (F. Holme).—If you are quite satisfied the bird is in no draught, you should see that there is no extreme variation between day and night temperature, and that it is not too high up near the ceiling where the air is generally stuffy and impure. If the bird has hitherto been accustomed to quite normal temperature it would doubtless benefit from a few weeks in a healthy outdoor aviary. Feed it on plain canary only and a liberal supply of chickweed daily for a week, and during this time give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water every second day. After this give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Every second day give in addition half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cage with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, linseed, and teazle. Give a little green food daily. In the water give 20 drops of chemical food every second day until moulting has ceased.

Roller Organ (Songster).—Glad to hear previous advice was so successful. (1) A Roller organ is a mechanical device specially designed and constructed for producing notes similar to the song of a good Roller Canary, and thereby supplying the place of a tutor for young birds when the old birds are out of song. Sorry I cannot give addresses here. Send to one or two of the largest Canary dealers who advertise in our columns for a catalogue, and say what it is you want, and you will soon find the want supplied. Or you may see organ advertised in a short time from now. The price is about £3 10s. (2) Judging from your description the Roller hen may be a cinnamon variegated, but cannot say for certain. Treat her as advised in first part of reply to "W. H. Lovelock," and exercise patience. She will probably set to work in earnest before long. She may be a very young, late-hatched bird.

Canary Querists should send to our publisher for "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; "House's Canary Manual," 1/2; and "Yorkshire Canaries," 1/-, post free.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

A Feather Puller.

Bristol.—I have looked up my former reply, and find there is little more that I can devise to assist. You must persevere with the treatment. It is your only hope, and when you least expect it, the bird may give up and permit its plumage to grow. But a confirmed feather-puller or biter seldom entirely gives up the habit, though they may leave off for a period and then get a relapse, but you will know how to treat it at once if such should be your experience. Continue exactly on the lines of our previous reply, but, in lieu of the quassia solution, use a weak solution of fir tree oil, and avoid as far as possible getting it into the bird's eyes. Also paint the bare areas with Spratt's "Pennakura," and if this is non-effective, then try painting with bitter aloes. I should be pleased if you would report progress again in another month.

Value of Talking Senegal.

J.A.W.—I am sorry indeed to hear of the loss of your bird, and the value of such an one was, of course, just as much as you could get for it. I have a Parrot I would not take £50 for, but I could not get that amount for it. Most certainly, a lowish value for the bird would be half as much again as the sum you name, but the question is whether you would not be better advised to accept the best offer you can get without a trial, than to run the risks of the view the judge would put upon expert evidence. If you can get the sum named, plus your solicitor's expenses, my advice is accept it. The value of your bird hangs upon its talent and tame demeanour, and all things considered, I should place it at from eight to ten pounds. It has been some time since I named it for you, and it was then a young bird. Has it altered in plumage much? I should be greatly interested if you would describe it to me, so that at this stage I could definitely verify the previous identification. It would be helpful if you would send me a rough diagram of the bird, showing roughly shape of tail, etc., and marking out the colour areas, and writing the colours in the various areas.

A Sick Blue-front.

M.B.S.—Dissolve 3 grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup and give direct to the beak. This is one dose and must be given slowly, or an appearance of choking is produced, with such exhausting effect at such periods as during or previous to the seizures. Repeat the dose before (if possible), or after each seizure. Continue the magnesia every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose. Diet: A seed mixture of two parts each of canary and white millet and one part each maize, hemp, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. It can also have a little boiled maize two or three times a week (this only keeps fresh one day). Boil till soft, then drain away all water and supply to the bird when cool; also ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, and a little boiled potato or other vegetables, if unseasoned and without gravy. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture. Report progress about ten days hence, and I will try and assist you further.

Pennants and Rosellas.

Pennant.—Pennants and Rosellas will not agree together in the same cage, though either alone will agree with Cockatiels, Budgerigars, and Lovebirds, provided they are not in too confined a space. Both Pennants and Rosellas have been bred in captivity. The latter are the most free breeders, and the former to get good results should have an enclosure to themselves. The best nest receptacles are small barrels, hung up longitudinally, with a hole cut in one end for entrance—well cleaned oyster barrels answer well enough. The head of the hen Pennant is a trifle rounder than that of the male, also she is slightly smaller and the crimson areas are slightly less intense, but the difference is not great, and only applies to adult birds. Their principal seed mixture should consist of canary and white millet, with a few oats, little hemp, paddy rice, and only a few sunflower seeds occasionally; green food ripe fruit, and plain biscuits, the latter may only be eaten during the breeding season. Pennants are scarce at the present time, and have been rather uncommon for the last two years, though in the past they have been at times fairly plentiful.

Treatment for Constipation.

Wright.—Only give a small quantity of water, and let this consist of equal parts of Dinneford's Magnesia and water till relief is given, and then give at half this strength twice weekly so long as the voidings are not watery loose. Milk sop is bad for the bird, but give it one or two more lots till the bowels are moving more freely, as you can make it the medium of administering tasteless castor oil by stirring into it three drops of the oil, but both the milk and oil should be stopped as soon as the bowels have properly moved. The magnesia should then be sufficient to keep them properly regulated. Give the following seed mixture: Two parts each canary and white millet seeds, and one part each oats, hemp, paddy rice, grit, and sunflower seeds. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. The other items of the diet you name can all be given. If it will eat ripe orange, a little might be useful at this juncture. After you cease giving the milk sop, if it appears to yearn for the sop, a small quantity of sponge cake sprinkled with sugar and moistened with warm water could be given with safety. If relief is not given, say a week hence, please write again with full details. Our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, should prove useful.

Foreign Bird Querists will find in our handbook, "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1, and "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," 6d. post free; a mine of information of use and interest.

Parrot with Swelling.

J. Baxter.—It would be well if you informed me how you are feeding this bird. Keep the swelling well cleansed with tepid water, and the next time it bursts after well cleansing out the wound, apply a little healing ointment. Keep the bowels well regulated, but they must not be allowed to remain watery loose. One teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, every third or fourth day should suffice, and, on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Also well examine the mouth and throat, and if there are any whitish specks to be seen, put a little honey and borax into the bird's mouth twice daily. This can do no harm, at any rate. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, or animal food of any kind whatever. You do not say what kind of Parrot it is, so I cannot attempt a seed mixture, but the diet should consist of seeds (according to species of Parrot), ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, with grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. See rules re replies by post. If it is a Grey Parrot our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, should help you as to general treatment.

What Disease? (J. Comey).—Without a post-mortem examination it is impossible to say definitely what your bird died of, but it appears to be without doubt either an internal rupture or dysentery, and your details certainly point to the latter. You should have repeated your query when the bird did not improve, as it might have been possible to have treated the bird successfully if you had been able to describe the later symptoms. As a matter of precaution, I should first paint the cage with crude parraffin and then, after an hour or so, well scald it out with boiling water (perches and utensils) and finally swill with cold water and leave in the open for a couple of days for sun and air to complete the purification. Only your letter has reached me so far.

What Parrot? (A Lover of Birds).—It is impossible for me to attempt to name your bird from the meagre details supplied. Repeat you query next week. Give some idea as to size, whether tail is long or short. If you will tell me the source you got the bird from, also whether it is a young one, etc., I shall be pleased to name it for you. In the meantime, feed it on canary and white millet seeds, with a few oats and a little hemp, also green food and ripe fruit. A pinch of grit to be added to the daily supply of seed. Offer water three times a day.

Passerine Doves (F.A.B.).—This interesting and minute species is a free breeder in a roomy aviary, but very wild in a small one, and, during the incubation period would, I fear, be always dashing off her eggs when anyone approached her vicinity. In the most retired part of your aviary hang up a box (about 6 or 8 inches square), with a strip about 2 inches deep across the front; also hang up half a cocoanut husk and leave them to make their choice. In a friend's aviary three pairs were reared by one pair last season, and the food supplied was white and spray millet, plus what green and live food they picked up in a large wilderness aviary. They are quite harmless, so far as small Finches and Waxbills are concerned, but Doves are very quarrelsome with their own kind.

Parrot or Cockatoo? (Perplexed).—Yes, all the names you quote refer to one and the same species, commonly known as the Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo. It raises the head feathers when excited in the form of a semi-crest. The majority of Roseates do not make much of talkers, yet I have met with really talented birds of this species. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation; talk to it when it is restful, and make a fuss of it generally, that is, as soon as it is fairly tame. You must avoid scaring it. You cannot teach it till it is fairly tame. Newly imported birds can often be obtained for 7s. 6d. They usually make chummy and interesting pets; their acrobatic antics and grotesque demeanour being really amusing.

What Parrakeet (E. Thornton).—I thought nearly everyone knew the Moustache Parrakeet, and this is what misled me when your query came to hand last week, just as we were going to press, with no time to compare descriptions. There are several local races, all of which are sold as Javan, Banded, or Moustache Parrakeets, first by one name and then by the other. They differ but little in colouration and size, the greens being a little bluer, greyer, or yellower in the respective variations. Their value is but small. Newly imported, they can often be bought for 4s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per pair; established and talking 20s. to 40s., according to talent and condition.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Hand-rearing Magpies & 'Daws.

A. W. O. Mason.—You should have no trouble in hand-rearing either a Jackdaw or Magpie. If you mix finely-minced hard-boiled egg with an equal quantity of very stale bread crumb, and moisten it with new milk when feeding, you should get along all right. If you get several young ones, however, you will find it cheaper to use thoroughly scalded and mashed-up puppy biscuits (of best quality), with which you can mix the egg in the proportion of three parts biscuit to one of egg. You can give the youngsters mealworms, by all means, and smallish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Also you can frequently chop up a piece of lean mutton or beef (mince it up finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible (especially so for very young birds), for I am certain it upsets the stomach of most birds (sets up diarrhœa), especially when much is used raw. I prefer boiled or stewed rabbit flesh to all other, when obtainable. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like. If any nestling should get a touch of diarrhœa (which is unlikely if you give the cuttlefish or grit), well mix a saltspoonful of prepared chalk powder (from any good chemist) amongst a portion of the food fed to it. Repeat after an interval, if it seems necessary. Take them from the nest when about 10 to 12 days old. Keep the birds very clean and as warm and cosy as possible.

Hand-rearing a Nightingale.

R. Y. N.—You would find it best to have by you a good practical book dealing with the feeding and management of insectivorous birds, such as the Nightingale. I recommend you to purchase Mr. Norman's book on "Softbills" (price 1/1, post free, from CAGE BIRDS). I respect your opinion, but my own experience with Nightingales tells me that they certainly feel the cold weather, and keenly, too, no matter what food is supplied to them. I speak of birds kept in cages, for I know of an instance where they wintered in the South in a very large outdoor aviary, and were singing at Xmas-time. As regards the hand-rearing, if you mix best quality ants' eggs (freed from all rubbish) with equal parts of stale sponge-cake, or of crushed biscuit (such as Maizena wafers), and hard-boiled yolk of egg (beaten up fine), you have a food which will accomplish this. As the youngsters grow, at the time of feeding, chop up some mealworms and add to the portion required. The food must be moistened to a sloppy consistency (like cream) with new milk. The food, also, must be always quite sweet and fresh, and now and again a pinch of powdered cuttlefish bone should be stirred amongst it, and now and again give a few drops of warm water (not hot). All the small flies and grubs you can capture, with smooth caterpillars, should also be given. If you can get some live ants' eggs (they are to be bought), use them freely; they will bring you success. Keep the youngsters snug and cosy. For general directions consult Mr. Norman's handbook on British Birds. The young birds should be taken when nine or ten days old, and kept in a warm place, especially at night, and scrupulously clean. They are tender-mouthed, and care should be exercised not to hurt them when feeding.

Hand-rearing Hawfinches.

E. D. Evans. I don't believe in taking any young Finches from their parents at too early an age; let them show their feathers nicely before you remove them. I would sooner have to "cram" them at first. Up to the twelfth day (from the 10th to 12th) is safe enough. The food to be used is the usual kind that is, egg and biscuit. Crush two Maizena wafers or Osborne biscuits, and well mix with them a hard-boiled egg, using a fork to do this with, one with thin prongs. Mince the egg up finely and the whole can be passed through a potato "squeezer" (or masher). When feeding take the required quantity of this mixture, and make it the consistency of thin paste (or of cream) with new milk. See that it is always sweet and free from the slightest taint of sourness. The egg food must be made fresh at least once daily. Often I put in a good pinch of Plasmon powder, which I am never without in my bird room. A few small cut up pieces of mealworm may be dipped in milk and popped into their mouths pretty frequently; likewise any house flies you can capture should also be fed to them. As the youngsters grow, add a little soaked and just sprouting summer rape to the stock food. Steep the rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a cloth before mixing it in the food. Note other replies given this week. I recommend Mr. Norman's book on "Hardbills" to you as a helpful guide to keep by you.

Song Thrush and Missel Thrush (Constant Reader).—The Song Thrush and Missel Thrush are somewhat alike in form, markings, and colouration, yet sufficiently distinct as to be readily identified. The Missel is considerably larger (two inches, roughly speaking), is lighter in colour (light ashen-brown instead of dark olive brown), while its breast markings are wider (i.e., tend to spread across the breast, while in the Song Thrush they are narrower and run downwards). The under wing coverts of the Song are yellowish—orange-yellow in a rich coloured specimen—while in the Missel they are white; further, the latter bird has white tips to the outer tail feathers, and the Song Thrush has not. A really good Missel Thrush is an excellent bird for show purposes, and its song is very loud and free.

Canary on Bullfinch Eggs (R.G.L.).—Yes; a hen Canary will sit on a Bullfinch's egg and hatch and rear the young Bullie. This has very frequently been successfully accomplished.

Identity of Bird (T. Widdowson).—The bird is evidently a Green Singing Finch, a well-known foreign bird—no doubt an escape from captivity. If it has no song, then it is probably a hen. It often happens that these "puzzles" turn out to be escaped, or released, foreign birds.

A Goldfinch Problem (Olive Green).—I still think you are mistaken as to the sex of the bird, and I say this with all due respect. A hen Goldfinch when caged alone will "sing" during the spring and summer sufficiently to deceive any number of people with regard to its sex. Your description of the song, "about four notes for two or three minutes at a time," reads uncommonly like a description of the song of the hen. A healthy house-moulted hen will sing almost incessantly, as will also a hen Linnet. If the bird is tight in plumage, bright of eye, and sprightly of movement, you need not worry as to whether it is getting "too much seed." It takes a great deal of that kind of thing to upset the average Goldfinch.

In An Aviary (H. Donaldson).—(1) Aviary number one would accommodate nicely from 24 to 30 small Finches, and aviary number two about 10. The latter is not a good size, the depth (eighteen inches) being insufficient. (2) Sometimes a Lark will dash about rather wildly when confined in an aviary of medium size, more especially when human beings are around. If you obtain a bird already used to captivity you will minimise the likelihood of trouble on this score. I have known cases where the soaring habit of the Lark has proved a nuisance, and even a danger, in a small aviary. The bird will keep in condition, and also sing.

Loss of Feathers in an Aviary (Miss F. Louis).—I think you are testing the holding capacity of your aviary rather unduly. I should have thought 20 to 24 birds ample for the floor space at command. It is quite likely that the loss of feathers is due to fighting, and that this is contributed to by the overcrowding. You say there is not any fighting, but I venture to think you are mistaken. It is the rule rather than the reverse for Finches to fight and strip (more or less) one another during the breeding season. Bullfinches are very prone to this. I know I always have trouble of this nature if I have any mixed lots of birds at this time of the year. I have a Chaffinch now which looks a sad wreck so far as plumage is concerned. I never spotted the actual culprit, but feel sure it was either a Yellowhammer or a Greenfinch, which, with others, were in the same flight. I have known scores of such cases, too, in the aviaries of my friends.

Waders, etc. (T.W.H.).—I have never had the pleasure of keeping Little Grebes, Ruffs, Reeves, Knots, Dunlin, Redshank, Sandpipers, etc., so cannot give you any information concerning them. They are not "cage birds," of course, and until my rich old aunt leaves this "vale of tears" and makes it possible for me to settle in the country and own a wild-fowl lake, why, Little Grebes and the like are among the unattainable things of life. Mr. Finn, speaks well of the Ruff (including, of course, the Reeve, the female) as an aviary bird, and recommends the usual soft food (insectile mixture of coarse grade), also raw rice, wheat, millet, and canary seed, with worms and minced raw meat when the latter delicacies are unobtainable. I do not recommend you to start with Reed, Sedge, and Marsh Warblers if you have had no previous experience of keeping delicate softbills. They are summer migrants and would probably all fail to survive the winter. Further, the Marsh Warbler is rare and not easy to obtain. I have only seen one living specimen, and that I owned myself three summers ago. Few bird-keepers, I fancy, have owned examples. You want to read a treatise on the feeding of such-like insectivorous species, say "Meating-off and Feeding Softbills" (post free 7d. from CAGE BIRDS).

Linnet and Hen Canary (Invalid).—Interference with, or even continually looking at, hen Canaries whilst sitting will suffice to cause some of them (young, or nervous, hens in particular) to desert their nests, especially if they have been sitting one or two days only. Let your bird have another nestpan and some nesting material, and she will soon put a fresh nest together. Leave the cock Linnet with her during the period of incubation. They are not often meddlesome; I rarely find it necessary to part a Linnet from his mate. Screen the nestpan judiciously by pinning a piece of brown paper on the cage front. Then let well alone. Don't overdo it, of course, and block out all the light.

A Blackcap's Cage (American).—(1) The size you mention is a good one (18 by 14 by 9), but, personally, I should go to at least 20ins. for the length, and 24ins. is not too much for a stock cage. (2) I do not advise you to have the top and back lined with green baize. Simply have them enamelled in the usual way. Thanks for relating your experiences with the Linnets' eggs placed under the Canary. It is a little unusual, however, for eggs to go so long without warmth after having been sat upon only (apparently) two days, and you might not be so successful next time. You were fortunate, too, in getting the hen Canary to feed them, seeing there was a difference of 5 days in the ages of the two lots of youngsters.

A Mating Matter (G.E.E.).—(1) It is quite a common practice to take one nest of Canaries from a hen before running the cock Goldfinch with her. I very often do so myself. (2) It is not necessary for the beak of a Goldfinch to be quite clear before he can fertilise eggs. I have frequently had good eggs from a Goldie whose beak showed a dark streak at the tip, and this year has proved no exception. A white beak is a very good sign, of course, but I place more reliance upon the vent of the bird (whether he is properly "sprung" or not), in the same way as with a cock Canary. If a bird is properly "sprung," he doesn't need a clear beak to assist him to fertilise eggs.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird: for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mr. John Glennon.—You inadvertently used the term "cock bird" in your description. It was a hen bird, and death arose from peritonitis consequent upon disease of the oviduct.

Miss Lena Rochford.—Hen died of rupture of a blood vessel on the lungs, following congestion. There was a large blood clot surrounding the heart, and the vessels of the lungs were highly congested. This is a not infrequent occurrence with hens sitting, and generally associated with a weak heart.

E. Kavanah.—Your bird died of apoplexy; there was a blood clot on the surface of the brain, and the coverings of the brain were in an inflammatory condition. Rupture of a blood vessel on the brain surface results, and death occurs almost simultaneously.

W. Berry.—Liver disease caused death of Grey Parrot; the body was very emaciated, and in a dropsical state. This dropsical condition denotes disease of some standing, and is brought on through debility. The primary cause of the liver affection is the introduction of some irritant matter taken in with the food.

G.C.A.S.—Your bird was affected with laryngitis, an affection in which the larynx becomes irritable and inflamed, the parts are swollen, and noise occurs when breathing. It originates in the first place from cold, and sometimes assumes a chronic form, as in this case. Death resulted from exhaustion of the inflammatory process to the lungs, causing death from pneumonia.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

An Address Wanted (David Evans).—To give address without permission is against our rules. Send your communication in a sealed, stamped envelope, and we will see that it is forwarded to the gentleman you name.

A Matter of Pedigree (W.H.T.).—We will take the matter up for you, if you wish, providing you comply with rule 8 under "Questions and Answers." Your Canary query has been sent on to our specialist, Mr St. John, who will deal with it in his columns.

Figure Four Trap (E. Greenwood). Can you tell us the date, or thereabouts, upon which you saw the drawing of this trap? No doubt we could supply you with the issue in which it appeared.

Photographs (T. Nicholls; W. Rowley).—Thanks for the photographs. Will try to find a corner for them in the near future.

Press Cuttings (T. Potter, J. Cox, and others).—We are much obliged to you for forwarding the paragraphs from newspapers.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr C.B.C.—May 31, Academy Hall, Fort Street, 7.30. Classification for open show, etc.; kindly attend.—J. Sloan.

Altrincham C.B.S.—May 30, Victoria Cafe. Egg-food making competition; judge, Mr. A. Royle (Sale).—C. C. Blackshaw.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—May 30, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' show.—F. Gelder.

Bradford East O.S.—May 30, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Sub-committee's report re Cinderella Show, etc. Members' subs. now due.—H. Hill.

Blaydon C.B.S.—June 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Consider schedule for annual show; final arrangements for F.F. Show; paper on the Nor. Plainhead by Mr. J. Robson, etc. Fanciers welcomed.—G. Havver.

Chopwell F.S.—May 27, Store Hall, 6.30. Members' show business.—J. Brown.

City of Wakefield O.S.—May 27, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30.—J. Atkinson.

Clapham C.B.A.—May 29, Avondale Hall, Landor Road, 8.30. Final arrangements for outing, June 11th; young bird show, July 17th, etc. Please attend. If those who cannot come wish to join us on June 11th, please let me know by June 1st, member or otherwise.—A. L. Priest.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 30, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 8. Paper on British Birds by Mr. E. S. Lugg.—W. Hodson.

Dalton C.B.A.—May 27, Quinlan's Rooms, 7. Nest Feather Show.—F. Houldsworth.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—May 31, George Hotel, 8. Paper on Colour Feeding, and arrangements for F.F. Show.—R. Black.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—June 3, Top of New Row, 1.30. Ramble to Pitreavie by Halbeath.—R. T. Campbell

Dalkeith C.C.—June 3, Ship Inn, 7. Election of judges, etc.—Ewing and Steele.

Grangemouth O.S.—June 2, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Anyone desirous of becoming a member is requested to come forward at this meeting, as books will be closed after.—J. D. Miller.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.B.C.—May 30, College Hall, 28, Spoutmouth, 8. Fixing classes for F.F. Show, and nomination of judges; also show of British—classes, Light Mule or Hyb., Dark Mule, Bramblefinch or Chaffinch, Bunting, A.V. large or small Brit.—F. Taylor.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.S.—May 27, Anchor Restaurant, 119, Cleethorpes Road, 7.30. General monthly business; replies from judges of proposed show; members' reports on breeding season; election of new members. Friends and fanciers invited.—W. Yardley.

Glasgow and Western Counties.—May 28, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Table Show and judging competition.—T. Drysdale.

Great Horton O.S.—May 27, Butchers Arms, Great Horton, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—May 31, Y.M.C.A., Whitley Street, 8. Names to be handed in for annual outing to Wynyard Park on Whit Monday, at 12 noon.—E. Woodhead.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—June 2, Rose and Crown Inn, 8. F.F. Show.—T. Smith.

Huddersfield O.S.—May 29, White Hart Hotel, 8. Classification for First Feather Show.—F. J. Sykes.

Ilford F. and F.S.—May 30, White Horse Hotel, 8. General meeting. Arrangements for second monthly show. Final selection of judges for Young Stock and Annual Shows; prize cards now ready.—J. H. Priestman.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—May 27, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Hope there will be a good attendance; intending members invited.—R. Blore.

Larkhall C.B.A.—June 3, Miners Hall, 7. Classification for Annual Show.—J. Pollock.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—May 27, Wellington Hotel, Hyde, 5. Tea and social, also presentation of trophies and specials.—J. Rukin.

Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.—May 27, McMenemy's Hall, 6.30. Delegates' report from conference at Cowdenbeath, etc.—D. Grant.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—June 3, Sawley Road, Council Schools, for committee 7.30, for members 8 p.m. Arrangements for F.F. Show, etc. Will members make an effort to be present at 8 p.m., as it is "open question night." Schedules will also be ready.—G. T. Wall.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—June 1, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General business; will members note change of meeting place?—A. H. C. Legg.

Manchester and N.C.O.S. May 29, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Classification for F.F. Show, C.B.U., etc. Please attend.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—May 27, headquarters, 8 Important.—H. Grange.

Middleton C.B.S.—May 29, Old Boar's Head, 8 Prize cards Y.B. Show, etc.—J. Oldham.

Newcastle C.B.S.—June 1, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Final arrangements for N.F. Show, Annual Show, classification, and schedule.—J. E. Atkinson.

Northern Lizard Club.—May 27, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7. To consider application for club patronage.—G. Davidson.

Oxford C.B.S.—June 1, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 8 Show business.—A. F. Fifield.

Polmont C.C.—May 27, Boyd's Tea Rooms, 7.30.—R. L. Leitch.

Provincial Roller C.C.—May 27, Swan Hotel, Fountain Street, Manchester, 6. Usual business. Mr. T. Routledge will lecture on "Bird Organs." Members and friend please attend.—A. Percival.

Partick C.B.C.—June 2, Trades Hall, 8. General.—W. Priest.

Preston O.S.—June 1, Tokio Cafe, 8. F.F. Show arrangements. Members' subs. now due, and may be paid at this meeting; see Rule 9.—J. P. Leeming.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—May 29, Victoria Hotel, 8.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Rotherham C.B.S.—May 27, College Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. G. Browning, and half-yearly contributions due.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 31, Temperance Club, Todd Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—E. Hartley.

Rochdale O.C.—May 31, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting.—R. Blencoe.

Springburn and Possil Park C.B.C.—May 31, Reid Hall, Queenshill Street, 8. Still open for new members.—J. Waugh.

Stirling C.B.S.—June 3, Douglas Hotel, 8. Classification, model cards, etc.—W. Bishop.

South Manchester C.B.S.—June 1, Jolly Carter Hotel, 8.30. Exhibition of cups and medals.—F. Washbourne.

Spennymoor C.B.S.—June 7, County Hotel, 7. To choose judges for F.F. Show, July 8; subs. night.—C. Ramsey.

Scottish Crested C.C.—June 3, Nelson's Hotel, Glasgow, 4.30. Election of president and vice-presidents. Consideration of new drinker; patronage allocation.—J. Young.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 30, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Classification for table show; subs. due.—W. Stafford.

South Shields C.B.S.—May 27, Lockhart's Cafe, 7. Important business.—J. Barrass.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—May 29, headquarters, George Hotel, 8.30. Final arrangements for ramble and Y.B. Show.—B. Tidy.

Sheffield C.B.S.—June 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Breeding room difficulties; ramble.—A. Hobson.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—June 1, Leeds Hotel, 8. F.F. Show.—J. W. Lowes.

Southall F.S.—May 27, St. John's Schools, 8. Annual general meeting, election of officers, etc.—A. E. Argyle.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 27, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Picnic.—J. Jeffrey.

Selston F.S.—May 27, 7. Special business.—F. Maltby.

Uddingston O.S.—June 3, Reading Rooms, 8. Y.B. Show business; Redpoll class.—J. Kilpatrick.

West London F.A.—June 1, Bush Hotel, 8. Y.B. Show; judge, Mr. J. Robson.—J. Dewhurst.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—May 27, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Committee meeting to arrange prize list for members' shows; cricket match to be arranged between Windhill and The Rest of Bradford.—J. Cook.

Wombwell B.F.A.—June 3, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 7.—J. Hudson.

Wandsworth F.S.—June 1, Red Lion, 8. Arrangements for members' judging competition, and discussion re open show for 1911.—W. Lightfoot.

Wallasey C.B.S.—June 1, headquarters, 8. Lecture on the Ailment of Cage Birds, by Mr. W. Cutmore.—W. Mallinson.

Wrexham C.B.S.—June 2, Royal Oak Hotel, 7.30. Subs., correspondence, arrangements for Nest Feather Show.—B. Bennett.

Windsor C.B.A.—June 1, headquarters, 8.15. Address to members and their friends by W. R. Temple, Esq.—E. A. Stickland.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30.—W. Ridge.

Whitfington Moor, Staveley and Chesterfield C.B. Societies.—June 3, Welbeck Inn, Soresby Street, Chesterfield, 7.30. To make final arrangements for first of a series of nest feather shows; fanciers invited.—G. Dodd.

York C.B.S.—May 28. Country ramble; meet at station 9.40, for Strensall.—H. Thompson.

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Correspondence.

Canary Rearing Two Larks.

Sir,—I have put two young Larks under a hen Canary which failed to lay any eggs, and she is feeding them well, and will bring them up.

Tencehouses. E. Hann.

An Appeal for the Widow of a Blackburn Fancier.

Sir,—Please publish the following additions to the fund being got up for the benefit of Mrs. F. G. Johnson, vide the appeal made in Cage Birds of April 15 last: W. and H., London, 1s.; Mr. S. H. Mays (Wansford), 2s. 6d.; Mr. Butterworth (Blackburn), 5s.; A Friend, 6d.

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Song Thrush Nests Under a Railway Carriage.

Sir,—No doubt readers will be interested to hear that to-day (Saturday, May 20) I found the nest of a Mavis (containing four eggs) built on the springs of a third-class bogie railway carriage here (Craigie, Perth). I have the nest and three of the eggs in my possession now, one of the eggs, unfortunately, being broken. I have heard of nests being found in such a position, but until now I have never seen one.

Joe. McCondach.

A White Canary is Bred in Coventry.

Sir,—I have bred a white Canary. It was in a nest of four. His brothers or sisters are very heavy marked birds, and its parents are a green buff hen and clear yellow cock (Norwich). Is it uncommon or not? I should like to know, being only a novice. I have read of white Canaries in your value paper Cage Birds, but not bred off such a pair as mine. I have 12 young altogether, 8 Canaries and 4 brown Linnet mules. H. Adkins.

Coventry.

[We presume our correspondent does not mean that he has bred just an ordinary clear buff youngster—such a bird would look very light in colour in its nest feathers. He would do well to ask one of the many experienced Coventry fanciers to look at the bird and give an opinion.—Ed.]

A Young Linnet Problem.

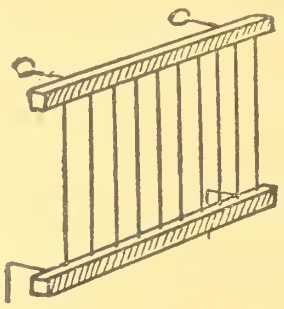
Sir,—I see in Cage Birds that a gentleman wishes to know if he were put young Linnets into cages, whether the parents would continue to feed them. If he were to put them and the nest also into the cage, and put it as near where he took the nest from as possible, they would most probably still feed them. I have known it to be done. Put the cage, however, as near to the place where the nest was situated. A Constant Reader.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to answer a few questions regarding Mr. H. Metcalfe's Young Linnet Problem? Yes, Mr. Metcalfe, you can successfully get a few young Linnets if you take them when they are about ten or twelve days old, and put them in a small cage close to their own nest, well hidden away from prying eyes; also from Hawks, and stoats, and weasles. I have had a lot of birds killed by these pests. Also, you should put plenty of clean sand in the bottom of the cage, as they will otherwise get so dirty that you will be very much ashamed of yourself when you have a peep at them. Try, too, to keep them well under the bush, so as to keep the great showers off, as I have also found a number drowned. The cage is the main thing. It should have a wood top, and the wires should be very close together. I also cover it with quarter mesh netting. If you observe these few points while the young ones are a month or five weeks growing, you can safely take them away without much trouble. J. Govier.

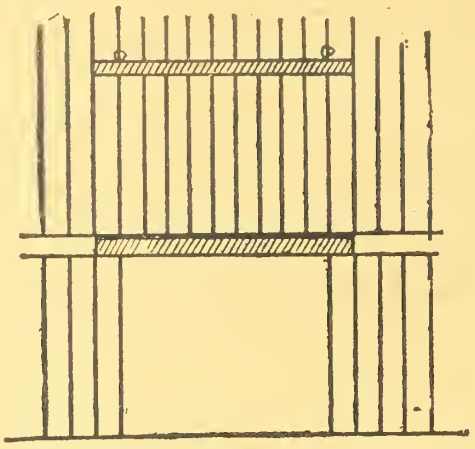
The Northern Yorkshire C.C.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club held May 18, the secretary (Mr. R. Tindale) voiced the feeling of all members when he moved a vote of sympathy to the late secretary and present chairman, Mr. T. C. Crawhall. He said he wished to assure Mr. Crawhall of our deepest sympathy in the sad circumstances which led to his disposing of his stock of Yorkshire Canaries. There is no doubt it has been a very great sacrifice, as it is a hard thing to part with the result of years of labour and thought, to say nothing of the expense involved in getting a good strain of birds together. Only those who have done this can realise what it means. There is no doubt Mr. Crawhall has been the pioneer of the Yorkshire Canary in the North of England, and the N.Y.C.C.—as he says himself, it has been his "pet bairn." He was never happier than when working for the Variety or the Specialist Club—always ready to help or give advice where it was needed. We all hope the time is not far distant when he may take the birds up again. Still, the cloud has a silver lining (as most clouds have), as the N.Y.C.C. is to retain Mr. Crawhall as chairman. The proposal was carried with acclamation and heartily supported by Messrs. Tomlinson, Dix, Atkinson, and several others. Mr. Crawhall, in responding, said he had always done his best for the Yorkshire Canary, and the N.Y.C.C., and hoped he would be able to do so in the future.

Tynesider.



An Easily Made and Fitted Cage Door.



Sir,—May I send you my idea of a cage door for wood bar fronts for those who make their own fronts? I find it very convenient when hanging on a bath or a nursery cage, as I can lift them right up out of the way, and can rest on the bath; and there is no harbour for red mite, etc. You will see by the sketch that the two end wires of the door are bent over the top to form an eye to run on the wires in cage front, and the bottom to form a hook to rest on front rail; or when it is lifted up it will hook on cross bar. I think the illustration will explain.

J. O. Caller.

The English Scotch Fancy Club.

Sir,—Would you kindly insert an enquiry for the address of the present secretary of the English Scotch Fancy Club? I have written to Mr. F. Harrison, 145, Balby Road, Doncaster, but find he has removed.

J. E. Atkinson,
Sec. Newcastle C.B.S.

[We know of no other sec. or address.—Ed.]

A New Fanciers' Society and Show for Halstead.

Sir,—Fanciers will no doubt be interested to learn that a fanciers' society has been formed at Halstead, Essex, with a twenty mile radius. A members' show of cage birds, etc., has been arranged for July 8. Anyone interested, who would care to join, will be welcomed. I shall be pleased to give anyone the necessary particulars. A. C. Sayward,

48, Trinity Road, Halstead.

Fixed Prize Money at Sheffield Shows.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. Woolhouse's letter in your last issue respecting the above, I still maintain that the statement in my report was correct, as we still claim to be out of the ordinary in giving fixed prize-money, viz., 4s., 2s., and 1s., equal 7s. per class in all, for a sixpenny entry fee of five entries at both Nest Feather and back-end Members' Shows. I admit that Walkley C.B.S. is the only club in the district that does likewise. This proves in itself that my statement of "out of the ordinary" is correct. The general rule is "prize-money on the sliding scale: 6d. entry fee." The society then keeps 1d. out of each entry, the remaining 5d. going to prize fund. This is the system adopted by the Sheffield C.B.S., of which Mr. Woolhouse is assistant secretary. I notice by the report of meeting of the Sheffield C.B.S. that they are having 47 classes in all for their Nest Feather Show, and are going to pay equal prize-money, viz., 7s. per class. They will have to get an average entry of 17 birds per class. I hope they will, but am afraid it is doubtful.

John A. T. Woodall,
Press Correspondent, Sheffield O.S.

Sir,—I was surprised on looking through my Cage Birds to-day to find a letter from Mr. J. Woolhouse under the heading as above. He says, by the report of the Sheffield O.S., they are giving fixed prize money at their nest feather show, which they claim to be out of the ordinary in the Sheffield district, and which he would like to point out is not so. Mr. Editor, with your kind permission, I, as secretary of the Sheffield O.S., would like to confirm the report which appeared in your valuable paper on May 13, and also to state we have a rule, No. 14 (a copy of which I enclose), which clearly states that prize money for members' shows be 4s., 2s., 1s. for 5 entries; entry fee 6d.; and which I contend is out of the ordinary in the Sheffield district. Mr. Woolhouse says the Walkley C.B.S. has given fixed prize money for several years; this I grant him; but not on the same principle as the S.O.S. The Walkley C.B.S. was started some 2 or 3 years ago, and perhaps it will surprise Mr. Woolhouse to know it was I who gave the gentlemen, who are personal friends of mine, the outline of a society, also classes, etc., to provide, and, if at all possible, to give fixed money, no matter how small. So they decided to meet a few days before a show, when each said what he was willing to show, and they therefore arranged the few classes so as to be able to pay fixed prize money. There is every credit due to the few who have worked hard for this little society. But, Mr. Woolhouse, where does the sore hurt? Why don't you out with it, and not hide under the cloak of the Walkley C.B.S.? Fanciers of Sheffield have long since got tired of carting their birds about for a copper or two, and the Sheffield O.S. is alive to the fact. I notice in Mr. Woolhouse's report of the Sheffield C.B.S in to-day's issue, that they are giving an extended classification, to give everybody a chance. Twelve classes for British. I can see something out of the ordinary in the way of prize money here. It will be a lucky chance if the winners clear their carriage fare. Forty-seven classes in all, which means 800 entries before your members get per class what the S.O.S. members get for 5 entries per class. Now, Mr. Woolhouse, the Sheffield O.S. has something out of the ordinary in Sheffield at their next meeting, June 13, a table show of foreign birds with 18s. prize money, and no entrance fee. Buck up, Mr. W., and come and join the society that gives fixed prize money—a society that is only 5 months old, and has a membership of 70. Everybody welcome. T. Bishop, Secretary S.O.S.

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A Ringed Swallow Caught.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. F. L. Weaire's enquiry re a Ringed Swallow caught, I think it must be the one that was caught here last June. The ring I placed on its leg was a metal pigeon ring numbered 13, cut down to fit the leg. It was one of four that always roosted here in one of the greenhouses. This year, on April 19, three put in an appearance here, and took up their old roosting place over the greenhouse door, and the fourth has come recently, and may be seen in the old place every night. I have not disturbed them to find out if the ringed one is with them, as I thought that if I could get some rings more suitable I would try and ring more of them this year. Perhaps some kind reader of your paper could inform me where I might get some. I must thank Mr. F. J. Weaire for taking the trouble to write on the matter, as it is not the first I have rung in a like manner, but the only one I have heard anything of. J. Foster.

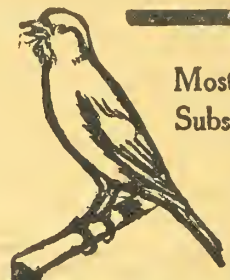
[The authorities of the University, Aberdeen (Natural History Dept.), have offered to supply such rings as are referred to by our correspondent—vide their letter published in our issue dated March 25 last.—Ed.]

An Appeal to Cinnamon Canary Breeders

And Owners of Siamese Cats.

Sir,—With your permission, I venture to make an appeal to fanciers of the above for help in an investigation on which I have been engaged for some time past, and in which it is essential that I should examine as many specimens (dead) as possible of the young of these two animals. It is possible that at this time Cinnamon Canary fanciers may have young "dead in shell" or dying at various stages of growth after being hatched, and that breeders of Siamese cats experience the loss of a pregnant queen or the death after birth of one or more kittens. These I would earnestly ask to be good enough to forward to me—addressed The Pathological Department, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne—the bodies as soon as possible after death, accompanied by a note giving the age at which death took place or the duration of pregnancy or period of incubation in cases where these were not satisfactorily terminated. I shall be only too pleased to pay any expense of carriage.

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Points for Hybrid Breeders.

Sir,—Can any reader of Cage Birds inform me what I should give the following birds—a cock Bramblefinch paired off with large Plainhead prize-bred Norwich hen? The hen had two eggs, but these were addled, as some of the other birds pulled out a portion of the nest and the eggs got under the remainder. I have watched them pair off again the last day or two, and the hen is again building. Would they require a good insect food and mealworms should I be fortunate enough to get eggs and have them hatched? Has anyone known of this cross having been produced? Any information regarding the feeding I should be very pleased to receive. The birds are in a large outdoor aviary. I have also a cock Turtle Dove crossed with a Ring Dove hen. In the first nest they hatched out two, but one fell out of the nest and I did not notice it. But when I found it I took it in and put it before the fire; but it was to no purpose, as it was already dead. They went to nest again and brought out two, both alive; and they reared them and got them out of the nest. They are sitting again on two more eggs. The three young ones are growing nicely, each showing the parentage of both birds; and I think they will make very pretty birds when they are moulted. I thought others might be interested to read of the occurrence. I think one of the secrets of success in Hybrid breeding and getting the birds to cross is to hang the cock bird which it is intended to pair with the hen of whatever species on the front wires of the cage, so that when he sings the hen will call; then, when the cock bird is tried with the hen, they are more likely to pair. That is how I personally have got the pairing done. I do not remember having seen this mentioned in any experiences previously recorded in your columns. Inquirer.

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The Quality Notes of a Linnet's Song.

Sir,—We should like to read and learn through the columns of CAGE BIRDS all we can about the different way fanciers sing their Linnets in the quality clubs in England. If the secretaries would be kind enough to put into writing all the notes they count, then we should perhaps be able to follow a good bird if we had one. WALTER DOBSON.

The City of Glasgow O.A.

SIR,—Regarding our half-yearly meeting, which was held on May 20, I wish you would call the attention of your readers, especially those members of the Society who were not present, as well as those who left early, that there was passed a motion to appoint a "Special Committee" to make an enquiry into the alleged judging of his own birds by one of our judges at our late show. The course I mean to adopt, so that we can get at the truth, is this: Appoint a committee consisting of Scotch Fancy members, advertise the meeting, giving ample opportunity to these men of getting evidence by inviting same from both sides, these men to give a ruling on the matter at a general meeting called for the specific purpose of deciding one way or another on this case, which in the interest of the Fancy and in the interest of the Glasgow O.A. must be cleared up. I trust you will give this space in your valuable paper.

DAVID BLACK, President.

The Cost of Carriage of Exhibition Birds.

Sir,—In CAGE BIRDS of May 13, in the article upon the Roller Canary (by "Schoolmaster"), I read the remarks headed "Off to the Shows." If the statements therein were correct, it would answer all right for exhibitors. But I often pay the 1½ per cent. insurance as well as the compulsory 50 per cent. extra charge upon live stock. Since reading the statement by "Schoolmaster," I have called their attention to it at Ashbourne Station, so that they could make enquiries and have no trouble when the show season comes on. The clerk in charge has taken the matter up with the railway company and has had a reply from the head office that paying the insurance would not do away with the 50 per cent. extra charge as "Schoolmaster" states. I should like to hear further from the writer about it, and to ask what railway company is conveying exhibits on the terms he states? It would certainly be a great benefit to exhibitors if it could be allowed by railway companies. J. M. WILLIAMS.

Are Show Managers, etc., Asleep?

Sir,—The very sensible letter published in your issue of May 20 above the nom-de-plume of "Scotch Fancy" is most opportune. You, with your bright and instructive journal, assisted by a staff of experts, have done your best to improve and uphold the Fancy, and now, sir, I think the time has come for fanciers and fanciers' societies, show managers, etc., etc., to realise that they must do something towards that end themselves. The first step undoubtedly must be the raising of the prize list value. To expect breeders and owners of valuable birds to continue to risk them at shows for a paltry 14s. or 10s. first prize and a 2s. 6d. special is ridiculous and absurd. No doubt that class of prize was all right in the old days, when a few local fanciers held a show in the club room of their favourite "pub." They expected no birds from long distances to be entered, and they certainly never expected the rare and interesting foreign birds one sees exhibited to-day. But at present we expect at our shows an improved class of birds without ever dreaming of offering improved classes of prizes. The whole thing is unbusinesslike and absurd. You could not have made CAGE BIRDS the success it is without an expenditure of money and energy, and show managers will not improve their shows and the whole Fancy at the same time without an expenditure of both energy and money. The Briton is proverbially sleepy, so I suppose things will go on the same until some American sees money in it, and runs the "hull durned show" for his own benefit, then we shall wake up and say, "Well, who'd 'a thought it?"

H. MOORE.

The Fancy in Ireland.

Sir,—From a letter in last week's issue, as I am the person referred to as "corresponding secretary," it would appear that I am purposely refraining from reporting meetings of the City of Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. I have kept from writing to CAGE BIRDS solely in the interest of the Fancy, as I think no good can be done as the matter stands. The President's letter (Mr. Adams) should have sufficed as regards the position of the above club. Two more honourable members than the President and Secretary (Mr. Bamford) it would be hard to find. I am saying this with full knowledge, as I have been an active member since the Club was formed. The allegations made in letters written against members of our club are in the main outside the purview of our club. But the remarks re the cup winning Yellow from Dublin certainly comes within the club's duty. A certain member went about the show alleging that the cup winner and other winners were not bred by the owner. Now, from Mr. Birse's letter it would seem that I was one of the parties. I am a fancier, however, and can take a beating with grace. The officials of our club told this party to prove his suspicions, so he set to work gathering evidence. This is the reason I have been keeping silent—until something had been proved. I confess I was disappointed at the last meeting, when the whole thing ended in smoke. This party was the mover of a resolution to confine this club's membership to Ulster, so as to save the secretary trouble attending the railway. The latter part I agreed with as being necessary. But the resolution has not that effect. Why not confine the membership to Belfast? The reason is obvious. With regard to my being afraid to write letters, well, the party who says so doesn't know me. With regard to the notice of motion to expel the member who is writing letters to CAGE BIRDS, a more coercive motion could not be tabled, especially from a member who prides himself as being an apostle of free speech and honesty of purpose.

A. SOUTH, Assist. Sec.,
B.N.C. and Y.C.C.

Is it a Record Egg for Size?

Sir,—On visiting a friend of mine on March 1 to see his stock of Canaries, they appeared to me very interesting, the room itself being a picture of cleanliness for a working man's hobby. I soon found out that I had fairly caught the "Canary fever," so I tried my hand versus my patience at the game. First I bought suitable boxes, also ready-made fronts (these being so cheap). Then I soon purchased six birds (two cocks and four hens), all from a breeder who informed me that he never allowed his birds greenstuff (every man to his own opinion, of course). I was then advised to buy CAGE BIRDS, from which I soon learnt a few hints by experienced men. I placed my birds together on April 10, and started following the hints given in "C.B." Now, I am very pleased to say that I have one nest of three young, four weeks old; one nest of three, three weeks old; and the other two nests adorned with five eggs each. The hen belonging to the first nest laid an egg on a recent morning (May 20) just over an inch in length, ⅞in. in diameter. Is this a record? I am told it must be. I am also informed by my friend, the seller of the birds, that he has only had two eggs from all his stock of birds, and the hen refuses to sit on them. Therefore I think patience is on the same level as experience in some cases in the hobby, or else my luck is properly "in." I sincerely wish CAGE BIRDS and its readers a good bumping and successful season. J. ALFRED BATES.

Northern Counties Border Fancy Club.

Sir,—At the meeting called by Messrs. Peel and Smith re the formation of a Northern Counties Border Fancy Club a good number of Border enthusiasts turned up. The matter of opening this club was well discussed, and it was agreed by all that it was very much needed, as the "wee gems" in this district were very much neglected. It was moved by Mr. Currah and seconded by Mr. Smith that we form a Northern Counties Border Fancy Club, and it was carried unanimously. Our worthy friend Mr. Shepherd, an old and young Border fancier (he having again returned to his first love) was elected chairman, and the vice-chair was filled by that red-hot Border fancier, Mr. Currah. The post of secretary was then handed over to the tender mercies of the writer. It was decided that the radius of the club be the counties of Northumberland and Durham; that the meetings be held in Lockhart's Monument Cafe, Grainger Street, Newcastle, on the first Monday of each month at 7.30 o'clock. The next meeting falling on Whit Monday, it was decided to hold it on June 12 instead. Subscription, the usual sum of 2s. 6d. We appeal to all lovers of the "wee gems" to rally round and do for the "midget" what has been done for the "long 'uns' in this district. Don't delay, do your share, and the ball will keep on rolling until the "wee gems" are at the top of the tree. Anyone interested in the midget of the Canary tribe is welcome as a member. At the next meeting the rules will be discussed and the methods to be used during the coming show season; also the bolding of table shows, etc. Now, ye Border fanciers, we are the last on Tyneside to have a specialists' club of our own, so put your shoulders to the wheel and show the North that, if last, you are not going to be by any means the least. I shall be pleased to enrol anyone, and the busier you keep me putting names down the better I will like it. J. N. F. SCOTT.

186, Cartington Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The "Mute" Swan.

It is said that the Swan has five distinct notes, which are considered to be quite musical.

Cuckoos in Surrey.

The Cuckoos appear to be unusually plentiful in the county of Surrey this year. If this is so, it will be a bad season for the Pipits and Hedge Sparrows. To rear a young Cuckoo is no easy task. The foster-parents are generally feeding them every three or four minutes.

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Under the White Rose.

AN interesting little affair took place at the headquarters of the City of Bradford O.S. last Saturday evening. The members and friends gathered together to make a presentation to their esteemed secretary, Mr. F. Rhodes, who has been under an operation; and all are thankful that it has turned out entirely satisfactorily, and that Mr. Rhodes will again be



MR. F. RHODES.

able to take up the reins of office that he has so well handled during the last few years. The present is in the form of a smoking cabinet. It is a mark of appreciation for services rendered, and a thankoffering to mark his restoration to health. May he live long to use it. There is no doubt be has piloted the society safely through troublesome times.

ADJOURNED general meeting of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. took place last Saturday, and everything has been got into shipshape for the coming season. It now rests with the committee to carry out the instructions and schemes laid down by the members. The latter can be of great assistance by helping them in regard to new members, etc.

THE Y.C.C. hold their general meeting to-day (Saturday), and the members are expected to turn up in full force. There is always something interesting for discussion, and the year's work will have to be got into order. Therefore, those who have anything to bring forward for the benefit of the club are invited to attend.

NATIONAL Green Marked Y.C.C. also hold their annual meeting to-day, and this will enable fanciers who are members of both, and who have some distance to come, to kill two birds with one stone and save expense. They will be able to get into touch with other members, and know more of the working of the club. This club is the latest of the specialist socicties, and is making good progress. And the popularity of the bird it caters for is going up by leaps and bounds; it bids to become recognised as one of the most prominent subvarieties of the Yorkshire.

I HEAR that a little party of the Y.C.B.B. and M.C. had a nice outing last week-end, and saw plenty of the birds so dear to them. But one of them will have to take some fisherman's waterproofs with him next time. Are they getting in training for the suggested ramble? The club has a strong invitation for a ramble to Hardcastle Craggs, under a good guide.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

Wild-Bird Life.

A Rare Migrant.

Among the thousands of birds added to our list by the spring migration, there are doubtless many which do not come under the heading of ordinary visitors. During the summer months our hedgerows and trees are so densely clothed with leaves that it is at times difficult to identify birds that are well known, either by their plumage or characteristic attitudes and movements. So that, however keen an observer may be, he undoubtedly passes over rare species in the course of his rambles in the breeding season. As proof of this, we frequently have no record of certain birds until the time of the autumn flitting, when from somewhere along the coast we have news of some rare species which must undoubtedly have spent the summer with us. Last autumn more than one specimen of the now rare Norfolk Plover was shot by sportsmen while seeking other game. At one time this handsome bird was fairly common, and Gilbert White appears to have taken a special interest in it. He calls it "remarkably eyed, with bill not above two inches long." The reason for this remark is obvious to those who know the bird. One of its local names is Stone Curlew, on account of its resemblance to the ordinary Curlew, but it has a shorter bill and large yellow eyes. White further describes its habits very truly: "Some of them pass over my house almost every evening after it is dark, from the uplands of the Hill and North Field, away down towards Dorton, where, among the streams and meadows, they find a greater plenty of food." The Stone Curlew haunts wide, extensive heaths and rough open country. The ground cannot be too rough or broken, with patches of heath, furze, and briars, but no trees, for these birds love the dry open country, and only descend to the lower ground at night to feed. Although such spots are annually becoming scarcer in Britain, yet the writer knows of one or two where this handsome bird returns year after year. The bird is shy and wary, and difficult to approach. But with care and caution, and good glasses, one can get a sight of him in his native haunts. To lie prone among the heather and note every action of such a rare species is worth all the trouble of stalking him. And although the writer's cabinet is minus a clutch of these Plovers' eggs, the collector's craze is not strong enough to tempt him to take them.

Heron's Constancy.

Herons probably pair for life, as the same nest is used year after year. It is an early breeder, generally laying its eggs in April, and in some cases in the latter part of March.

Eggs of the Nightingale.

The eggs of the mate of the "King of Songsters" are totally unlike any other small bird's eggs. They are generally olive brown in ground colour, very faintly mottled with reddish-brown. Four to six is the number usually laid.

Placing Nests on the Ground.

It is not generally known that the handsome Girl Bunting will occasionally build upon the ground, generally selecting a hollow on a bank or placing the nest close to a tuft of grass at the foot of a tree. We know of a Blackbird's nest built upon the ground, with the ivy growing around it, and quite a charming picture it makes.

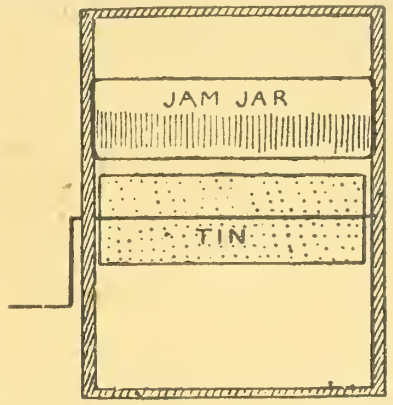
Illustrated Ideas

No. 510.

An Easily-made Seed Crusher.

Sent by Mr. G. Godwin, 10, Birchmore Road, Gloucester.

I send you a sketch of a seed crusher, for which get four pieces of board and make it to a box. Get a 1lb. stone jam jar which is ribbed, and a 1lb. treacle tin. Make some holes inside the latter, so that it will be like a grater. But make so that you have the rough side to go against the jar. Groove one hole in each side of the board, so that the jar will fix in firmly.



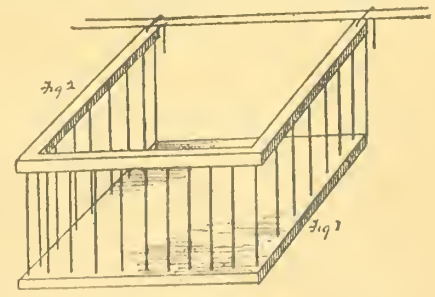
Then bore one hole in one board, and run a stout piece of wire through it and through the tin; and let it just enter into the board the other side. Have it soldered fast inside the tin first. Then put the lid on the tin very firmly. Solder it all round, and also make the handle tight. Then put the side board on and bend your handle. Lay the contrivance flat on the table, and put the seed in the top. Turn the handle, when seed will be crushed.—G. Godwin.

No. 511.

A Green-food Holder.

Sent by Mr. C. P. Hamond, 8, Queen's Terrace, Otley.

I enclose a sketch of an easily made little box for holding green-food on to the cage front. First of all cut a piece of wood 2in. square (Fig. 1) and bore holes round three of



the sides, half an inch apart. Then cut three pieces of wood 2in. long and half-inch wide, as in Fig. 2, and join together; bore holes half an inch apart as before. Then cut your wires about two inches long, and fix in the pieces of wood as in diagram. All that is needed then are two pieces of wire fixed into the two upper ends of the holder, and bent over so as to hook on to the cage-front.—C. P. Hamond.

First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

By H. J. FULLJAMES

(Continued from page 445.)

It need not be gathered from the fact that previous portions of these articles have treated upon keeping foreign birds as a mixed collection, either in large cages or in an aviary, that they may not be kept as individual cage-birds, or at least as individual pairs. A pair of any of the birds mentioned in the three lists (given in No. 480) would be an ornament to any room, and, excepting for the Whydahs, the cage need only be quite a small one. A box cage with a foot of ground space would be quite ample for the accommodation of a pair of Waxbills, and one say 18 by 12 by 10 inches for a pair of Finches or Weavers, and in the simplicity of their feeding and the very little mess they make there is scarcely any trouble involved in their keeping. A tray of Canary and white millet, with a spray of Indian millet, will last them for days, and the tit-bits mentioned in the instalment to which I have referred above, are just optional additions that may be given as and when convenient.

The cage will not need more than a weekly cleaning of the sand-tray, and the only daily attention which will be required will be the giving of fresh drinking water and a small bath. A very necessary fitment for their comfort is one of the small rush nesting-places that may now be bought so cheaply, for nearly all of these charming little creatures prefer to sleep in such a contrivance rather than roost on a perch. Further, they will spend much of their time during the day in popping in and out of their hiding place, or nesting side by side therein, with only their tiny heads peeping out from the small entrance hole. Truly, from the majority of small foreign seed-eaters not much must be expected in the way of song, for our ears cannot catch the notes of some of the species, although we can see that the birds are singing. What is lacking in audible music, however, is more than compensated for in beauty, and this may be of the kind which most appeals to the taste of the owner.

Marvels of Colouration.

If gorgeous colouration be a desideratum, nothing more beautiful may be imagined than the Gouldian Finches, either the Red-headed or the Black-headed. There is a third variety much less frequently imported—the Yellow-headed. No pen-picture can even remotely convey the wonderful beauty of the plumage of the Gouldian Finch. Blues of all shades, cobalt, ultramarine, purplish, call them what we may, they are all there, and what is of one shade one moment is quite different the next, according as the bird shifts its position. Then who shall describe the greens and yellows? As many as are in an artist's list of colours are in the living bird, and all shining with a brilliancy which the cleverest painter could not apply to paper. How, then, may a writer do so? I give it up. Suffice it to say that the hen is less brilliant than the cock, and her breast is lilac where his is shining purple blue.

Gouldian Finches may be bred quite easily in captivity. An ordinary Canary-breeding cage will answer for the purpose, but the nest-box had better be screened off in some way, so that a degree of privacy may be afforded the sitting hen. Egg-binding, that scourge of the foreign-bird breeder, is very prevalent with Gouldian Finches, and may be in a degree obviated by the provision of a piece of cuttle-fish bone at which the birds may nibble, although it is better by far to prevent egg-binding by preventing the laying during what is here an improper season. Birds coming from the Antipodes are mostly exported during the summer season (at the place of exportation) and arrive here, consequently, during our winter, or in early spring. Acclimatized birds gradually accommodate themselves to our seasons, and after a year or two come into breeding condition at something approaching a proper time, but when first imported they want to breed in the winter, and their systems are quite unequal to the strain of egg production. The sexes should therefore be separated if a desire to breed during the winter is evidenced, unless there be convenience to keep up a constant warmth of not less than 65 degrees. The nesting material may simply be a small bunch of hay, but an ordinary Canary nest-bag will assist the hen in binding the bents of hay together.

There is no foretelling with certainty the colour of the heads of the progeny. The probability is that the young of a similarly coloured pair will resemble their parents in face colouration, but a pair of either colour may produce young that differ from their parents. Thus from a pair of blacks we may get either blacks, reds or yellows, and all this adds to the interest of their keeping for breeding. It is not even necessary for the parent birds to be alike in head-colour, for in nature they undoubtedly cross with one another, and a cock of either kind may be paired with a hen of its own or of a different colour.

As I have in previous instalments written, more than once, of the extreme simplicity of the menu necessary for the well-doing of foreign seed-eaters, it will be well to say here that this does not quite apply to Gouldian Finches. Many find these beautiful birds short livers, and this, I think, is because they do not offer them sufficient change of diet. Besides the Canary and millet, which suffice for most foreign seed-eaters, Gouldian Finches must have wild seeds. The best of all is grass in the ear, but many other wild seeds will be appreciated and very helpful. Groundsel, shepherd's purse, chickweed, thistle, etc., will all be useful in their turn, and may be given whenever procurable, care being taken, of course, not to offer them when frost-bitten.

A "Nutshell" by my fellow contributor to Cage Birds, Mr. Wesley T. Page, treating fully upon the Gouldian Finch, has recently been published, and those who would keep these living rainbows can hardly do without the extended information to be therefrom gleaned. That they are great favourites with foreign bird-keepers is certain; they are imported yearly in very large numbers, and one would think that a class for these beautiful Finches would fill at any exhibition.

Although none of the foreign Finches may quite vie with the Gouldian Finch for gorgeousness of colouration, there are many which approach it closely. Who could fail to be impressed by the extreme beauty of the Nonpareil Bunting or of the Pintailed Nonpareil, of the magnificent, if spiteful, Australian Fire-finch, the Painted Finch, the Diamond Sparrow, and many others in our lists? Or, if a quieter kind of colouration appeal to our fancy, there are Waxbills galore from which to choose—Violet-eared, Blue-breasted, Black-cheeked, Golden-breasted, in fact, all of them. If we wish to study the marvellous transformation which takes place at the coming into "breeding plumage" of many of the foreign birds we have ready to our hands the Weavers which at one time of the year have no more colour than the common House-Sparrow, and at another are resplendent in shining crimson, gold and black. Nor need we lack choice if it be song that is our standard; the Green and the Grey Singing Finches, the Alario Finch, Saffron Finch, Avadavat—but I must stop, or I shall be giving the original lists all over again.

A Gifted Songster.

In these articles I have purposely omitted the consideration of those foreign birds which are insectivorous, or fruit or honey-eaters, and among which are some of the most gorgeous in plumage, and the most gifted in song, for their treatment scarcely comes under our heading of First Steps in Foreign Bird-keeping. I must, however, make one exception, and this is in favour of the Indian Shama. Of all the foreign birds that have ever been in my possession, the king is the Shama.

At a recent London show I met a gentleman whom I had not seen for something like fifteen years, and he mentioned in conversation that in that long-ago time I advised him to buy a Shama as an ideal cage-bird. He had not forgotten the circumstance, and thanked me for the pleasure he had derived from adopting my recommendation. His Shama had lived with him for several years, but had been long since dead, and he had remained without a bird of any kind. He now wished me to recommend another purchase of some kind of a pet bird, and my response was "Buy another Shama." This advice I would now take the opportunity of repeating to any of my readers who may only wish to keep one bird. For the combined qualities of gracefulness of shape, smartness of carriage, intelligence and docility as a pet, and beauty of plumage, although clad only in black, russet-brown and white, absolutely no individual bird may be mentioned in the same breath as a Shama.

(To be continued.)



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The Linnet, etc.

Feeding & Preparing for the Show Season.

By. J. NICHOLSON (Skipton).

(Concluded from page 459).

A lecture delivered before the Leeds C.B.S. on May 6.

I am a great believer in hemp seed for the Goldfinch. I have known birds kept in cages for 8 or 10 years to be fed on nothing else. I am doubtful if they would live for that length of time on any other seed.

The Bullfinch and Its Treatment.

The Bullfinch is a general favourite, but more especially the hen bird. I have eight of them at present paired up—five with Goldfinches, one with a Canary, one with a Linnet, and one with a Hawfinch. This last pair are feeding each other through the wires of the cage at present, and if I am lucky enough to obtain any result I will let you know later on.

I have never gone in for the cock Bullie, and my reason is that I can never come across one having the amount of red on the breast that I see on those exhibited on the show bench, and I have caught scores in my time. Another reason is, I do not think it is a wise plan to have the cock bird in the same room as the hen when you are hybrid breeding.

I feed Bullfinches the same as the Goldfinch, only instead of hardheads and thistles, I give docking seed, of which I gather a lot when they are ripe. The Bullfinch likes these best of all. I also give crushed sunflower seeds.

We seem to have a lot to say and write about the feeding of our pets, but we sometimes forget the most important thing, and that is the drinking water. I find that the water gets stagnant a lot sooner in the case of British birds than in the case of Canaries owing to their eating so many different kinds of seed, and I think that a lot of birds are lost through neglecting to give them fresh water daily. The first sign is that the bird looks thick, and immediately I detect this I put one teaspoonful of sulphate of soda in a gill of water. I give them this for one day, then put them in a large flight if possible, but not with a lot of birds. If the weather be cold, keep them warm, and if you see any sign of their drinking too much water, mix some Parrish's Chemical Food in it.

In conclusion, I should just like to say that our hobby is splendidly catered for in our weekly paper, Cage Birds. Any fancier who misses getting it loses a treat, because every week there is something new and always most valuable information about our pets. But there is one particular thing for which it is invaluable, and that is the "deposit system," and I would advise every fancier to make use of it, either when sending away for birds or selling any; and insist on the buyer doing the same, unless you know your man. There are several "sharpers" on the look-out each week for any new advt. in its columns. They will write and ask you to send your birds on at once, and as soon as they get hold of them that is the last you hear of them. I think it would be a very good thing for every society to have a black list of these sharpers.

An Interesting Discussion.

Mr. Chittenden asked how to detect a faked Linnet, as he had seen many which were described in the show reports as of marvellous colour, and he had heard various opinions from big exhibitors, some holding that the birds were stained, and others that they were the natural colour, made so by feeding. Holding the bird up to the light was a test he had heard mentioned, but even so he thought that a man must be a faker to detect a faked bird.—Answer: You cannot tell by holding the bird up to the light, as great care is taken not to touch the whites of the wing. And I may state that it is impossible to bring out this dye.

Mr. Chittenden: How would you deal with these faked birds?—By putting them back.

Mr. Battye here remarked: I think markings, type, and carriage are a big consideration, and in the case of a bird possessing these qualities besides being a good colour, it would make it a serious matter to put it back, which would be tantamount to disqualification.

Mr. Chittenden: I have what is known as a lemon-breasted Linnet, and if you saw him you would think he was colour-fed; and as Mr. Battye said, would it not be serious to put a good coloured bird back, as generally they have good markings, and are usually big birds?—If judging, I should give preference to the natural-coloured bird, providing he possessed other good qualities.

Mr. Norton remarked: I also am of the opinion that faking wants stamping out. It is disappointing to go to a show and see these faked birds at the top of the class.

Mr. Battye replied to this: It is alright for a casual visitor, but the greatest responsibility is with the judge, who had to try and give satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Chittenden: These cases generally get exposed, and I cannot say anything further than that at the present time experiments are being carried out, which, if successful, will put an end to faking; but I think the Fancy is now clean and the judges honest. Consequently, it was the novices who were the greatest offenders; they listened to the "old hands," then tried the dodge themselves, overdoing the process, and consequently the case was glaring.

A member asked if the lecturer had ever stained a Linnet?—Yes; I stained one for a lecture at York, and took it along with two others, one of which was my champion Linnet that gained 8 first prizes out of 11 times, under prominent judges; and the members there placed the stained Linnet first.

Mr. Battye informed the audience how he came across some Canaries which had been stained; when the feathers were blown, underneath was found to be pure white, proving how clever some fanciers were at painting. But if you saw a Linnet dark on top and light underneath, you could, he said, put it out with confidence.

Mr. Chittenden: It is possible to get British birds various shades by feeding. For instance, Bullfinches, if fed entirely on hemp seed, will in time turn completely black. This seed will also make Linnets very dark. You can, too, vary the colour in Greenfinches by using a great number of hardheads.

Mr. Hornby asked the lecturer if he thought washing with carbolic soap would influence the colour?—No; I do not think so. As I mentioned before, my old Linnet got 8 firsts and was only shown 11 times, and he was never washed. I prefer to show them as natural as possible. I simply spray them, and put the bath on regularly.

Mr. Flint proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer. He had himself profited considerably.

Mr. Chittenden seconded the vote of thanks.

Our old friend, Mr. Overend, said it gave him great pleasure to support the vote of thanks, and he was in sympathy with the lecturer re the faking business, although nobody had done more faking than he had; but that was years ago, when the best faked bird won. Things were different nowadays. It was the best bird that won now. Talking about colour, he said: I have had the birds all colours. One bird in particular I made black by colour feeding. I have tried to make them blue, but have lost them in the process. I have tried hundreds of experiments. These remarks tickled the company, and this concluded a red-letter meeting.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Leeds C.B.S.

FANCIERS AT CRICKET.

The "Early Birds" crow over the City and Suburbanites.

The members of the City and Suburban A.C.B. played one of two annual matches with the "Early Birds" C.C., on May 20, in the Paddington Recreation Ground, Maida Vale, W. The game was a very enjoyable one, and there was a good sprinkling of onlookers (despite the unfavourably cold weather), who saw an exciting finish, the "Early Birds" winning by only the narrow margin of two runs. The Cityites batted first and put up 84 runs, some of their "crack exhibits" being palpably below exhibition form, and finishing very low down in the list. The "Early Birds," though not bird-keepers, are a lusty lot, their captain in particular being as fine an example of the correct chubby Norwich type as one need wish to set eyes upon. Some of their "cracks" also failed with the bat, and when the last man went to the wickets 15 runs were still needed for victory. One of the remaining batsmen, however, a man of weight and sinews (a real fine stock bird) laid about him to such good purpose that the arrears were hit off before his partner succumbed to a fine catch. Now all the Cityites ask for is an opportunity to avenge the defeat. The umpires were Messrs. Abel and G. E. Weston. For the City and Suburban A.C.B., Mr. A. Pooley scored 22, and Mr. V. Wynn 15; while Mr. Powell Owen took six wickets for 25 runs. For the "Early Birds" Mr. Tugwood played a good innings of 20, and Mesrs. Hunt, Tomlin, and Greenham for 18, 13, and 11 respectively, while Messrs. Collier, Lightfoot, and Tomliu shared the bowling honours. Scores:—

City and Suburban A.C.B.—J. Pooley, b Collier, 2; W. P. Owen, b Lightfoot, 0; A. Pooley, lbw, b Lightfoot, 22; H. Elmslie, b Collier, 4; E. Butler, b Lightfoot, 4; V. Wynn, c Hare, b Tomlin, 15; W. Sanders, b Tomlin, 3; W. Cobb, b Tomlin, 4; R. Hale, b Tugwood, 2; Davidson, c Edwards, b Collier, 11; W. Cotty, b Tugwood, 2; J. Chard, not out, 0; byes, 12; leg byes, 3; total, 84.

"Early Birds" C.C.—Porter, b Sanders, 8; Hunt, b Owen, 18; Clisby, c and b Elmslie, 3; Collier, b Owen, 1; Tugwood, c Davidson, b Owen, 20; Edwards, b Owen, 1; Lightfoot, run out, 0; Poole, b Owen, 0; Tomlin, c and b J. Pooley, 13; Hare, c Cotty, b Owen, 3; Baker, c Davidson, b J. Pooley, 4; Greenham, not out, 11; byes, 4; total, 86.

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WANTED.

WANTED Canaries, Goldfinches, Linnets, Parrots: Baker, Bird Specialist, Bedminster.

WANTED hen Bullfinch and hen Bramblefinch; approval; deposit: Despard, Donore, Mountrath.

WANTED, cock and hen Mules, state lowest price: D. Santon, 4, Blossom-st., Norton Folgate, E.C.

WANTED, gas fittings, chandelier; exchange Norwich cock, lovely singer: Adams, 6, Eyre-st., Cardiff.

WANTED a loud singing Skylark, cheap for cash, approx.: W. Taylor, 203, Cowbridge-rd, Canton, Cardiff.

WANTED British, any quantity, state cheapest prices: King, Bird Dealer, 164, Kelvinhaugh-st., Glasgow.

WANTED for £6 of Oxo coupons, good Roller cock bird, on approval first: Restaurant, 1, Rodney-st., Edinburgh.

WANTED, Yorkshire and Norwich Canaries in large or small quantities, for prompt cash: Cundall, Tyson-st., Halifax.

WANTED acclimatised cocks, Rosella, White Java Sparrow, Red-crested Cardinal: G. Colyer, Rhode Court, Selling, Faversham.

WANTED, cagles, vultures, owls, falcons, storks, rhea, also animals, particulars and price to: Curator, 1, Pensbury-st., Darlington.

WANTED pair Hawfinches, or 2 large cock Goldfinches; exchange pen O.E.G. Bantams; yours first: Broadbent, James-st., Thornaby.

BUDGERIGARS or wire netting wanted, good working homers given in exchange: H. Eby, Wall Ash, Mayfield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

WANTED good loud singing Canaries, cheap for cash, or good exchange in prize game bantams: W. Goldsmith, Whepstead, Bury St. Edmunds.

WANTED, 100 pairs Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, and Rollers; will give 6/- per pair, cash with order: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED small girl's cycle, exchange Yorkshire Canaries, rabbits, or 30-egg incubator and foster-mother: Craggs, Castlehill, Richmond, Yorks.

WANTED cock Nightingale, well treated, and in full song, one singing at night preferred: M. M. Blacker, Esq., Goldingham Hall, Sudbury, Suffolk.

WANTED good talking Parrot and cage, or Canaries, in exchange for Staffordshire figures, dogs, jugs, cups, etc.: Wm. Price, 2, Slater-st., Burnley.

WANTED two Goldfinch Mules, full song, exchange large stock Norwich cock, buff, full song, sell 30/-: Sadler, 33, Preston Avenue, Higham Park, Chingford.

WANTED, Zebra Dove hen, Red-crested Grey Cardinal hen, Cordon Bleu cock; state price and how long imported: Mrs. Peterkin, Grange, Forres, N.B.

WANTED offers for Norwich Canaries, pairs 15/- and 25/-; will exchange cock 8/6, for feeding hens, Pom. dog puppy, 25/-: W. Gamble, Blaby Road, South Wigston.

WANTED, any number of large, clean, healthy bitches, near whelping, good price for suitable ones, and prompt cash on delivery: J. Warren, Irthlingboro', Northants.

OFFERS; 24/- to 36/- dozen for hens: 6/- to 20/- dozen for pigeons; 12/- to 18/- dozen for Bantams: Maynard, Poultry Salesman, Bethnal Green. Telephone 2528 Wall.

WANTED a pair of good field glasses, will give one good Yorkshire cock, one large Sib. cock, one house-moulted cock Goldfinch breeder, or cash; offers for the three; approval: Dean, 147, West Lane, Keighley.

WANTED, African grey Parrot, 410 gun, 6-chambered revolver, race glasses (good), 18ft. or 20ft. roach pole, light, in exchange for Red Irish Setter pups, 3 months old, good colour and healthy: Lake, Hairdresser, Reigate.

WANTED offers in jewellery, cycle, cash, two clear yellow Norwich cocks, four buff hens, one buff, one yellow Yorkshire cocks, with four hens to match, also four three-compartment breeding cages, joiner made: Bennett, Fountain-terrace, Bacup.

WANTED.—Will give 7/- each for colour-fed cock Canaries, in full song; young Canaries wanted (state prices); aviaries cleared, British or Foreign bought; no newly caught bought: Bird Stores, London-rd., Manchester; branch: Kirkgate, Wakefield.

CORRESPONDENCE solicited from wholesale dealers who will quote on stock capable of standing the journey, stock to comprise birds of all kinds—[illegible] dogs, cats, and other pets; also prices, etc., from cage manufacturer: Montreal Bird and Kennel Co., 395, Bleury-st., Montreal, Canada.

NATURAL HISTORY

FOR birds' eggs, E. F. Spicer and Sons, Taxidermists, Suffolk-st., Birmingham, are the cheapest; list, 1d. stamp.

BIRD and animal preserving, done cheaply by practical hands, latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BRITISH and tropical butterflies, birds, etc., for ornamental purposes or collectors; lists: Ford, Naturalist, Stourwood, Bournemouth.

BUTTERFLY nets from 1/3; mixed pins, 6d.; killing fluid, 6d.; sugaring mixture, 1/3; illustrated catalogue free: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

TWO cock Linnets, 1 cock Goldfinch, make good mules, steady; useful exchange: Sargent, St. Albans.

COCK Linnet Mule, 2 years, lovely condition, 10/6, exchange for field glasses: Goodwin, 185, Old Kent-rd., London.

GOOD Magpie for sale, twelve months, 5/-; or will exchange good young buff Norwich hen: Lewis, Winforden, Hereford.

HAWFINCH cock, perfect condition, 12/6; exchange any other specie British; must be good: W. Page, 20, Bishopsgate, London.

GOLDFINCH bred Mules, hen Canary, cage, exchange Pom. pup, garden gun, game cock: Redfern, 36, High-st., Newhall, Burton.

SELECTED cock Bullfinches, in aviary since Oct., 2/6 and 3/6; exchange Norwich hens, feeders, breeding cages: Tupholme, Union-rd., Bourne.

LARGE exhibiting cage mounted Hawfinch, with show cage, 25/-; or exchange winning Linnet or Finch; apply: 103, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.

TWO monster Mealy Redpolls and cinnamon Yorkshire hen; exchange for good big Siberian Goldfinch: Rorke, Craigmark, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

FOUR British cocks, house-moulted, sure mulers, 10/-; good strong Irish Airedale bitch, very game, quiet with children, 10/-; exchange good Norwich: Ernest Panther, Finedon.

F. GARNER, Bamold, Waterbeach, Cambs., offers few pairs exceptional outdoor aviary birds: pair Bullfinches, nesting, 4/-; grand coloured Goldfinches, 5/-; Zebra Finches, building, 6/6; odd cock Zebra, 2/6; large mealy Redpolls, red-breasts, 3/6, exchange useful offers.

Mainly Canaries.

THREE common hen Canaries, 7/-; exchange anything: J. Stratton, Oakly Road, Redditch.

J. CALAM will exchange champion buff Norwich cocks for exhibition British, Goldfinches preferred: 44, George-st., Hull.

GREEN Seifert cock, 8/6; splendid Linnet Mule, 8/6; exchange anything useful; yours first: 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

LOVELY large Crestbred hen, 10/-; Goldfinch Mule, grand songster, 10/6; exchange Crested or Border cocks: A. March, Evesham.

EXCHANGE Buff Norwich cock for field-moulted exhibition cock Siskin or Twite: Stephenson, Flimby House, Flimby, Cumberland.

EXCHANGE Norwich cock, H.M. Bullfinch, nesting, for three good Yorkshire hens: Wellings, Horton No. 2 nr. Wellington, Salop.

SPLENDID hens, ready for nesting, two Norwich, 2/6, Cinnamons 3/6, Green 3/-; or exchange singing cock: N., 147, Nelson-rd., Hornsey.

CRESTED hen, show cage, 4/9; two prize bred untried hens, 6/6; lot 10/6; exchange anything: 8, Churchfield Mansions, Hurlingham.

EXCHANGE 5 pedigree unflighted Norwich hens, untried, for case fish knives, forks, mutual approval: Duckett, 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

WHAT offers in Canaries for good African Grey Parrot, with red tail, plain talker, or sell £3: McKeand, Hamilton Place, Castle-Douglas.

LARGE yellow Norwich cock, 10/-, full song, big buff Lancashire Norwich hen, 1910, 5/-, or exchange: Harris, 50, Undine-st., Tooting, London, S.W.

WILL give a 1910 buff Yorkshire cock, parents winners, for set of (boy's) boxing gloves, must be good: Henson, 48, Westbourne Grove, Hessle.

GIVING up, one 1910 yellow Norwich cock left, untried, 16/-; exchange gent's boots (new), camera and outfit; what offers: Wright, 43, Gladstone-rd., Watford.

YORKSHIRE cock, full song, good bird, 7/6; grand pair red chequer long distance Homer squeakers, 2/6; exchange good hens, Norwich preferred: Howland, Ockendon, Essex.

NOTICE, no time for breeding, all for sale; Norwich Plainheads, 8/6, 10/6, 15/6 pair; exchange bike, or anything useful; yours first: L. Haywood, 3, Neville-st., Nottingham.

FOUR pairs Norwich, two pairs Borders, two feeders, six stock, five three-compartment cages, all utensils, £4 cash; exchange poultry, timber, or netting: Wilson, 131, Chancery-lane, St. Helens.

NORWICH cock, winner, 6/-; large Norwich hen, 5/-; cock Bullfinch, winner, very steady, 4/6; Goldfinch-Canary Mule (cock), good singer, 4/-; will sell or exchange camera and accessories to value: Jefferson, Longhirst, Morpeth.

BARGAINS in high-class birds; pair Yorkshires, 10/6; large yellow Norwich cock, 8/6; Seifert Roller, 10/- (cost £1); cage-moulted Blackbird and cage, 7/6; all full song; 30/- the lot to prompt purchaser, or exchange for gold jewellery: Sammons, 58, Suttenrd., Southend-on-Sea.

Mainly Foreign.

WHAT offers in exchange for two pairs of breeding Budgerigars, aviary bred: 19, Temple-st., West Bromwich.

WILL exchange two adult hen Green Budgerigars for two cocks: Albert Thornes, 58, Greenmount-st., Beeston Hill, Leeds.

WILL exchange a Green Amazon talking Parrot and cage for an extra good Roller Schoolmaster bird: M. Goodwin, Pork Butcher, Leek.

CHAMPION Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage; sell or exchange gent's good cycle, one of the best; offer seldom met with; particulars each way: E. Brewer, Carr-st., Birstall, Leeds.

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LARGE Parrot's cage, cost 50/-, new condition, 20/-; exchange birds: Andrews, Decorator, Harrow.

FOR sale or exchange, badger, 15/-; also lamer, 15/-, or best offer: Whyte, 44, Bridge-st., Aberdeen.

FOR sale, liver and white Spaniel, five months old, will retrieve, will make a beauty, 15s.; or exchange Canaries, or British: G. Sparkes, Wallingford, Kingsbridge.

LOVELY Toy pedigree Shetland Collie bitch, 15/-; exchange cage birds; offers: Morrison, 40, High-st., Aberlour.

SIX adult pigeons, blue rocks and homers, sell or exchange, rabbits, anything: H. Eley, John-st., Wainfleet.

FERRETS, two good workers, clean and quiet, 3/6 each; or useful exchange: W. Marsh, Sunnyside, Watchaun.

BRINDLE whippet puppy, exchange Goldfinch Mule or good Goldfinch: Hetherington, Brunel-rd., Chigwell, Essex.

EXCHANGE double breeding cage, for cock Canary or mule; bird first: White, Great Hampton Row, Birmingham.

PAIR Canaries, concertina (Lachenal, 48 keys), 25/- lot, or exchange toy pom: Pearce, 442, High-st., East Ham, E.

FOR sale, zither banjo, nearly new, exchange birds, Goldfinches preferred sell 15/-: Richards, 16 Hamilton-st. Newport, Mon.

LARGE double breeding cage, new; exchange bicycle covers, anything useful: Hammond, 22, Rossington-st., Upper Clapton.

MANDOLINE, inlaid with pearl, with case and tutor, brand new, £1; or exchange anything: Rutter, Brompton, Northallerton.

GRAND pair Black Rosecomb Bantams, winners; exchange cage birds or Pom. puppy: Geo. Stewart, Cathedral-st., Buckie, N.B.

WANTED Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries in exchange for Silver Grey or Flemish Giant rabbits. 62, Cantwell-rd., Plumstead.

WANTED Canaries, Parrots, pigeons, birds, rats, mice, poultry, dogs, puppies; purchase or exchange: Barrow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

FOR sale or exchange, gent's cycle, price £2, or exchange for set of cob harness. F. Booth, 76, Oliver rd., Woodseats, Sheffield.

SILVER Waltham watch, cost £4, sell 15/-; silver hunter, 12/-; both perfect condition, exchange anything: Hutton, Baker, Horbeach.

BANJO, "Lady Stewart," 14/-; bargain, exchange for concertina, or anything useful: W. Daley, 2, Baron-st., Collyhurst, Manchester.

GRAND Irish Terrier dog, Sinnister's Strain, 15 months; exchange Norwich, Cinnamons; offers: Hodson, 84, High-st., Longton, Staffs.

EXCHANGE gramophone and 24 10in. records, value £7; what offers, jewellery preferred: Ingram, James-rd., Blaingarw, South Wales.

LARGE flowered phonograph horn, also gramaphone horn, exchange singing Canaries; six young rabbits, various colours, 3/6: Butler, Quarter, Staplehurst, Kent.

COACHMAN'S top boots, 7's, never worn, cost £3 3/-, take £1 1s.; exchange Canaries, anything useful: 98, Martin's-rd., Shortlands.

GOOD ½-plate camera, 15/-; silver lever, 15/-; offers, poultry or chickens: 140, Alice-st., High Shields.

BLACK toy pom., 18 months, 50/-, approval, exchange gent.'s or boy's cycle, or anything useful: Howeroft and Son, Ferrybridge, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE Edison's phonograph recorder, new, value 12/6, for one Yorkshire or Norwich cock Canary: Hoggatt, Iveridge-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

WILL give 9 carat gold ring, solid, for one cock Canary or Mule; approval both ways; yours first: G. White, Great Hampton Row, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE Miller's Cetolite cycle lamp, cost 10/6, for two yellow, one green Budgerigars, cocks; mutual approval; sell 7/6: Webb, 35, Barton-rd., Cambridge.

WILL exchange splendid pair of Black Magpie pigeons, nesting, for pair of Canaries; Canaries first; or will accept good offer: Pegrum, Sudbury, Suffolk.

FOR sale, 60-egg incubator perfect condition, one of Cooper's, sell £1 10s., or exchange Canaries to value of £2: G. Sparkes, Wallingford, Kingsbridge.

HOUSE-moulted cock Crossbill, finger tame; cock Greenfinch and hen Siskin, nesting, 7/6; exchange anything useful: A. Sench, Hurcott-rd., Kidderminster.

FOUR prize strain Houdan pullets and cock, White Leghorn cockerel, 4 cross-bred, full laying, 35/-, or exchange; yours first: G. S. Burton, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

A HANDSOME Airedale Retriever dog pup; exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire cock Canary, or sell 7/6; approval: William Caddy, 4, Pollards-st., Pantygraegwen, Pontypridd.

TWO cock Goldfinches, pair homer pigeons, Lark net, used once, 20 yards by 3, sell £1 or exchange two pairs Canaries; birds first: A. Leppard, Gunville West, Newport, I.O.W.

ORGAN, cost £10, equal to new, 7 stops; also a pair of pictures (stags), cost 25/-; what offer in good Yorkhire Canaries and cages, or sell £6: 3 and 5, Mount-st., Flint, N.W.

EXCHANGE two geography, one French grammar, one German, one Kindergarten Manual, and double entry book-keeping for Norwich or Yorkshire cock: Wade, 66, St. Luke's-rd., Sunderland.

ZITHER banjo, splendid instrument, cost 5 guineas, sacrifice £3; large doll's house, unfurnished, 4 rooms, 12/-; or part exchange: Jowett, c/o T. H. Shaw, Wapping Mill, Bradford, Yorks.

COCK Linnet (mule), paired hen Canary, in breeding cage, also cock, 8/6 lot; six 10in. Beka records, 7/6; exchange lot for (soiled) stylish suit, leg 31, chest 38: Miller, 20, Popham-rd., Islington.

THREE pairs black pigmy pouters, 12/6, 7/6, 7/6 pair; 2 blue pigmy hens, 5/- each; pure white fantails, 2/6; 25/- lot, or exchange anything useful; no live stock: Beckerleg, 28, Gwavas-st., Penzance.

CORONATION; 120 fairy bucket lamps and large wire crown, 10/-; two good string hammocks, 5/-; pair of Chinese swords, 5/-; exchange phonograph records; Crested Canaries; what offers: Underwood, Merrow, Guildford.

EXCHANGE or sell, new cycle cape, 6/6; P. and H. gas lamp, new, 6/-; fancy suit length, 12/6; pair 9ct. gold cuff links, new, 12/6; for pair of high-class Roller Canaries; approval both parties; no postcards: L. Walker, 4, Small-lane, Golcar, near Huddersfield.

FISHERMEN and others; brand new cast net, large size, small mesh, never been used, cost 55/-, sell 25/-; or exchange Mules or offers; also rook rifle, 22 bore and cartridges; will exchange rifle for Linnet Mule with Linnet note or good singing Linnets: Wood, 192, Worningtonrd., N. Kensington.

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GREAT Dane bitch (9 months), very attractive, sound, £2: Julian, 88, Oliver-st., Northampton.

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CRYSTAL Palace aviary, also invalid's chair, to be sold cheap: 35, Broughton-st., Battersea, S.W.

WHAT offers for glazier's diamond, gold scarf pin, silver watch, officer's dress sword: Hatton, Nelson-st., Bolton.

BARGAIN. Two grand double breeding cages, splendid condition, all complete, only 8/- each to clear: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris.

ANTIQUE violin, sweet tone, labelled Stradavarius 1690, case, bow, cash needed, 19/6; approval. Mrs. Tyler, Rockingham-rd., Uxbridge.

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SPORT. Sport. The sure shot catapult, with quantity ammunition, 1/- post free; the Norfolk bird trap, entirely new design, catch birds alive, 2/6, carriage paid: Wicks Bros., Norwich.

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FISHING rods, tackle, magnificent greenheart trout rods, 5/6 each; special 1911 trout flies, 9d. dozen; extraordinary bargains; catalogue, stamp: Midland Rod Company, Erdington, Birmingham.

GENT'S cycle, good sound condition, bell, lamp, pump, fitted with brakes ready for immediate use, late pattern, all accessories; bargain, first P.O. for 17/6: F. G. Brown, Home Pottery, Bulwell.

SUPERB lady's or gent.'s oxydised Swiss lever watches, reliable timekeepers, 5/- cash, or 2/6 with order, and three weekly payments of 1/-; unique offer: Hickman, 167, High-st., Fenton, Staffs.

CURTAINS from the makers; send for catalogue 150, largest issued; exclusive designs; muslins, casement fabrics, serges, blinds, household linens, laces, etc.; write to-day: S. Peach and Sons, The Looms, Nottingham.

VERY good gent.'s Humber cycle, 24in., modern frame, free wheel, rim brake and good tubes and tyres, every part perfectly sound and proper running order; easy running machine; 17/6, bargain: Albert Dobb, Penn-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

GENT'S double curb albert, 18ct. gold (stamped) filled, solid links, sacrifice 10/6; approval before payment; write for our list of 1,500 absolutely sensational bargains; free to any address; it's a revelation; astounding value: G. Davis, Pawnbroker 26, Denmark Hill, London.

GENTLEMAN'S superfine quality £4 4/- dark green tweed suit, by Longford, high-class tailor, latest West End cut and finish, breast 39 in., waist 35 in., leg 32½ in., never worn, sacrifice 19/6; willingly sent for inspection; quite privately: G. Davis, Pawnbroker, 26, Denmark-hill, London.

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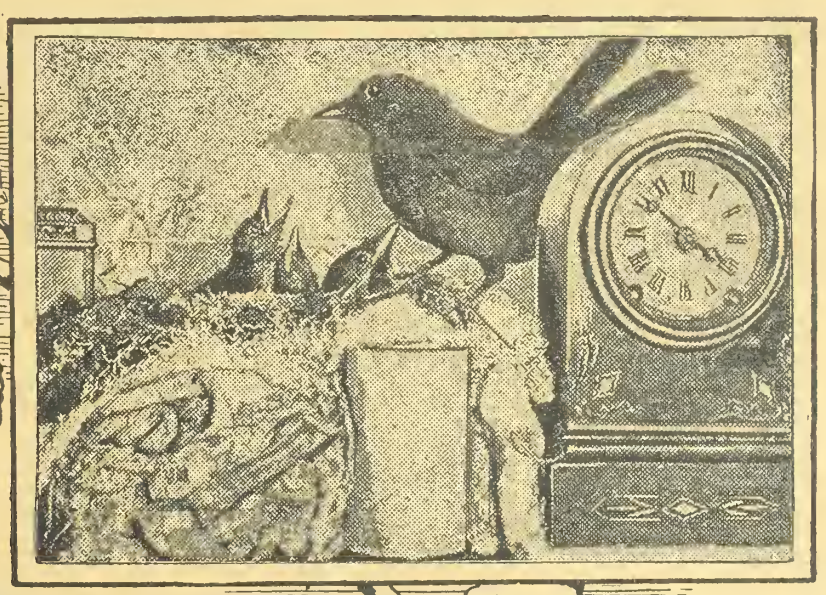
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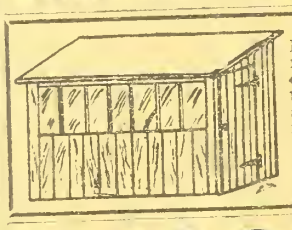
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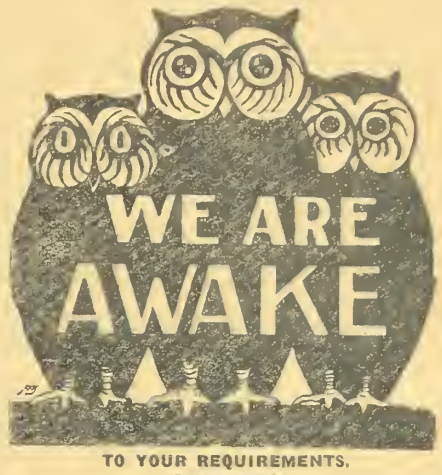
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Annual country ramble held May 28. Strensall Common was the place chosen. It is an ideal place in which to see bird life. Mr. Zimmermann (chairman) knows practically every inch of the common, and a very enjoyable day was spent. Nests were seen in abundance containing both eggs and young, some of which were rung with the Aberdeen University rings, including Linnets, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Yellowhammers, Whitethroats, Twite, Water Hen, Wild Duck, and numerous others. A Curlew was also seen, but the party were unable to find the nest. After a little refreshment on the common, the party returned to York about 3 o'c.—H. Thompson, Sec.

PENDLETON & SALFORD O.S.

It was very pleasant to see so many members and friends turn up for the outing. We left the train at Dinting, where our guide was waiting for us. We went through Dinting and on through Broadbottom; then we came to Charlesworth, where we had dinner and a half-hour's rest. Then on again over the hills till we came to "The Grouse," where we had to meet the gamekeeper, Mr. S. Hill-Wood, M.P., having generously allowed him to take us over his grounds. We had a merry march up hill and down dale, over hedges and ditches, over stone walls and through woods, till we came to the Hall, where the gamekeeper passed us on to the head gardener. Through the kindness of Mrs. Hill-Wood he was allowed to take us through the greenhouses. Our guide told us they are reputed to be the finest in the country, and I should think they are. We went through about six, and then came to one containing very rare plants; he told us they paid £300 for one orchid. One hothouse was full of fruit trees (and some of the houses were "'ot"). Here we saw almost every kind of fruit growing, orange, fig, and banana trees. Through the aquarium into the grounds, round the Hall, we made our way on to Glossop, where a good tea was waiting for us. We had a look round Glossop, and then entrained. We arrived home about 9.30, after one of the best outings we have ever had. All hoped that Mr. Metcalfe, the assist. sec., who had made all arrangements, would get another ramble up soon, which he promised to do in about a month's time.—J. Critchley.

HULL C.B.S.

Annual ramble May 27th, Barton-on-Humber, and the district round about being the chosen venue. Twenty nine members embarked for New Holland by the 1.30 boat. New Holland was soon reached, when we had a wait of about ha'f hour for the Barton train; the time was passed pleasantly watching the antics of a Wagtail in search of provender on the opposite side of the platform. On arriving at Barton we were met by those two good Barton fanciers, Messrs. Dunn and Pettit, who first guided our steps to the Red Lion Hotel, and made final arrangements for tea. This being settled the business of the day commenced, and after a short walk down the road we turned into a wood, where bird life seemed plentiful. We came across several Thrushes' and Blackbirds' nests containing young. But oh! the weather, it was really too hot to put much exertion into the business we were out for, and the probabilities are we missed more than we found. We next wended our way through some chalk pits, and one enthusiastic member, spying a Wood Pigeon's nest, climbed the tree to find his labours rewarded with one egg. About here the Cuckoos were heard and seen in good numbers. We now made our way where we expected to see Linnets in goodly numbers, but on arrival not a solitary nest could he found, this being accounted for by a lot of shooting being recently carried on around these bushes. After a pleasant rest under trees laden with laburnum, the "inner man" calling, a start was made back to Barton by the high road. On Barton being reached we all proceeded to one of the two photographers the village boasts, and there posed. Tea being mentioned seemed to put new life into us, and it was a very hungry and tired crowd that crawled into the Red Lion Hotel, where full justice was done to the good things the landlady provided for us. After tea a committee meeting was held. It was decided to apply to the Open Norwich Plainhead Club for their patronage at our forthcoming open show. Some of the members now made their way to the station, the remainder staying and having an impromptu concert, at which a hearty vote of thanks was returned to the host and hostess and to the two Barton fanciers for their kindness in acting as guides to: Messrs. G. W. Oliver, E. R. Ridley, G. Harland, W. T. Pepper, D. D. Longhorn, F. F. Potter, Jackson, W. Fox, Butlers, Frith, Mason, R. Clayton, A. Clayton, B. Stones, W. H. Stamford, Watson, Emmott, D. McKay, Richardson, Sutton, Hinson, Kemp, Cross, W. H. Riley, Calvard, Parkes, Rapsey, Carter, F. Calvard, and Masters Brockelhurst, Stamford, and Fox. The ramble proved one of the most pleasant it has fallen to my lot to participate in.—Ernest R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

Members held their first ramble on May 21st, when they had a glorious outing in fine weather. Leaving Brighton at 8.35, they took train to Newick, being joined at Lewes station by Mr. O. Plummer, who kindly acted as guide. Walking from Newick, we were soon off the beaten track, and via Cockful Lane, where we found plenty to interest students of nature, we reached Littleworth, and from thence to Chailey, where we had lunch. Retracing our steps a little we were soon on Marstakes Common, where abundance of wood and undergrowth formed excellent cover for all sorts of birds. Mr. W. Swaysland, one of the members of the club, gave us the benefit of his knowledge of bird lore, pointing out and explaining many things of interest, which the members greatly appreciated. After an all too short ramble over this enclosure we got on the Chailey road again, and walked in to Lewes through Cooksbridge and Offam, catching the 5.30 train to Brighton. Over fifty nests were located, many with young; but mostly only eggs not set, including Chaffinch, Linnet, Blackbird, Thrush, Robin, Yellow Bunting, Wren, Bullfinch, Tree Pipit, Longtail Tit, Hedge Sparrow, Whitethroat, Woodpecker, Willow Wren (7 eggs), Wood Pigeon, etc. We also saw Pheasants and Partridges, a pair of Blue Tits, also Night Hawks, while the song of the Nightingale was a continual melody intermixed by the call of the Cuckoo. The country was in splendid condition, apple and fruit trees being in full blossom, also the holly and May trees. It is hoped other rambles will follow this one.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

Twenty-five members met on 21st May for the ramble fixed up by secretary Hodson, with Mr. Botting's kindly assistance. Holmwood, or, rather, its justly famous and magnificent common, was our hunting ground, and to say we were a merry troop as we turned out of the train were a poor compliment. Among those present were Messrs. Tringham, Richardson, Richardson, jun., Cole, Tomsett, Lea, Brown, Warley, Warley, jun., Botting, Allen, Austin, Austin, jun., Nicholls, Smith, Reeks, Johnson, Johnson, jun., Cornish, Dressler, and last, but certainly not least, our secretary with his camera. We were met at the station by Mr. Allen, of Holmwood, our guide—a fancier to the core, and the right person for the job. We quickly left the road and turned on the common, but not before we had heard the Skylark carrolling forth, as he seemed almost to pierce the cloud, and, turning into the wood, we had our photos. taken. Now the search commenced, and it was not long before Reeks found a sitting Blackbird. Aye! she was a picture—distinctly afraid, yet sitting tight until we nearly all had seen her; and then came Brown, and what could you expect? Off she went, much to our regret. I suppose, thinking enough mischief had been done, no one looked to see what was in her nest. Our attention was then called to a Woodpecker on the wing, and the Chiffchaff, as he called his curious notename. Thrushes' nests in all stages were found, but Blackbirds seemed more scarce. I think I am right in saying that a full clutch of Blackbirds' eggs was not found all day. The Yellowhammer was next located in the bottom of a bush, and it was a pretty picture with its four streaked eggs, while the cock bird sat on a telegraph wire singing for all he was worth. Linnets' nests were found with both full and incomplete clutches and young of all ages. In one case the hen let us have a good look at her. Our next find was a dead young Thrush, and the scattered feathers told of a cruel fight with a stoat or weasel, and we wondered if the bird would not have been happier in our cage or aviary, where it would have been treated more kindly. We were next reminded of an old friend, the Greenfinch, with his "churr-churr," and the Chaffinch with his "pink-pink." Hedge Sparrows' (as they are wrongly called) nests were found, and several of the Whitethroats' with eggs. These latter were lined with horse hair, which made the Canary fanciers tremble for the fate of the youngsters. Time now getting on, we directed our steps to our old friend Darmen, at the Temperance Hotel, Dorking, where a good wash and cold lunch awaited us. Soon after we sallied forth again to renew our search, this time under the guidance of Mr Botting. Nests were found in plenty, and as it was a little brighter the song of the birds was stronger and more connected. The Nightingale was heard at his best—truly a marvellous melody, and our secretary had the pleasure of finding the nest with two eggs. The Cuckoo was heard several times, but not seen. During the day the following birds were heard or seen: Skylark, Cuckoo, Nightingale, Chaffinch, Linnet, Yellowhammer, Hedge Sparrow, Thrush, Blackbird, Turtle Dove, Whitethroat, Greenfinch, Chiff-Chaff, Woodpecker, and Plover.—F. Cole.

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Club Reports.

ASHINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Mr. Rowley's, May 20th, Mr. Miles in chair. Decided to have F.F. Show, to be held Portland Hotel, August 5th, and to select judges and classification next meeting, June 3rd, 6.30. All members please attend, owing to special business in connection with annual show.—Wm. Hall, Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH, O.S.

Special meeting held City Cafe, May 29th, Mr. D. Brown (president) in chair. The classification for club show was considered and agreed to as follows: Classes for Scotch Fancies to be deleted; Nor. P.H., young birds, yell, ck., do. hen, buff ck., do. hen, non-fed ck., do. hen; old birds, ck. any col., hen do.; Crest ck., do. hen, C.B. cock, do. hen (young birds), Crest ck., do. hen, C.B. ck., do. hen (old birds); Bord. Fcy., young ck., do. hen, old ck., do. hen. Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) to judge these classes. British, Mules, and Foreign, Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, Greenfinch, any species Brit. (not larger than a Thrush), Mules, A.V. bred 1911 For. Bird (small), do. large—Mr. John Goodfellow (Edinburgh) to judge this section. Owing to the City Cafe having been let for other purposes, it was agreed to meet in future in Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, Leonard-street. Next meeting to be held second Monday in June, as first Monday is a holiday in Perth. A good muster of members is requested to consider first feather show.—J. Kerr, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held May 18th, well attended. Mr. Whitton, our worthy chairman, presided. After electing the Judge, Mr. T. L. Castree (Mountain Ash) to officiate at our Young Bird Show, a few remarks were passed by the secretary on the return to our ranks of our old friends, Messrs. Sivill and E. J. Davies, who were welcomed back again. Mr. Sivell responded in a most fancier-like spirit. Mr. James moved that we add to our list of classes two open Norwich and two open Yorkshire classes for non-members. This was adopted. I hope to enrol Mr. Squires at our next meeting; this will be nine members for this year. If any other fancier would like particulars and rules I shall be pleased to send same on to him. After the business, the chairman called on Mr. Dummett for his paper on the Norwich Plainhead. This proved interesting, and a very pleasant evening was spent, there being several interesting questions which were answered to the best of his ability. Next meeting June 15th, when questions on British Birds will be dealt with.—J. W. Dummett, Sec.

PAISLEY O.A.

An interesting event took place in Hutton's Hall, Moss Street, Paisley, on May 19, when the members of the above society honoured Messrs. J. Laidler, A. M. Baird, and J. Potter, who have just retired from official positions, with complimentary dinners. Covers were laid for 50 gentlemen. After dinner the toast of the Paisley O.A. was proposed by the chairman, Mr. J. Taylor, of Johnstone, and replied to by Mr. A. Baird (Paisley). The next toast was "The Guests of the Evening," proposed by ex-Bailie McNair, of Paisley, and suitably replied to by the three guests. "Kindred Societies" was proposed by Mr. J. Paton (Paisley), and replied to by Mr. R. Crawford (Barrhead). A very pleasant evening was spent in harmony afterwards. The following gentlemen rendered songs and recitations: Messrs. J. Pottie, A. Graham, T. McNair, A. M. Baird, N. Odonnell, J. Kennedy, sen., M. Graham, T. Potts, J. Andrews, J. Paton, T. Gardiner, with Mr. J. Williamson at the piano. We have appointed the following well-known gentlemen to act as judges at our show on January 1 and 2, viz.: for Scotch Fancy, Messrs. Black (Govan), A. M. Baird (Paisley), D. Caldwell (Bailliesto'n), and G. Fulton (Partick); for Norwich and Crests, Mr. A. Roberts (Rutherglen); for Yorkshires, Mr. R. B. Gibb (Ibrox); for Borders, Mr. H. Bennet (Kelso); and for British and foreign, Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart).—Wm. Lambie, Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Annual general meeting held May 27th, Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford. There was a very good attendance. Mr. Sunderland occupied the chair. The balance-sheet was adopted, showing a balance in hand of £4 14s. 11½d.—a result most favourably commented on by the chairman. The voting for officers in 1911-12 was declared as follows:—President, Mr. D. Sunderland; vice-president, Mr. R. Halliday; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Greaves; assistant-secretary, Mr. W. Crabtree; auditors, Messrs. R. W. Alderson and T. Clegg; scrutineers, Messrs. F. Hammond and T. Ogden; committee (inside Yorkshire), Messrs. H. H. Towers, J. Bailey, W. H. Shackleton, T. Armstrong, S. Dean, H. W. Battye, T. Ogden, W. Cruise, A. Cooper, H. J. Chittenden, F. Hammond, R. Sutcliffe, W. A. Cowgill, H. Hill, E. Clegg (Dewsbury), A. Brown (Guiseley), P. Drake, W. B. Atkinson, F. Townsend (Halifax), and R. Garnett; (outside Yorkshire), Messrs. J. W. Ramsden, A. Hirst, T. C. Crawhall, W. G. Cuthbertson, and A. Ambler. Total number of voting papers returned 74. Three papers were rejected on account of bearing more than the required number of votes. A hearty votes of thanks was accorded the retiring officers, also the subscribers and donors of special prizes. Considerable discussion here took place as to whether in future the election of officers be by ballot or at the general meeting by open vote; eventually it was decided to adhere to the system of election by ballot. On a motion by Mr. F. Armstrong, the secretary is instructed to record the attendances at all committee meetings. Decided that the words, "from districts outside Bradford," be struck out of bye-law 8; also that the club's pre-competitions be continued for next season. The resignations of Messrs. M. Broadley and Son and E. B. Denton were accepted with regret. The following were admitted to membership: Messrs. G. Snead, T. Tidswell, Wilkinson Bros., C. E. Walker, W. Kershaw, E. North, M. Shackleton, A. Craven, W. Mandell, H. Simonett, F. Allen, J. W. Hudson, and W. Stables. A very pleasant meeting was brought to a close with the presentation to the hon. sec. of a very handsome honorarium subscribed by the members, and a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Crabtree for his valuable work as assistant sec. A committee meeting will be held for the arrangements of the competitions and allotting the club's patronage on July 1st. Any society desiring the club's patronage, who have not already applied, please do so (giving date of show and judge) before the above date. John Greaves, Sec.

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SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Fawcett-street Cafe, May 27th, Mr. J. Farrer presiding over a good attendance. The proposed excursion to Corbridge on Whit Monday will not take place, as there is not an excursion running on that day, but it is expected that a good number will take a trip to Croft on Whit Tuesday, leaving about 12.30 p.m. We shall be glad to see as many as can come on that day. The first of the series of F.F. shows will be held on June 10th, when Mr. M. Dixon (Houghton-le-Spring) will judge. I hope members will make as many entries as possible, especially the younger members. Classes will be provided for all varieties. Birds to be on table by 6.30 p.m.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

A splendid lecture by Mr. G. E. Weston (of CAGE BIRDS) was given on Thursday, May 25, to the members of the East Ham Cage Bird Society, on "Colour Feeding and Colour Foods." His demonstrations of various kinds of pepper in test glasses, pointing out their qualities, etc., was quite an eye-opener, even to the old fanciers. Abundance of questions rained on Mr. Weston, and were readily answered, and should prove a great help to the members. We were further pleased to have his promise to give a lecture later. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Weston, and every member was sorry when his lecture came to a close. The general business of the society concluded one of the most interestiug and instructive evenings of the year. There was an excellent attendance.—Fredk. Fox, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Adjourned annual meeting held May 26th, Market Tavern, Bradford, and a good number of members were present. The balance-sheet was submitted and passed. Agreed, that Ramsden special prizes for novice and junior novice competition be as last year; that is, points to count at shows only where the club patronage is given. (Will novices please note this?) Also agreed, that the competition prizes and value of same be left with the committee. Applications for the club patronage close on June 24th, and committee meeting will be held same day to consider and decide on same. Also decided, with regard to all members still in arrears, and not paying same within three months from date that their names be sent to all specialist clubs and the Yorkshire Union (as per Rule 19).—Grayshon and Allen, Hon Sec., Wormald Street, Heckmondwike.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Adjourned annual general meeting held May 23rd, Duncan's Rooms, 71, London-street, Glasgow, the president (Mr. T. Penman) in chair. Secretary reported he had already received applications for patronage from seven open shows. Samples of show cages from three different makers were submitted; it was decided that we adopt Mr. J. A. Reece's cage as standard. The secretary was instructed to find out from the members how many cages each would require, so that we could, if possible, get the whole season's supply in one lot, and so save carriage. Members will therefore greatly oblige by letting me know their requirements as soon as possible. The annual picnic was then discussed, and although there was a strong tendency to go back to Lochwinnoch again, it was ultimately decided to go to Campsie Glen on the last Saturday of June. Particulars later.—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Membership for 1911 continued:—J. Struthers (Paisley), J. Hannay (Maxwelltown), M. Frew (Neilston), J. Bowman (Duntocher), J. Wilson (Radnor Park), P. Craig, J. J. McIlwain (Glasgow), W. Hutchinson (Slammanan), C. R. Drysdale (Edinburgh), G. Reid (Carluke), W. Edgar, R. Lawson (Dumfries), G. C. S. Hope (Edinburgh), R. Hamilton and J. Rennie (Rutherglen), D. Caldwell and H.R. Caldwell (Bailliesto n), W. D. and J. Hogg (Oakley), S. Ferguson (Renfrew), J. B. Kerr (Edinburgh), J. Park and J. Smith (Govan), H. Mitchell (Newmilns), W. Gibb (Wishaw), J. Glover (Greenock), D. Holden (Muirkirk), W. Wilson (Glasgow), W. Muirhead (Bonnybridge), J. Phillips (Glasgow), J. Fulton, A. Livingstone, H. Siddons, J. Slater, and N. O. Donnell (Paisley), W Hunter (Wishaw), J. Black (New Lanark), A. Orr (Glasgow), Mr. Leiper (Ibrox), J Allison (Paisley), and J. Wilson (Clydebank). Members are reminded that the half-yearly business meeting will be held in Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, at 8 p.m., for the election of judges and other business. It is to be hoped those in the vicinity will attend and take their share of this important duty. At this date the return of the tickets is rather over last year's, but the Executive would like to see the Coronation year crowned with a record membership. Everything has to be accomplished between this and 12th June.—Thomas Smith, Sec and Treas., 10, Lochside Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Annual general meeting held May 23rd, Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, Mr. W. H. Shackleton (president) in the chair. A fairly well attended meeting was recorded, especially considering the delightful weather. The following business was transacted. Minutes of last annual meeting passed. The resignations of the following members were accepted with regret. Messrs. B. Cowell, Chew and Stokoe, W. Blakey, and E. B. Denton. To counterbalance this, the following gentlemen were enrolled as members: Messrs. W. T. Furniss (Sheffield), H. Ramsden (Leeds), G. Snead (Gt. Horton), T. Cowill (Barrow-in-Furness), and J. Smith (Bradford). Balance-sheet for 1910 presented by the treasurer; it showed the club to be in a sound financial condition, there being a balance of £1 14s 10d. Same will no doubt be increased by the receipt of other subscriptions not yet received. Secretary's report and balance-sheet were both enthusiastically received and unanimously passed. A hearty vote of thanks to the auditors, Messrs. S. Dean and F. Hammond (both gentlemen being unanimously re-elected for 1911. The hon. scrutineers presented the result of the ballot for election of officers for 1911:—President, Mr. W. H. Shackleton, unopposed; vice-president, Mr. T Ogden 27, Mr. R. B. Wright 17; hon. auditors, Messrs. S. Dean and F. Hammond (unopposed); hon. scrutineers, Messrs. F. Townsend and H. W. Walsh (unopposed); hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr F. Armstrong 28, Mr. J. Crowther 5 (Mr Crowther withdrew too late for information to be conveyed to the members). Committee (inside Yorkshire), 10 required: Messrs. F. Hammond 32, J. Bailey and H. Hill tied 30 each, H. H. Towers 29, H. W. Walsh 27, W. Crabtree 26, S. Dean 25, R. Halliday 24, W. A. Cowgill 21, E. Clegg and H. J. Chittenden tied 18. As a result of casting lots Mr Clegg was declared elected. Unsuccessful candidates: Messrs. J. Greaves, H. W. Battye, F. Townsend and R. Sutcliffe tied 17 each, Messrs. L. Dykes, P. Drake, T. Ogden and J. Thomas tied 12 each, Messrs. L. Ogden and J. Robertshaw tied 9 each, Messrs. J. Wilcock 8, J. Thornton 7, J. Crowther 7, C. Pickup 4, and A. Sutcliffe 3. Committee (outside Yorkshire), 5 required: Messrs. A. Hirst 45, J. W. Ramsden 44, R. B. Wright 39, T. C. Crawhall 38, A. Ambler 33, J. Currie 27. The following gentlemen were appointed district representatives on the committee with full powers: Messrs. J. Currie (Barrow-in-Furness), A. Brown (Bingley), H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), J. W. Middleton (Keighley), and H. Ramsden (Leeds). The scrutineers were cordially thanked for their work, and again unanimously re-elected. Also unanimously resolved that all competitions (with the exception of CAGE BIRDS) be as last year, a breeder competition being added. Following additions and alterations to rules and bye-laws were passed: (a) In classification Green-marked to be inserted; (b) that the following be printed in bold type on top of front of outside cover: "Subscriptions now due, which must be paid to hon. treasurer before points can be counted; (c) all societies accepting club's patronage must supply the secretary with a marked catalogue first post after judging; (d) That we combine with the other specialist clubs in their action re defaulting members; that all societies desiring club's patronage must apply for same on or before first post July 1st, so that the same can be allotted that day. Unanimously decided to present the secretary an honorarium of £2 2s. for his efficient services to the club. The following gentlemen, in addition to our president, have generously promised valuable specials for next season: Messrs. R. B. Wright, F. Armstrong, A. Brown, E. Clegg, L. Briggs, J. W. Ramsden, and R. Sutcliffe and Son, two of these being additional specials for the junior novice competition. We are still desirous of further increasing these. Now, novices, remember this club leads the way in specially catering for you. Show your appreciation of our efforts by enrolling in large numbers, and make this competition a bumping success.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec. 28, Victoria Buildings, King Cross, Halifax.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

Annual general meeting held Crown Hotel, Birmingham, May 25th. The balance sheet was submitted showing a balance in hand of £4 18s. 2d. Secretaries were instructed to submit prices and designs of challenge cups to next meeting. Patronage was held over until next meeting. Will secretaries please send on their applications at once? We are sorry to see the donors to the cup fund are confined to a few of the more enthusiastic members.—Beck and Andrews, Secs., School House, Rookery-road, Handsworth, Staffs.

CHOPWELL F.S.

Meeting held May 27, Mr. W. Carr in the chair. Decided, to hold our young stock show July 22 this year. Also decided to ask Mr. G. Barkas to judge the Canary section, and Mr. W. Curry the British birds. Moved and seconded that the schedule stand as drawn up with ten classes for Canaries and 8 for British birds, with one for foreign birds. Our open show is fixed for October 7, with Mr. T. Dixon as judge of Canaries and Mr. J. R. Slack of the British and foreign birds. Decided, to pay prize money on the sliding scale at this year's show, when I hope we will have a good entry. Joe Brown, Sec.

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June 3.—Codnor Park and Eastwnod C.B.S.; Leeds C.B.S.
June 7.—Brighton C.B.A.
June 8.—New Cross C.B.S.
June 10.—Bradford East O.S.; Radford O.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Choppington C.B.S.
June 13.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
June 15.—East Ham C.B.S.; Wolverhampton C.B.S.
June 17.—Ardwick C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Hyson Green C.B.S.; Oldham C.B.S.; Wigan C.B.S.
June 20.—West Bromwich C.B.S.
June 22.—Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.
June 24.—Cramlington C.B.S.; Guisbrough Priory C.B.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; West Stanley C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.
June 28.—South Birmingham O.S.; Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth).
July 1.—Barnsley C.B.S.; Bootle C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Clydebank C.B.C.; Dalton C.B.A.; Eastfield Side C.B.S.; Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S; North Shields C.B.S.; Nottingham Permanent O.S.; Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.; Preston O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Whittington Moor, Staveley, and Chesterfield C.B.S.'s; Halifax O.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.
July 3.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 5.—Cardiff C.B.S.; Sittingbourne C.B.S.
July 6.—New Cross C.B.S.; Oxford C.B.S.
July 7.—Y.C.B.S. of Ireland (Dublin).
July 8.—Amble C.B.S.; Beamish C.B.S.; Bedlington Station C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Hanley C.B.S.; Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.; Hetton-le-hole C.B.S.; Heywood C.B.S.; Leadgate C.B.S.; North London C.B.A.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Partick C.B.C.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Skipton C.B.S.; Spennymoor C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wombwell B.F.A.; Chester-le-Street C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.
July 12.—Reading C.B.S.
July 13.—South West London C.B.S.
July 15.—Attercliffe C.B.S.; Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Rotherham C.B.S.; Admiral Duncan O.S.
July 17.—Clapham C.B.A.
July 18.—West Bromwich C.B.S.
July 19.—Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth).
July 22.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; Bradford East O.S.; Hirst Universal C.B.S.; Sheffield O.S.; South Birmingham O.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Chopwell F.S.
July 22 and 23.—Leigh C.B.S.
July 29.—City of Bradford O.S.; Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochore and Glenceraig F.A.; Poplar C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.
Aug. 5.—Pelton Fell C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Uddingston O.S.; Vale of Leven C.B.C.

The Shows.

NORTHERN B.B., M. & F.B.C.

Meeting held, May 24th, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle. A very successful table show was held.

BRIT. A.S.: 1, 2, Shepherd; 3, Irving. FOR. A.S.: 1, Young; 2, Petterson. Judge, Mr. Geo. Taylor. Mr. Tom Robson has promised to give his experiences with British Softbills at our next meeting, so I hope we will have a good turn-up. All fanciers welcome.—Geo. Taylor, Secretary.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Second evening show, all sections, held headquarters, May 25. Entries totalled 124 in all. Quality was of a high order. Mr. G. Gardner judged the cage birds, and his awards were well received. Mr. J. Reed was awarded the certificate for best bird—a really splendid specimen of a glossy Starling, which was much admired.

CAN., A.V.: 1, 2, 3, r, Reed. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, r, Reed. MULES: 1, 2, 3, r, Reed. FOR.: 1, 2, cert. best bird, Reed. W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held Slatters Rooms, May 25, 26 members being present. A record entry for a table show of 62 birds was staged. Judges, Messrs. G. Harland (Hull) and W. H. Moore, ean.

NOR., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Pepper. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Pepper. NOVICE, YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Bridge; 2, Wood. BUFF: 1, 3, Wood; 2, Bridge; vhc, hc, Ridley; c, Cotterill. MULE: 1, 2, J. Calam; 3, Ball; vhc, Oliver. LINNET: 1, Calam; 2, Towl Bros.; 3, Sadler; vhc, Oliver; hc, Calam. GOLDFINCH, ETC., CK.: 1, 2, Towl Bros.; 3, Yearing; vhc, Cleuse; hc, Ball; c, Harding. A.O.S., BRIT.: 1, Calam; 2, Cartwright; 3, r, Sadler; vhc, Towl Bros.; hc, Cartwright; c, Cleuse. A vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Harland and Moore for their kindness in judging. The best wishes were given to W. H. Moore, jun., who sailed for Canada on May 26, the society losing a good man.—Towl Bros., Hon. Secs.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

The first nest feather show of the season was held on May 17, when 80 birds were staged. Considering some of the biggest breeders in the district are somewhat behind with their stock, the numbers were well up to the average. Yorkshires were a failure, only one exhibitor putting in an appearance. Norwich were well represented, as were Cresta and Crest-breds. The British bird section was the best the society has had for some years. Mr. Wills' team was a grand lot. Mr. Large judged Yorkshires, Mr. Lugg Norwich, Mr. Hoar Crests, and Mr. F. G. Snell A.O.V., Mules, and British.

YORKS., YELL. (1): 1, Woodley. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Woodley. NOR., YELL. (6): 1, Winnicott and Teaque; 2, 3, vhc, Harvey; 4, hc, French. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Spillman; 2, c, French; 4, vhc, Winnicott and Teaque; hc, Smale. CREST (6): 1, 2, Bavage; 3, Richards; 4, vhc, Ryder; hc, Parsons. C.B. (6): 1, 4, Bavage; 2, hc, Ryder; 3, Parsons; vhc, Richards. CINN. (3): 1, French; 2, 3, Ryder. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Ryder. MULE (LIGHT) (1): 1, R. H. Rowe. VARIEG. (3): 1, Harvey; 2, 3, R. H. Rowe. DARK (3): 1, R. H. Rowe; 2, 3, Harvey. GOLDIE, ETC. (9): 1, c, Large; 2, Lott; 3, Pridham; 4, hc, Wills; vhc, Pope. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 4, hc, Wills; 3, Lugg; vhc, Large. A.O.S. (Seedeater) (10): 1, spl, 3, hc, Wills; 2, Pridham; vhc, Harvey; 3, Large. INSECTIV. (3): 1, 2, 3, Wills. FOR. (SMALL) (1): 1, Wills.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Meeting held Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street. Mr. W. Connelly (President) occupied the chair. After the usual routine of business, the following new members were proposed: Mrs. J. Edwards, Messrs W. Hamilton, J. Young. Three classes arranged for 25th June show, viz., A.V. Brit., (not already shown during monthly shows), A.V. Dark Mule, and A.V. Light Mule or Hybrid. Also arranged to hold another judging competition at next show. Mr. Marlin has kindly offered a medal to the winner. Members are requested to remember date of ramble to Dalry, 17th June, at 2.25 p.m., from St. Enoch Station. A good turn-out is expected, weather permitting. Next business was the judging competition, which proved a very keen and interesting event, all members present taking part. Four tied with 32 points out of a possible 36. To decide the tie, it was agreed that Mr. Pettigrew judge the Blackhead Buntings, which again proved a very keen contest. The winner (Mr. W. Connelly) placed the birds correctly, and gained the special which makes his third successful win, 2nd, John Liddle, 1 point behind; 3rd, W. Shears. This being all the business, the table show of British birds was gone on with. The following members placed the birds: Messrs. Macfarlane, Thomson, Liddle; and their awards were well received.

CHAFFINCH (10): 1, Pettigrew; 2, Connelly; 3, Marlin; 4, Renfrew; 5, Shearer; 6, Calder; 7, Brown. BRAMBLEFINCH (7): 1, Pettigrew; 2, Adams; 3, Marlin; 4, Connelly; 5, Renfrew; 6, Morrison; 7, Campbell. BUNTING (9): 1, spl, Marlin; 2, spl, Renfrew; 3, spl, Shearer; 4, Calder; 5, Connelly; 6, Cuthbert; 7, McNeill.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet singing contest for quality held Prince Albert Hotel, May 28th, when 28 birds competed for three good prizes. Result: 1st, Hayes; 2nd, Chippendale; 3rd, Wood. Judges, Messrs. H Allen and C. Lorriman.—J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held St. Lawrence's Working Men's Club, Lawrence-street, when 17 birds competed, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1st and 4th, W. Weaver; 2nd and 3rd, J. Walker; 5th, A. Kirby. Mr. Jackson officiated as judge, and Mr. Kirby as timekeeper. J. W. Smith, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club held an open to all England Linnet contest, headquarters, May 21st, when we had an entry of some 65 birds, which, I am pleased to say, has broken all records for Linnet contests; and not only that, but it was our first venture at giving prizes instead of money, and every competitor was surprised at their quality. I intend to give better still if fanciers will give me the same support later. We gave the usual eight prizes (four for quality, and four for time), and in both classes the singing was good. Birds were put out that could win nine times out of ten at other contests. Winners: Quality: T. Stathen, 1st and 2nd; W. H. Topping, 3rd; R. Howcroft, 4th; for time: J. McAllister, 140, 1st; J. Harrison, 135, 2nd; J. Ellison, 130, 3rd; J. Whittaker, 93, 4th. The judges were: Messrs J. W. Jones, T. Gibbins, and J. Holmes, for quality, for time, Messrs. J. Poole and W. Wood; timekeeper, Mr. J. Yates; birdman, Mr. J. Hardman. Will all fanciers note we have cancelled our contest at the Union Arms, Tyldesley, from June 3rd to June 17th, on account of there being a contest at Blackburn and Wigan, and to run three contests on one day would be ruinous to all parties concerned. So I hope to see old faces again at Tyldesley on June 17th, where we shall try and break another record. J. McAllister, Sec.

SALFORD.

Open contest will be held The Boathouse Hotel, Oldfield road, on June 3rd, for time only; entrance fee, 6d. a bird; at 2.30. And a meeting will be held after the contest. It is hoped all intending members will come, as there are a lot of the novices coming with birds, and we can then elect the officers and decide the future contest.—B. Wharton.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

Linnet contest held May 27th, when 26 entries were entered at Black Horse Inn—the best contest held at the Colliery since the start. We had some splendid singing and music after the contest. Result: 1st and 2nd, F. Furlong; 3rd, B. Bailey; 4th, S. Wilson.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Black Horse, Elvet, May 27th, when 60 birds were entered, and most of the best birds in the county sang. Result: 1st and 3rd, Bell; 2nd, McQuirk; 4th, Montgomery. Judge, Mr. G. Reed (Brandon).—D. Trotter, Sec.

ST. PANCRAS, N.W.

We had a very pleasant evening on May 28th. The prize was a fine leg of mutton, which was won by Mr Brown. Several other prizes were taken by other members of the Seymour Arms, Seymour-street.—Pony Moore, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held headquarters, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, May 27th, when 18 birds entered for 3 special prizes given by Mr. J Grundy. 1st, Bisby, 113sec.; 2nd, Thompson, 105sec., 3rd, Lee, 55sec.; Lee, 47sec.; Bisby, 46sec.; Worrall, 43sec. On May 28th 18 birds entered for special prizes given by Mr. J. Grundy. 1st, Thompson, 63sec.; 2nd and 3rd, Thorpe, 64sec., 58sec.; Cole, 57sec.; Wadd, 49sec.; Thompson, 47sec.; Worrall, 53sec., 45sec.; Driver, 42sec. Linnet contest every week-end. Big Whitsuntide contest takes place June 5th, when all visitors will be made welcome.—A. Brown, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

We have started a Linnet Singing Club at the Wood Man Inn Linnet Club, Pontefract. Contest held May 27, before a large company for three good prizes, when the following won prizes: 1st Piper, 2nd Chatterton, 3rd Dickinson. Contest May 28, for three good prizes, before a good company, when some fine singing was heard: 1st Piper, 2nd Chatterton, 3rd Piper. We have a special sing for Whitweek, hoping we shall have a large attendance.—H. Chatterton, Sec.

IVESTON.

Linnet contest held May 27, when 22 birds entered. After a very interesting competition, the following were the awards: Puller 1st and 3rd, Bentick 2nd. Next competition Sportsman's Arms, Leadgate, where 10s. will be added to all entrances of 6d.—Thomas Cartmell, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held headquarters, George and Dragon Hotel, before a fair good company. We had 51 birds to sing for three good prizes. After some good singing, the winners were: 1st B. Nelson, 2nd and 3rd A. Towler, 4th J. Kirk. On Whit Tuesday we have the return open sing with the Leeds Club, and we give all Linnet fanciers a hearty invitation to come and sing for some good prizes.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Usual Linnet Contest held Rock Inn, May 28th, when J. Kirk was 1st, 58sec.; Rollinson 2nd, 45sec.; B. Nelson 3rd, 37sec. We are having an open sing on White week-end, first birds to be up at 1 o'clock. Also on Whit Monday members' sing for the cup and prizes. We should like all our members to be at the Rock on Monday by 12.30.—R. Taylor, Sec.

DARLINGTON.

Darlington Linnet Club. Meeting held May 25, Rising Star Inn, there being a good attendance. Proposed and seconded, that this club be confined to Darlington, and that the next singing contest be June 3rd, 2.30. I hope all intending members will attend this contest. Three prizes will be given.—H. Todd, Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest held Skinners Arms May 21, when 17 birds were entered, 1st, J. Green; 2nd and 3rd, A Grainger. Judge, Mr. C. Biss; timekeeper, Mr. J. Simmonds. Weekly contest, Skinners Arms, Bustlethorpe Lane, May 28, when 14 birds were entered. The room was packed with members, and visitors came from Selby. 1st, C. Ward; 2nd and 3rd shared between C. Ward and J. Green. Judge, Mr. C. Biss; timekeeper, Mr. J. Simmonds.

Leeds Linnet F.A. quality singing contest held King's Head, Shannon Street, May 27, when 27 birds entered for 4 good prizes. 1 and 4, J. Sellers; 2 and 3, shared by J. Green and W. Farrow. Judges Messrs. S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, and T. Johnson. Also on May 28, when 32 birds faced the judges, Messrs. T. Johnson, W. Naylor, S. Hardcastle. 1 and 2, T. Stead; 3, D. Clegg; 4, J. Bland. Our Whit Monday contest has closed with a record entry of 42 birds.—Wm. Simsone, Hon Sec

GREAT HOUGHTON.

Great Houghton and Dist. Linnet Assn. held a grand contest at the Old Hull Inn on May 21, when a good number of birds sang. Winners: Halpine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Also on May 28, when some good birds were present. J. Halpine 1st and 2nd, B. Midgley 3rd. We had an excellent gathering of fanciers. Mr. B. Midgley pointed out to us what had transpired at the Castleford Club the week previous, he having been instructed by our members to pay them a visit and point out the views held by our club in purchasing of cups, etc. Don't forget our open-to-all England sing Whitweek for Linnets, first singing 12.45 prompt, for special prize, and entry fee of 1s. per bird.—Jas Halpine, Sec.

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Will the members of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. who have not yet had the group photo of the members please get same next meeting night, June 6, writes Mr. J. R. Colville, the secretary, so that the presentation fund may be balanced up?

Clapham and District C.B.A.'s ramble to Ashted is on Sunday, June 11, writes Mr. A. L. Priest, the hon. sec. The train leaves Balham at 9.26; lunch at Epsom (about 2s.). Members and friends wishing to join us must let me know by June 6 at latest.

Will all societies desirous of having the patronage of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C. for the coming season kindly apply as soon as possible? write Messrs. Grayshon and Allen, the hon. secs. Applications close on Saturday (morning's post), June 24.

Mr. W. Collinge has resigned the secretaryship of the Heptonstall and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Harry Taylor, and I have been elected in his stead. All communications, therefore, intended for the society should in future be addressed to me at White Lion Inn, Heptonstall.

The committee have decided that the meeting which should be held on Monday next (Whit Monday) shall be postponed till June 12, when we hope to have a good show of young birds (bred 1911), and a judging competition, with Mr. H. E. Tringham as final judge, writes Mr. H. Smith, the sec. of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S.

Will members kindly note that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, instead of June 5, the latter date being Whit Tuesday? writes Mr. J. E. Wood, sec. of the Leicester and Leicestershire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. On June 13 a lecture on Colour Feeding will be given by Mr. Hulse, and I hope every member will make an effort to attend. The schedule and other business connected with the Nest Feather Show, which is fixed for July 8, will be submitted at this meeting.

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Twitterings.

We are holding our First Feather Show on July 8, with Mr. J. Robinson (Otley) as judge, writes Mr. W. E. Ferguson, sec. of the Harrogate C.B.S.

In a straw hat hanging in a garden hut in the Castle Allotments, Kendal, a pair of Wrens have built their nest and reared young ones.

Our open show has been fixed for November 18, writes Mr. J. Horner, sec. of the Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S. It is hoped secretaries will note the date to avoid clashing.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) is, we hear, engaged as judge for Ilkeston Show on November 25, this making his third successive appointment at this well-known Midland fixture.

I am glad to see that CAGE BIRDS is still forging ahead. It deserves to do so. The paper is full of fire and brimful of hints and advice to all readers.—Thos. Crossley (Kendal).

Kindly note my change of address from 141, South Harbour Street, to 19, New Bridge Street, where all communications should be sent, writes Mr. James Sloan, hon. sec. of the Ayr and Dis. C.B.C.

I have been a subscriber to CAGE BIRDS from the very first issue, and have always found it to be very instructive and chatty.—Geo. Taylor, sec., Northern British Bird, Mule and Foreign Bird Club.

Mr. Frank Rhodes, sec. of the City of Bradford O.S., writes a sympathetic letter in regard to the demise of Mr. A. Spencer, of Doncaster, to which we referred in our "Obituary" column last week.

I have resigned the position of secretary to the Queensbury C.B.S., writes Mr. Wilton Jagger. All communications must in future be sent to Mr. Albert Hartley, 2, Jester Place, Mountain Queensbury, near Bradford.

Our next meeting will, writes Mr. J. Irlam, hon. sec. of the Sale Open Society, be held on Tuesday instead of Monday, owing to the latter's being Bank Holiday. I hope every member will turn up to help select a judge for our open show.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to the Whitsuntide Holidays the offices of CAGE BIRDS will be closed from Saturday to Monday next inclusive.

Will Advertisers and Correspondents generally kindly oblige by posting early all matter intended for next week's issue, to reach us on Tuesday, June 6th.

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Members of the Stratford and East London F.S. are requested to attend the meeting on June 8, as it is the only meeting before the show on July 13, for which arrangements must be made at the meeting, writes Mr. W. Maxey, the hon. sec. All prize cards, specials, etc., will be ready for distribution to winners. Also a number of new members are to be elected.

The Leith O.S., writes Mr. Geo. Brown, the sec., have engaged the following gentlemen to judge at their annual show on November 11:—For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. W. Rodgers (Colinton) and J. Carson (Easthouses); for Norwich, Mr. G. Scaife (Fauldhouse); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Craig (Brechin); and for British birds and Mules, Mr. A. Cochrane (Edinburgh).

An evening drive in connection with the Green Canary Association, writes Mr. Geo. Green, the hon. sec., will take place on Thursday evening, June 29; route via Knowsley, Robey, and Huyton. Tickets are 1s. 6d. each, application for which must be made on or before June 23 to Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Fanciers are invited. We meet at Islington Square, Shaw Street, at 6.45 p.m.

The First Feather Show of the Brighton C.B.A. will be held on June 7 at Headquarters, 2, Cheapside, Mr. W. Swaysland being judge, writes Mr. W. H. Gibb, the sec. Among numerous specials offered are: Silver-plated teapot, presented by Mr. C. Pearson, to be won by member gaining most points in June and July F.F. Shows, with two nominated birds at each; also silver cup on stand, presented by Mr. E. Cadman (open to novices only), member to show four birds at each F.F. show and nominate two birds at each, winner of most points to win cup.

Kindly note that Mr. Patterson, sen. (Chirnside) judges the Scotch Fancy and Border classes and Mr. Mackie (Edinburgh) the Norwich, British, Mules, Hybrids, etc., at our show on October 21, writes Mr. James McHolme, hon. sec. of the East Lothian C.B.S.

The Cardiff C.B.S. Young Bird Show will be held on July 5, with Mr. T. L. Castree as judge, writes Mr. J. W. Dummett, the sec. We have added two open Norwich and two open Yorkshire classes this year for non-members. Schedules will be sent on application to any address in Wales.

I beg to notify fanciers in general and secretaries of societies that I have tendered my resignation as hon. sec. of the Green Canary Association, writes Mr. Geo. Green, 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool. Pending the appointment of a successor, I shall be pleased to deal with any correspondence that comes to hand.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. FINNICK (Dunfermline).

I am sorry to have to report the death, writes Mr. Andrew Buchanan (Dunfermline), of Mr. Joseph Finnick, joiner, of Grantsbank Street, Dunfermline. Mr. Finnick had cycled to Saline in the afternoon. A cyclist who was walking up the hill observed the accident. Mr. Finnick, he thought, applied his brake too sharply, with the result that he was thrown over the handle bars. Further than what appeared to be a slight wound on the forehead he sustained no injury, and, sitting down by the roadside, he expressed the opinion that he would soon be all right. But, to the alarm of the man who had witnessed the mishap Finnick became unconscious. Dr. Tuke ordered his removal to the Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital, where he passed away on Saturday morning. Deceased, who was 38 years of age, leaves a widow and daughter. Deceased was a well-known Crest breeder of no mean repute, winning several prizes at the local shows. He was also an active member of the Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S., being on the committee for a number of years past.

Messrs. Bishop and Colton, the hon. secs. of the Sheffield O.S., write: We have been successful in obtaining the Foresters' Hall for our Nest Feather Show on July 22. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) will judge. The next monthly meeting will be held on June 13, instead of the first Tuesday, owing to Whitsuntide, when the chief event will be a table show of foreign birds, with 18s. prize money, no entry fees. Another important function we have taking place is a ramble in the Dukeries on June 18, the train leaving at noon (fare and tea, 3s. 2d.). All names must be given in at next meeting.

Mr. T. Sandiford, the noted vendor of colour food, of Preston, reports that his sales for the 1911 season have been a record up to date, the wholesale orders alone received last week amounting to nearly half a ton. The many testimonials received by Mr. Sandiford from celebrated breeders and exhibitors clearly establish the efficacy of his peppers in producing that red-hot colour so necessary to the attainment of the highest honours on the show bench. The samples of Sandiford's "Royal Red" and hot Natal which have been sent us this week are very fine indeed, the "Royal Red" (tasteless) being a marvel of intensity and brightness of colour, while the hot Natal is one of the richest we have ever examined. That they will turn out brilliant coloured birds cannot be doubted. A sample will be sent to those who apply to Mr. Sandiford (296 and 298, North Road, Preston) and mention CAGE BIRDS on their postcard or letter.

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Green Canary Association.

Societies are requested to make application for the Green Canary Association's patronage without delay. Full particulars can be had by applying to Mr. Geo. Green, hon. sec., 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.

Will societies wishing to take up the patronage of the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club please apply at once to me at 14, Afleck Street, Gateshead? Will members of the above society requiring Ramsden's Colour Food state quantities they require to Mr. Crawhall as soon as possible?—R. Tindale.

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Queen Mary's Thanks.

Her Majesty Much Pleased with Her Birthday Canary.

The fanciers of Norwich are to be heartily complimented on the successful carrying through of their most happy notion of presenting Queen Mary with a Canary as a birthday gift from the bird breeders and keepers of the East Anglian cathedral city. Her Majesty has expressed her great pleasure at the receipt of a "unique and interesting present," as she graciously terms it.

In our last issue we dealt with the selection of the bird and cage, etc., and are now able to put before our readers some particulars of the actual presentation. We learn that the president of the Norwich Alliance C.B.A., Mr. Lambert, was at the last moment prevented from making the journey, owing to his son's ordination at Ampleforth College being fixed for the same day. The deputation therefore comprised Messrs. W. W. Freestone (chairman), F. Cullington (treasurer), and R. Roll (secretary).

At Buckingham Palace.

The bird was brought to London in a special mahogany travelling cage, the brass cage ornamented with the royal and city arms making a separate parcel. Each member of the deputation sported one of the Queen's favourite flowers (a carnation) in his button-hole, and a taxicab was taken from Liverpool Street to Buckingham Palace, where a pleasant reception was accorded them. They were received by Mr. Wallington, Her Majesty's private secretary, who thanked them cordially on behalf of the Queen, whose engagements did not permit of her being present. The Canary was put into its beautiful special cage, and was much admired. Lord Chesterfield was one of the interested spectators. The bird and cage were then taken up to the Queen's sitting room.

Mr. Wallington stated that he knew the Queen would be very pleased with her birthday gift, and that it had been the subject of much conversation in the Palace. He thought it very nice, and sure to be much admired.

Her Majesty Expresses Her Pleasure.

Buckingham Palace,
25th May, 1911.

Dear Sir,—I have received the Queen's commands to ask you to be good enough to convey to the President and the Chairman Her Majesty's most grateful thanks for the Canary which you brought to Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Queen is much pleased with the fine specimen of bird selected, and with the cage, and hopes that the President will take the earliest opportunity of thanking all the members of the Association for the kind thought which prompted them to send her such a unique and interesting present.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
(signed) E. W. Wallington.

R. Roll, Esq.,
Norwich.

The above letter, conveying the gracious thanks of Queen Mary, was received by Mr. Roll the morning following the visit of the deputation to the Palace. The kindly terms in which it is couched will be a source of gratification to bird-keepers the world over, as well as those fanciers of Norwich to whose credit must be placed the successful carrying out of so happy a method of marking the natal day of our beloved Queen.

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(Continued from page 457.)

No. 6.—My Shamahs.

Experience is said to be a good school, in which the fees are high. My experiences on the present occasion were most varied and instructive, so, though the fees were high in the way of misadventure, I certainly got my money's worth.

During the winter I eat out my soul; I study books on birds and avicultural guides. Autumn and winter bring their pleasant occupations; friends come and stay. Any morning the postman may bring an invitation to tea, to say nothing of dinner. And thon there is the pleasant time of Christmas to look forward to. I am simple enough to like the preparations for good cheer, though a tendency to gout warns me to be abstemious The annual choir supper, and the wonderful gusto with which choir boys can put away plum pudding and mince pies without number is to me a never failing source of wonder and interest. In the long winter evenings by the fire I love to sit and dream, to build castles in the air; to think of birds that will suddenly turn up unbeknownst, like Antonio's Argosies. But when we have turned Christmas, and "it is so delightful to think that the days are getting longer," then I become tainted with all the vague restlessness, which in man is called spring running, but in nature the rising of the sap. Then the ideas that have eaten their way into my being from the study of birds take shape and form, and I feel that unless I set to work in a very definite way Satan will certainly

Find some mischief still
For idle hands to do.

Some ten years ago this horrible feeling came over me, and so I repaired to London, for it is in London, as in Rome of old, that all the bird nations meet and congregate. Somebody told me of a bird shop I had never heard of before down Islington way, and thither I directed my steps. In vain I tried to find the spot. I asked passer-by after passer-by to direct me to the place, but nobody seemed even to have heard of it. My state was like that of a Lieutenant Brazenose in Burmah, when he asked: "Where the devil is the town of Lung-tung-pen?" though, of course, I did not use such naughty words.

Wanted: A Wife!

After long and weary tramping through various most unsavoury streets, which seemed largely given up to costermongers' barrows, I at last quite by chance lighted on the place I sought. It was quite a little shop, and has long since passed away. It was kept by a German, who was asthmatical, and who accordingly kept the place at a most unholy temperature. As the space was perhaps 12ft. square, and was crowded on all sides with cages and a window that would not open, and a large slow-combustion stove, the smell can be better imagined than described; but it was that thick it could be cut with a knife.

Before entering I stood and had a good look at the contents of the window, as little boys stand with their noses glued to the front of a sweet shop. To my intense joy I saw in one cage a cock Shamah. He was in excellent form and plumage, and after a little diplomatic talk he passed into my possession. The next task was to find a hen. I asked the owner if he had any, but he told me that hen Shamahs hardly ever came over, and that when they did they were worth their weight in gold. This was distinctly discouraging to an impecunious person like myself.

After leaving the shop I got myself some lunch, and then took the Shamah to the G.N.R. and despatched him to Yorkshire, as I could not very well take him to the house where I was stopping. This done, I jumped on the Regent's Park 'bus and made for the Zoo. As soon as I got there I made a bee line to the Western Aviaries, and soon got into touch with Mr. Sutton, the head keeper. He asked me, as we were old acquaintances to come behind the scenes and see some rare birds he had got in cages. Of course, I was only too glad to accept his kind offer, and we were soon talking our heads off over birdy matters. Coming to one of the last of the inner houses, my eyes almost dropped out of my head, for there, right before me, was a lovely hen Shamah in a cage. Of course, I concluded that she belonged to the Society, and said nothing about buying her. But as I was saying good-bye, I happened to ask Mr. Sutton if he had any birds for sale. Imagine my joy when he offered me the hen Shamah, which, he said, was his private property, for £2.

There is no need to tell what my answer was. I popped her into a small travelling cage, and left immediately, lest he should repent of his offer. I was so pleased with myself that I felt I had earned a cup of tea, and accordingly I sought a tea-shop.

A Narrow Squeak.

As soon as I had rested, I made a start for home. I may say I had several parcels by me. I picked up, as I thought, all my belongings and jumped on a 'bus. After I had ridden about 100 yards I went cold all over, for I missed the Shamah. I had left it behind! I remembered then that I had put it on the seat beside me, and in leaving I had quite overlooked it. I won't repeat what names I called myself, but the way I came down that 'bus evidently gave the conductor the impression that I was mad. I didn't care what he thought, my one anxiety was to get back to the tea-shop before somebody annexed my precious Shamah. I rushed in—and my readers will realize my joy when I discovered the Shamah just where I had left here. I've always found it an easy matter to contemplate other people's troubles. It makes a difference whether a disaster occurs to oneself or to somebody else. It has often made me smile to see a chap trip up over a brewer's rope laid across the pavement, but I can't remember ever laughing very heartily when I've done it myself. I know there was not a smile left in me that day, and the way I hugged that parcel the rest of the journey home it must have made people wonder whatever I had got under my arm.

I next made my way to a place in Covent Garden Market, there to get some soft food and mealworms, for, of course, I had no food suitable for a lady Shamah about me. The manager was deeply interested in my new purchase, and warmly congratulated me on my bargain; but he did not congratulate me half as much as I did myself.

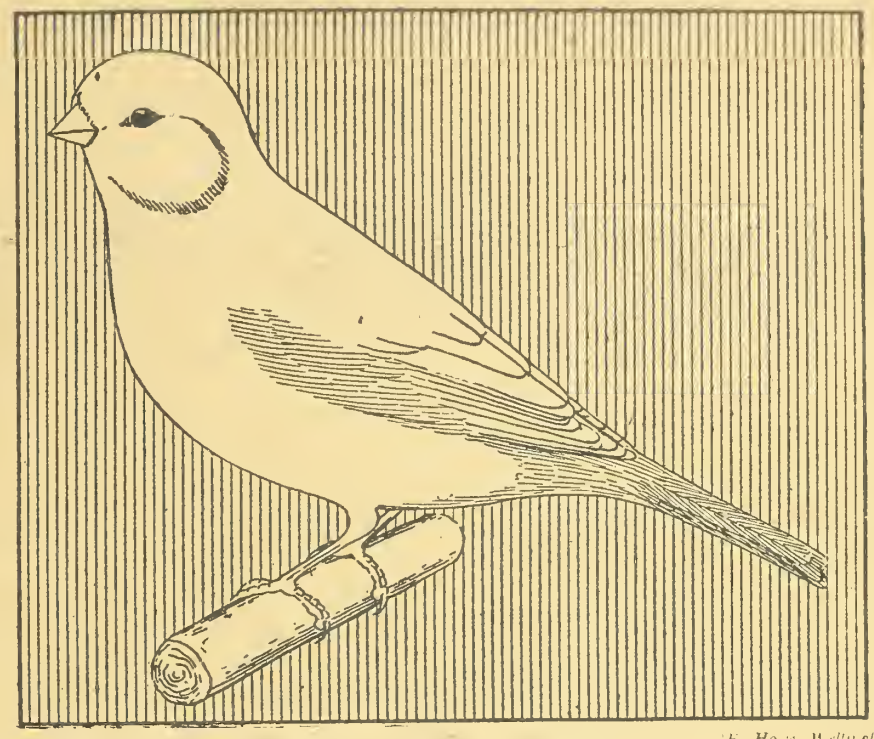
It was June when I got my Shamahs, too late, of course, to do any good in the breeding line that year; so I did not bother much. On arriving home I put my precious charges in a big indoor bird-room, there I determined they should winter in safety. But I had reckoned without my Shamahs. Shamahs are the most quarrelsome brutes imaginable out of the breeding season, indeed, most softbills are, and I soon discovered that the cock would be the death of the hen unless I separated them. I accordingly left the hen in the aviary to get all the health and strength she could during the winter, and cage Master Shamah up in a big roomy cage. Here they passed the winter, and in late spring, when that beastly month had passed which Chaucer calls, for some unknown reason "swete May," I put them both out into a very large garden aviary and awaited results. I placed a number of cigar boxes in nice sequestered places, with a hole in the side, such as I had found my Blue Robins greatly favoured, as I thought that, Shamahs being of the Robin tribe, would probably take to the same.

Starting House-keeping.

It was not very long before Mrs. Shamah began house hunting, and very soon I saw that she had found a box to her liking. This she began to busily fill with all sorts of small roots and grasses, and finally I saw her therein, with her big tail sticking out of the hole.

I may say here in passing, that I do not consider the Shamah the wonderful vocalist that he is often spoken of. For my taste his performance is what musical people would call "too choppy." He is not to be compared with our English Blackbird or Thrush, for example; but he is a most wonderful mimic. I had at the time a pen of prize Black Rosecomb Bantams living near the Shamahs, and I have often heard the cock Shamah give a most perfect imitation of one of the Bantam hens announcing that she had had a safe accouche ment. I saw him doing it often, so there was no mistake; but had I not done so, I should have sworn it was the Bantam herself, so perfect was the imitation.

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The hen sat perfectly, and on the twelfth day I saw her flying about excitedly with something in her beak. Alas! that something was a newly hatched little Shamah; and on four succeeding mornings she did likewise. Why, I could not imagine, as she had any amount of good live food to go at. I expect it was excitement over her first nest. I know I was fairly mad; but what's the good of being mad in such a case? It doesn't bring the dead to life. My next effort was more successful; for the Shamahs soon went to nest again, and this time the hen probably realised, like young mothers, that other people had had children before, and that there was nothing very wonderful in hatching out a brood. At any rate, the parents behaved in the most exemplary way and fed young morn and night. Of course, I ought to have gone poking about the nest to see how things were going on.

A Matter of Policy.

There are some who insist on placing the foot on the tail of a sleeping cat; others who make a little detour and so avoid a scratch. I am one of the latter sort. Instead of touching nests I carefully watch if the parents are feeding all right. If so, I know that all is well. When the youngsters are sickly and moribund, then the feeding slackens off. I forget not that a chicken in the pot is worth more than a goose on the wing. The young Shamahs, three in number, in due course left the nest, nearly as big as their parents, but of a slaty bluish colour much more like the hen than the cock.

After a few weeks I advertised them for sale and was literally inundated with replies. I selected what I considered would be the best home for my babies and received the very nice sum of £7 for them. I was very sorry to part with them, but what can one do? These partings must come to all of us. Last winter an old woman I knew was dangerously ill with internal gout, but all expressions of condolence were always met with the rather curious reply, "Well, you see, sir, we must have something to bring us to our end." Want of room brought my young Shamahs to an end. It would never do to keep a nest of young cock Shamahs together; there would be battles, and murder, and sudden death. It reminds me of a story I once read.

Coming out of Glasgow one evening two Irishmen waylaid a Scotsman for the sake of plunder. He was nearly enough for both of them, but numbers prevailed, and when they had mastered him, after searching his pockets, they only found three-halfpence. Said one Irishmen to the other, "Glory to the Saints, Mick, what a fight he made for three-halfpence." "Oh," replied the other, "it was the ruling of the Lord he had not tuppence or he would have killed the pair of us!"

The Cuckoo in Egypt.

The voice of the Cuckoo is rarely heard in Egypt. He is only a bird of passage seen for a time every spring on his way to the North.

Influence of Soil on Plumage.

The Crested Lark, a bird frequenting the edges of the desert, differs in plumage according to the tone of the locality which it inhabits, those on the light sandy soil being much paler in plumage than those which have their homes where the soil is dark.

Wild-Bird Life.

The Wild Birds' Home.

Now we are in the midst of the wild birds breeding season we have ample opportunities of studying the nesting arrangements of the many species making their homes in our woods and hedgerows. First of all we must thoroughly understand that it is imposible to study the nests and eggs of a bird away from the bird itself. The two are inseparable. The habits and haunts of the bird, if thoroughly understood, enable us first to locate the nest, to note the material of which it is formed, how and where collected, and the size, colouration and markings of the eggs. Wild birds take a high place in the scale of beauty of wild life, and some of them are so beautiful in plumage that they compare favourably with the fairest and richest of wild flowers. Therefore we need not express any surprise that the nests and eggs are the beautiful objects that some of them undoubtedly are. Of course, we all know that in the majority of cases the plumage of the female is far less brilliant than that of the male bird, but as she does the major portion of the work attached to the incubating, and feeding of the young, her more homely dress is not so likely to attract attention as is that of her mate. In nest building wild birds follow a particular pattern set them by their ancestors; so much so that even a particular species has its peculiarity, and the well-informed naturalist is in most cases able to name the species by a sight of the nest, even although the eggs are not yet deposited. Birds form their homes by means of beak and feet, and even the clumsy bill and feet of the Magpie or the Jay can smooth and round off the sides and interior of their nests as nicely as the Whitethroat or Robin. How wild birds acquire this power to form homes upon given plans is still a mystery. Is it instinct or memory? Some well-known naturalists contend that the mental powers of young birds are so quickly matured that while in the nest they have ample opportunities of which they avail themselves of noting the shape of the nest, the position, materials of which it is formed, and the general architecture peculiar to the species; and being gifted with amazing powers of memory and observation, they in due season return to the place of their birth and proceed to construct a similar home for themselves.

Non-division of Labour.

When Sparrows nest the burden of the nest-building falls mostly upon the hen bird, who is occasionally assisted by her mate; but to judge by his actions during this period, when he sits contentedly upon the water spout, one can imagine that his talents lay more in the direction of giving advice than in rendering valuable assistance.

A Novel Sight.

In one of his books upon Central Africa Sir Samuel Baker describes the habits of several birds, among others that of the Storks. He says he saw a company marching through the desert searching for insects. Upon the back of each Stork was perched a Red-breasted Flycatcher, which darted into the air to catch the winged insects disturbed by the larger birds. The Flycatchers returned to the backs of the Storks in the same manner as our common Flycatcher returns to his post in our hedgerows.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Good Start.

Mrs. K. F.—Very glad to hear of your success in breeding, after the first abortive effort to purchase a cock. It is quite possible for even an experienced person to honestly make such a mistake in certain cases, especially when the hen, as in your case, is a "decent singer." The dealer also was doubtless quiet earnest in calling the bird a "pie," or a "pied," as I suspect was the word used, as this term is frequently used to denote either a foul green, or a foul cinnamon. I suspect your bird is of the latter description, in which case if there is no cinnamon blood in the hen, all the young that have any cinnamon-coloured feathers like his will be hens to a certainty. The way to join a society, if you do not know anyone who is already a member of some society, who would propose your name for membership, is to write the secretary of the society you wish to join, expressing your wish to do so, and asking him to nominate you at the next meeting. He will doubtless invite you to attend, and will make all the rest clear to you. There are several societies in the S.W. district—the L.C.B.A., with headquarters in Westminster; Metropolitan C.B.A., headquarters in Battersea Park Road; S.W.L.C.B.S., headquarters Clapham Junction, besides others. Get CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and you will find a full list, together with secretaries' addresses, and subscription fees. Glad to help you in any way.

Nesting Difficulties.

Down-hearted.—I'm afraid you have very seriously injured your prospects for the season by having these birds sent on a journey to a totally strange place and surroundings when so near laying. You should either have had them sooner or waited until the first brood had been got safely off. The green hen is not egg-bound. The normal cycle of production has been checked, and you will be lucky if she does any good now this season. Give her a diet of plain Canary as a staple. Every second day give (for the pair) a small teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of two parts each hemp and millet, one part each inga, linseed, and teazle, and a half-part each sesame, gold of pleasure, and yellow mustard. Twice a week give a small piece of bread and milk, sprinkled with soft sugar. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day for a week, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water for two or three days. Give the Cinnamon hen a crystal of sulphate of soda as above for two or three days, and put this pair on the same diet as above for a fortnight. That will be sufficient. Remove nest box for a day or two, if you have not already done so. Perhaps you did not keep a dummy egg in this hen's nest when removing her eggs, which would also largely account for her refusal to sit. The breeds you have gone in for are not usually trained for singing, but if you wish to invest in a tutor get a good Roller by all means.

Birds Dying.

A. T. S.—I am afraid it is something more serious than bronchitis that is at the root of your trouble. If another dies, send it at once to our Mr. Yates, with full particulars of its symptoms, for post-mortem, and meantime get the nutshell booklet on "Disinfection," and thoroughly disinfect any cage in which bird or birds have died. Also attend strictly to all sanitary and hygienic conditions of all your stock. See that all your seeds are sound and sweet; reduce egg food to a minimum, and see that it is always absolutely pure and fresh, and not too moist and sloppy—keep it rather on the dry side. Let the staple diet be a mixture of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. For birds that are not rearing young you may well omit egg food altogether, and give instead a little crushed dry plain biscuit or sponge cake about twice a week, and occasionally a little maw or a few grains of hemp, and a supply of green food daily. In addition to this give any that are feeding young a little egg food freshly prepared three times a day—early morning, noon, and towards evening—and give only as much as will be cleared up before next supply is due. Keep cages as clean and sweet as possible, and see that the water supply is always pure and fresh. Wash out all food and water vessels each time they are refilled. Allow frequent bathing. Lastly give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water every second day for a week. Report result of this treatment in, say, a fortnight, referring to this reply.

Failure to Success (Sandy).—Thanks for letter. Glad to hear you are now doing well again after going back to the old tried and trusty servant, and making your own egg food. The moral you draw to "never leave a good beaten track," is generally a sound one. There's nothing like a practical experience of this kind to carry conviction. Keep egg food pure and fresh always: that's the point.

Canary Rearing Finches (Youngster).—Yes, if the hen is a good feeder she will rear the young on the ordinary egg food and treatment given to Canaries. It would, however, be an advantage to add a little scalded dog biscuit, or to add a little game meal and rather less biscuit to the egg food, and, if the hen will eat them, to supply a few small mealworms, or caterpillars, aphides, or even to mix a few scaked and strained nuts' eggs with the egg food. Also keep a good supply of green food in variety, especially seedy chickweed and green plantain stalks.

A Small Clutch (Mack).—It is very probable the hen is a very young (late-hatched) one. Such hens often lay a very small clutch, such as this, at the beginning of the season. She will probably lay a normal clutch next time. You will be well-advised, however, to limit her breeding this season to two nests, and thus reserve her strength for next season, when she may do very well. In this case you should have given her the single egg to sit, as it is quite likely for it to be fertile, and then if you had other hens hatching off about the same time she would have come in very useful as a foster if any of the others had been bad feeders or deserters. When a number of hens are breeding, especially if well-bred ones, it is always prudent to keep a hen of this kind sitting her full time to fall back upon in case of need. If there are no others sitting remove the nest pan for a few days, give a crystal of sulphate of soda in the water for two days, when she will most likely begin nesting again in about a fortnight.

Young Ill (Claregate Taylor).—You are not feeding them correctly, which is probably the cause of their illness. Give a staple of plain Canary only, ad lib. Every second day give a little summer rape (about half a teaspoonful per bird), and twice a week on the alternating days give a similar quantity of hemp and on two other days allow a small teaspoonful per bird of egg-food sprinkled with maw. You may, if you like, give egg food once and an equivalent quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with maw once each week, instead of giving egg food twice a week. Give a little seedy chickweed, green plantain stalks, or flower heads of groundsel four or five times a week. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, allow birds to bathe regularly, and add four drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea to the drinking water for two days. See that water supply, and all foods and seeds, are fresh, pure, and sound.

Pairing Two Yellows (J. B. S.).—This is usually termed double-yellowing, and it should never be practised indiscriminately, nor without a definite object in doing so; nor, as a rule, by anyone not knowing how the birds so mated are bred, or who does not understand the effect it may have on the young. The chief objections are that double-yellowing is very apt to decrease the size and substance generally, and materially decreases the quantity and substance of feather, bringing about a tendency to thin, hairy feather, and a stilty, scraggy appearance generally. Two clear birds should not be persistently mated together, or the colour will lose tone, and become more or less washed out. You should get the parts of "Our Canaries" already issued, which explain all these minor details very fully. By the way, I expect you know the difference between yellow and buff. Your letter leaves me in some doubt whether you do, and if not, you will find the matter fully explained in the above work.

Bird Frightened (F. Holme).—Sorry I did not reply to this part of your last query. It was an oversight. The bird has doubtless become anæmic from the continued moulting, and this has affected the nervous system. It is simply nervousness that makes him act as you say, and you can do nothing beyond dealing with him gently and patiently, and trying to regain his confidence by kind and judicious treatment. I doubt the wisdom of turning him in an outdoor aviary to cure this trouble. He might just as likely as not die almost instantaneously when turned loose, indeed, there is imminent danger of him dying suddenly whenever an attack comes on. But if he did get over the shock of being turned loose a few weeks in the aviary would probably do much good in bracing him up, and enabling him to pull himself together, so you must decide yourself whether you try the experiment. In all probability as he gets stronger after the moulting is stopped much, if not all, of this nervousness will disappear. It may, therefore, be worth while giving him a chance to gather a little strength in the cage before putting him in the aviary.

Feather Plucking (Tailless).—It is simply a mischievous habit, or vice, one might say, and you can do nothing to cure it whilst the birds remain together. Seeing that the hens have gone to nest again, I should imagine these young are now able to do for themselves, and could be quite safely placed in a cage, or a roomy flight, by themselves. If this is not the case, your only plan is to put them in a nursery and block up some part of the front so that the cocks cannot easily get at the tail feathers of the young. When you move them you must also watch them closely for a day or two to see whether they pluck each other's tails or not, as many young birds are addicted to the habit, and, in your case, the young birds, having seen the habit started, are all the more likely to keep it up. In this case remove those whose tails are damaged and cage them separately until the tails have recovered their normal condition.

Dead Bird (V. O., Ascot).—Sorry, but I do not make post-mortems. The body should have been sent direct to Mr. Yates as per rules given under heading "Post-mortems." I would have sent the body on, but it would have been useless by the time it reached him. If any more die send one on to him direct at once, and if you will send me a description of your treatment, and the symptoms of the illness, I will do my best to help you. Meantime give the birds a daily supply of green food, and add a crystal of sulphate of soda to the drinking water for two or three days.

Not Laying and Hemp (G.B.F.).—See reply to "W.H.T.," and treat the hen that has built a nest and got no farther as therein advised. As regards the giving of hemp to feeding hens, I have not at the moment a copy of the book at hand to refer to, but I fancy you will find that it is recommended to begin it about the third or fourth day, when the hen seems flagging or a whimsical feeder, and at about a week, or from that to ten days, for ordinary normal cases. This you may also have seen in different replies referring to particular cases in this column. The only objection to beginning to give hemp very early when a hen is feeding freely without it is that in certain hens it is very apt to force them into breeding condition again too early, and indirectly cause them to neglect and perhaps pluck the young.

Lump at Vent (Beginner).—I cannot say definitely what the substance is without seeing it, but I strongly suspect it is a slight protrusion of the cloaca due to egg-laying, and will probably rectify itself after the breeding season is over. As it does not seriously affect the bird, I would not advise you to interfere with it whilst the hen is nesting. Keep the bowels regular, preferably by the judicious use of green food, neither allowing them to become too free nor constipated. If green food does not suffice for this, add a crystal of sulphate of soda to the drinking water now and again. If the hen is neither laying nor sitting, you might bathe the part for a few minutes with cold strong tea, dry gently, and smear part with a little nut-gall ointment, at the same time gently trying to work it back to its normal size. But it would be better to avoid this treatment if she is still laying or sitting.

Not Laying (W. H. T.).—The hen is clearly a so-called squatter, and you should read the article on this subject given in "Our Canaries." Feed her for a week on plain canary seed, and an unlimited supply of chickweed only. In the drinking water during this time give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea every second day. After this add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple seed diet. Give a small teaspoonful of egg-food with a third of a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, mixed in it every second day. Two or three mealworms, minced and mixed in the egg-food each time would be an improvement. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. Continue a liberal supply of chickweed and dandelion daily. Then try her after another week or so with a hasty, hard singing young cock. Allow ample opportunities for bathing. If she does not go to nest and lay in a reasonable time after this, separate her and turn her into a large flight until next spring. Shall be glad to hear report of her breeding performances at end of season, with a reference to this reply.

Aviary (N.K.J.).—You cannot improve upon the position for the aviary. As regards the construction of it, personally, unless the room is exceptionally high ceiled, I should omit the proposed top on the aviary and carry the front and end up to the ceiling. It would, in my opinion, give the whole a better appearance, but this, of course, is quite a matter of taste. If this were done you could also put a second floor midway between top and bottom, and thus make two very serviceable large flights. If you leave it at the height you suggest, then make the top fairly solid and substantial, so that you may safely stand an ornamental pot plant or two upon it and thereby break its plain rigidity of outline. The fillet at foot of skirting will not keep out mice. If they wished to get in that way they would come over the top when checked by the fillet. As you are not troubled with them, I don't think there is any need to interfere with the structure of the floor. Merely local hindrances are of little use. The best of the kind likely to meet your case would be to lay a sheet of thin zinc under the lino. Put an inch in depth of sawdust, or a mixture of half sawdust and half dry sand, on the floor; pass it through a seive once in every fortnight or so, according to the number of birds in aviary, and renew it altogether about every month or six weeks. If a handful of sanitary sawdust is mixed in each fresh lot put down it will form as good a floor covering as anything else. Give grit in a separate vessel.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Budgerigars and Parrots.

Inquisitive.—(1) They certainly should settle down and breed soon, but not, I expect, while they are dropping feathers, etc.—your diet is about right—there is, however, a good deal of individualism in respective pairs, some settle to nesting at once, others appear to take a year to consider the matter; in cages this feature is more pronounced than in the aviary. When in breeding condition the cere of the male is bright blue, that of the female ruddy-brown. (2) It is a Ring-necked Parrakeet, and the food and treatment advised in our reply to "J.T." in this issue will suffice for this species. (3) I should say yes, but you must repeat this query to our Canary specialist next week, as I cannot trespass on his preserves.

A Young Parrot.

J. T.—It is not possible at this stage to exactly define the species, but it is one of the Ring-necked Parrakeets. Diet: Seed mixture—3 parts each Canary and white millet seeds and one part each hemp, crushed oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds; well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, green food, few nuts (shelled walnuts are best) and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlefish in the cage, and keep cage tray covered with gritty sand. At first it must have water offered three of four times a day, but when it has become accustomed to it, a regular supply can be left in the cage. Once a week supply for drinking purposes one table-spoonful of water to which add a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia; on other days it would be well to colour the water with Parrish's Chemical Food. You must have it fairly tame before you can teach it to talk, then, at such times as it is quiet and restful repeat to it such words and short sentences as you wish it to learn; also keep it where it will hear plenty of talk, etc., and if you fuss with it generally and make a pet of it, it should soon prove responsive, but some individuals take much more teaching than others.

Orange-cheeked, etc., Waxbills.

Thankful.—Orange-cheeks have not, so far, proved free breeders in captivity, but they do breed occasionally, and there is no reason why they should not do so with you in a roomy cage, though results are more probable in a roomy natural aviary. Golden-breasted Waxbills are very ready, as a rule, to go to nest in a natural aviary, and usually rear their young, mostly on seed (spray millet), though out of doors they capture a lot of flies for their progeny. They should nest with you in your cage, but the best nest-receptacles for Waxbills are bottle-shaped rush nests and cocoanut-shell nests. I should suggest one of each at opposite ends of the cage, with the entrance partially screened with a spray of heather or something similar.

A Sick Blue Front.

M. B. S.—I really cannot say whether it will end fatally or not: it must do, if the attacks cannot be checked, which they should be, as worse cases than your bird have yielded to the treatment prescribed for your bird. You must continue the treatment already advised, but suspend the bromide of potassium for a few days (four to seven), when if necessary it may be resumed under the conditions already given, but after, say, half a dozen doses, it would be best to leave an interval of three days before giving more. Keep a cover over the top of the cage, this will possibly have a slightly deterrent effect on its excitement, and if necessary only leave one side of the cage open—it must have as much rest and quiet as can be given it for a time. On receipt of this reply give three drops of tasteless oil direct to the beak, and if this does not take effect in due course repeat the dose; and after the effect has passed away resume the magnesia as already advised. The "standard" biscuits are all right, by all means let him have one, or even two, daily, if it will take them. Report progress again a fortnight hence.

What Parrot? (A Bird Lover).—It is either an Alexandrine or Ring-necked Parrakeet, impossible to say which till it has been through the next moult, when, if you re-describe its plumage, I shall be pleased to name it for you. The diet given in our last reply will fully meet the requirements of either species. Keep the bird under observation, and at the first sign of constipation give a laxative (Dinneford's Magnesia is best), and if it appears at all weak give byno-hypophosphates in the drinking water.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

The Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid.

Llanelly.—The Goldfinch-Bullfinch is, of all Hybrids, my favourite. Both species should have plenty of young dandelion leaves, likewise the flowering and seeding heads of dandelion and groundsel, shepherd's purse, and chickweed. Give feeds of wild seeds, niger and maw seeds, to both birds daily, and do not stint the Goldie of hemp nor the Bullie of sunflower, while the latter may have a taste of egg food every day if she shows any liking for it. Most fanciers believe in transferring the eggs to hen Canaries; some prefer to give the hen Britishers a chance to hatch them and rear the young. When the couples are in cages, the former invariably proves the most certain method, especially with hen Bullies, whom I have never found any too reliable. In small aviaries they may behave all right. Should you get any young, offer all of the above-mentioned seeding green foods freely, egg food (or rich insectivorous food, if the hen Bullie likes it), small mealworms, and sprays off rose or fruit bushes which are infested with smother fly (aphides), if you can get them, likewise live ants' eggs in season.

A Mixture.

T. W. H.—1: Try any of our advertisers who offer waterfowl, pheasants, etc. They sometimes have Ruffs, or can obtain them to order. 2: This is a favourite query; have had it sent to me hundreds of times (almost). The "Nutshell" booklet on the Thrush (post free 2½d.), you will find, gives very detailed information on hand-rearing. Briefly, this is the procedure: Take the young when about ten days old—nest and all, if possible—and keep them cosy, say inside a wicker basket and on a bed of hay. At night throw a piece of flannel over the basket; keep it on during the day if cold. Feed every hour at first; about every two hours later on. For food, crush two Osborne biscuits and beat a hard-boiled egg up very finely, in a teacup, with a fork. Then mix the biscuit with the egg, and make it of a rather sloppy consistency with new milk. This is best fed just slightly warmed. Always be perfectly sure it is fresh and sweet; it should be prepared fresh twice daily, if possible. A small, flat piece of wood with a suitably shaped blunt end can be used to feed with; or a large, blunted toothpick. As the youngsters get older, cut small mealworms in halves, dip them in milk, and pop them into their mouths; also any flies you can capture. It is quite a simple task to hand-rear Thrushes. The chief thing is to feed very often, and give only a very little at a time. Keep the nestlings and their surroundings scrupulously clean, or they will not thrive. When they grow, give a little finely chopped raw beef or mutton; or a few cut-up small garden worms. 3: It all depends upon what birds you want to catch—Linnets for Linnets, Goldies for Goldies, etc. (or Mules singing the pure song are very good). 4: Yes; it would. 5: The Lesser Spotted Woodpecker is seldom in the market. The price varies from 10s. to 20s., when well on food. It is far from common. You might advertise for one.

Linnet-Canary Mules.

Brownlow.—Sorry to hear that work is so scarce with you; better luck to you in the near future. All Canary Mules reared by Canary hens are brought up in very much the same manner as young Canaries—that is, on similar food and treatment generally. When they are commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food) maw seed, lightly cracked Canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seedling heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel; and thistles in season. Don't at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. Steep some summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. This is very good, especially where anyone experiences difficulty in getting green food regularly, for which it is to a certain extent a substitute. All crushed seed should be prepared fresh daily. I should wean them off egg food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg

cake, moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk or of water, or a little stale sponge cake, or crushed sweet biscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Osborne), also moistened with milk. Egg cake made and baked at home, however, really does not need damping. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely. During incubation give the old birds the usual seed-mixture, but not the egg-food and other special items of diet, giving these only two or three times during the period the hen is sitting.

A Hen Not Nesting.

Cymro.—Well, you haven't had the birds together for very long, so there is still hope. It is not easy for me to say why your hen has not yet showed signs of nesting. It may be one of several possible causes. Young (late-hatched) hens of the previous year are often late in starting; so are old, almost worn-out, hens; or hens which have been weakened by over-laying or too late breeding the previous season; or which had a bad, lingering moult; or hens which for some other cause (such as recent illness) are in a low way and cannot be "screwed up to concert pitch." Likewise hens bought late in the spring are often upset by the change of quarters. Hen Canaries in high breeding condition simply insist upon going to nest. Have you got hold of an old hen. As I have said, not being able to see and examine the birds, I don't find it easy to advise you. If you could obtain a young loud-singing cock Canary and put with the hen for a week or so this might result in her getting to business. Your feeding is good enough for anything.

The Goldfinch (Stultus).—It is seldom that a Goldfinch will help to feed young Mules. Most of them will feed the hen, and they take no notice of (do not interfere with) the progeny. Some, on the contrary, are the reverse, and will pitch into the Mules immediately they commence to scramble out of the nest. "Know thy Finches" is a good motto.

Hen Plucking Mules, etc. (Brett).—Your hen was evidently in a very forward state and anxious to go to nest again. It is unusual for them to pluck the young before they are on the perches, but I have known it happen. You will be well advised to either keep the Linnet out of sight next time the hen is feeding, or to let him run with her right through, providing he is not mischievous towards nest and eggs or spiteful towards the young. Most Linnets behave well. Sand (grit) on the cage floor is not harmful to young Mules, but quite the contrary. You cannot do anything with the Goldfinch. Some absolutely will not fertilise the eggs of a Canary hen even when in fit condition to do so. Don't keep changing him about with different hens; if you feel inclined to give him a further trial, put him with a hen with whom he is friendly and leave the couple together "for better or for worse."

Identity of Egg (A. F. Neals).—The egg is that of the Red-backed Shrike which, while not exactly a common bird, is yet one of our well-known summer migrants. I have seen them regularly myself in Leicestershire, quite close to where you live. Am glad to hear you have so high an opinion of CAGE BIRDS.

Dandelion Seed (Bostonian).—An easy and good method is to drop the dandelion heads into a capacious brown paper bag and give them a good shaking up, when the seeds will fall to the bottom and the "fluff" can be burned. The heads should be gathered just as they burst (i.e., form "clocks").

Cock Bullfinch Once Again (Jas. Wilson).—I have a great number of times stated that the cock Bullie has always proved unreliable as a fertiliser of eggs in captivity when mated with hens of another species. I am speaking more particularly of breeding in

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cages (large or small). I have no personal knowledge of a hybrid having been bred from a cock Bullfinch. Cases have been put on record, but their authenticity is not, I fancy, beyond question. It seems hard to understand, however, why the cock Bullie should not father a hybrid.

Respecting a Goldfinch (Anxious).—I should have to be a wizard to state the manner of your Goldfinch losing some of its tail feathers. He must have caught them somewhere and pulled them out; or knocked them out as the result of a severe fright. Could a cat possibly get at his cage? They will grow again in a few weeks. I cannot guess, either, the cause of the non-singing (unless it be the result of a fright, as just mentioned). Does the bird look dull and drowsy? Is it tight in plumage, or otherwise? Is its excrement normal; or is it constipated, or the reverse? Even "experts" must have some particulars given them before being able to give advice, as I am sure you will realise when you think the matter over. If it is possible that the bird was frightened, then time will bring its own cure.

The Greater Redpoll (T. Wood).—You call it "Redpole," but this is inaccurate. I have not Bechstein's book by me as I write, but I expect he used the term "greater" Redpoll to distinguish the Mealy from the Lesser—i.e., the large form of Redpoll from the small form. All of the former would be "greater" to Bechstein, no doubt, but they are now divided into several kinds (read Mr. Teschemaker's remarks on Redpolls in a recent issue under "Recent Arrivals from Abroad"). It is not incorrect, even now, to speak of the Greater Redpoll; it would be understood as a reference to the Mealy Redpoll (which is, broadly speaking, more than twice the size of the Lesser Redpoll). At the same time, it is not a "true" name, (as you put it).

About a Thrush (Arklow Manager).—Give your bird water in a glass or earthenware vessel and add a little Condy's Fluid to it, sufficient to turn it the colour of port wine (about 6 drops in 3 tablespoonfuls). Change this three or four times a day and keep it up for several days, when I think the conditions will have improved. You are not feeding the bird at all well; bread and crushed hemp is wretched fare. Read the "Nutshell" booklet on the Thrush, and put the menu to rights. Thoroughly scrub the perches with a solution of the Condy's Fluid and keep the cage very clean.

A Greenfinch-Bullfinch Couple (Bunny).—It is not possible to go into full details of Hybrid breeding in this column. I have not sufficient space allowed me. You should follow the advice given in the articles (a very valuable one by Mr. Collins ran through recent issues) or get a book dealing with the subject. Pleased to advise you on any particular point upon which you are in doubt. This is the stock mixture to give Canary and teazle three parts each, summer rape, charlock, and sunflower one part each. In addition, give in a separate dish (vary them) wild seeds, hemp, and niger. Plenty of early young dandelion leaves, seedy heads, and flowers) is essential: other good and easily obtainable green foods are seedy ground-el, chickweed, and shepherd's purse. A little soft food (egg food or an insectile mixture) is often relished.

POST MORTEMS.

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Mrs. H. J. Holmes.—Death arose from the action of poisons or ptomaines.

Mrs. Tatton (Sunningdale).—Acute inflammation of the bowels, producing what is known as nesting diarrhoea. Hot weather, sedentary period, over stimulating food, ptomaines, etc., are responsible.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Press Cuttings (J. Crossley, G. H. Burdett, G. Harris, and others).—We are very much obliged for the newspaper cuttings you send us.

Avicultural Magazine (Aviculture).—The "Avicultural Magazine" is published by Messrs. West, Newman and Co., 54, Hatton Garden, London, E.C.

An Address (J. T. Weaire).—Sorry we omitted this particular. Our correspondent resides near Dawlish, Devon.

A Point About Exhibiting (Wiganer).—At all open shows entries are accepted from anyone who chooses to exhibit; it makes no difference whether you are or are not a member of a cage bird society. Many open shows provide special Canary classes for Novices; consult the advertisements and the schedules.

LONDON FEDERATION OF C.B.S

A meeting of the Council was held on May 26th, at the "Feathers" Hotel, Westminster, S.W. Mr. F. Boxall (chairman) presided. Others present: Messrs. H. W. Cook, J. Tyson, W. H. Mugford, P. Adamthwaite, H. E. Tringham, F. W. Thorpe, J. Dewhurst, J. C. Birch, J. Wyatt (Poplar C.B.S.), H. W. Tomsett (Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.), R. L. Crisp and J. Turner (West London F.A.), R. P. Harper and W. C. Penton (North London C.B.A.), J. Carson and F. W. Owen (Wimbledon C.B.S.), W. Clark and H. J. Rogers (Queen's Park C.B.A.), T. Goymer (Battersea C.B.A.), and Jas. Bray, jun. (secretary).

Mr. Thorpe and the Fancy.

The minutes of the last general meeting and of the special meeting held April 28th, having been passed, the election of a treasurer was proceeded with in accordance with a rule of the Federation. Mr. Crisp proposed, and Mr. Penton seconded, the re-election of Mr. F. W. Thorpe, who, however, rose to decline the office on account of his having left the public Fancy.

Mr. Crisp said he did not see that because Mr. Thorpe was severing himself from the outside Fancy this need debar that gentleman from accepting the office of Treasurer. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Thorpe had served the Federation so well that they could ill-afford to lose him. (Applause.)

But Mr. Thorpe was adamant. What I have said, he replied, I have said. I am what you would call "tired." I am leaving the Fancy a sadder, but a wiser man. My connection with it is severed, especially after some remarks I heard at our last meeting.

Mr. Thorpe concluded quite a dramatic episode by declaring that the Fancy was either very pure or else very rotten; and just as the Council was left wondering and apparently awe-struck, the clock in the Council chamber chimed out a very doleful note, as if from a funeral dirge.

On the motion of Mr. Penton, seconded by Mr. Clark, Mr. H. E. Tringham was elected Treasurer.

The Federation as Judge.

Correspondence was then read by the Sec. The S.W. London Society were accepted as members of the Federation, and Mr. Bray (the sec.) was thanked for his offices in getting them to join.

A letter from the North London C.B.A. was read, asking for the opinion of the Council with regard to the status of a certain member of theirs who, having always shown Canaries conjointly with his father in the champion section, now wished to exhibit Mules, which he claimed he had a right to enter in the novice section, notwithstanding it was the custom of the Association to class Mules as Canaries for the purposes of the cup competitions. A rule of the Association provided that all members of one family residing in the same house must exhibit in the same section as highest exhibitor residing in that house, providing they exhibit in the same variety; but if different varieties, then each shall exhibit in their respective sections. After a long discussion the Council decided, on the motion of Mr. Tringham, seconded by Mr. Adamthwaite, "that our interpretation of the rule in question is that the Canary exhibitor should show as a novice (in the Mule Section)—this without prejudice to the Society's rules."

Insurance Matters.

The Secretary said he had two points to submit to the Council with regard to the Insurance Scheme. The first was in reference to the premiums. Just about now the premiums became due for the current year; and he wanted to know on what amount he was to pay the premium? He understood from the late Secretary that 65 books of coupons were sent out during 1910. After a full discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Tringham, seconded by Mr. Crisp, that the Council apply for £100 each on the railway transit, etc., and fire insurance policies.

The other point to which the Secretary wished to refer was in regard to the printing of circulars anent the Scheme. He had, he said, received three estimates for this, and three also for the printing of the rules as arranged in Council. The question arose as to which firm should have the order. A considerable discussion ensued on the policy of accepting the lowest tender, and on one member suggesting that they should support a Trade Union house, it was generally agreed that politics should be left out of the Council's considerations. It was ultimately agreed to give the order for the printing of both the circulars and the rules to the firm who had printed the insurance books.

The Railway Petition.

The matter of the presentation of the railway petition was, on the motion of Mr. Adamthwaite, seconded by Mr. W. H. Mugford, referred to the sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter in the first instance.

The Rules to be Revised.

Mr. Adamthwaite moved: "That the Council appoint a sub-committee to consider the advisability of revising the rules and regulations of the Federation, and in due course to submit same to the affiliated societies for approval or otherwise."

Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. Mr. Tringham asked if the mover would particularise in what respect a revision was necessary, and was told in reply that for one thing the Federation had no rule with reference to the calling of the annual general meeting.

At this point in the proceedings the meeting lapsed into a discussion as to the status on the Council of the gentlemen who were co-opted as members at a previous meeting. The Chairman, however, having called the meeting to order, the motion was put and carried unanimously. It was further decided that Messrs. Crisp, Cook, and Tringham be added to the sub-committee appointed to consider the matter of the railway petitions—these in place of Mr. Thorpe, who was resigning.

A Federation Show.

Mr. Harper, on behalf of the North London C.B.A., moved: "That the Federation of C.B. Societies ask all affiliated societies if they are in favour of holding a Federation show; if so, what sum would they be prepared to guarantee in the event of a loss on the show. Also, should a Federation show be held, prize money to be paid on sliding scale."

Mr. Penton seconded the motion. Mr. Tyson submitted an alternative scheme, for which he was thanked. After a long and somewhat stormy discussion, the motion was lost. The Council afterwards decided, on the proposal of Mr. Adamthwaite, seconded by Mr. Tyson, "that schemes be submitted for the Council's consideration," which concluded the business.

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Ardwick C.B.S.—June 6, Onward Hall, 8. Allotting of special prizes for F.F. Show.—J. Spencer.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—June 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Table show of nest feather birds.—W. Richinson.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—June 6, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Question night; and arrange date for Nest Feather Table Shows to count for points specials.—J. R. Colville.

Bolton C.B.S.—June 5, Joiners Arms, Deansgate, 8. F.F. Show and Open Show. Judge (special).—P. Brierley.

Bootle C.B.S.—June 6, Thompson's Cafe, Rimrose Bridge, 8. Important; Nest Feather Show.—F. E. Hawkes.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—June 7, headquarters, 8.15. Nest Feather Show; ramble; Annual Show.—J. C. Bell.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—June 6, Alexander Cafe, 7.30. Y.B. Show.—J. Wilson.

Barnsley C.B.S.—June 3, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Selection of hall for Open Show.—F. C. Sims.

Beamish C.B.S.—June 3, Bird Inn, 7. Stewards for Nest Feather Show, etc.—W. Knowles.

Bradford Cinderella Club Show.—June 7, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Selection of judges, issuing of subs. cards, etc. All committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.S.—June 6, Crown Hotel, 7.30. To arrange schedule for Open Show. Please attend.—J. Horner.

Consett, Blackhill Soc.—June 10, Masonic Hall, 8. Committee meeting.—R. R. Walker.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 3, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Distribution of schedules for members' competition.—J. Roe.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—June 7, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Lecture on Foreign Birds, by Mr. J. Edmunds (Swindon). F.F. Show business.—A. S. Treasure.

Choppington C.B.S.—June 10. F.F. Show.—G. H. Seely.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—June 10, Butcher's Arms, Middle Chare, 7. Nest Feather Show; final arrangements.—J. Hedley.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—June 7, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Alteration of date of Nest Feather, because present one clashes with South Birmingham O.S. Elect judge for Nest Feather Show.—S. Mole.

Chester C.B.F.A.—June 6, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Fix date of annual show; elect judge classification; important business re colour food.—J. Swindley.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—June 3, Savill Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—W. Hinchliffe.

Eastfield Side C.B.S.—June 3, Masons Arms, 7. Lecture on Moulting and Colour Feeding, by Mr. W. Vardy. New cards, etc. Members and friends invited.—R. Nuttall.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—June 3, Fountain Inn, 8. Arrangements for open show, etc.—W. Nettleton.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—June 6, Mr. A. Deakins, Hague Street, 8.—H. S. Waters.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—June 9, Clarendon Hall, 8. Visiting Committee; lecture on "Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. R. B. Gibbs. Members' subs. now due; good attendance requested.—W. Proudfoot.

Glasgow C.B.A.—June 6, Duncan's, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. Classification, judges, financial result of subs. sale; good attendance requested.—F. Bowman.

Greenock Port Glasgow and Gourock O.S.—June 7, Co-operative Hall, P.G., 7.30. Members requested to attend; something very special.—J. Forrester.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—June 6, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. F.F. Show business.—W. Cottingham.

Halifax O.S.—June 3, Griffen Hotel, 8. Elect judges for series of shows; syllabus for 1911-1912. Subs. now due. Members please attend.—J. J. Dunn.

Hanley C.B.S.—June 7, Albion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for Nest Feather Show. Colour-food, etc.—G. Lawton.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—June 7, Wadsworth View, 8. Important Y.B. Show business. Will members please note change of date of meeting. Entry forms, etc., ready.—H. Taylor.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 3, Crown Inn, 7. Nomination of judge and classification for Annual Show, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—June 8, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Y.B. show business.—A. Pickles.

Ilford F. and F.S.—June 13, Scrafton Hall, Scrafton-road. Second monthly (members') show, all sections. Cage bird judge, Mr. W. South. Exhibits to be at hall by 7.45 p.m. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. H. Priestman.

Kilmarnock C.B.F.C.—June 7, Board Room Temperance Hall, 8. Closing date for new members, etc.—R. McCaw.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 3, St. George's Schools (near Infirmary). Birds staged 2.30. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley). W. A. Wilson.

Loanhead C.B.S.—June 10, Mason's Arms, Loanhead, 7.30. General.—W. B. Smart.

Longton C.B.S.—June 6, Castle Inn, 8. F.F. Show business; please attend.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Lairsterdyke B.F.A.—June 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Club's patronages; cricket match; and ramble, final arrangements, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 8, Oldham Hall, 8. Night Show for young birds and British.—F. Eccleston.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 10, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Mr. H. Best will give a paper on his methods and experience. Usual meeting June 3 postponed to above date.—H. T. Davis.

Leadgate C.B.S.—June 10, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Members please note change of date on account of Whitsuntide holidays.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 7, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Selecting a cup; please make a special effort to attend.—R. Charleson.

Morpeth C.B.S.—June 10, Earl Gray Hotel, 7.30. I intend to give up secretaryship as I have no time.—J. Nichol.

Morley C.B.S.—June 3, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Arrangement for first show, stewards, etc.—A. Gledhill.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—June 7, Mechanics' Institute, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—June 7, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Table Show, N.F. champion; Class 1, Clears; 2, A.O.V. Novice; Class 3, Clears, 4, A.O.V.—R. Tindale.

Nelson C.B.S.—June 5, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. F.F. Show; election of steward and other important matters.—J. Gregson.

Northern Counties Norwich Club.—June 7, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 7.30. Nest Feather Show; 5 classes—cl. yell., ditto buff, tkd. or varieg. yell., ditto buff, Cinn. A.C. Fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—June 6, Church House, 8. Show business and quarterly coupons.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 6, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Election of new members; allotting specials. Subs. are now due.—J. Critchley.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—June 12, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, 8. Members please note meeting is put off a week owing to Whitsuntide holidays.—H. Raistrick.

Pentre C.B.S.—June 3, Queen's Hotel, 5. Important; matters for coming half annual show.—G. Lingard.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—June 8, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Final arrangements for Y.B. Show; questions and answers.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 7, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting F.F. Show and specials.—E. Hartley.

Reading C.B.S.—June 7, Palmer Hall, 8. Paper on "Yorkshires," by Mr. G. W. Maisey. Members please attend.—W. H. Pyke.

Rednill C.B.S.—June 6, "Mutton's Hotel," 8. Fixing classes for Y.B. Show in July.—A. W. Bacon.

Sale Open Society.—June 6, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Election of judge for Open Show.—J. Irlam.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—June 7, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements Y.B. Show, etc.—J. Pitchford.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—June 3, St. John's Parish Hall, 6.30. To arrange stewards for show June 10th, also classes and specials; all entries to be made to-night, and all subs. and levies to be paid up clear.—Stockton and Hunter.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 10, Fawcett Street Cafe, 6.30. F.F. Show. Mr. M. Dixon judge.—J. Jeffrey.

South Wales Roller C.C.—June 3, Edinburgh Temperance Hotel, Llanelly, 8. Most important.—J. Welch.

South-West London C.B.S.—June 8, Plough, Clapham Junction, 8.30. Classes for Y.B. Show; members please attend.—J. Jeffrey.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—June 5, Good Templar Room, Garside Street, Smallbridge, 7.30. F.F. Show.—W. Lanyon.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—June 3. Trains leaves Sowerby Bridge Station 1.58. Ramble to Hardcastle Crags. Fanciers and friends invited.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—June 3, headquarters, 5. F.F. Show; stage birds 5.—A. Jarvis.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—June 6, headquarters, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Last night for admitting new members, and every member's sub. must be paid. Arrange classes for shows and appointing judges.—A. H. M'Lean.

Walkden C.B.S.—June 6, Institute, 8. Arranging F.F. Show; selection of judge.—H. Howard.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—June 6, Dartmouth Hotel, 8 Egg-food competition; medal for winner; bring own materials.—W. G. Andrews.

West of Scotland O.S.—June 3, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements F.F. Show, new members now being enrolled.—W. Hutchison.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 3, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for ramble; please attend. H. C. Crossley.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.S.—June 7. Station Hotel, 7.30. Consideration of show business; election of secretary.—J. R. Evans.

Windhill O.S.—June 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. June 3, Members' Show; judge, Mr. Jim Greaves. Names for cricket match; arrangements for winter show.—J. Cook.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—June 3, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Council meeting. Tenders for printing, etc.—H. Hill.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

Mr. A. Sutcliffe (Halifax) gave us a splendid paper on cage and rack making on May 25th, at headquarters, Wharfe Hotel. Some new and interesting ideas were put forward, illustrated by photos and some beautifully made half sized models. He also told us the cost of breeding and stock cages and complete racks to hold same, along with the length and breadth of each piece of wood used. An interesting discussion followed, when Mr. Sutcliffe answered many questions. A vote of thanks concluded a very good meeting. Sutcliffe and Walker.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held May 27th, College Inn Mr. W. Ducker in chair. We made another new member in Mr. G. Strafford. Decided to have a nest feather show third Saturday in July. After other business the chairman called upon Mr. Browning for his lecture. But Mr. Browning started by saying that he had not come to lecture to those present, as he thought they all knew as much as he. It was the novices he wanted, but as there were only two there he had thought of a better plan. As we were to have a nest feather show, he would put his lecture off and offer his services as judge for the same, and give a lecture the same night, not only to members, but to visitors also. We decided to accept Mr. Browning's offer. Mr. J. Webster has promised to give a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead at our next meeting, June 24th. Mr Browning to be there also; so we are expecting a good discussion. I hope all members and friends will be there, as classes for nest feather show will be fixed. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Browning, which brought the meeting to a close.—R. Bailey, Sec.

Correspondence.

A Chopwell Fancier's Sad Loss.

Sir,—It is with regret that I have to report the sad loss sustained by our show Manager, Mr. J. Flint, who has lost the whole of his stock through his building taking fire. The loss is about £30 worth of Canaries and British birds, and as Mr. Flint is still willing to stick to the Fancy, I will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help him to renew his stock. Any donation towards same will be thankfully received by me.

Jos. Brown.

Sec. to the Chopwell Fanciers' Society.
36, Humber Street, Chopwell.

A Singing Bullfinch.

Sir,—Referring to recent correspondence, every young, cage-moulted, healthy Bullfinch cock properly fed and treated should sing, and, at this season of the year, should be singing almost incessantly. I have just now a lovely specimen of the British Bullfinch, and he sings practically all day. I had him in an outdoor aviary all last year, and over the winter, where he was most docile until the warm weather set in; he then developed a great affection for a fine cock Goldfinch (!) the father of four mules last summer. The Bullfinch used to feed him and carry grasses, stray feathers, etc., to him, and do everything in his power to make the Goldie set up house with him. On one occasion, when he was feeding the Goldfinch, he gave his sweetheart an extra nice bit of sunflower seed, and when he saw it passing into the Goldie's beak he repented and snatched it back again! However, the Bullfinch got so jealous of other birds, I had to take him out of the aviary—he nearly killed a cock Goldfinch-mule in his passion. This Bullfinch also sings a song very much like a Linnet's, with much enthusiasm and "gurglings" and "churrings," introducing very frequently the well-known piping note that sounds so suggestive of sadness in the birdy heart. The song is not, of course, either very musical or loud, but is very pleasing indeed, and there is quite a variety of notes.

E. Allison.

Proposed Union for Lancashire and Cheshire.

Sir,—In your columns of a few weeks back appeared a most interesting announcement of a proposed union of Cage Bird Societies for Lancashire and Cheshire, and I have been eagerly hoping to see the question taken up by fanciers and given the healthy discussion which it certainly merits and deserves. Can it be that everyone is too busy in the breeding room? I hope so; for that is a good sign But the show season will be upon us all too soon, and I think we should do well to start some consideration of a project which might be the beginning of a power in the lands of Lancashire and Cheshire. I know we are under a handicap in comparison with the Yorkshire Union by reason of the many and different varieties which are bred, and which I might almost say have their strongholds amongst us. Everywhere we find Norwich; we have the Liverpool Greens, the Lancashires of Rochdale, the Lizards of Oldham, the Cinnamons of Rishton, the Borders of Altrincham, and the North of Lancashire, the Britishers of Blackburn, with Yorkshires in evidence in many districts. But what of that? Let the idea of a union be either taken up or stamped down. Let us have some friendly opinions on its worth, for such a lack of interest as it seems to have met is not for the advancement of the Fancy. It is in the hope of promoting some show of controversy that I have penned this note.

Richard Anderton.

The Sad Experience of a Leigh Fancier.

Sir,—I am sending you a few lines on what I call "bad luck." Last year I started to breed exhibition Yorkshires, winning at our Nest Feather Show 1st, 2nd, 3rd, vhc, hc, in the Yellow class, and 1st and 2nd in the Buff class; also I was 1st in each of the three Yorkshire classes at our old bird show with young birds. When I finished breeding I had 45 Yorkshires all well and hearty. Then I bought three young birds off a fellow who was giving up, making the total to 48. The three I bought died within a week, and I am sorry to say that mine kept dying until I had to exchange a mailcart, through Cage Birds, for two Yorkshire hens from Huddersfield. Then I got two German hens off a fellow, because I hadn't a hen in the place left, and now I have nothing left except one of the German hens, making a total loss of 51 birds. I have only worked very poor time since last summer, and I have been at home ten weeks owing to an accident. So I couldn't even pay for a post-mortem, and I am not able to buy any more birds yet as I am only drawing 14s. 7d. compensation, which only just keeps me out of low water. I don't know what to attribute my loss to, whether it was the three birds or whether it was the sand. I use the best of seed, getting it from the same place as our other members. But I owe my thanks to our Treasurer, Mr. W. Ordish, who has told me to go down, when he will give me two young ones for another start. I hope that neither I nor anybody else will ever experience the same luck.

R. Charleson,
Hon. Sec. Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.
12, Lloyd Street, Leigh.

A Linnet Fancier's Difficulty.

Sir,—I was much interested in the article on the Linnet by Mr. Nicholson in last week's issue, and considering his large experience with this species, I should be obliged to him if he will tell us his method of dealing with red mites; also how he treats his Linnets when they "go thick," as I very often lose a valuable Linnet through this cause. Only a fortnight ago I lost a champion bird. I have lost them from time to time. I might say I feed my birds on equal parts of best Spanish canary, flax, rape and inga seeds.

W. James.

Another Case of a Mule which Breeds.

Sir,—Being a constant reader of Cage Birds since the first issue, I have read a lot about breeding Mules, and that a Mule would never breed again. Well, Sir, I am a breeder in a pretty large way, and am breeding with 52 pairs this year, Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders and Crests. I have about 40 young on the sticks. I bred over a 100 last year with 20 pairs. I have always been told that Mules would not breed. Well, I put two pairs up, a Goldfinch Mule cock and a Border hen in one cage, and another Goldfinch Mule cock and Border hen in another. The first pair had four eggs, all clear, but the second pair had three eggs, which were due to hatch last Saturday, May 27th. I have one bird hatched out, and another hatching, and one clear egg. So you see, Sir, Mules will breed. I am hoping to hatch out more yet, as the other pair is busy again. I have seven or eight witnesses to prove my words. I wish Cage Birds the best of luck, and I am joining your League this week.

Trowbridge. G. A. Davis.

A Word with Advertisers.

Can the Charge be True?

Sir,—As a business man who has recently taken up bird keeping as a hobby, I have been absolutely astonished at the lax way in which advertisers conduct their business. An order is seldom (or never) acknowledged, delays in delivery are very frequent, and of long duration, and no notice whatever is taken of the most urgent appeals to them. If these men were in any other business I do not know what would become of them. I have been a subscriber to Cage Birds for some considerable time now, and I have frequently remarked on the contrast between the smart way in which the paper is conducted, and the effete methods employed by the advertisers therein. It is not by any means the small men only who are indifferent, but the larger firms also, firms from whom one would expect better treatment. I am confident that a man who would infuse thorough business methods into his trading would be overwhelmed with success, with profit to himself and pleasure to his customers.

Disgusted.

[The above letter reaches us from a gentleman whose bona fides are beyond question, and though we do not for one moment think that his strictures apply to all advertisers, we hope those guilty of laxity in the manner indicated will profit by our correspondent's well-intentioned remarks.—Editor.]

Feeding and Preparing Birds for the Show Bench.

Sir,—Partly in reply to lecture by Mr. J. Nicholson (Skipton), reported in Cage Birds on May 27, may I say I do not believe in or agree with colour feeding or faking in any shape or form whatever in birds, etc., either for showing or otherwise. My idea is to get close to Nature, and adopt a method of judicious feeding by the different seeds, etc., which it is known the birds feed on. These must be given in their proper season; in which matter I think there is very much to be learnt, as undoubtedly there are still many weeds, seeds, etc., which the birds get in their wild state and feed on, quite unknown to us. By means of their natural food, we should try to bring the birds up to the highest pitch of perfection possible, and not introduce colouring matter. I know there are some birds fed on such lines as would well repay one for his trouble, and make up into such specimens as to be a joy and pleasure to their owners. But there are others, possibly their equals, to look at, but which with all feeding, etc., under some circumstances will never make up as good birds. Speaking of the "Lemon" Breasted Brown Linnet, I have had catchers tell me they now and then catch them (viz., with Canary-coloured feathers on the breast), but I have never seen one, nor do I remember seeing any advertised, although I should very much like to do so, or better still, to possess one, and I think only a very few know what a "Lemon" Breasted Linnet is like, or have ever heard of them, by far the greatest majority of the birds being "stono" or "red" breasted. I consider faking and dyeing the birds is nothing more than the obtaining of prizes, etc., by fraud or false pretences, and it should be treated as such if prizes are won by such birds and afterwards proved to have been faked or dyed. Neither is it fair to the honest exhibitor who tries all he knows how to get birds up to the highest pitch of perfection in a perfectly honest and straightforward way, and then has to take a back seat by birds that are dishonestly got up by faking, etc. I think it a pity they do not expend such energy in other directions, as, for instance, the drawing on page 475 of Cage Birds—the "poor, dear little bird" looks happy enough in his cage. I fail to see where the cruelty comes in. You may take 99 out of every 100 fanciers, or those keeping birds for a hobby or pleasure, and their greatest ambition is to prolong the life of the birds to the very farthest extent. Neither time nor trouble nor expense is too much to bestow on them to gain that end, and to bring them out the finest specimens it is possible to do. The woman in the sketch overlooks or forgets the cruelty caused to bird life, and the great slaughter constantly going on to provide birds and feathers to decorate ladies' hats, trimmings, etc. That is the other side of the question. Again, regarding the action of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, there are plenty of far more successful cases they could take up in other directions among the "upper ten," or gentry, that would come under the head of excessive cruelty, but which is called "Sport"—viz., the shooting of game before the close of the season. I was a witness of such so-called "sport." Being out for a walk in the country through fields, I came by a wood where the gentry were indulging in this "sport." There were about one dozen men (beaters) coming up in extended form through the wood driving and scaring the Pheasants before them. Some of the gentlemen were sitting on walking-stick seats; others were standing out some distance away from the wood in a field adjoining. All had got guns loaded, with men beside them to load other guns ready for them as soon as Pheasants, etc., come out into the open. Up flew a sovereign then, and bang went a penny, and down dropped half-a-crown. Some of the Pheasants were killed, some cleared away, and some were left crippled or maimed to crawl away to hide, and to suffer a lingering and cruel death by starvation and wounds. Yet this sort of thing is passed unnoticed, and if a bird-catcher tries to catch a few birds from bountiful and increasing nature, oftentimes to enable him to provide food for home and family, being possibly out of employment, he is pounced on by the society, all his effects and stock confiscated, and, if found guilty, often heavily fined, payment for which he very seldom has, and in lieu of which he is sent to prison. You might, again, take nearly 99 out of every 100 of these men, and you would find they are as fond of their birds, and think as much of them as the gentleman does of his race horse or hunter. Why should he be cruel to the birds he catches? The more he can catch and save, the better it is for him, for by disposing of them he is able to obtain cash, which he requires in order to buy food, etc. The injured, or dead, he gets nothing for, and it would therefore be trouble and time spent for nothing to keep them. I grant that now and then a case of cruelty is met with, chiefly with beginners or persons not understanding the art. Cases of wanton cruelty should carry punishment with them—but do not make the majority suffer for the few. Look at the enormous number and increasing number of fanciers who keep birds for a hobby and for a living, besides the seed merchants, cage makers, shows, etc., and the numbers employed in this industry. I cannot see where cruelty comes in when the birds are kept in health, etc. I would ask any faddist or members of the R.S.P.C.A. to visit any of the shows held at the Crystal Palace, etc., and I challenge them to produce any corresponding number of Goldies, Linnets, Bullies, etc., in the wild state, and compare them with what are seen there. I think they would find the caged specimens by far the best.

F. J. W. S.

Twin Canaries.

Sir,—I thought it might be of interest to your readers to know that I had hatched, on May 11, three young Norwich Canaries out of two eggs. All three are alive, and doing well. They are just leaving the nest. I should like to know if this has happened before, as I don't remember seeing anything about it in Cage Birds.

S. Tomlinson.

Sir,—I am writing to ask you if it is a remarkable occurrence to hatch and rear two Canaries from one egg? This has happened with me. I have one pair of Canaries—a half-bred Yorkshire and Norwich cock and a variegated hen. They began to nest in an ordinary breeding cage about the middle of April, and she laid her first egg on the 20th April, which was taken away the next morning and a "nest" egg" put in its place. She continued laying an egg each day; and the eggs were taken away, until the evening of the 23rd, when the three eggs were replaced in the nest and the nest egg removed. She laid one more egg, which made four altogether, and commenced to sit on the 24th. On Monday evening, May 8th (the day the eggs were due to hatch) I looked in the nest and found two little chicks, one broken egg shell and three unhatched eggs. I carefully examined the nest and the cage, but could find no traces of another broken egg shell, and so came to the conclusion that they were "twins." On the following morning one more chick was hatched, and as no more hatching took place the other two eggs were removed from the nest on the morning of the 10th. One of these proved to be unfertile, and the other contained a dead chick. The chicks are now a fortnight old, and are quite healthy and very strong. The twins are slightly smaller than the other, but quite perfect in every way. One is like the hen, and the other is like the cock bird.

Kathleen Clayton.

[Cases of birdy "twins" have been recorded in our columns almost every breeding season; but they are far from common occurrences, of course.—Editor.]

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A Canary Hatches Two Broods in a Month.

SIR,—I have one little hen who hatched on April 15th, sat again a fortnight later, and hatched a second brood of five on May 16th—two broods in a month. Is this a record? They are all strong and healthy. The cock is a ticked one, but not one of the five has a dark feather. E. BULLOCK.

The Fancy in Ireland.

Sir,—I see by a letter from the corresponding secretary of the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. that this society cannot deal with the principal allegations made by writers of letters to CAGE BIRDS respecting the Yorkie that won the cup. A recent letter, signed "Ligoniel," gave readers to understand it was the owner of the runner-up who objected to the cup winner. Is this correct? I am informed the next meeting is down for June 3, and members who have written to CAGE BIRDS and exposed the officials and their action are to be expelled the society. Might I ask under what rule the apostle of free speech and honesty intends to bring forward his grievance? Will a new rule be framed to lift him out of the mire? Why did Mr. South not answer the questions asked by "One in the Know" re the society's rules? In the next issue of CAGE BIRDS I expect to see a full report of this meeting and the names of the expelled members, so letting the Fancy have a little of the truth, as Mr. South's letter was for nothing more than to gloss over the society and its rules. A NOVICE.

The City of Glasgow O.A.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Black's letter in your issue of May 27, I fail to see what good will be effected by the deputing of the case to a committee consisting of Scotch Fancy Canary members. They will not be in a position to compel evidence, and it is well known that voluntary evidence will be very hard to get in a case of this kind. Further, should evidence be collected, the committee will have to come back to a general meeting and report, and then there may be a difficulty to control the vote in the proper direction. It is a pity the vote was not taken at the half-yearly meeting, if the statement made by the party involved was considered sufficient. I do not wish it to be thought that I am against an inquiry; on the other hand, I favour nothing short of expulsion, if the case be proved. The punishment should be devised in such a way that the birds will not be exhibited by another party, as was done in a previous case. I am at one with the President that the Society should be purged of everything that is antagonistic to purity, and he may rest assured that the permanent members will support him. When it comes to a vote, only those who have been members for five years should have a voice.

A QUALIFIED MEMBER.

SIR,—As a member of the City of Glasgow Ornithological Association who was present at the meeting on May 20, when such disgraceful allegations were made in connection with the Norwich section of last year's show, allow me to make the suggestion to such of my fellow members as are not yet in the grip of that octopus clique whose headquarters are the "Western Counties" Club, that we hold a meeting to consider the advisability of taking legal advice on the following points: 1st, The legality of the chairman's ruling declaring Mr. McFarlane's motion in order, when same was clearly a question for the annual general meeting, in spite of all precedent. 2nd. The legality of allowing new members (most of whom were specially imported for the occasion) to vote at all on any matter connected with last year's working. 3rd. The desirability of laying the whole facts of the case before another tribunal, with a view to having proceedings instituted against the principal parties in this affair. I hope to see this matter threshed out to the bitter end; it will be to the everlasting shame of the Glasgow Fancy if it is allowed to remain where it is.

R. B. GIBB.

Fixed Prize Money at Sheffield Shows.

SIR,—In reply to Messrs. Bishop and Woodall, after reading their letters, I fail to see where "out of the ordinary" comes in. We have four societies in Sheffield; two pay prize money on the sliding scale, and two pay fixed prize money. Where is it out of the ordinary when two adopt one system and two the other? Of course, if our friends include in the Sheffield district such places as Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley, etc., then it *may* come in, as I don't know how these societies are conducted. In sending my first letter I merely wished to point out the fact that the Walkley C.B.S. paid fixed prize money as well as the S.O.S. As I read it, their report seems to me to infer they (the S.O.S.) were the only society that did so. Mr. Bishop has been very good to give your readers a little of the history of the Walkley C.B.S. (not forgetting his own part in it), but not all. I might say that it has grown since Mr. Bishop first knew it. It is known as the Walkley C.B.S., and is open to a radius of twenty miles. It now makes a schedule like other societies, pays prize money on all classes with five entries, has a catalogue and gate money, has been founded four years (not two or three, as reported by Mr. Bishop), and has a membership of 39, so it is not the *little* society anyone would gather from Mr. Bishop's account. Mr. Bishop asks, "Where does the sore hurt? Why not out with it, and not hide under the cloak of the Walkley C.B.S.?" Now, really, Mr. Bishop, don't you see how foolish you have made yourself look? Even your own members are laughing at you. You would make it appear as if I was jealous of the S.O.S., when I can assure you I am not in the least. There is every credit due to you for the way you have baited your hook and landed your fish. There will be more credit if you keep them. It would appear from your letter that you have been itching to have a go at the Sheffield C.B.S., and have snatched at the first chance. Now, Mr. Bishop, take it easy. The Sheffield C.B.S. is in its 33rd year (not fifth month), and it has nothing to do with this correspondence, and does not desire any free advertisements. Your letter is a mean attack on a society which has not entered the arena. I have written as a member of the Walkley C.B.S., and not as the assistant secretary of the Sheffield C.B.S. If I have any communication to make from them I shall sign myself as such. I thank you for your invitation to join the society that gives fixed prize money; I already belong to one, viz., Walkley C.B.S., and that is quite sufficient at present. If you have any more replies to make, kindly reply to me as a member of the Walkley C.B.S., and not as an assistant secretary of the Sheffield C.B.S. I wish the S.O.S. every success.

J. WOOLHOUSE.

P.S.—I also beg to say, for Mr. Woodall's benefit, that the Sheffield C.B.S. does not keep 1d. out of each entry, but the society adds £4 to these pennies, and returns the whole in special prize money to be won at the members' shows.

SIR,—I notice you have made a mistake in my letter of last week. The sentence referred to is: "and are going to pay equal prize money, 7s. per class." This should read: "To pay equal prize money, viz., 7s. per class, they will have to get an average entry of 17 birds per class." JOHN A. T. WOODALL.

My Favourite of British Birds, the Goldfinch.

Sir,—With the exception of the Canary, no cage bird is so universal a favourite as the handsome Goldfinch, and in my opinion none is more deservedly so. The cleanness and smoothness of its pretty coloured body plumage, its square red blaze admirably set off with its white and black, its tail and wings being black and tipped with white, and the broad band of golden yellow which crosses the wings, render it one of our handsomest birds. In manners it is most docile, being easily taught to draw its own food and water, by means of a little bucket being attached to a piece of string, then lowered into a small reservoir, and then hoisted up. With one foot he holds the string while he satisfies his thirst. The song of the Goldfinch is most cheerful and pleasing, though it lacks the depth of tone, and rich variety of modulation which mark that of our Thrushes and Warblers. In the wild state the Goldfinch may be seen flitting hither and thither among the common thistles, this being its chief diet, and it is very fond of it when confined to cage life. Groundsel is also a great favourite of his, and if when you are out walking you should come across this weed, you cannot do better than pluck a handful and take it home to Goldie. It can also be purchased from hawkers in the street at a penny or a halfpenny per bunch. No British bird equals the Goldfinch in the way it builds its nest. It is often built on a fruit tree in the orchard, on some small and weak branch. The outer part is composed of fine moss, blades of grass, fine twigs and roots, wool, cotton, etc.—all most beautifully woven together and rounded almost as smooth as a tennis ball cut in half. It is lined with down of the thistle, or of willow which is obtained from the catkins (what we at school termed willow cotton pods), feathers, and hair. The Goldfinch raises one brood in the season. The eggs are four or five in number, of a pale bluish hue, marked with red spots and freckles, mingled with streaks and dashes of purplish-brown, often forming a rude crown round the larger end. The Goldfinch is very largely used by most of our bird breeders for Mule breeding, being crossed chiefly with the Canary, Bullfinch and Redpoll. Doubtless we shall see a few more crosses with this beautiful bird. Its chief diet when in captivity is Canary, teazle, summer rape, charlock, lin, and thistle seeds, with green food and tit-bits when procurable. GEO. BATES.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

I have been a bird fancier for over 20 years, and this year I have had some good luck with my Canaries, all youngsters doing well. This is through taking advice given in your paper. I must say that CAGE BIRDS is a good paper for any fancier, not only for advice but for advertisements as well.—J. H. Silvester (Highgate).

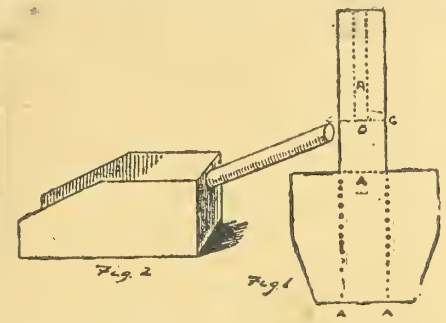
I have disposed of the whole of my stock, and wish to thank all who have inquired for same, it being impossible to reply to all. I wish "CAGE BIRDS" success.—T. Crimes (Coppenhall).

I have received an order from Trinidad for a few small nest-boxes and triple-wired husks, from my advt. in "CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL."—H. Lewis (Birmingham).

Illustrated Ideas

No. 512.
An Easily-made Seed Scoop.
Sent by Mr. A. B. Church, 8, Park Road, Henley-on-Thames.

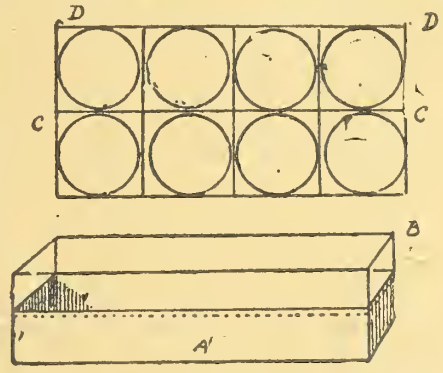
To make this seed scoop, get a piece of tin which cut and bend as in Fig. 1 in sketch. Cut through the dotted lines each side at C, and bend the tin round a pencil so as to make



a handle. Bend up at AA and down at A. A touch of solder will make the handle and scoop quite firm. When finished, the scoop will look like Fig. 2.—A. B. Church.

No. 513.
A Tin Drinking Dish.
Sent by Mr. A. Hewitt, 56, Hamilton Street, Govan, Glasgow.

Here is a sketch of a tin for a drinking dish, which will be found invaluable for anyone who has no water supply in his bird-room. A is a shallow tin about 1¼in. deep, 7¼ long, 3½ broad. B is a wire rail, running round it, raised up 1in., and fastened by tin, being overlapped on



it at side. C is the upper part and is fastened on to B by DD (two hooks). The dotted lines indicate the overlapped wire. The wire rings are 1§ circumference.—Alex. Hewitt.

Under the White Rose.

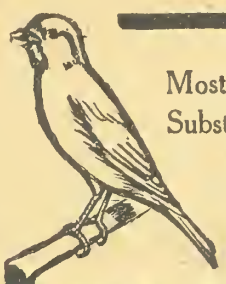
FIRST meeting of the Cinderella Club Show Committee in its newly inaugurated form took place last Wednesday at the Market Tavern, Bradford. A large attendance was expected, and the promoters were in no way disappointed, although all the societies that had been invited to join had not had a meeting in the intervening time. A large amount of work was got through. Mr. Towers, the chairman, and Mr. Hill, the secretary, were kept very busy for the whole time, and the two representatives of the Bradford Cinderella Fund, although they did not understand the trend of the conversation, could not but be struck by the enthusiasm that prevailed. The financial aspect is, of course, the main one, and a show with this object in view could not very well work without some guarantee or some means of raising the "necessary" to run the preliminary expense; and to meet this a subscription list, and also a guarantee list, was opened, and these met with very encouraging results, the subscription list within very little time standing at £8 10s., and the guarantee list nearly £20—not bad at all for the first few hours. The last event of this kind took place some years ago, and, compared with the present venture, was on a very small scale, but they were so successful that they handed over no less than £15 to the Cinderella Fund, which fund, I may mention to those that do not know of it, is to take care of the poor children of Bradford, see to their feeding and clothing, give them trips to the country and the seaside, and, in fact, look after them generally—morally and bodily. One of the principal things that will go to the success of the show is the room, and investigations are being made. A large and central room is what is to be aimed at, but the best room in the town for the purpose is rather prohibitive in price, at least so it is thought, though other large shows we hear have to pay much more and still get through; but, of course, Bradfordians must admit that in the matter of large and representative shows they are much behind. This time, however, a great lift from this state is being made, and the cause will be of great help in its attainment.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C. held their annual general meeting at headquarters last Saturday afternoon, and was fairly well attended. The business was got through in fine style, and the balance-sheet showed a little cash on the right side. But more than this, the progress made by the bird gives the greatest satisfaction to the officials. The entries throughout the last season came up well, and the birds staged are a distinct advance on previous years, adding greatly to the attractions of a show. At the close votes of thanks were passed to retiring officers, most of whom are re-elected, and under their guidance the sub-variety ought, and no doubt will, make further progress. It is as yet nowhere near the height of its prosperity.

THE old-established Y.C.C. also held their meeting last Saturday, commencing at 6 p.m. Here also things are in a very flourishing condition. The balance-sheet is the best that has ever been brought forward, the society having a nice balance in hand. The membership is the largest on record, and, taking everything into consideration, it is the most successful year since its inauguration, for which the very best thanks are due to the secretary and his assistant, Messrs. Greave and Crabtree. The former, by the way, was one of the founders, and has been in office of some kind ever since. He ought therefore, to know the requirements of the club, and from results he does. Near the close of the meeting the chairman had a pleasing little duty to perform, i.e., to present to the secretary, Mr. Greaves, a purse of gold, as a token of respect and esteem, subscribed for by the members and friends of the club. It was very ably presented by Mr. Sunderland, along with a few encouraging and eulogising remarks as to the good work performed by Mr. Greaves, which was fully substantiated by the following speakers, after which the possibility of the merging of the three Yorkshire Canary Clubs into one was debated upon. Some really good views were propounded, and some progress was made by a proposed meeting of several officers from each to see if a working scheme to suit all could be brought forward. We shall see what we shall see.

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. . By . .
A. J. A. MARLEY
(Leyton).

A paper read before the North London C.B.A. on May 17.

After the usual business the chairman, Mr. Mortlock, addressed a very large attendance. He said that the majority were acquainted with the fact that Mr. Marley had promised to give them his treatment of British birds, and his methods of moulting and preparing the birds for exhibition. He was pleased to see that Mr. Marley had also brought some birds with him for practical explanation. Most of the birds seemed to be fresh-caught ones of great promise. Mr. Marley had won many premier honours in England, Scotland, and Wales, where he had been very successful. He (the chairman) was sure Mr. Marley had shown himself a thorough sportsman by his very generous contribution of several special prizes at the Young Stock Show, and by giving half the proceeds derived from this paper, to the staging fund. (Applause.)

Mr. Marley, on rising, was greeted with loud applause. He begged the indulgence of his audience on the grounds, firstly, that as a result of a bad cold he was very hoarse, while his vocation (that of a gymnastic and drill instructor) did not tend to alleviate matters; and, secondly, that several of his best birds, including some he intended as competitors at the Young Stock Show, had not yet arrived, owing to some unforescen hitch. He then read his paper, as follows:

The Value of Mutual Help.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—When your worthy and esteemed secretary wrote me asking me to oblige my fellow-members with a lecture on British birds, I must admit I was somewhat astonished, and rather lost to know how to start, owing to the numerous books, papers, lectures, etc., on British birds recently published by the Fancy Press. Also, I feel I am only a raw recruit in the Fancy, and am fully convinced that there are many fanciers who are more competent and practical, and have a much wider experience than mine, who could do this subject more justice. But as your secretary pressed the point, that it was the unanimous wish of your excellent committee I should deliver this lecture, I thought the very least I could do was to try and do my best. In addition, I consider it behoves all true fanciers to help one another, regardless of their status in the Fancy. I shall try and impart to you as clearly as I possibly can, therefore, the knowledge and experience I have gained during my ten pleasant years in the Fancy.

In order to enable me to illustrate a few technical points of the various species of British Finches, I have availed myself of the opportunity of bringing a few of this season's-caught birds with me. I shall thereby be enabled to give you a more practical demonstration as I approach the different birds. I shall deal with a few of the British Finches, which are the most suitable, the cheapest, and the most easy for the ordinary working man to keep with a reasonable chance of success on the show bench.

Money not Everything.

A man can win without having to dive deeply into his pockets if the birds are properly managed, and it is far better to head the list of awards with a bird that you have bought "in the rough" for a few pence than to win with a bird that probably ran you into a fancy price of so many pounds. Besides, I look on these wins as empty ones; there is no satisfaction or honour in them. Neither do they do a person credit; further, "money does not always count." I have known many noted winners claimed at shows, or sold privately, which have been utterly ruined for show purposes after they have been in the hands of their new owners for a few weeks, solely through inexperience. Mark you, I do not condemn the man who goes about shows and sees value for money, and can perhaps "make a bit" by claiming a bird or two, but my advice is principally for beginners (I cannot use the word novice, as there is no such individual in the British bird section; Britishers are not bred like Canaries, and it is well within reach of all to obtain them; so that, in my opinion, everyone is on an equal footing). You must pardon me mentioning this, friends, but I like to let a few of these grandfather novices—or shall I say envious malcontents?—know what my ideas are. And, as I have said before, my advice to beginners is that they should not start dashing and flashing their money too freely, claiming winners, like many I have known, who have had the fever terribly bad, but have eventually drifted out of the Fancy as quickly as they came into it. Far better is it to gain a little experience in the management and treatment of a few rough ones first; then, if you think you see a speculative bargain, claim it, by all means. But, still, friends, I am not in love with the practice of purchasing ready-made winners.

I am not going to physic you with the usual old medicine which you generally have at these lectures, such as, "I am not here to offer advice and instructions to the 'old hands,' but simply to the recruits." I am here, friends, to speak to you all, and I maintain this, that no matter how long or varied the experience an "old hand" may have had, even though he has been forty years in the Fancy, he is always capable of learning something from these very pleasant and instructive lectures, even if it is only from a raw recruit; and I must honestly admit that I also have learnt many a valuable hint and wrinkle from them, and also from the different clubs having these lectures repeated through the Fancy Press.

Selecting Exhibition Goldfinches.

Now, after tiring you with my somewhat wandering introductory remarks, I shall start my subject with the selection problem, and shall head the list with the Goldfinch. Although I have not distinguished myself to any great extent recently with Goldfinches, I may mention here that I had two very handsome Finches at the beginning of the last show season. They would certainly have made a reputation for themselves, but I parted with them for a good figure to two well-known exhibitors in Scotland and Ireland. I only mention this to show you that when the tempting offers come along, you cannot always refuse. Hence go your winning records. But I am drifting from the point.

In selecting the Goldie, if ever you have the opportunity to run over a store cage, go for the biggest Finch you can find, with a large, well-rounded skull and blaze or flush, as some call it. In fact, some faddists will look at nothing but a square face. But, personally, I am not so particular, as either will do for me, providing there is a wealth of it, and well-spread top and bottom, of deep bright pure scarlet, minus breaks or gutterings; also the less black there is between the eyes the better. I may mention here that it is not always the square-faced birds that win, for, no matter how square-blazed you may get a bird, he is almost sure to have some other little defect, such as a pinched head, or a lacking in size, or a poorness in tanning; so you see that the blaze is not all. After the blaze comes colour. I prefer the jonque, or yellow birds, as some call them, the tanning to be of a very rich dense chestnut, both on back, chest, and flanks, and in the latter case as much of it, and as far down, as possible, the wings to be distinctly buttoned, and perfectly carried.

The Choice of Type.

Last, but not least, in case I may forget, is the type, which I should really make my first study. In all my British species I prefer the Norwich type, the reason being that it looks more bold and majestic to the eye. Besides, Goldies show plenty of the Yorkshire style and swagger when in good trim, without having it in type.

So much for the selection. The bill of fare comes next. I feed my Finches on half teazle one quarter canary, eighth hemp and eighth flax, with just a sprinkliug of rape. But, generally speaking, the Goldie does not take to rape. As regards tit-bits, I give them a little thistle, cornflower, niger, maw, and finely-chopped walnuts, about twice a week. As regards this menu, please let me warn you not to dip too freely into this mixture; use it sparingly, for you have heard the old saying that you can always kill with kindness; and unless your Finches have plenty of flight room, and baths (as mine have), to exercise it off, you are sure to encounter trouble, in the shape of surfeit and other ailments.

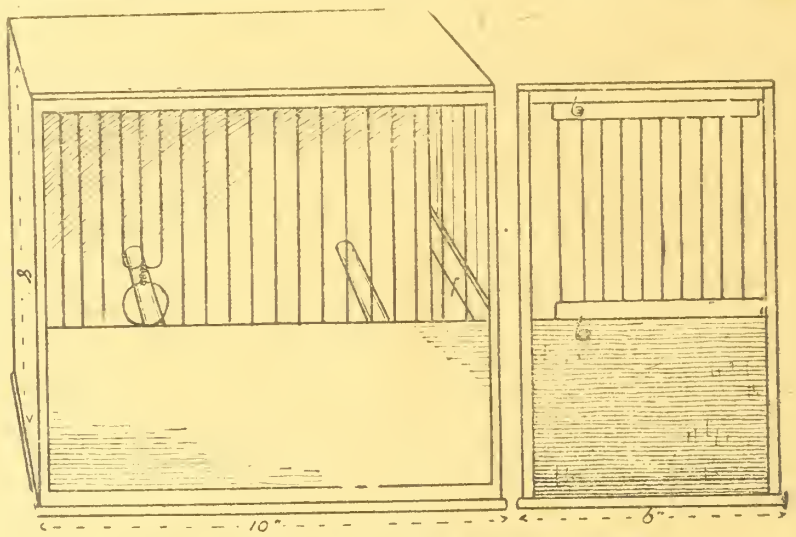
Now is the time to give your Goldies young dandelion and early first-crop groundsel, which will be highly relished, and thoroughly appreciated; and it will obviate a lot of trouble later on. So much for the Goldie.

The Next Most Popular Finch.

I shall deal now with what I think is our next most popular Finch, that is the Linnet. I love the Linnet just as much as I love the Goldfinch, if only for his sweet mellow note, charming ways, and perfect manners—he is a perfect gentleman all over. His market value is only a few coppers, but, with all due respect to Mr. Goldie, if I were judging for song, I should place the Linnet first against any British Finch living. I cannot but admire his sweetly charming note and meek disposition. I wonder if the composer of that favourite London song a few years back, "It's only a simple Linnet, and for years he has been my pal,' ever kept a Linnet, or even was a fancier? If so, I can well understand and appreciate his words of praise of this beautiful and fascinating bird. Still, I shall not ramble too far away, friends, on flattering it, but, as you know, irrespective of the future, he has been a good pal to me in the past.

In selecting a show Linnet, go in for the four essential points, previously mentioned in regard to the Goldfinch, namely, size, type, colour, and markings. I like to see a Linnet of a rich nutty brown colour both back and front, and well down the waist, with a good stout cobby body, and big, well-rounded skull. In fact, you cannot have this colour too far down. Many linnets have that very undesirable smoky-white break up the centre of the breast, which detracts from the perfection of so many show specimens. To obviate this you want to try and obtain birds that are what we term "well filled in" in the breast. I frankly admit that these birds are few and far between; still, I have had them, and they are obtainable, if one will only hunt for them.

(To be continued.)



Mr. MARLEY'S SCHOOLING CAGE.

Bird Organs:

Hints concerning their mechanism, etc.

By T. ROUTLEDGE (Stockport).

A lecture given on May 27 before the Provincial Roller C.C.

Meeting of the Provincial Roller C.C. held May 27 at the Swan Hotel, Manchester, Mr. A. Foulds in the chair. A special show cage front was exhibited by Mr. Pattison, of Kent. This was eagerly discussed by the members, and they came to the unanimous decision that, as far as they had seen, it was a decided improvement on the present show cage fronts, preventing the birds washing, etc., and keeping the cage clean. After the business was over, Mr. J. Routledge was called upon to give his lecture. There were five mechanical bird organs in the room, one was an example of the first of Queck's make, and alongside that was an up-to-date Queck, also two Buhls, etc. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Routledge for his lecture. We had a splendid attendance of members.

In dealing with the subject of organs, I know I am trespassing on peculiar ground, for this is a subject which, as far as I can gather, has never been touched upon before. In pointing out to you the different parts of the various organs, if I should not make my meaning clear enough, I shall only be too pleased to answer any questions I am able to do. I should like it to be understood that I am dealing with this matter from a novice's point of view. I am one who has an organ, and I know the difficulty of repairing the same, and the time you have to wait for it being repaired, probably just at the time you are most requiring it, so it may be of some little use to you to know what trivial things they are that generally get out of order. These organs are supposed to be the nearest approach we have to the Roller song, and when you come to understand the simplicity of the working of the different kinds, then you will agree with me that the man who first invented the organ must have been a very clever man, and must have spent a great amount of time in studying and perfecting the various parts so that he could get them to work automatically.

The Buhl Organ.

I will first take the latest Buhl organ and try to illustrate it to you in detail. In the first part you have a cylinder; this is as simple as it is ingenious. You unscrew the cap and lift the inside half up; doing this causes the air to be sucked up into the inner chamber. I heard of one gentleman who tried to lift the inner chamber without having unscrewed the cap. He got into a terrible state, and called upon his wife to help him. Between the two they succeeded in screwing in the bottom of the outer cover, thereby breaking the air cylinder at once. Always see that the cap is off. After lifting up the inner chamber, screw up the cap that keeps the air in, so that there is no other way for it to get out except by doing its duty in passing through the works of the organ. It is then liberated through the tube into the organ, in the front place, into the compressed air chamber, after which it passes through a small hole, and by its own force works a beautiful little arrangement which I will call the vibrator. This beats up the air and causes it to tremble or vibrate. Without this small vibrator, your organ would be no use.

From the vibrating chamber the air passes into the valve chamber. These valves are under each note, so that when you press one down, the air, still vibrating, rushes into the note. This sounds the beautifnl trembling vibrating note which you hear. As each note is required in rotation, so does the barrel work down with the cam (or eccentric), which presses the rod down on the valve, thereby releasing the air and sounding the note. You will notice that the flute and the bass do not reqnire the vibrating chamber, but are coupled direct to the compressed-air chamber, acting quite differently to the other notes. The flute is a clear sharp note. To produce this you have a relief valve to take away the air as soon as there is sufficient to work the note. Next is the bass; this is a very simple and ingenious piece of work. In blowing it, you work the vibration like a hammer of an electric bell, equally as quickly, and the hammer beating on the drum causes the note to be sonnded. This note you will agree is very like the bass roll. I think in the above remarks you get the nearest explanation it is possible to give you concerning the Buhl Bird Organ.

The Queck Organ.

The Queck Organ I think was one of the first to be placed on the market. It is a well-made organ, every part being put together in a workmanlike manner. The method of working is almost the same as in the case of the Buhl Organ, that is, as regards the receiving chamber and vibrating chamber, also the valves. The only difference is in directing the passage of the air, which passes vertically down to the notes instead of horizontally, as in the Buhl. There is a great difference in the working of the valve levers, which are actuated in a horizontal position from the barrel. Special notice may be called to the hollow bent schockel, as you will notice that to get the rising and falling effect, there is a relief valve at the end of the note, which is actuated by a special switchback arrangement of a guide cam. The bass and flute are similar to those of the Buhl Organ.

I will now call your attention to a machine which I have made since the last meeting night. This machine is to be placed on a table and is blown with the mouth. It is not a set one, as I think you will agree with me that different birds have different ways of singing. By using this machine you can get any desired roll at once, or any set of rolls, to suit you and your bird's song. If you want to start with the bass you simply press the lever; and so on. If your birds are short in flute, you work up the flute (or hollow roll or hollow bell) to suit your birds. You can let it play its ordinary tours in rotation, or to suit yourself, so that you can help any bird that is short in any particular song. I do not believe in giving a lecture without being at the same time able to make a machine myself.

I will now bring my address to a close. I have at least tried to instruct you in the beautiful mechanism of the Roller organs.

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Notes by the Secretary.

I referred last week to a pamphlet published by the Humanitarian League in furtherance of the campaign against bird-keeping, and now purpose to make a few comments upon the farrago of absolute piffle contained between its covers. This precious document is a verbatim copy of a penny pamphlet published some time ago by the same people. The addition of a preface, by Mr. W. H. Hudson. and of an illustrated cover. bring the price of the present edition up to fourpence.

Preposterous Pictures.

It is difficult indeed to keep within the bounds of moderate language in criticising such absurd exaggerations as are presented in this extraordinary production. The absurdities commence with the outside cover. The birds shown flying are Ravens, or nothing, and no one wants to keep Ravens in cages; while in the corner is depicted a brass cage of the well-known all-wire pattern, of the same type, by-the-by, although not so ornamental, as the one accepted by our gracious Queen as a birthday gift from the Canary fanciers of Norwich.

The bird shown in the cage, evidently intended to represent a "sick" Canary, would measure on the same scale as the cage some twelve inches in length and a foot or more around the body! Of course, this is to fill the cage with a picture of "miserable dejection," but it shows the kind of artifices to which the faddists resort in the endeavour to appeal to the feelings of those who know even less of the subject than does the author of the pamphlet in question.

The text, too, is embellished by illustrations, most of which are gross and studied misrepresentations. One of these is entitled "starved to death," and depicts a nest of young birds apparently left orphans. Probably the author well knows that of twenty such nests of starved youngsters nineteen would have been due to stoats and other "natural enemies." But it wouldn't do to say this. Much better for his purpose to allow his readers to infer that it is the bird-catcher who has been the culprit, and, through him. the bird-keeper—although it is common knowledge that when nestling birds are about, the bird-catching season is over!

A Fanatic's Fallacies.

Nothing is so mischievous and so difficult of refutation as a lie that is a half-truth, and the wholesale condemnation of bird-keeping is based upon the half-truth that cruelty is prevalent among a certain section of bird-catchers and bird-dealers, and on the suggestion that this cruelty is inseparable from the pursuit of bird-keeping.

The preface to this pamphlet is by Mr. W. H. Hudson, whose knowledge of birds in nature none can dispute, but whose ignorance, assumed or real, of the conditions under which they are kept in captivity is displayed by the hysterical exaggerations contained in his every paragraph.

Bird-caging of any kind Mr. Hudson calls "an acted blasphemy!" and this is the key-note of his preface. I wonder who told him, if anyone did, that "until yesterday the bird-buyer who loves a bird in a cage enjoyed the right to blind his little captives by thrusting red-hot needles in their eyes." Was ever such mischievous and mendacious ruhbish committed to paper? Possibly one bird-dealer in a hundred thousand may have subjected a Chaffinch to this ahominable cruelty, but to say that he or the bird-buyer "enjoyed the right" is to give utterance to a downright and ignorant lie. "Enjoyed the right" forsooth! The law was always strong enough to deal with such an inhuman monster, and there are few bird-fanciers who would not "enjoy the right" of dealing with him without the intervention of the law. And it is upon such grounds as these that you and I, reader, are to bo prevented from keeping "any bird, large or small, in a cage."

As a matter of fact, the belief that the song of a Chaffinch is improved by the barbarous method referred to above belongs to that long-ago time when it was held by a few of the most ignorant that the slitting of the tongue of a Starling or Magpie improved its powers of mimicry. The blinding of Chaffinches (one recent case notwithstanding) has long ceased to be practised: further, it was at no time practised by more than a very few of the most degraded bird-dealers. No one believes now that the birds sing better for being subjected to such brutality, just as no one believes now that cutting the tongue of a Starling will enable it to talk.

Mr. Hudson next tackles my own statement, quoting from my article published some weeks ago in Cage Birds, that a bird kept with proper attention in a cage or an aviary will prefer the protection of its owner rather than a return to its former freedom. He characterises this as "a monstrous perversion of the truth." His disputing the fact exhibits a monstrous ignorance. In the very article from which he quotes I gave him several instances from my own experience in illustration of my statement. I could furnish him with a thousand others, and there is scarcely a bird-keeper in the land who could not give him still more.

Contemptible Controversial Chicanery.

The next point made in this amazing preface is that a writer on Goldfinches once said that eighty per cent. of those taken in this country perish within a few days.

"What of the others," goes on Mr. Hudson, "the 80 per cent. of birds taken, that pine in captivity and perish miserably! It is shocking, not only to the bird-lover, to those who have a sense of kinship with the lower animals, but to anyone capable of a thought of compassion and justice, that such things should be done with impunity."

Now, this is controversial chicanery of the most contemptible description. Neither eighty per cent. nor twenty per cent. of the total number of fresh-caught Goldfinches die in a few days. The mortality amongst fresh-caught *Greypates* (young Goldfinches), however, is admittedly very large, *if they are caught too early*, and every bird-keeper who knows his subject dwells upon this fact to point out that, the Goldfinch being a very late breeder, the catching of Goldfinches should be prohibited until October. There is not a bird-keeper in this country who would not welcome a by-law protecting these birds from being caught before the end of September. And, as an actual fact, the writer of the paragraph quoted (?) by Mr. Hudson drew attention to this deplorable mortality amongst *Greypates* to clench his appeal for extended protection to be afforded the Goldfinch. Mr. Hudson, of course, conveniently "overlooks" this. Such contemptible controversial devices surely are unworthy of even a fanatic.

Mr. Hudson's concluding paragraph is a diatribe against bird-shops, which he characterises, without exception or qualification, as "filthy and fetid, swarming with vermin and the germs of every disease to which caged birds are subject." This, if it is anything, is an indictment against the R.S.P.C.A., and that Society is left to answer it. If the help of Cage Birds League is of any assistance to the R.S.P.C.A., that assistance will be freely given with a view of preventing cruelty of any kind, or punishing it where practised.

A Campaign of Calumny.

Of the sixteen pages contained in the body of the pamphlet five are devoted to specially selected accounts of ill-managed bird-shops, and seven to bird-catching and its cruelty, as disclosed by a list of convictions which are quoted as typical instances." They are copied bodily from the previously published pamphlet, and are served up again as of recent date, the months being given without the year. As bird-keepers we have never disputed the fact that cruelty is inflicted by some bird-catchers and some bird-dealers upon birds. We deplore this to the full. At the same time we say that the guilty comprise a very, very small minority of those engaged in the bird-trade. Further, it is remediable, and the R.S.P.C.A. could remedy it without interfering with the rights of humane bird-keepers. To put the case as it is put in this pamphlet, and to insinuate that the cases quoted are fair instances of universal application, is to perpetuate a gross libel upon a trade which in the vast majority of cases is carried on in humane conditions by traders who welcome intelligent supervision and inspection at all times.

There remain for consideration only the four pages dealing directly with bird-keeping itself. These begin with the aphorism, "the receiver is held liable as well as the thief." "receiving" here meaning bird-keeper, and "thief" equalling the bird-catcher and bird-dealer combined. "If there were no customers there would be no bird-dealers or catchers," says the pamphlet. This is true, if not strikingly original, and these ultra-sentimentalists would prevent the keeping of a Canary—"any birds, whether large or small," are the exact words- in their ostensible endeavour to starve out a few miscreants who resort to cruelty, and, with them, the immense majority of bird-dealers and bird-catchers who treat their birds humanely.

I have used the word "ostensible" advisedly, for I do not believe this is their endeavour at all. Their object is to *do away with the keeping of birds in cages*, and they are seizing upon the small amount of entirely preventible cruelty which undoubtedly is practised in a few individual cases, and which we deprecate as much as do they as an excuse for their crusade against bird-keeping *as* bird-keeping, and as a peg upon which to hang their sermon.

Here is another extract: "For every bird one sees in a cage in a private house, scores have been caught and have succumbed to ill-treatment and unnatural conditions." Later on the "scores" are amplified into "hundreds." Probably ninety-nine birds out of every hundred that one sees in cages in private houses are Canaries, and to say that "scores" or "hundreds" of birds have been caught and have succumbed for every one of these is nothing but hysterical shrieking.

Canary-keeping Condemned.

I know that many people who keep Canaries as a hobby, or as pets, or who breed them for sale or exhibition, are consoling themselves in the belief that the efforts of these so-called humanitarians are directed only against the keeping of British birds, and that they themselves are in no danger of interference. In order to dispel this illusion once and for all, I make a final verbatim quotation. "As long as some people keep Canaries, others will see no harm in keeping Goldfinches and Linnets. The healthy appreciation of bird life will not encourage or tolerate the stunted life of any caged bird."

Is there any mistaking this? If Canary breeders, or even the keepers of a single Canary, choose to continue living in a Fool's Paradise they will have only themselves to thank when they find that their hobby is a prohibited one. It will then be too late to remedy matters. Before this happens we must present such a front to the enemy that they will realise that further attack will be futile.

"Union is Strength"

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I have occupied so much space with my own notes that I have none left for replies to correspondents or for extracts from the many appreciative letters received during the week. I hope that those who have been "crowded out" will excuse the non-insertion of their letters in view of the importance of the matter which has filled the space.

Henry J. Fulljames, Secretary, Cage Bird. League.

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S. Denny Hirst,
Organising Secretary, King's Lynn and Dist F. and F. Society.

I am afraid I am alone in the hobby here, but if at any time I can catch a pal I will. Wishing the League all success and yourself in your appointment as secretary.

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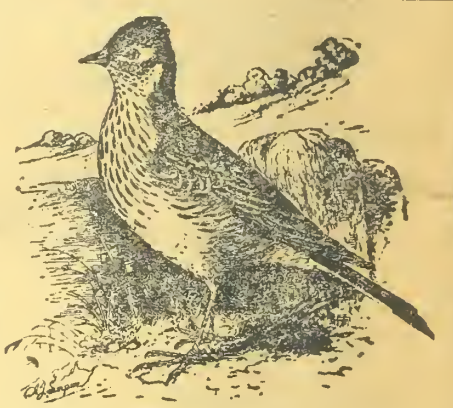
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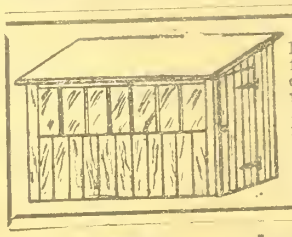
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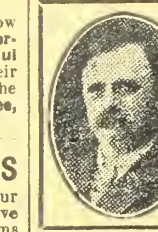
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Singing Contests.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A. (headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook), held open contest for time and quality, June 3rd, for 5 prizes. 19 birds competed. 1st prize, quality, F. Christopherson (Blackburn); 2nd, quality, W. H. Newby (Sabden); for time: 1st, J. Shaw (Atherton); 2, J. Fender (Blackburn); 3, J. W. Jones (Leigh). After the contest we had a sing-song. Judges for quality: Messrs. R. Hayhurst, J. Dobson, and R. Slater; for time: Messrs. R. Howcroft and another from Leigh; birdman, Mr. R. Fender; timekeeper, Mr. Christopherson. —T. Slater, Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet Club held open Linnet contest for time and quality, at Weaver Arms, Scholes, June 3rd. 26 birds entered for six good prizes. They came from Wigan, Leigh, Westhoughton. Some very good singing was heard before a fine company. Winners for quality: 1, W. Barnes; 2, J. W. Jones; 3, J. Hudson. For time: 1, J. Woodward, 66; 2, T. Seddon, 60; 3, T. Statham, 53. Judges for quality: Messrs. J. Holmes and A. Parker; timekeepers, Messrs. J. W. Jones, R. Macfarlane, and T. Hurst. After the match we spent a very pleasant evening amongst fanciers.—A. Parker, Sec.

SALFORD.

Open contest held Boathouse Hotel, June 3rd, when birds came from Leigh, Pendlebury, Tyldbury, and Bradford. Some fair singing was heard. Winners for time: 1, J. Green (Pendlebury), 62; 2nd, J. McAllister (Leigh), 56; 3rd, W. Cain (Bradford), 38. Timekeepers, Messrs. W. Woods, J. McAllister, and B. Wharton; birdman, Mr. A. Stinson. After the contest a meeting was held, and after Mr. McAllister had impressed on fanciers the advantage of having a club in Salford, 11 members joined. We shall have a special meeting at headquarters Sunday, June 11th, at 7.30 sharp, for election of officers and future business, when we hope to see all the members present and any intending fanciers.—B. Wharton.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held headquarters, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, June 3rd. Mr. J. Grindy gave 3 grand special prizes. 24 birds entered (for 3 minutes singing), when some close singing was heard. Watson, 1st, 93sec.; Burkinshaw 2nd, 87sec.; Bisby 3rd, 86 sec.; Thompson 84sec., 77sec., and 78sec.; Bisby 78sec.; Albert 67sec.; Thorpe 61sec. and 54 sec. On June 4th 26 birds entered, when Mr. J. Grundy gave three special prizes (2 minutes singing), when close singing was heard. Albert, 1st, 56sec.; Cole, jun., 2nd, 55 sec.; Thompson, 3rd, 53sec.; Joe Robinson 50sec. and 49sec. On Whit Monday, June 5th, the big contest took place for 24 prizes, when 24 birds sung. 1st, Brown, 91sec.; T. Pye 84sec.; Driver 82sec.; Gregg 82sec.; Driver 79sec.; Thompson 72sec.; Cartwright 66sec.; Driver 65sec.; Cartwright 65sec.; Shinwell 61sec.; Brown 61sec. The last four birds draw 5s. 3d. each bird. Whitsuntide club for the next year recommences June 18th, from 8 to 9; hoping all members will attend.—A. Thompson, Sec.

YORK.

Open Linnet singing contest held St. Lawrence's Working Men's Club, Lawrence-st., June 5th, when 47 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard, with the following results: 1, W. Moor; 2, W. Weaver; 3, A. Lyons; 4, J. Gurden; 5, H. Ruddock; 6, N. Oldroyd; 7, G. Storey; 8, J. Lee; 9, F. Littlewood; 10, J. Stirk. Mr. C. Jackson kindly officiated as judge, and Mr. A. Kirby and Mr. W. Rippon timekeepers.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet S.A. second club contest of the year held Mersey Hotel, Whit Monday, when 13 members sang for £5 worth of prizes, every member getting a good prize. This ought to encourage intending members. Any person wishing to join can do so by paying 1s. contribution, which will be 6d. on June 11th, and 3d. per week after. Result: 1, G. Randles, 138; 2, J. Mather 110; 3, F. Hughes, 107; 4, J. Mather, 97; 5, A. Clarke, 82; 6, F. Hughes, 70; 7, W. Leah, 66; 8, J. Wych, 62; 9, J. Lawton, 49; 10, C. Corbett, 48; 11, A. Clarke, 36; 12. W. Mather, 30; 13, J. Coan, 22. Judges, Messrs. A. Clarke and W. Leah; minutesman, Mr. G. Randles. C. Corbett, Sec.

LEEDS.

The 21st annual great all-England contest on Whit Monday, at the old bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, when we had a record entry of 42 birds, entries coming from all parts of Yorkshire, Lancashire, Durham, Cheshire, etc. Upwards of £25 was given in prizes. We had visitors from all parts of England, the winners singing to the delight of a packed room. 1 and kettle, J. Green; 2 and kettle, Mrs. Bland; 3 and kettle, T. Stead; 4 and kettle, A. Butler; 5 and kettle, A. Richardson; 6 and kettle, R. Pearlove (Hull), 7 and kettle, J. Bland; 8 and kettle, J. Thompson; 9 and spl, J. Spedding (Dewsbury); 10 and spl, C. Prince; 11 and spl, H. Wigfield; 12 and spl, T. Stead; 13 and spl, T. Summers; 14 and spl, W. Lonsdale; 15 and spl, J. Wilson. Judges: Messrs. S. Hardcastle, T. Johnson, and W. Naylor. Our books are open to receive members for next year. Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing at King's Head, Shannon Street, June 3rd, when 35 birds entered. We had very good singing birds not counting, that could win at other times. 1, D. Clegg; 2, S, shared by J. Green and W. Farrow; 4, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, and T. Johnson. Also on June 4th, when 32 birds faced the judges. Messrs. T. Johnson, W. Naylor, and S. Hardcastle. 1, S. Varley; 2, J. Thompson; 3, J. Bland; 4, H. Robinson.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

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The Shows.

SHEPSHED & DISTRICT C.B.A.

Table show of young birds held Pied Bull Inn, Shepshed, June 3rd. Mr. Green (Loughborough) placed the awards and gave every satisfaction. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, spl, spl. best bird in show, G. Smith; 2, W. Watson; 3, c, H. Needham; vhc, G. Smith; hc, G. Millar; CL. BUFF: 1, G. Millar; 2, vhc, Danvers; 3, G. Smith; hc, E. Hewitt. NOR. TKD., ETC.: 1, G. Millar; 2, H. Needham; 3, A. West, vhc, E. Hewitt. YORKS, CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, A. Edwards and special best Yorks; 3, hc Neale; c, H. Needham. BUFF: 1, 3, hc, A. Edwards, 2, vhc, Neale.

LEEDS C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held 3rd June, St. George's Schools. Entries came up very poor, for some unaccountable reason, but what was lacking in numbers was made up by the quality of exhibits, some real good specimens being on view. Leaders of points for the section gold medals are as follows: Yorks., A. Rhodes, 28 points; G. W. Dews, 25 points; Hy. Smith, 20 points. Nor.: D. McMillan, jun., 27 points; W. A. Wilson, 17 points; W. Johnson, 12 points; British, F. Flint, 29 points; J. Owen, 26 points; E. Middleton, 19 points. Mr. R. Halliday judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL (16): 1, Hy. Smith; 2, Dews; 3, McDade; 4, Hall, vhc, E. Norton; hc, Baldwinson. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Rhodes; 2, 3, Hy. Smith; 4, hc, Dews; vhc, c, Hall. CL. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Rhodes; 3, 4, Dews; vhc, McDade; hc, Hall; c, Hy. Smith. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, c, Rhodes; 2, McDade; 3, Baldwinson; 4, vhc, Dews; hc, Hy. Smith. NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, 4, McMillan; 2, c, Wilson; vhc, hc, Johnson. BUFF (5): 1, vhc, Wilson; 2, 3, McMillan; 4, Johnson. BUFF TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Johnson; 2, 4, McMillan; 3, vhc, Wilson. BRIT. LIN. (3): 1, 2, Owen; 3, Dews. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Flint; 2, 4, Middleton; 3, vhc, Owen. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, hc, Flint; 2, 3, 4, c, Owen; vhc, Middleton. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL (7): 1, 2, Flint; 3, hc, Middleton; 4, vhc, c, Owen. MULE OR HYBRID (2): 1, Owen; 2, Middleton. NOVICE, YORKS., TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Norton; 2, J. Smith. CL. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Bristow; 3, 4, Norton. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, 4, Bristow; 2, 3, Norton.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

CARNARVON.

North Wales C.B.S., which was only formed in February last, is making rapid strides to become one of the most forward in the country. It has so less than ninety-four members already, and by the way the officials are working, we can predict a happy future for these energetic Welshmen. And a more hard-working lot of fanciers you could not come across. The first members' show was held on June 5. This being their first, they meant to make it a success, and right royally they did it. To have a first feather show so early is almost courting disaster as regards numbers, but to make an extra attraction they put in classes for adult birds, which filled beyond the expectation of the officials. The exhibition was held in the Institute, Carnarvon. The room is an ideal one, lighted all round, and is entirely free from draught. The entry totalled 154—quite a respectable number for an old society, much more a new one. Yorkshires turned up well, this type being favoured more than the other varieties; some toppers were put down in rare style Britishers were a warm lot; to get 54 in three classes is not bad for a start. Goldies were out for a holiday. These Welshmen know what a Goldie is, and how to stage him. There was a splendid attendance all day, and we trust the Society will make a profit on their first venture. The Secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones, is the right man to have at the head of any society. Always obliging, he had everything in ship-shape order, and a welcome smile for every visitor. He has grand henchmen in the chairman, Mr. R. E. Griffiths, and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Jones, and vice-chairman, Mr. D. Roberts, well backed up by the committee: Messrs. R. Angell, O. Davies, H. Ellis, J. Parry, W. R. Roberts, W. Roberts, and J. Sweeney whose one idea was to make the show a sneeess. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) placed the awards, and gave entire satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. A.V. (5): 1, Jones, splendid head and neck, grand substance for a Yell.; 2, Williams, rare good Buff, fine feather, beaten in head only by winner; 3, Williams, head and wing-marked, red hot; res., vhc, Jones. YORK., YELL. (16): A topping class. 1, Owen Jones, on its own, stands like a guardsman, round head, well braced up, "hot 'un"; 2, Pritchard, another good one, excellent type and quality, shows just a wee bit too much Belgian; 3, Owen, well up, stands on a good pair of legs, feather like boxwood; res., Nolan, put down in topping order again good quality; vhc, J. Williams; hc, Griffiths; c, Walford. BUFF (10): 1, res, vhc, Nolan, out-and-out Yorkie, straight as a rush, wonderful legs for a Buff; 2, Owens, real good bird round as a bottle, would have run above closer with a wash; 2, T. Owens, rare quality, good pins, well braced wings; hc, Williams; c, Roberts. BORD. FCY. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, D. Roberts, good team, put down like an old hand, first, Buff, feathered to perfection, 2nd, Cl. Yell., nice head, well cut away, 3rd, beaten only in head properties; res, hc, Williams. CAN., A.V., NAT. COL. (13): 1, J. Williams, Yorks., in its first feather, good bird, some thought should not be allowed to compete against the older birds in this class, which should be framed for adult birds only; 2, R. Griffiths, Green Yorks., real grass green, splendid pencilling; 3, O. Davies, even mkd. Nor., well marked, splendid feather; res, W. Williams, Crest, showed a bit of scurvy, or would have gone up one; vhc, W. Roberts; hc, D. Roberts; c, W. Jones. NOR., FIRST FEATHER (13): 1, G. Jones, big, bouncing Buff, rare feather for a big one, should make a good stock bird; 2, Parry, cobby bird all through, worth a good moult; 3 vhc, E. Jones, rare quality, good head, nice wing carriage, well cut away behind; res, J. Williams; hc, c, Aitken; 53, Griffiths, absent. YORKS. (1): Extraordinary class. 1, J. Jones, well drawn Yell., plenty behind leg, wonderful position, steady as an "old 'un"; 2, W. Williams, rare quality Buff, round as a pencil, nicely tapered away; 3, hc, c, J. O. Williams, fine youngster, wants a bit more training; res, vhc, O. Owens. MULE OR HYBRID (12): 1, Parry, dark Yell. Goldie Mule, red hot, nice size, put down in faultless form; 2, 3, Jackson, variegs., light Linnet Mule, fair size, good feather, 3rd, dark Linnet Mule, topper for size and markings, pity it was not a Yell., shown to perfection; res, Pritchard; vhc, hc, Parry and Angel; c, J. Roberts. GOLDFINCH (14): 1, hc, Evans and Roberts, wonderful blaze, nicely mooned, rare tanning, put down in fine style; 2, W. Roberts, big square c[illegible]mson blaze, well huttoned, shone like satin; 3, res, vhc, E. Jones, old champion, now in its fifth year, wears well, best face of the lot, but not in its best form; hc, O. Owens. GREY PATE, 1910 (20): A hot lot, hardly a bad one amongst them. 1, N. R. Roberts, wonder for size, col. and tanning, will want some stopping with a good moult, wins easily; 2, N. Roberts, richly tanned, beautifully mooned and buttoned; 3, Evans and Roberts, real topper, but a bit soft when taking notes; res, O. Davies, champion blaze, running well back, shines like glass; vhc, E. Jones; hc, Miss Griffiths; c, J. Hughes. BRIT. A.O.S. (20): 1, 3, J. Williams, real good Bullie, grand cap, topping col., 3rd a good Linnet if he was a bit steadier; 2, O. Jones, Yell. Greenie, splendid big, broad head, very fearless; res, Miss Griffiths, good Chaffinch, head shone like a mirror, nice whites; vhc, Huxley; hc, O. Davies; c, Hughes. SELL, 7s. 6d. (8): 1, W. Williams; 2, J. Williams; 3, Miss Griffiths; res, Evans and Roberts; vhc, O. Davies; hc, G. Jones; 140, absent, Griffith. GIFT CL.: 1, R. Griffitbs; 2, O. Davies; 3, W. Aitkin.

HARPENDEN.

Cage birds did not come up as well as usual at this enjoyable Whit Monday fixture. The Canary classes were cancelled, as was that for Linnets and Redpolls. Some very nice exhibits were staged in the classes which did fill, and competition was keen. Owing to the fact that no small cage labels were sent out, some confusion was caused, and several exhibits were wrongly staged, and this led to a regrettable incident in the Foreign class, where Mr. Davies' King Parrakeet, No. 203, according to the catalogue, was benched as 264, whilst a couple of Budgerigars, No. 264, shown by Mr. Bennett, were benched as 263. In making his awards, Mr. House, the judge, gave the King Parrakeet 2nd, and the Budgerigars vhc. The stewards placed the 2nd card on the Budgerigars, and the vhc on the King Parrakeet. Mr. House was asked by an exhibitor if the cards were on the right birds, and at once said "No, the King is 2nd." The correction was made, whereupon Mr. Bennett accused the judge and stewards of dishonesty, and lodged a protest against the awards. The matter will come before the committee in due course. The rule governing the matter read:—"A judge's decision shall be final, except in case of fraud or misrepresentation, or where a mistake has been made bona-fide by the judge." Had numbered labels been attached to the cages no mistake could have occurred. The King is a magnificent specimen, whilst the Budgerigars were not even a pair, being two cocks. The stewards, Messrs. Willis, Woollatt, and Pilbeam attended well to the exhibits, and Mr. J. W. Wilkinson made a most obliging and hard-working secretary. Mr. C. A. House judged.

MULES (10): 1, Davies, large, well feathered, slightly tkd. Linnet-Canary; 2, vhc, hc, Andrews, capital Goldie-Bullie, plenty of size, nice feather and marking; 3, r, Lees, very nicely balanced four-pointed Buff Goldie, and a capital light Linnet-Canary, but rough in feather; No. 237, Davies, arrived at the show dead. BRIT. GOLD (6): 1, spl, cup best Hardbill; 2, vhc, Andrews, grand rich coloured, deep cut blaze, nice collar and cheeks, capital back and bars, in grand trim; 2nd, well cut blaze, not so deep in col., good back and chest; r, hc, Harris. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp, Hawkes, grandly marked, rich coloured Yellow Bunting, in beautiful condition; 2, r, Harris, large, well marked Hawfinch, very steady, not in such nice feather; 3, hc, Andrews, grand shaped Bullie, lovely cap, hack, and breast; vhc, Pilbeam; hc, Beechcroft. FOR. (4): 1, r, Timaens, magnificent Scarlet Tanager, lovely col. and feather, and a most charming Green Glossy Starling; 2, Davies, very rich coloured King Parrakeet, in rare feather, a fine large bird; vhc, Bennett, two cock Budgerigars, nicely marked and good col.

CODNOR Pk. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

First Nest Feather Show of the season, held Club Room adjoining the Three Tuns, Eastwood, June 3rd. The birds were staged on a five-tier staging, enabling everyone to see the exhibits without handling. Entries turned up well considering the bad breeding season the majority had had. Some grand Norwich were put down. The British birds were a grand lot, many noted winners putting in an appearance. We were favoured with grand weather, and a good "gate" was the result. Mr. J. Adnitt placed the awards, which gave great satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Simpson and Vertigan, little gem for quality and type; 2, Faux and Winterbottom, nice type, grand quality and col; 3, Simpson and Vertigan, little larger, but not quite the type of leader. BUFF: 1, Faux and Winterbottom, lovely col.; 2, Simpson and Vertigan, nice type and col., not quite the size of winner; 3, Cliffe, on small side, nice type. LIGHTLY MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Simpson and Vertigan, leader very nice bird, well worth place; 2, grand quality, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Faux and Winterbottom, bonny bird, a wee bit soft. BUFF: 1, 2, Simpson and Vertigan, leader very bonny, wins; 2, good quality; 3, Faux and Winterbottom, lovely head and neck, hard to part for second honours. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 3, Faux and Winterbottom, 1st heavy mkd. Buff, good all round bird; 2, Simpson and Vertigan, another Buff, good head. NOVICE (confined to members): 1, Parson Bros., big, bouncing Yell., good all round, some thought best bird in show; 2, Wagstaff, Cl. Buff, good body, fails only in head; 3, Dodman, good Buff mkd., a grand class. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Kew, 1st nice position, good bird; 2, fine length, some thought might have won, 3, grand col. BUFF: 1, Cockerham, grand length and feather, wins; 2, Athey, stands well, nice feather. LIGHTLY MKD. BUFF: 1, Cockerham, nicely tapered, good tail wins; 2, Athey; 3, Martin and Mitchell, younger than winners, some thought might have changed places with 2nd. GREEN, ETC. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Martin and Mitchell, 1st grand shape, nicely rounded shoulders, good tail; 2, Green, a trifle heavy in tail, 3 nice bird, fine length and stand. GOLDFINCH: 1, Alton and Thompson, lovely Finch, grand blaze and tannings; 2, Smith, nice Finch; 3, Alton and Thompson, must have pressed close for 2nd. BULLFINCH: 1, Martin and Mitchell, graud Bullie, needs no comment; 2, Martin, loses on col. only; 3, Henshaw, a wee bit soft or might have gone one higher. GREENFINCH: 1, Martin, nice Greenie; 2, Smith, grand Greenie, in lovely condition; 3, Hopkins, nice size, not quite the col. of winners. BRAMBLEFINCH, ETC.: 1, Martin and Mitchell, big bouncing bird wins; 2, Martin, Chaffinch, good col.; 3, Athey, Bramble, big bird. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 3, Martin and Mitchell, leader grand Lesser Poll, lovely col., size and markings, 3, mealy, good bib, not quite the biggest; 2, Henshaw, mealy Redpoll, grand size, not quite the bib of 3rd. LINNET: 1, Martin and Mitchell, good all round Linnet; 2, Athey and Thompson, nice shape, not the col. of winner; 3, Henshaw, loses in col. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Alton and Thompson, Hawfinch, in grand condition. SOFTBILL: 1, Alton and Thompson, Starling, fine bird, in excellent condition, the talk of the show. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Martin and Mitchell, lightly mkd. Greenfinch Can.; 2, Alton and Thompson, Goldfinch Can., lovely col., fails only in head and neck.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

STANHOPE.

Ninth annual show of the Stanhope F.S. held Whit Monday in the beautiful grounds adjoining Stanhope Castle. The cage bird section formed an interesting feature. Considering the season of the year, the entries were good, and the quality was equal to that of many of the larger autumn fixtures. Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle) judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Wilson, leader cl., good size, nice head, short cobby body, 2nd marked head, neck and wings, better col., not quite the size or substance of leader; 3, Musgrove, a wee bit on small side. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Wilson, nice trio, leader grand cobby cl., splendid chest and head, short wings, good carriage, 2nd shade smaller, 3rd bigger, but a little rough in feather, good stock bird; 4, Barkas and Partners, small, neat feathered bird; vhc, Musgrove. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Dix, Gateshead winner, marked eyes, wings, and under beak, by far the biggest in class, grand position, long, well carried wings, rather inclined to be unsteady; 2, Tindale, grizzle head, grand length and position, well filled in neck, nice head; 3, Thos. Nattrass, grand quality and position; 4, vhc, hc, J. J. Bright, trio of good birds, but met their superiors to-day. BUFF: 1, Tindale, grizzle head, grand bird, long, well drawn, good head, well braced wings, spoilt in neck by wash; 2, c, J. J. Bright, good feathered, nice position, good head, a little barrelled in body; 3, Wearmouth, ticked neck, equal to 1st and 2nd, but wants a wash; 4, Nattrass, marked eyes, wings, and one side of tail, good feather, but wild; vhc, Dix; hc, Moses. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Maddison, first stormer, one of the best Goldies seen for some time, grand big bird, well cut blaze, splendid tan, 2nd famous winner, but gives way to his stable companion to-day; 3, W. Currey, fine large Bullie, house-moulted, good cap, fails only in col., a trifle; 4, J. Forster, nice big Goldie, large blaze, and good colour, handicapped by a stiff claw; vhc, Barkas and Partners, Bullie smaller than 3rd; hc, c, Rutherford and Bright, Goldies. BRIT., SMALL.: 1, 2, vhc, J. Forster, fine Bramble leading, good size and col., steady as a rock, 2nd nice Wheatear, also very steady; 3, Musgrove, fine Siskin; 4, Rutherford and Bright, large, good coloured Greenie, in nice trim; hc, Barkas and Partners, Bramblefinch; c, Wilson, Chaffinch. A.O.S.: 1, vhc, Wilcock, leader good Hawfinch, in excellent trim, not quite so large as some, vhc variegs. Goldie-Mule; 2, 4, Maddison, cl. Goldie-Mule, hard lines to take second place to a Britisher, but condition decided against it to-day, 4th light Linnet-Mule, looking soft when judged; 3, Raine, Indian Parrakeet, in grand feather; hc, Rutherford and Bright, Hawfinch; c, Wearmouth, variegs. Goldie-Mule. Special for best bird belonging to Stanhope Workmen's Club, J. J. Bright.

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Country Rambles

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

On May 28th. this Society made Little Hay their chosen district to view bird life. We started from headquarters at 9.30 a.m., and seventeen members turned up. The majority went by char-a-banc, and a small party by "bike," arriving at our destination about 12 a.m. (the cycling party having arrived earlier). After having lunch, a start was made. The first nest was found when only a few yards had been covered. This was a Blackie's, with two eggs. Others followed in quick succession—Thrush, Blackbird, Greenfinch, Linnet, Yellowhammer—all with eggs or young. A nest which caused some comment among some of our members was found. It was built of hay, lined with wool and cow hair, and contained three eggs about the size of Thrushes'; but when compared with some Thrushes' eggs, there was a difference in colouring and size. The conclusion come to was that it was a Wheatear's. Just after this there was a beautiful sight—a young Thrush standing in a bower of gorse which was in full bloom, making a sight that would gladden the hearts of all bird lovers. One of our members thought to catch it but when he thought success was his, his surprise was great to find he had nearly caught a young rabbit instead, the Thrush having popped into the rabbit's hole. Of course, the usual banter followed, but taken in good part. It was getting very hot, and as we had covered thus far about four miles, a turn was made for our stopping place, taking us through more lovely country. Here again nests were in abundance. A Dove's nest (with hen sitting) close to the roadside, and low down in the hedge, the eggs being clearly visible from the roadside after the hen left the nest, proved most interesting. Birds seen on the wing comprised Thrush, Skylark, Hawk, Linnet, Chaffinch, Plover, Woodpigeon, Rooks in numbers, and many others. The inner man was refreshed by a good ham and egg tea, provided by our host of the Holly Bush Inn, the youngsters coming in for their share; and can't they eat! Ask Mr. ——. After a rest a start was made for home, which was reached about 10 p.m., everyone agreeing it was one of the most enjoyable rambles they had taken part in.—W. Andrews.

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Club Reports.

EDINBURGH SOUTHERN O.S.

Meeting held Buchanan's Hotel, High Street, May 10th. We have decided to hold our annual show on 21st October, in Buccleuch Parish Hall, Buccleuch Street, and the following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as judges: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. W. Rodgers; for Norwich, etc., Mr. J. Holmes.—S. Hewitt, Sec.

TUNSTALL AND DIST. C.B.S.

We had an excellent meeting on May 24th, when Mr. E. Tams (Longton), the British bird and Mule expert, gave us a splendid lecture on the management of Britishers for exhibition, and some excellent advice on Mule and Hybrid breeding, which was enjoyed by all members and fanciers present. Several questions were asked, and were ably and well answered by Mr. Tams. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Tams.—Evans and Brough, Secs.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting held May 23, when a good muster of members were present. After general business, Mr. Jones, our chairman, gave us the benefit of his experiences in colour feeding. His remarks were very instructive, as, owing to his having years of practice, he was listened to with every respect; no doubt many members will benefit through them as they with their many questions brought out many little points. Mr. Jones makes an ideal chairman, and is always willing to help anyone with his knowledge. The society should still forge ahead, which it has been doing since its inauguration; and the members are all sterling fanciers, willing to help the society with that zeal which is the backbone of any society.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

UDDINGSTON & DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held June 3rd, Reading Rooms, Mr. W. Campbell in chair. Agreed, to put off monthly class till after Young Bird show, when breeding season would be over. Classification for Young Bird show was as follows: Scotch Fancy 1, Yorks. 1, Crest and C.B. 1, Nor. P.H. 4, Bord. 4, Common and Gift Class 1, Mules and Hybrids 1, British Birds 11. Mr. Geo. Smart (Carmyle) has kindly consented to judge same. A motion was proposed to ask poultry fanciers to attend next meeting, failing same, to let this section drop. Two new members were proposed and admitted. Each member present received one of Mr. Spratt's little books on "The Common Sense of Canary and Hybrid Culture," along with sample of seed kindly sent by that firm, which was much appreciated. Members' subs. are due next meeting, first Saturday in July. All are doing well in the breeding line.—Jno. Kilpatrick, Sec.

ADMIRAL DUNCAN O.S.

A very sociable and interesting meeting was held May 27th, Mr. R. Holmes in chair. There was a good muster of fanciers. A friendly and interesting conversation on birdy matters was indulged in. The whole of the officers and committee are now elected as follows:—President, Mr. R. Holmes; vice-president, Mr. J. Wood; treasurer, Mr. H. Cowpertwait; committee, Messrs. T. Whyler, G. Hill, J. Bunn, R. Statham, T. Harrison, H. Handley, H. Mais, W. Stopper, and J. Goode. They are all fanciers at heart. We hold our 32nd annual F.F. Show July 15th. There will be 18 classes—7 for Crests and Crest-breds, 5 for Norwich, 5 for British, and 1 for any other variety. We have been fortunate in securing the services of that well-known breeder and exhibitor, Mr. J. Adnitt, to judge. So fanciers can rest assured of getting a "good run" for their money. We have received a substantial cheque from Capt. J. A. Morrison (M.P. for the Eastern Division of Nottingham) for the special prize fund. Our worthy president also subscribed handsomely. Messrs. J. Hood and H. Cowpertwait contributed substantial sums to the Crest section. We have numerous other promises of assistance from friends. This looks like resuscitating this old-established society. Fanciers desirous of joining should attend our next meeting, June 10th; annual subscription, 3s. per year.—J. Cowpertwait, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Meeting held Oldham Hall, May 25th. Mr. J. Abbott in chair. Mr. R. Avery (Fulbrook) was elected a member. Arrangements were made for holding the Nest Feather Show July 22nd, at Oldham Hall. Entries close July 19th, entrance fee 1s. Classification: Yorks. 8; Nor. 8, Bor. 5, A.O.V., A.V. Mule or Hy., sell., 10s. 6d., Brit. 6. A discussion arose regarding the allotting of the show specials; eventually decided that the general body arrange this. Result: 20s. voted; to be divided equally between champions and novices, i.e., 4s., 3s., 2s., 1s. in each section. Members are requested to remit their annual subs. (viz., 5s.) as soon as possible, as it is impossible to allot specials when there is nothing to do it out of, and the patronage shows' specials, are governed by the amount received from members up to the time special cards are made up. The amount has only to be paid once; then why delay until the last moment? Don't forget the evening drive on June 29th. Meet at Islington Square, 6.45 p.m., 1s. 6d. each (including refreshments). Local fanciers are invited. Owing to the Coronation falling on the June meeting night, there will be no meeting this month. Make a note that July 27th is the night for allotting patronage. All members are requested to be present.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Meeting held Buchanan's Hotel, Edinburgh, May 27th, Mr. C. R. Drysdale, hon. president, occupied the chair. Before proceeding with business, the Chairman spoke of the deaths of the late Captain Philp (Edinburgh), and Mr. A. Melrose (Galashiels). Both were excellent supporters of our Association. It was the unanimous wish that the secretary write both Mrs. Philp and Mrs. Melrose, conveying their heartfelt sympathy with them. (This has been done.) Correspondence was read stating that handsome donations had been received from the following gentlemen: C. E. Price, Esq., M.P. (Edinburgh), J. D. Brown, Esq. (East Kilbride), and J. Greig, Esq. (Aberdeen). The appointment of auditors was proceeded with. The following were elected, and each accepted office: Messrs. W. Whitefield, J. McLennan and A. Stavert. It was agreed to purchase prize cards from the Leith Publishing firm. They are not so costly as those we have hitherto used, but are very finely got up. No charge is made for these at competition. The election of judges took place, acceptances to be made known at a later date. The appointment of an official to be in charge of hall door on show day was left in the hands of the committee. Decided, that this door official be paid 5s. Vote of thanks to the chairman brought meeting to a close.—J. R. Meikle, Sec

HALIFAX O.S.

Meeting held June 3rd, Griffen Hotel, Mr. F. Lee presiding. Judges for series of shows were settled upon. The application of specialist clubs was freely discussed, and it was finally decided to apply for the Y.C.C., the N.G.M.Y.C.C., the G.C.A., and the O.N.P.C. patronage. Having enrolled four new members, a pleasant meeting was brought to a close.—F. Burdekin, Assist. Sec.

ST. CRISPIN WORKING MEN'S C.B.S. (Northampton).

Meeting of this newly-formed society held May 30th, clubhouse, Forestere' Arms, Willingboro' Road. The chair was occupied for the first time by the new Chairman, Mr. J. Fisher. The rules and regulations were drawn up and finally passed as suggested. The question of holding a nest feather show was discussed, and finally the last Saturday in July was chosen. The enthusiasm shown by the members augurs well for the future of the society.—J. Nason, Hon. Sec.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD C. B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, May 25th, when the members spent a most enjoyable evening listening to Mr. G. Crabb, who gave a lecture on "Birds I have met." Mr. Crabb dealt with Tits, Wagtails, and Finches, adding short stories about the species on which he was speaking, making it most interesting and enjoyable. Mr. Crabb fully explained where the different birds might be found quite near London, and the way to get there, so that any member might spend a day amongst the birds who wished. Several questions were asked and were answered by the lecturer. The Chairman (Mr. Dann) in passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Crabb, said he must apologise for the small number present, and he hoped those who had heard Mr Crabb would make a point of "wigging" those who were absent. The Secretary said he wished all the members would make a point of reading the notices of meetings in CAGE BIRDS.—C. W. Law.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held June 1st. Our late Chairman again occupied the chair as Mr. Hutchinson was unable to be present, and our vice-chairman was also absent. Chairman remarked on the good attendance on such a beautiful evening, which, he said, spoke well for the interest of our members in the Society and the annual show. Letters were read from Specialist Clubs re patronage, and also re advertising the N.F. Show, which we arranged to do the week previous to show. The pic-nic arrangements were made. We go to Plessy by the 1.30 train, and then through the lovely woods to Hartford Hall, and have tea in the woods. We are to have a good tea in the woods through the kindness of Mr. Gills, who has helped us out of a difficulty in the way of getting tea. The nest Feather Show is now all in order, and several members have promised to turn up early on the 24th to help arrange the hall and bench the birds. Any who care to help will be welcomed. We have tickets issued at 3d. each, and I should like to see a few more members helping to sell these instead of leaving it to the usual few who generally do their share of selling. The members on the whole seem to be having a fairly good year, so entries should be good. The annual show classification was decided, but before this was done a proposition was carried that we pay half prize-money in all classes of five or under. We have very few under five, but still we must have some protection, and it has not seemed right to several members to pay full prize-money with small competition. We get some very big novice classes each year, and we added one Linnet, two Norwich, and two Border classes for novices and split the small foreign class into two, practically making a novice class for the foreign fanciers. These cheap foreign birds are very easy to keep, and several members, including Messrs. Mackenzie, Pettersen, Gills and Young are working very hard for their varieties, so we should have some good classes and specials. The above-named gentlemen will be only too pleased to help any starters in this branch. We dropped one class and amalgamated two in two cases, thus dropping three classes and adding six good filling classes; also giving the novice in each variety a good chance. This concluded a splendid meeting, got through in fine time. Will members please remember their annual subs., and also come up strong on June 24th—our Coronation Nest Feather Show? J. Atkinson, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Question Night By Mr. Steel (Dalkeith).

Fanciers and friends were treated to something new in the way of lectures on May 27th. Owing to the time taken up with business it was decided to abandon the lecture and have a "question night" on British birds instead. This is rather a novelty to the folks of the "Honest Toon," and Mr. Steel acquitted himself in an able and pleasing manner. The ball was set rolling by the president (Mr. J. Pearson) with a Linnet question, viz.: How to feed for breeding, competition and singing? The lecturer gave a description of Linnet, and recommended for feeding, canary two parts, teazle two parts, rape two parts, together with whiteheads (dandelion), mouse-ear, and the various grasses to be found growing along the country roads; use plenty of water for bathing purposes. Groundsel, he considered, was of little value for either purpose. Referring to the singing, Mr. Steel had heard Linnets sing, or try to sing, in Scotland, but to hear Linnets sing one should hear them across the Borders, specially contest birds; it was simply marvellous how they could be trained to perform so well. Question 2: Why is there such a demand for Scotch Linnets in England? Mr. Steel: The size and hardier nature of the bird as it gets further North accounts for this. This also applied to Bullfinches, Goldies, etc. Taking the British birds, and comparing them with the Siberian or Russian, they were seen to be very much larger than the English birds; the rigour of the cold North had something to do with it. Question 3: How would you proceed to breed hen Bullie and cock Goldie?—The best method was plenty of room, and having one cock to one hen. Mr. Steel related how a Fife fancier tried to breed hybrids, which caused some mirth and brought smiles from the audience. The best idea the lecturer saw was while at Kirrlemuir, also known as "Thrums"—where a square turf was used for nesting. The turf was hollowed out with a hammer. Wild seeds were recommended, especially nettle seed, which was also freely eaten by Goldies, Redpolls, etc. Question 4: Is shepherd's purse good for getting colour, and for bringing birds into breeding condition?—Yes, it is, if procurable during the breeding season. It is good for colouring, but for choice, hardheads are better than shepherd's purse. Question 5: Has the male bird any influence in Canary Hybrid breeding?—Yes, and no. Mr. Steel explained the different methods used in pairing up, and advised the use of 3lb.-bred birds if procurable, although clear Mules had been bred from the ordinary bred Canaries. Foreign Goldies and Bullie hens were recommended. Mr. Steel was warmly thanked for his plain and direct answers, and a most profitable evening was brought to a close. A first feather show will be held in July—"Glasgow Fair Holidays' Week." The date, time and place will be duly announced in CAGE BIRDS. The classes provided are, viz., Norwich 4, Borders 4, Scots Fancy 1, Mules and Hybrids 2. Mr. A. Moffat was elected treasurer in place of Mr. Fleming resigned.—Wm. Nisbet, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held 1st June, Mr. Knowles in chair. There was a good muster of members to elect judge for open show in November. The choice eventually fell on Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot). Also decided to hold a Nest Feather Show, June 17, Mr. Hampson kindly judging. Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 2, Brit. 5. Mr. Leech promised 2s. 6d. for best Norwich, provided there are twelve entries. Mr. Hardy 2s. 6d. for the best Yorkshire on same conditions. Mr. T. P. Baxter (Runcorn) was elected a member. Mr. Collins and secretary were deputed to see about getting a room for Open Show. This brought a very enjoyable and businesslike meeting to a close.—G. M. Nelson, Hon. Sec.

EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.S.

A good meeting was held headquarters, June 3rd, to hear Mr. W. Vardy (Huthwaite) deliver a lecture on moulting and colour-feeding. Mr. Vardy said he was giving it from his own experience. There being many novices present it was most interesting, for he had come to speak to them. But if the "old hands" could find anything from it, he said, well all the better. He started with the old birds; then went on to the young; then on to colour-feeding, when and how to use it; the benefit of clean cages and baths; how to finish off, and how and when to train young birds. When he had done he said he would be only too pleased to answer any question put. The members took advantage of this and plied him with questions, which he answered. He also gave some different experiences on the subject. I am sure there was not one but knew more when he went than when he came. Mr. C. Connal proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Vardy. Mr. R. Nuttall seconded. Mr. Vardy suitably replied. It was decided that each member should have a special according to the points he had won throughout the season.—R. Nuttall.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held June 1st, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. A. Bradshaw in chair. Several items of correspondence were dealt with. Our Hon. President, H. Barber, Esq., has promised specials to the value of £1 for our Nest Feather Show. The committee will allocate special prizes previous to the taking of entries. The Secretaries will sit on July 3rd, from 8 to 9 p.m., at the Wentworth Cafe, to receive entries. The latest time for receiving entries is first post Tuesday, July 4th. All exhibits to be staged by 2 on day of show, instead of 1 o'clock, as printed on schedule. Messrs. Dunford and Webster volunteered to act as stewards. Decided, that all tickets sold before show he 2d. each, instead of the usual price, viz., 3d. Prizes will be given to the two members selling most tickets. The Assist. Sec. will be pleased to supply members with more tickets if they sell out. Also decided, that we engage a man to post bills in the Hillsborough district. All members and friends who are going for the ramble to Cordwell Valley on June 17th, are requested to meet at Dore and Totley Station, 2.30 p.m. Trains leave Sheffield (Midland Station) at three minutes past 2 o'clock, and 2.20 for Dore and Totley. We trust as many as possible will go. Arrangements for refreshments are being made. The talk on breeding-room difficulties and questions by ballot proved very interesting, many points being touched upon that were instructive. Next meeting, discussion on colour food; talk on Crests, introduced by Mr. J. W. Crookes. Messrs. Pickering and Sampson were elected new members.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Council Meeting.

Council meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, June 3rd, Mr. H. H. Towers (president) in chair. Mr. F. Hammond gave a report of how the deputation had fared in their visit to Spen Valley, and this was much appreciated, especially when it was announced they had reconsidered their resignation, and decided to continue membership with the Union. The deputation was thanked. Dewsbury, Batley and Dis. and Keighley and Dis. tendered their resignation. The first two were accepted with deep regret. In the case of Keighley, who have already taken part in the year's work, it was decided to appoint a deputation to visit that Society, and explain matters to them, in the hope of inducing them to reconsider their decision. These resignations are very regrettable, and it is to be hoped those societies affected by the new rules will just look at the case in a broader-minded spirit. The two rules which have resulted in these resignations are trifling in the extreme when considered in their true light, and contrary to the conclusions arrived at by the affected societies, will not tend to weaken the Union, but to strengthen it. The societies affiliated will see that their interests in being members is to support and strengthen each other, and not merely look for the benefits which are going to be reaped individually by being members of this or that society. No union of cage bird fanciers has tried to uphold these principles more than the Yorkshire Union. Mr. S. B. Grayshon applied to be reinstated as a novice, on the plea that in ignorance of the rules he had exhibited and won a first prize at a Spen Valley Fanciers' Show, although there were only two entries in the class, and prizes paid on the sliding scale. The Council decided to reinstate him as a novice, and to favourably consider any other applications of a similar nature. The sub-committee was empowered to deal with any further applicants between now and next Council meeting. Messrs. A. Price and A. Huddleston were appointed to officiate on the Cinderella Club Show Committee as representatives of the Union. The above committee also applied for the Union patronage to be granted the above Show, and it was ultimately decided to grant this, and, in addition, to state that all points gained at this particular show shall count towards the Union trophies, and also the novice medals, irrespective of the sealed handicap governing the latter competition. Decided, to close advertisements, etc., in the Union hand-book on July 8th. All desiring to advertise are invited to send in same to the secretary at once. Mr. F. Armstrong (vice-president) took the opportunity of thanking the Council for their confidence in electing him to this important position. The Council unanimously agreed that the new rule re judges' fees should come into operation this ensuing year. This concluded the business.—H. Hill, Secretary.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting held June 8rd, the President (Mr. P. Thorn) in the chair. Agreed, to hold F.F. Show July 1st. Mr. J. Young was appointed to judge same. Mr. J. Christer was admitted as new member. An interesting discussion took place on various matters connected with the breeding season. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.—W. Hutchison, Sec.

ILFORD AND DIST. F. AND F.S.

Meeting held White Horse Hotel, 30th May, Mr. J. Smith in chair. Mr. C. Watson was elected to judge all sections at Young Stock and Annual Shows (except cage birds and pigeons at young stock show, which sections will be taken by Mr. W. L. Rae.) Special prizes were kindly offered by Messrs. J. Smith, Gollnitz, and Priestman for competition at second monthly show. New member, Mr. J. Sykes (Canning Town).—J. H. Priestman, Hon. Sec.

Notes From Erin.

FANCIERS will be sorry to learn that yet another of our well-known exhibitors is retiring from the "family circle," and one whom the Irish Fancy can ill spare. I refer to Mr. J. McQuade, of Enniskillen. Mr. McQuade is a well-known Yorkie enthusiast, and for a great number of years has bred and exhibited many winners able to hold their own in the keenest of competition. All who have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. McQuade personally know him to be a genuine sportsman, ever willing to assist and further the interests of the Fancy, and many novices—and old hands, too—received his advice on selection and pairing, etc., to their advantage. Mr. McQuade, I understand, sails for Canada at an early date, and I feel sure all wish him and Mrs. McQuade and family every success in this far-away land.

THERE seems to be some trouble brewing re the clashing of show dates. There seems no reason why such a thing should be, and matters of this kind will, I fear, not assist the progress of the Fancy. Last season the show dates were well arranged, and it is hardly fair for societies to alter their fixtures, especially so when it interferes with some other club's arrangements. The majority of societies try and hold their shows year after year on the same dates. When another society comes forward and claims a new date without notifying the society they are clashing with, it causes much unpleasantness, unnecessary trouble, and inconvenience.

WE all look for the patronage of the specialist clubs, and we are generally anxious to compete for the many valuable specials, etc., offered by those clubs, so would it not be well for us to let those clubs be a governing body, and before we decide on altering show dates, apply for their patronage, and then consult them re dates, etc.? I think if this was done early each season it would prevent all the trouble caused by shows clashing. Needless to say, when two or more shows are held on the same date, we cannot hope to see them all come out a financial success, as exhibitors cannot possibly support all such fixtures.

THERE is no doubt that up to the present the Irish Fancy has been forging ahead. And why should it not? I feel confident we are all anxious to work for its success, and thus for our own amusement and benefit. And the grand secret is "unity." By working in unison one with another our hobby is bound to go ahead.

I AM pleased to say that up to the present this is proving one of the best breeding seasons we have had for a long time. Everywhere I have gone I have received a good report as to numbers of young, etc. Dundalk and Dublin fanciers are doing exceptionally well.

WE have another new society on our list this year, Newtownards, and it is to be hoped that their show will be a success, and thus encourage others to enter our circle.

I WOULD suggest that all societies should have their shows at an early date put in the proper place, which is CAGE BIRDS "Show Dates Fixed" column. By this means we exhibitors will have time to arrange as to the number of exhibits, etc., we intend sending out.

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I have been an enthusiastic fanciers for the past two years, writes Sergt.-Major C. J. Williams (Bulford Camp, near Salisbury). I have at present twelve birds and five eggs (which I expect to hatch out in a few days). Of the twelve birds all are Canaries (five are this year's), with the exception of a Greenie and a Bullie, from which I hope for great things in the Hybrid line. In any case, my endeavours —and I may say my hopes—are backed up by such invaluable publications as "Cage Bird Hybrids," "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding," the "Nutshell" Series, "The Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. H. W. Battye, and last, but not least, the weekly CAGE BIRDS.

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Twitterings.

Our 19th annual show is fixed for Dec. 26, writes Mr. D. Griffiths, sec. of the Llanelly and Dis. P. P., etc., Society.

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I have now removed, and my address is 239, Low-waters, Hamilton, writes Mr. Dan Hamilton. Will secretaries and others take note?

Our first Nest Feather Show is fixed for June 28, and our second one for July 26, writes Mr. James Sloan, hon. sec. of the Ayr C.B.C.

We are holding our First Feather Show on July 1, with Mr. A. Hirst as judge, writes Mr. H. Boothman, sec. of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

We have decided to have a ramble to Broadbottom on Sunday, June 11, when fanciers and other friends are invited to join us, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, sec. of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.

We have secured the services of Mr. J. Admitt (South Normanton) to judge our open First Feather Show on June 24, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, hon. sec. of the Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S.

The meeting of the Lancaster and Dis. C.B.S. fixed for June 3 stands postponed until to-day (Saturday, June 10), at 7.30, at the usual place, writes Mr. C. J. Cafferty, the hon. secretary.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. First Feather Show will be held on June 24, when Mr. Lythgoe will judge the Norwich and British and Mr. Turner the Yorkshires, writes Mr. J. Critchley, the sec.

Kindly note we are holding our First Feather Show on July 8, with Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) as judge, when an exhibition of cages by Mr. E. Massey will also be given, writes Mr. Fred Washbourne, hon. sec.

The Shipley O.S. are this season holding two First Feather Shows, and four Old Bird Shows. Particulars of these, together with the classification for each, are given in a list which may be had from the sec., Mr. A. Tillotson, 24, Commercial Street, Shipley.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas, sec. of the Pontypridd and Dis. F. and F.S., the date of our open show was fixed for November 8. Several new members were elected, and all fanciers are invited to attend our next meeting on June 10.

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The Newburgh and Dis. Society (confined to the parishes of Newburgh, Abdie, Dunbog, Flisk, and Abernethy) are holding their annual exhibition in the East Shore Park on July 22. There will be ten classes for cage birds. It is expected there will be a large attendance at this popular fixture, which will be opened to the public at twelve o'clock noon.

In the "Avicultural Magazine" for June Mr. D. Seth-Smith, F.Z.S., writes on the Cinnamon Teal, which is very beautifully illustrated in colours by Mr. H. Goodchild. Mr. Goodchild contributes some notes on the series of water-colour studies of bird-life by Mr. G. E. Lodge, now being exhibited at the Vigo Street Rembrandt Gallery. There are other interesting articles and many illustrations.

We have engaged the following well-known judges to officiate at our Club Show, to be held in the Public Hall on October 28, writes Mr. Geo. Harper, sec. of the Bonnyrigg and Dis. C.B.S.:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. D. Brown (Leith); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Boag (Broxburn); and for Norwich and British, Mr. A. Thomson (Edinburgh). Will secretaries please note that I have removed to No. 6, Camp View, Bonnyrigg?

Metropolitan C.B.A. has again silver cups for champions, novices, British classes, and ladies, to be won outright this year, as customary. First show, June 24. Fanciers joining Saturday will be eligible. Subscription, 2s. 6d. yearly. The first five applications opened by Secretary Harwood, 9, Frere Street, Battersea, at Saturday's meeting will have their entrance fee paid. Envelopes to be marked "Membership," and contain the subscription fee. Golden opportunity.—Advt.

We hear that Mr. J. Kershaw (Llanrwst) is judging the cage birds at Llanbedr (Merioneth) show on August 12 next.

A very interesting meeting was held on May 31, writes Mr. Ed. Churchill, the hon. sec. of the Six Bells and Dist. F.S., when it was decided to hold our fourth annual open show on Oct. 18.

The Stratford and East London F.S. has issued its year-book for the season 1911-12. It contains the rules of the society, a list of the fixtures, the names and addresses of the members, etc. The sec. is Mr. W. Maxey, 16, James Place, Lower North Street, Poplar, E., who will be glad to communicate particulars to any intending members.

A copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners" has been sent to us by the Dead Letter Office. It was posted in Sheffield on May 15, addressed to a Mr. Milne, Cross House Grove, Loxley, and the envelope is marked by the postal authorities "Not to be Found." This book was not sent from this office, and we shall be pleased to return it to the person who posted it in Sheffield if he will communicate with us.

The Norwich Plainhead Canary Club's handbook for 1911 (a copy of which has been sent us by the sec., Mr. J. Hopkins, 126, Bury New Road, Bolton), contains the secretary's annual report for 1910; the 1910 balance sheet (showing £3 13s. 8d. cash in hand); the principal prize-winners in 1910; the rules of the Club; and the members' names and addresses. Applications for membership should be made to Mr. Hopkins.

IMPORTANT OFFER TO BIRD-KEEPERS.

Are Your Young Canaries Dying? Is Your Hemp Seed Good?

Note Mr. St. John's article on page 509.

A very serious matter for all keepers of birds, and especially those who go in for the breeding of Canaries or other birds, is broached by Mr. St. John in his article entitled "The Problem of Young Canaries Dying," which appears on page 509 this week. Mr. St. John gives it as his opinion that there is an unusual mortality amongst young Canaries this season, and that this is due to a supply of bad hemp seed (a seed largely used for rearing purposes) having come upon the market. We ourselves met with this bad hemp several months ago, but we had no idea that it had passed into such general use until Mr. St. John's article reached us. We have made further enquiries, and learn that towards the end of last year there was a scarcity of hemp in the market, and that this resulted in some consignments of very doubtful quality—a few, indeed, very bad kiln-dried seed—reaching this country.

We have no doubt but that much of this bad hemp seed has been sold by seed-dealers, etc., in complete ignorance of its true nature. But the result would seem to have been serious from the point of view of the bird-keeper. That bad seed quickly ends the existence of birds—ptomaine poisoning being one of the deadly resulting ills—cannot be questioned. Bird-keepers should make themselves acquainted with the appearance of good seed of every kind by consulting a practical hand-book on the subject (such as "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," published at these offices), and reject all with which they are not fully satisfied.

To get back to the matter of the hemp seed: we have managed to secure a quantity of the aforesaid bad hemp and also a quantity of hemp of first-rate quality. We will send a small sample of each (crushed, to show the kernel) to any interested reader who has doubts as to the quality of the hemp at present being used by him (or her), and who carefully complies with the following simple rules:—

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CORONATION HOLIDAYS — IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The public holidays in connection with the Coronation Festivities necessarily entail some alteration in the publication of CAGE BIRDS. Will readers and correspondents therefore please note that **our issue dated June 24 will be on sale on Wednesday, June 21,** and that all matter intended for inclusion in this issue **must reach us on Monday, June 19,** at latest.

Advertisers will greatly oblige us next week by also sending their announcements for the issue of the following week—that is, the 24th— **at the same time.**

As the Coronation week will be a difficult and trying period for printers and publishers, to say nothing of our own staff, we confidently look to our readers' kindly help (in the direction indicated above) in coping with the situation.

Thrush Nests in London Backyard.

We hear that Mr. G. Bailey, of The Vine, Broad Street, Stepney, has a Thrush which has built a nest in his backyard aviary, and is now sitting on eggs.

A Record Songster.

In the early summer months there is no more incessant songster than the gay Chaffinch. A reader heard one sing his little song twenty times in five minutes, which is over two hundred times in the hour. Even allowing intervals for refreshments, this would give many thousand times per day.

OBITUARY.

Just as we go to press we are grieved to learn of the loss sustained by Mr. W. H. Mugford, the popular hon. secretary of the London C.B.A., his father having passed away after a long and trying illness.

Mr. J. COULSON (Manchester).

I deeply regret having to inform you, writes Mr. J. Spencer, hon. sec. of the Ardwick and Dis. C.B.S., of the death of our worthy President, Mr. J. Coulson. The society has lost in him one of its most esteemed members, he being one of the founders of the society. He was widely known as an exhibitor of the Norwich Canary, also as the founder of the Ardwick Topper strain. His long past experience with the Fancy commanded attention, and his advice was always listened to with the utmost respect. He leaves a widow and three little children to mourn his loss. I am sure all fanciers will join us in sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

Mr. W. WALLACE (Hamilton).

I am very sorry to inform you, writes Mr. S. Williams, secretary of the Burnbank and Hamilton West C.B.S., of the death of one of our old fanciers, namely, Mr. William Wallace, who passed away on June 2. The deceased was a well-known Border Fancy breeder, and had lately taken to Mule and Hybrid breeding; and at the time of his death he had two very nice variegated Linnet Mules in the nest and some very promising young Borders on the sticks. Deceased was always proud to talk of birds, and he was always delighted to take a walk for miles around to fanciers' rooms. He was a member of the Hamilton C.B.S. as well, and he will be missed from amongst them also. He was a widower, and leaves a daughter of eighteen and a son of seven years old to mourn his loss; to these all the members of the clubs tender their sympathy.

Tomtits in a Pump.

A Tomtit and his diminutive lady have built their nest inside the iron pillar of a pump in the Leazes Park, Newcastle, says the "Newcastle Daily Journal." The tiny folks gain entrance to their "wee bit hoose" by way of the handle. Fortunately for the safety of the household, the pump is but rarely used. As a precautionary measure against possible disaster, however, the handle has been tied down by one of the gardeners.

Will all societies desiring the National Green Marked Y.C.C.'s patronage kindly oblige by making early application, as we desire to proceed to allotment to facilitate societies' arrangements for winter shows?—F. Armstrong, hon. sec., 28, Victoria Buildings, King Cross, Halifax.

N.B.B. and M.C. Outing.

The photographs taken at the National British Bird and Mule Club's ramble on May 27 have come out splendidly, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, the hon. secs., and anyone who would like a copy should send 2s. 6d. to Mr. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.

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Rearing Canaries.

Some Topical Hints for Beginners.

By J. OVENSTONE (Grangemouth).

At the outset let me state that what I write here is chiefly for the benefit of those starting Canary breeding, and although all the methods of procedure which I advise may not find favour with everybody, yet my success justifies me in my opinion that I am not far wrong.

I will commence at the time when the hen has laid her third egg, and is being "set." Return the eggs to the nest just before dusk, when the birds are settling down for the night, and the hen will very likely commence to sit straight away. I find that this is the best time to set eggs. If the cock is of a quiet disposition he should be left with the hen while she is sitting. If, on the other hand, he is constantly driving the hen off the nest, and otherwise tormenting her, he must be removed, and the hen allowed to hatch and rear the young by herself.

Testing the Eggs.

At the end of a week the eggs can be tested to see if they are fertile. If, when held up to the light between the forefinger and thumb they appear quite dark, they are fertile; if they appear clear they are unfertile. If they should prove unfertile it is just as well to let the het sit the full time, and then take them away. Separate the birds for a few days, and feed pretty liberally; then give them another chance. If the eggs prove to be fertile disturb the hen as little as possible. Here let me say that no bird should be moved off its eggs for the owner to look at them; a chance for this should be taken when the hen is off feeding.

The young make their appearance by about the thirteenth day. A sharp look-out must be kept at this time, as when the young are first hatched they are often lifted out of the nest when the hen comes off to feed. If this should happen, don't throw the youngster away because it may look dead; take it in your hand, and either breathe on it, or hold it before the fire, and if there is any life in it, it will very soon revive. Then put it back under the hen as quickly as possible.

The Question of Food.

The food should now consist of egg-food (which should be supplied daily, and as often every day as possible), and soaked rape seed. The latter is prepared by putting a small quantity of rape seed into a jug, or similar vessel, covering with cold water; let it soak for twenty-four hours; then take it out and put into a sieve, and wash well with clean water; leave out the quantity required, and dry as well as possible by rubbing it on a towel, the rest to be put back into the jug and filled up with clean water again. I may say that for the first round I use this in place of green food, as at this time about the only available food is the dandelion, which, although I believe it to be a grand "conditioner" for all kinds of birds, I am forced to admit is not suitable as a green food for feeding young birds. Tender young lettuce I give, if procurable. Watercress is advised by some, but as I have had no great experience with this, I will say nothing about it but this: if it is used, it should be well washed so as to get rid of all impurities; then dabbed till nearly dry. Hemp seed should now be given liberally, with, of course, canary seed.

When the young are hatched the parents should be disturbed as little as possible, as, although some birds do not resent this, others are so nervous that the least thing upsets them. Many birds are blamed for being bad feeders, whereas, in my opinion, the fault does not lie with the birds, but with the breeders themselves. It stands to reason that a parent bird's natural instinct is to feed and protect its young, but, owing to the way some breeders are constantly meddling with their birds, disaster often follows. One can easily tell if the young are being properly attended to. When their skin is nice and glossy, and they appear like little balls of wool, they are all right. If the young should die both parents rearing them, for the next round remove the cock birds, as some hens feed best when left to themselves.

When the young are about three weeks old they will be beginning to hop about. A sharp look-out must now be kept on the hen in the event of her showing signs of going to nest again, as she is liable to start plucking the young. If this should happen they must be removed along with the cock, when she has laid her complement of eggs, or else be placed in a nursery cage to be fed through the wires till able to feed themselves.

Menu for the Youngsters.

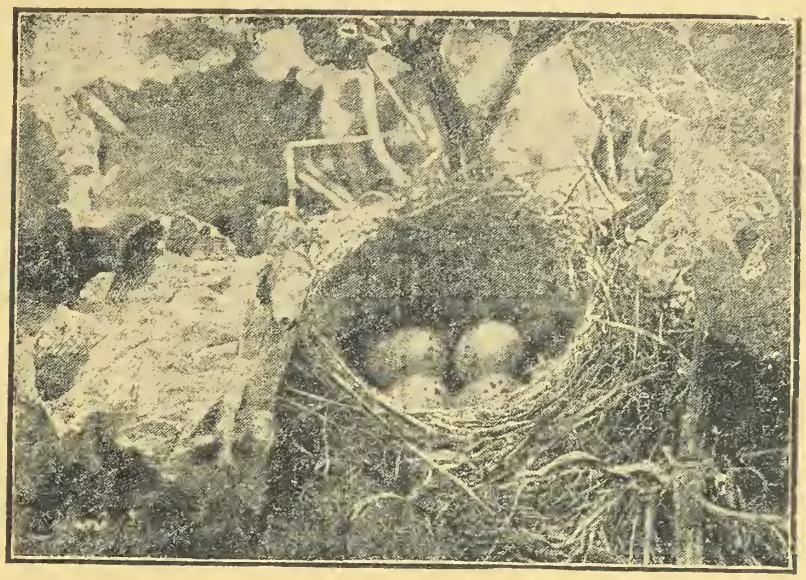
At the end of four weeks the young will begin to feed themselves. Food should then be as follows: Egg food, soaked rape, and crushed hemp seed. Don't give any green food, or trouble will ensue. Wean the youngsters gradually on to the hard seed, but, even when they are cracking the seed, don't stop the egg food all at once, but gradually. A piece of bread soaked in scalded milk is an excellent substitute. When once they are fairly on to hard seed they should be put into a large flight, as nothing is better for them than plenty of exercise.

If the variety of bird kept requires colour feeding this must be commenced when the young are about nine weeks old for the first nest, and a little earlier for the succeeding nests. Give the colour-feed according to the directions of the vendors. Begin supplying it very weak, gradually bringing it up to full strength. When the young are about to drop into the moult, should any appear a little thick, a small piece of bread soaked in scalded milk should be given, sprinkled with sugar. This, if given for two or three days, will generally put matters right.

Sorting out the Show Birds.

About halfway through the moult any which show signs of developing into show birds should be placed in single cages to steady down and finish the moult. A sharp look-out again should be kept for any signs of plucking where a few birds are kept together, as when once this is started the birds generally completely spoil one another. Try and spot the culprit, and remove it at once. A supply of ripe mouse-ears, shepherd's purse, or plantain stalks will help to keep them amused, and at the same time be beneficial to their health.

The bath should be given on all suitable days, that is when the weather is mild and clear. It should be given as early in the day as possible so as to make sure that the birds are dry before roosting time. The cages should be covered by very thin muslin; this keeps the strong rays of the sun off the birds, as well as keeping them clean, thereby doing away with the necessity of hand-washing, for the first show or two. Should you decide to exhibit procure show cages of the standard make. See that the birds are thoroughly clean, and in good condition. Visit the show yourself, if possible, and by comparing your birds with the winners see where yours fail or excel. Anyone entering the Fancy should join a society in the district, and, if it is an up-to-date one, much valuable information will be obtained.



Photograph by [*A. Kendrick, Coventry.*

IN THE SHADE OF THE RHUBARB.

A Song Thrush's nest built on the ground under a rhubarb plant. A photograph taken at Coventry this Spring, and sent us by Mr. E. H. Jeacock.

The Problem of Young Canaries Dying.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

So far during the present season there seems to be such an abnormal number of cases of young birds dying in the nest at about a week old, whilst receiving every attention from their parents, who were feeding well up to the last, or as long as the young could be persuaded to take food, dying, too, in cases where there was no apparent fault on the part of the owner in the matter of feeding and management, that I have, after very careful consideration, come to the conclusion that only one thing needs very careful watching to prevent such losses. I am, therefore, giving the matter this prominent notice in order that it may come under the eye of all sufferers, who may, by taking the necessary steps to cut off the cause, be enabled to save at least a portion of the last broods.

The Suggested Cause.

In my own mind I am quite convinced that the vast majority of these losses are due to a stale and rancid quality of hemp being unwittingly employed in the feeding of the young. This probability was first suggested to my mind by the apparently strict consistency with which the deaths begin to appear coincident with the time when hemp is, or should be, added more liberally to the dietary of the parents; and week after week this probability has been strengthened until, with me, it amounts to a practical certainty, and prompts me to give this note of warning in the hope that many hitherto disappointed breeders may take the necessary steps before it is quite too late to retrieve their ill-luck this season.

Two and Two Together.

Of course, this suggestion carries with it another: Is the quality of hemp seed on the market so generally bad as to warrant the charge against it being made? In reply to such a question I would reply unhesitatingly: Yes. For many months past I have had sent to me scores of samples of hemp for examination from all parts of the country, and with almost unfailing consistency the seeds have been in a condition of rancidity which rendered them totally unfit for adult birds to eat. What then must be the effect upon the delicate frames of young Canaries a few days old?

My knowledge of these samples presents the very strongest circumstantial evidence that the suggestion made as to its baneful effect upon the results of the breeding season are not only warranted, but called for. It would really appear to be the case that a tolerably good quality of hemp seed is something of a rarity on the market, and has been so for some time past. Whatever the cause may be it is nothing short of a disgraceful imposition upon the public to supply them with hemp seed for feeding purposes like many of the samples I have examined.

A Case in Point.

To give only one case in point, which is illustrative of many others; a fancier sent me a sample to examine some months ago, saying that his birds had been dying rapidly since he began using the seed from a certain stock of his dealer, and that he had complained of it to the dealer, who assured him that the seed had been analysed and was certified to be good. Not being satisfied, and the birds not improving, he sent me a sample. It was quite one of the worst samples that have been through my hands. At least 75 per cent. of the kernels when the seeds were opened were absolutely rotten, and in many cases the decay had gone so far that the husk contained nothing but a little brown ball of dust in place of what was once the kernel. So much for a dealer's mere assertion on the point.

Good Hemp and Bad.

It should be a very easy matter for any fancier to assure himself of the quality of the hemp he is buying. It may look all right and appear sound externally, but it feels rather "light" when handled. But the real test should be to break open a number of the kernels. If good and sound the kernel will be covered with a greenish film, and the kernel itself will be of a nice milky white colour, full of oil, when smashed between the thumb nails, and having no disagreeable taste at all when chewed in the mouth. If it appears to be lacking in oil, and the white kernel is of a dull, somewhat mealy appearance, it is stale and past its prime as feeding stuff. From this point it gradually assumes a light brown appearance in place of the milky-white, and goes through all shades until it is a dirty dark brown "pasty" mass, and later on dries to a powdery substance.

The only safe rule is to reject it as soon as it assumes the dull mealy white appearance. If the real sound stuff, with a bright milky-white kernel, cannot be obtained, then it will be far better to reject hemp entirely, and use some such substitute as plain dry biscuit powder, soaked rape (taking care this does not become sour), bread and milk, or soaked dog biscuit; or even rely upon the egg-food alone. By this means I am convinced much loss will be avoided in the late broods.

An important announcement on this subject will be found on page 508 this week—Editor.

Swallows in the Isle of Man.

The rocks near Port Soderick, in the Isle of Man, afford a refuge for innumerable Swallows. Their nests on these rocks are inaccessible by the ordinary tourist. Occasionally a stone thrown may reach a nest, but on the whole the Swallows are safe in these inaccessible rocks. The birds fly over to Douglas and other island towns in search of food, and in the River Douglas (says a writer in the "Manchester Courier") they may be seen in the company of the Seagulls, the former picking up the carrion from the shallow bed of the river, and the smaller bird catching gnats just overhead.

The Young Naturalist.

*The Brave Wrens.

In our garden we have a summer house, in which some Wrens have built a nest. One windy day we found the nest lying on the ground, looking like a ball of dry grass. We replaced it. The next day I saw the little builders busy with their work. Then a little Owl came and pulled it down. I put it back again, and even this did not daunt the builders, for after this some eggs were laid, and now they are sitting in peace.—Beatrice Garner, age 12, Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs.

*Attacked by Rooks.

At 6.30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6th, a large bird passed over our house, followed by two Rooks, who were continually attacking it as it flew. One of them appeared to be especially vicious towards it. First it turned one way, then another, trying to escape from its tormentors, but they were still after it until out of sight. My dada told me the bird was a Crane, which had no doubt passed over the rookery at the bottom of our street, and the Rooks had attacked it to drive it from their nests. There were several nests there, and the Rook which appeared to be the most vicious was no doubt the male bird.—Sent by D. Badcock, age 12, 66, Lessingham Avenue, Upper Tooting, S.W.

**The Greedy Jackdaw.

An aunt of mine who lives at Preston, Lancs., has a Jackdaw who is very greedy by nature. One afternoon my aunt went out, and on returning found that it had eaten two cakes, and the crumbs were left on the floor. The Jackdaw must have opened his cage door, and, seeing the window open, he must also have flown out. Aunt was in an awful "stew." But to her surprise next morning he was in his cage, with four worms, which he had, I expect, gone to get.—F. J. Bravery, age 15, 15, Clermont Terrace, Preston Park, nr. Brighton.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Lite—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Roller Losing Feathers.

E. H. S.—Examine the cage well for red mite, and if any are discovered eradicate them as advised to another correspondent this week. Also catch the bird and examine it well for the presence of grey lice. If these are troubling the bird, which is not unlikely, you will soon become aware of the fact upon holding the bird in the hand for a minute or two, as the insects will soon be running about your hand. In this case dust the bird liberally all over with some good insect powder, dusting it well under the feathers. Then roll the bird up in a small handkerchief, leaving only just the beak free for breathing, and lay the bird in this condition in some safe place—inside an old cage is best—whilst you well wash its cage with a solution of Jeyes'. Then release the bird, and let it shake and preen itself before returning to its own cage. Afterwards add a few drops of quassia extract to its bath three times a week for a time. Anoint the bare places twice a week with sulphur ointment. You are not feeding the bird correctly. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Three times a week for the next fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. Give green food daily. After the first fortnight give the bread and milk, without sulphur, once a week, or an equivalent quantity of crushed sponge cake, or egg food, and a pinch of mixed seed once a week, in addition to the staple diet.

Ragged Plumage.

A. J.—It is undoubtedly due to red mite attacks—minute parasite insects which trouble birds a good deal, and are often unsuspected. Examine cage well and if you find any places, especially around a joint, crack, or crevice of any kind, covered with a white powdery-looking substance, you may be sure there is a colony of mite harbouring close by. Carefully rake out with a pin on to a piece of white paper any hole, crack, or joint, pivot of door, and under ends of perches, and you will doubtless find plenty of sport going in killing the runners. After doing this thoroughly inside and out—you will, of course, have removed the bird to a temporary cage—flush all the harbouring places with paraffin—or petrol if you have such a thing handy, which you must apply in the open air—and allow the cage to dry in the sun, which will complete the work of destruction. Then wash out with soapsuds or a weak solution of some carbolic disinfectant, and when dry the bird may be returned. Do not forget to pay attention to the wall and nail or hook where the cage has been hanging. Add a few drops of quassia extract to the bathing water two or three times a week for a few weeks. No other treatment is necessary. But if bird appears weakened by the pests, a scrap of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar twice a week for a week or two, and 20 drops Chemical Food in the water every second day for a week, will do good. The plumage may not show much improvement until the bird moults, but will come all right then.

Hen Sneezing (A.B.W.).—Have you been keeping the bird in a warmer temperature than it was accustomed to before you had it. This would partly account for such symptoms, as also would frequent fluctuations, such as occur when a bird is kept where it feels the heat from a fire during the day which is extinguished at night. Aim at keeping it in a regular temperature; that is, now, in a room where no fire at all is kept, and in a bright and well ventilated place. Give it a small piece of bread and milk, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with maw seed three times a week for a fortnight, and on the alternating days in the first week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water. If this is not quite effectual wait until the young are on their own hook, and then give her 20 drops of whisky, ten of glycerine, and three of eucalyptus oil in the water, well shaken together, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

Report (Miss V. O.).—Thanks for letter. Glad to hear birds are all right now. To keep the young thriving, pay strict attention to the quality of the seeds supplied, especially hemp, and to the egg food, as previously suggested, keeping it rather on the dry side, and as soon as the birds are doing for themselves, discontinue it and substitute dry crushed biscuit, bread, and milk, or a little scalded dog biscuit made into a crumbly mass, two or three times a week.

Hoarseness (H. Tite).—The voice will in all probability gradually get clear again as the bird regains its former strength and condition. See that it is not exposed to any draughts, but keep it in a bright, airy, and healthy place. Add 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash to its drinking water every second day for a week, and on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. After this do not give soft food more than once a week. You seem to be feeding too highly for a single bird. Give a little green food daily.

Trouble at Laying Time (Stultus).—This trouble may be partly due to the hen being a young (late hatched) one, but as you say she is extra well fed, is probably chiefly the result of over-feeding. If she goes to nest again try to limit her to a rather spare diet with a fair amount of green food for a week or so before she is expected to commence laying, and give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water every second day for a week. You should strictly avoid dandelion as green food for this hen. Chickweed will be quite the best, but watercress or lettuce will do very well. For a week or so before laying get a little old mortar; smash it up and strew it on the sand on the floor of the cage, and also add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water every second day.

Standing on One Leg (Nimrod).—Take careful note of the condition of the bird's claws. I suspect they are much overgrown and hamper the free use of the foot. If this is the case, cut them back with a sharp pair of nail scissors as described in a reply a fortnight ago. Do not cut close up to the vein to cause bleeding. Before doing this bathe the foot for a few minutes, until quite clean, in a strong solution of boracic acid; dry gently, and anoint sparingly with zinc ointment. Do the bathing and anointing in any case, and repeat it once or twice at intervals of one day.

Two Queries (R.T.B.).—(1) How did the bruising occur? If, as I suspect, the bird accidentally stepped upon, or something of that kind, the structure of the foot must have been seriously injured, and will require some little time to recover after the outer skin is healed, even if it does quite recover. Your best course is to keep the bird quite quiet in a moderate sized cage, and leave the repair of the injury to Nature. If a valuable bird, you might try bathing once a day with a solution of the extract of wych hazel of the strength advised on bottle, or paint it instead with a feather dipped in the neat extract. But the risk of further injuring the foot in catching the bird may make this scarcely worth while attempting. (2) It is impossible for me to say how many hens, or rounds, any given cock may be allowed to fertilise without injury. It depends solely upon the strength, age, and vigour of the individual. But any strong healthy cock, in his prime, should quite safely manage two hens, three rounds each, or three hens two rounds each, in one season without assisting in bringing up any of the young.

Various (Numskull).—Hand feeding is your only remedy when both parents totally refuse to feed if you have no other pair to which you could transfer them to be fed and reared. The usual egg food, one part egg to two parts bread crumb or crushed biscuit (or one part of egg, bread, and biscuit may be used), is the best food. Make it into a rather moist paste just solid enough to pick up comfortably on the end of a bit of wood trimmed to a spatula shape, and of a convenient size for introducing the food into the gaping beaks. A sprinkling of maw seed may be added to the food, and when the young are 10 or 12 days old you may add a little soaked rape, but be careful it does not become sour. I do not care about adding rape earlier than this, on account of the quantity of husks which find their way into the crop. I think it might have been kindest to put the one with broken leg out of its misery. I expect Nature will have stepped in and done so by the time this appears. It is impossible to tell whether, if the bird survives, the leg will recover its normal functions. That depends solely upon the position and character of the fracture.

The intervention of the Whitsun holidays makes it impossible for us to get all the Queries received answered in time for publication in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—EDITOR.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Crow Nearly Bare (H. Mallmann).—I hope the bird is not being pestered by parasites. This often happens without owners suspecting their presence. Spray the bird well (especially the affected parts) on three or four successive days, with the following: One dram of sulphuretted potash in a pint of warm water. Or gently wash the affected parts with this.

Sexing Nestling Starlings (S. Glasgow).—There is no means of accurately telling the sex of nestling Starlings; cock and hen are alike in the young of practically all species. If there should be a youngster which looks better developed and more forward than the others, choose this, and you stand a fair chance of having a cock.

Thrushes Feeding Young in a Cage (W. Welton).—The old birds will feed the young until the latter can pick up for themselves. You want to protect the babies from sun and storms, and when they begin to get about, put food and water inside their cage. I have found a few mealworms and large caterpillars (not the hairy kind), and well-scoured gentles first-rate for inducing them to "pick up"—mix these things amongst a little good quality insectile food prepared in the usual way. Consult the "Nutshell" handbook on the Thrush (post free 2½d.), or Mr. Norman's book on "Softbills" (post free, 1s. 1d.) for full details of feeding and management when adult.

The Case of a Linnet (T. Keating).—Why your bird should be continuously casting its feathers is a puzzle to me. You say it is the second or third time this year that it has gone partially bare. This is extraordinary, and I have never met such a case before. Your feeding is not at fault. I suppose you would know if the bird's cage is infested with red mite or bird lice? I may say that a "warm corner in a kitchen" is not a good spot for any British Finch; and these more than ordinarily hot quarters often make them "soft in feather," as fanciers term it. I should find another spot for the bird, and give a course of the tonic recommended J. C. Hoyle this week. The cage, of course, must be quite clean—parasites will bring on feather troubles.

Redstart Under a Canary (Redstart).—The Redstart is not a particularly valuable cage-bird, so far as monetary value goes, that is, four or five shillings when recently caught and about double after getting steady and used to cage life; a really first-class moulted exhibition specimen will fetch about £2. Six pounds were paid for one last show season, but this was an extraordinary price, and buyers at such a figure are as scarce as black diamonds. The Redstart is an insectivorous bird—entirely so as regards the feeding of the young—and I don't suppose for a moment that your hen-Canary will rear the youngsters she has hatched. I have never known one to rear an insectivorous bird. Probably they will be dead ere you read this. If not, well mix a good proportion of live ants' eggs amongst the egg-food, and give very little seed of any kind.

Rape Seed (W. E. C.).—The rape seed does not strike me as a particularly good sample, but I should hesitate to say that it caused the illness of your birds—I could not discover reason for thinking so. I should not overdo the dandelion, but vary it with seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, which are better for regular use (in my own opinion, that is). Give the bird which is still queer a teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn in three tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Leave this on the cage for 24 hours. Then give two half-teaspoonful doses on alternate days (plain water in between). Stop the linseed and hemp for a time, giving Canary, rape, and teazle only, with a little of a mixture of maw, plantain, gold of pleasure, and white lettuce (equal parts) frequently.

Willow Wrens and a Linnet (J. C. Hoyle).—Willow Warblers (or "Wrens," as you term them), are sometimes kept in captivity, but they are delicate little things, and should be attempted only by a skilled fancier who is in a position to provide proper food. I notice you say you are "quite a beginner." Well, Willow Warblers ought not to be beginners' birds. They can be hand-reared on equal parts live ants' eggs and finely mashed hard-boiled yolk of egg, made into a creamy consistency by the addition of milk when about to feed. The Linnet you should spray now and again (bird sprays are sold at most bird shops). Give it the green-foods and "tit-bit" mixture mentioned in the "Nutshell" booklet. For medicine, get from a chemist one ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphates B.P. (Fellow's syrup), and stir 8 to 10 drops into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, giving this in a glass or earthenware vessel only. Give for three days (fresh daily, of course), then every second day (plain water in between) for a period of 10 to 14 days. If merely, as you say, a case of "out of condition," this tonic will pull him together.

A Warm Room Problem (E. E. S.).—I am afraid I am not in a very good position to advise, for I have never had occasion to keep my British seed-eaters in a warm living room as a regular thing. I expect your birds have to be content with small cages, too, and so get no opportunity of exercise. These two things naturally predispose to a fat condition. Your own experience, in fact, confirms this. Excess of rape I have always found has a tendency to make a bird's droppings copious and unpleasant—especially English rape. You might try the recipe you mention, but I should not give flax at all, under the circumstances. Substitute for this a half-part of good ripe teazle. For the Goldies, try teazle two parts, canary one part, and linseed half-part. A dessert-spoonful of cracked sunflower seed at week-ends (say Sunday) and a large teaspoonful of hemp in the middle of the week (say on Wednesdays). They will thrive quite well on this menu.

Testing Eggs, etc. (Algol).—To test eggs for fertility is a very easy matter. After they have been sat upon for six or seven days, hold them 'twixt finger and thumb up to a strong light (a well-lighted window, or a gas jet, etc). If the light shows through them, they are unfertile; if quite dark (opaque) they are fertile. If "clear," the yolk can plainly be seen floating inside the shell as the egg is turned around. If the interior is not opaque, but is of a light brownish tint, then the egg is addled (or the development of the chick has for some reason or other stopped at an early stage). Sometimes there is a dark area at one end, and a light one at the other, which means that the contents have dried up (often as the result of a fracture of the shell, or a tiny hole in it). An experienced fancier can successfully test for fertility after the egg has been incubated two or three days; but to make absolutely certain, the testing is better left until about the sixth day. With regard to your Greenfinch, probably it has wrenched its leg accidentally by getting a claw fast somewhere or other, in which case interference on your part is not called for—Dame Nature will effect a cure in due course. I take it there is no sore place or wound on the foot, or damaged or pulled out nail (you do not mention anything of this nature). Put the perches low down and food and water in easily accessible positions.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Purchasing a Parrot.

F. M. Hall.—Purchasing a Grey Parrot is very much of a lottery, unless one gives a good figure for an acclimatised bird. Nevertheless, the bird offered you is certainly a true Grey Parrot, and with the warranty and period of approval you should be fairly secure from disappointment, and with care the bird should do well, and getting it at this time of year everything is in its favour. The vendor will, of course, give you details of treatment, which you must follow, at any rate, for a time. You would afterwards find our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager, a great help in establishing the bird. My opinion is that both sexes speak equally well, but there is a good deal of individualism among Parrots, and some are much more teachable than others. The bird will already be speaking a word or two, though it may stop for a bit in a strange place, as soon as it settles down and becomes tame; keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation. Also teach it, by constant repetition, words and short phrases, and it should soon increase its vocabulary. For a time you must be quiet and steady when in its vicinity and attending to its wants, but as soon as it knows you, and has become fairly tame, then you can commence to train it. Do not keep it in a stuffy corner, but you must not subject it to draught. If in doubt on any point, write me again.

Parrot Laying Eggs.

Caird.—While not exactly common, such instances are certainly not unique. Of course, there is a risk of egg-binding at these periods under the conditions of cage life. You do not give me any idea how you've been treating the bird, so how can I tell you if you are keeping it too warm? Certainly, it must not be subjected to draughts at all, when by dropping wings, listlessness and apparent ill-health, it indicates that it is about to lay again. A dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful) in the drinking water would help, to be followed by a course of chemical food—you had better adopt this treatment now. It would be wise to keep a piece of cuttlebone, also a lump of old mortar rubbish hanging in the cage. Under the conditions of cage life, and at such long intervals, egg laying is quite an ordeal; but once this is safely accomplished the bird usually soon picks up again. Anointing the vent with sweet oil should assist, but do not use sufficient to make the plumage really greasy. You should find our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," very helpful, 2½d. post free from our manager. If you find it necessary to repeat query, please supply full details as to feeding and treatment.

FOREIGN QUERISTS.

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154, *Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

POST MORTEMS.

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James Hughes.—Inflammation of the bowels, complicated with pneumonia, accounted for death of hen Canary, due to an organism which gains access by the digestive system. Death is due to the production of ptomaines or poisons generated by these organisms, hens whilst nesting being specially predisposed.

W. H. Ashton.—Meningitis, or inflammation of the coverings of the brain. The loss of feathers was due to irritation from nervous causes. I cannot suggest the cause, but such lesions may result from injury at some time; possibly it may have originated in this way.

W. Lear.—A most advanced case of septic fever. Medicinal treatment would be quite futile. Preventive measures are most important, such as isolation of apparently healthy stock, young birds particularly. It is extraordinary that a bird so badly affected should only have shown signs of illness a few hours prior to death, for the disease must have existed at least a month.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Club Notices (James Cope; C. J. Cafferty).—Your notices of society meetings arrived too late (on Thursday) for insertion in our last issue. We go to press on Wednesday during the summer months, and all club notices, reports, etc., should reach us on Tuesday to be certain of publication in our issue of the same week. Will secretaries and other officials kindly remember this?

The Squirrel (P. T. Harvey).—Your question will be found answered this week in the correspondence columns.

A Gift (Bullfinch Lover).—Glad to bear the news, and you have our best wishes for success, if you decide to pair one of the hen Canaries with the cock Bullfinch.

A Blind Canary (J. H. Murray).—The bird with the white speck (cataract) in its eye is beyond cure; nothing can possibly be done. It is interesting (in one sense) to hear that the male parent of this hen went blind in the same way, for cataract has been held by many Crest breeders to be hereditary.

Mixing Whitening (W. J. W.).—Have duly inserted your letter in the correspondence columns, and no doubt it will bring you the desired information.

Some Suggestions (J. Kay).—We much appreciate your well-intentioned suggestions, and assure you that they will receive every consideration, and be carried into effect if it is found possible to do so.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Border Fancies in Newcastle.

The Border Fancy Canary in this district has a few staunch supporters, who are doing their best for the "wee gems." Chief among these is Mr. T. Chapman, who has ten pairs up. He has only had a fair season so far. He has fifteen on the sticks, sixteen doing well in the nest, and five hens are sitting, due to hatch in a few days. One very nice buff was put aside for nest feather show. Unfortunately his favourites, the Scotch Fancy, have not done well, and from the first round he has only managed to get two on the sticks—one a very nice yellow, which he thinks will do well if it gets through the moult. Mr. R. Young is also a red-hot Border Fancier, and has little else in his room excepting a few pairs of Cinnamons. He has done fairly well. He has twenty on the sticks, twelve in the nests, and six or seven hens still sitting. He has bred some very nice Greens, as good as any he has had; and he has a few good Cinnamon Borders. Mr. Johnson, every one knows, is hot on the Green ones. He has thirty on the sticks (including a few Cinnamons), twenty in the nest, and four hens sitting. He has a few clinkers which will be heard of later on. Mr. Montgomery has twelve pairs up, fifteen on the sticks, fifteen in nests, and about thirty eggs due to hatch. He is doing fairly well. He has a yellow cock shaping to be as good as his last year's one. A buff self-green we saw we liked very much; also a clear buff, which was promising very well indeed; it had grand quality, and was well tapered away. Mr. MacDonald has six pairs, twenty-one on sticks, and three hens sitting; he has also a few Greens promising very well. Mr. Usher has four pairs. We were sorry to find he has had bad luck, the result of his being from home so much. We hope his luck will turn during the next round. Mr. Peel has, we understand, six pairs, and about nine on the sticks doing well. Mr. Potts has seven hens up with five cocks, and has seven on the sticks, nine in the nest, and five hens sitting. He has lost a lot of young ones, having lost about seventeen due to hens not feeding; but the same hens are doing as they ought to now. Mr. Harvey is a Scotch Fancy enthusiast pure and simple, and everything else is sacrificed in their interests. He has done well this year, both in numbers and in quality. He has five on the sticks, and three of these are good ones. One, a rare buff, is a rasper, and when through the moult it ought to knock a few out. We wondered, if it was shown at the nest feather show, whether it would have stood a chance for the Cup. He has two hens down again, seven Borders on the sticks, and two in the nest. It was strange to find in this fancier's room two Crests. Some unlucky fancier has found a Good Samaritan, as the Crests had been well attended to indeed, and were thriving well. They showed every sign of being good ones as well. Mr. Little has been very unfortunate with his Scotch Fancy, but has ten hatched out this week; and these were doing well when we saw him. We wish him better luck this round. Mr. Little is a fancier as well, having twelve Borders in the nest and four on the sticks, and these are only a few among others. Mr. Reed has done first rate, and has twenty-seven on the sticks. Mr. Coutts has become enamoured with the Green Borders, and well he may, as it would be hard to find a bird to beat a Green Border; and there is much to say in their favour for the fancier who lives in Coaly Tyne District. He has three pairs up—two pairs Green and one pair Clear. He has seven on the sticks, four in the nest, and some sitting. One very nice buff self Green we liked very much. He has also some nice Crests and Crest-breds doing well. Mr. Currah has had the bad fortune to have to shift his home, with the usual result. But things are now in clock-work order, and the birds are doing well. Having eight pairs up, he should get a few before the close of the season. He has only three on the sticks. Mr. Smith had a houseful when we saw it, with a dozen cocks and fifteen hens. He has thirty-one on the sticks and thirty-three in the nest. Three hens are sitting and some building again. Two nice buffs and a yellow are set aside for nest feather show. Someone will have to look out. Mr. Smith has the bird fever badly. Mr. Shepherd has two pairs of Green Borders up, but has had the misfortune to lose one of his hens—his best one, as is usual in such a case. He had only four Borders hatched out the morning we called. The writer had good luck during first round—fourteen on sticks out of fifteen hatched; but he lost two good hens. The second round his bad luck has returned, hens not feeding this time—for a change.—J. N. F. Scott (Newcastle).

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner on "Canary Heads and Tails."

The society had the pleasure on May 18th of listening to Mr. Gardner's lecture on "Canaries' Heads, and Canaries' Tails." After the ordinary business had been dealt with, Mr. Gardner was called upon to deliver his lecture, which has been looked forward to for some time. The subject I have chosen for my lecture, he said, is "Canaries' Heads, and Canaries' Tails," and I hope all present will appreciate it. To begin with, I should like to point out that one of the greatest bugbears with which the judges all over England have had to deal is the terrible failing in the head of the Plainhead. Fanciers, as it were, do not try to get what is known as the happy medium, and the result is they breed bad birds from good parents through not knowing how to pair them up. They put a pair of birds together thinking they know what they are doing, but the majority of them don't. The body may be all right, but when one comes to look at the head it is all wrong. There is an old saying "Comparisons are odious." The head is out of all comparison with the body. The fact is that while fanciers are trying to get a body with a good stout chest, etc., they have forgotten all about the "top." A good body with a head like a marble on a truss of hay, and with a stick for the neck, doesn't look very nice. What one must get is a neat head, short in feather, I mean, not browy, and clean from the beak, and, don't forget, in comparison with the body. A Norwich with a good body and a bad head is, in my opinion, absolutely spoilt. Matters, I am glad to say, are improving at present, and I hope they will keep on improving so that we shall have some really typical birds to look at in future on our show benches.

Breed for a head not too small, but in proportion with the other parts of the body, and if you breed for a short tail also, you will find that you have bred two of the most conspicuous points in the Plainhead variety. Long flights, also, are not what they ought to be. If you struggle for short flights, you will not get a long tail. When a bird has long flights, in nine cases out of ten it will have a long tail. The only way to prevent breeding this kind of bird is to refrain from pairing birds up which have long flights and long tails. Take, for instance, a long-barrelled, flat-headed, Yellow Norwich. This kind of bird would invariably breed youngsters having long flights and long tail, and the best thing to do is to get rid of them as soon as you possibly can if you want to make success. If you want short wings and short tails you cannot do better than use a thick-set buff green hen. I say buff green, because I have proved it is far more satisfactory than the yellow. For one reason, good yellow greens are few and far between.

Now for the tail. A good headed bird, with a good body, is to a marked degree spoilt if it possesses a long tail. What you fanciers want to do is, before you pair your birds up for breeding have a thorough good look round your birdroom and use a little discretion before you pair the birds up. Don't catch hold of the first pair you come to, and, because they are cock and hen, say they will do. It won't do. If one bird possesses weak points, find another to counterbalance them. Look after the heads and wings and the tails will look after themselves.

Just a few words about the Yorkshire. In this bird you have to breed for just the opposite to that in the case of the Norwich. Where the Norwich has to have a short tail, the Yorkshire is to have a long one. So, when I tell you always to breed for short tails, don't think I mean in all classes of birds. The same remark applies to the wings. Where a Norwich would look absurd with long wings and tail, so would a Yorkshire with short wings and tail. To breed birds to perfection requires patience and great attention. Don't try to go too fast, because if you do, you will very soon find yourselves falling over.

There is another bird I should like to mention—the Cinnamon. In my opinion it is one of the most charming birds we have. What better bird is there exhibited than a Cinnamon with feathers shining like the face of a Goldfinch Mule? The wings should be short and the tail short, with a fine bold face and eyes. There is not a bird for softness and depth of colour can beat a Cinnamon—but without a good head, wings, and tail it is nothing at all.

There is another point in regard to heads that I must speak about—that is, the Crest characteristic. The Crest wants a good wide skull. That is not all. You must have the feather as well. The body also must be generally thick, wings closely folded, and tail short. And the beak in this case must also be looked after. In a Crest, if the beak is short, wouldn't the crest look longer? You cannot manufacture short beaks, but with discretion and carefully watching your stock birds you can breed them.

In conclusion, I hope I have made my lecture quite clear to you, and that when next breeding season comes round you will think of what I have told you; if you do, we shall have the pleasure of knowing that the Plumstead and Woolwich fanciers at least know how to breed rattling good birds. A vote of thanks to Mr. Gardner was moved by Mr. Pawley, and seconded by Mr. MacLellan. Mr. Gardner replied, thanking the members for their attention. Meades and Woolgar, Hon. Joint Secs.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Amble and Dis. C.B.S.—June 17, Gardeners' Arms Amble-st., 6 In connection with F.F. show.—J. T. Crackett.

Bolton Roller C.S.—June 13, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 8. Kindly attend.—W. Massey.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 10, Red Lion Hotel, 3. Members' F.F. show; entries taken Friday night, or up to 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley.—F. Gelder.

Bingley O.S.—June 13, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30.—A. Livesey.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—June 14, Headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Importaut.—Allotting of specials for shows. Impromptu debate and chat on colour-feeding; expert views on same.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—June 10, Victoria Hotel, after members' show usual business.—M. Skirrow.

Bradford East O.S.—June 10, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford. Members' F.F. show; judge, J. S. Clarkson, Esq. (Halifax). All birds to be staged by 2.30. Entries taken Friday night and Saturday.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—June 10. Members' show. Judge, Mr. A. Shaw. Birds staged 2.30. Entries to be made Friday night.—W. Western.

Cardiff C.B.S.—June 15, Maskell's, 8. Final arrangements Y.B. show. Questions on British birds, etc.—J. G. Dummett.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—June 10, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7.15. Report of points won by members and special business. Will those who have tickets and money please bring them in at this meeting?—J. H. Mitchell.

City and County of Perth O.S.—June 12, Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, Leonard Street, 8. Business of importance.—J. Kerr.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—June 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, 8. Social talk of "A Novice's impression of Crests to Novices," by Mr. W. H. Mugford.—A. W. Curtis, Sec. pro tem.

Chopwell F.S.—June 10., Club Hall, 6.30. Members' show business. Prize cards, etc.—J. Brown.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—June 10, Headquarters, 7.—J. Lindsay.

Doncaster C.B.S.—June 17, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. F.F. show: Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Can., Can., Mule or Hyb. Judge, Mr. Garner. Members please note change of date this month only.—G. Bescoby.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 13, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 7.30. Y.B. show and table show of British. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner.—W. Hodson.

Darlington C.B.S.—June 14, Labour Hall, 7.30. Final arrangements for nest feather show and ramble.—H. Todd.

Ealing, Hanwell F.S.—June 14, St. John's Memorial Hall, Leeland Road, West Ealing, 8. Evening show. Visitors welcome.—W. Bird.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—June 10, Fountain Inn. Members' show. Birds to be staged 2.30 prompt. Mr. J. Wilcock (judge).—W. Nettleton.

Gateshead C.B.S.—June 14, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Classification for annual show.—A. Holden.

Great Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—June 11. Will those who intend going on the ramble, meet at the Midland Station not later than 8.15 a.m. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Gornall.

Great Horton O.S.—June 10, Butchers' Arms, 8. Lecture—Subject: "Breeding and Rearing of the Yorkshire Canary," by Mr. H. J. Chittenden.—J. Holroyd.

Guisborough Priory C.B.S.—June 10, Wear's Cafe, 7.30. To arrange for Y.B. show. Will members please have subs. paid according to rule 6.—Winter and Hood.

Glasgow and Western Counties Club.—June 17, St. Enoch's Station, 8.10. Ramble to Dalry, train leaving 2.25 p.m., weather favourable.—W. Connelly.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 12, White Hart Hotel, 8. F.F. show.—F. J. Sykes.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—June 10, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for nest feather show, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Hull C.B.S.—June 12, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Nest feather show; 11 classes. Judges: Messrs. T. Perkins and G. Brumby.—E. R. Ridley.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—June 17, Derby Arms, 7. Stewards for F.F. show.—T. Smith.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. — June 13, Headquarters, 6. General business. Rules of West Fife League.—A. Dickson.

Keighley C.B.S.—June 13, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Very important. Visit of delegates from Yorks Union.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—June 14, Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, 8. Correspondence and general business.—A. Hendry.

Llanelly P.P., etc., Soc. June 10, headquarters, 8 o'c. Show matters.—D. Griffiths.

Lancaster Primrose C.B.A.—June 17, Mr. Capstick's Rooms, Nicholas Street, 7.30. To fix show date and enrol members.—J. Johnson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 10, Railway Hotel, 2. First members' show for 1911 competition, to be judged by Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Girlington).—J. E. Hudson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—June 17, Miners' Hall, 7. Agenda: British bird classes for annual show. J. Pollock, Sec.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Next meeting June 13, White Swan, 8.30. Agenda: Lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. Hulse; nest feather show schedule. J. E. Wood, Sec.

London C.B.A.—June 14, Feathers, Gt. Chapel St., S.W., 8. Ordinary business, and lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. A. J. Marley.—W. H. Mugford.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Next meeting June 10, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. Agenda: Important for next show.—D. John, Sec.

Middlesbrough and Tees Side C.B.S.—Next meeting June 14, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Agenda: Business important.—A. Wake, Sec.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, June 10, 8.30; special meeting re Y.B. show and nominations. Members joining at this meeting will be eligible to compete for cups and other trophies to be won outright this year. G. Harwood, 9, Frere Street, Battersea, S.W.—J. W. Burgess.

Manningham C.B.A.—June 10, headquarters. Members' F.F. show; birds staged 2 prompt. Judge, Mr. H. H. Sowers.—H. Grange.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 13, headquarters 8. Allocation of specials for F.F. show.—J. Davey.

Northern Border Fancy Club.—Next meeting June 12, Lockhart's Cafe, Grainger Street, 7.30. Agenda: Rules; extension of club to take in Scotch Fancy; table shows.—J. N. F. Scott, Sec.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—Next meeting June 10, Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, 8. Fanciers invited.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, Sec.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—June 15, Holy Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. General meeting and lecture. Fanciers invited; members asked to be present.—Meades and Woolger.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club.—June 11 (Sunday), special meeting, 8 o'c., to consider first feather show business.—J. H. Elwell.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Next meeting June 14, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Agenda: Meeting entry night F.F. show; entries close 9.30.—E. Hartley, Sec.

Springburn, Possil Park B.C.—June 28, Reid Hall, Springburn, 8. Settle proposed classes, etc., for F.F. show, July 8th. Mr. T. C. Dowell to judge same. Still open for new members.—J. Waugh.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Next meeting June 12, Victoria Hotel, 8.—Ratcliffe and Shaw, Secs.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—Next meeting June 14, Alexander Hotel, Alexander Street, Southend, 8. Agenda: Balance-sheet; arrangements for F.F. show. All live members please turn up.—Wm. Lockwood, Sec.

Swansea C.B.A.—Next meeting June 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Agenda: Classification for open show; hall for F.F. show; important. Kindly note.—S. H. George, Sec.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—F.F. show, Wharfe Hotel, June 10, staged 3 o'cl. Judge, Mr. J. Harrison (Hebden Bridge).—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Shipley O.S.—Next meeting June 13, Prince of Wales, 8. Agenda: Members' schedules.—A. Tillotson, Sec.

Scotch Fancy Canary National Derby O.A.—June 12, Grant National Hall, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, 8. Election of judges, etc.—T. Smith.

Sheffield O.S.—Next meeting June 13, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Table show of foreign birds, 2 classes; 18s. prize money; no entry fee. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes; also lecture on "Foreign Birds," by Mr. E. E. Smith. Fanciers and friends invited.—Bishop and Colton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Next meeting June 13, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Agenda: Final arrangements for table shows.—W. Stafford, Sec.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Next meeting June 18, Liberal Club, 8; F.F. show.—H. W. Gill, Sec.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Next meeting June 15, Jolly Carter, 8.30; F.F. show business.—F. Washbourne, Sec.

Tong C.B.S.—Next meeting June 13, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Agenda: Members' show and colour food.—W. Walker, Sec.

Tunstall C.B.S.—Next meeting June 14, headquarters, 8. Wind up F.F. show. Evans and Brough.

Walthamstow F.A.—Next meeting, Workmen's Hall, 8. Table Show. Committee please attend; business, re young stock show.—H. C. Cooper, Sec. (No date given.—Ed.)

Walsall C.B.S. June 12, Vine Hotel, Cross Street, 8. "Cage Birds" League matters. Members please attend.—F. Price.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—June 12, 6, Broadway, 8. Arrangements Y.B. show. Judging competition, birds bred 1911. Final judge: Mr. H. E. Tringham.—H. Smith.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—June 15, Duke of York, 7.30. First nest feather staging at 8 sharp. Now members send along.—J. Gibbons.

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How to Mix Whitening.

Sir,—How do you mix whitening so that it will stick to the cage? All mine comes off and makes the birds look quite dusty and white. I have been told to try tallow or salt, but they are no good. Shall be glad if one of your readers will tell me the right way.

W. J. W.

A Linnet Fancier's Difficulty.

Sir,—If your correspondent, Mr. W. James, will kindly communicate with me, enclosing stamp, I shall be pleased to give him such information as will, I think, relieve him of the "Linnet fancier's difficulty" he is troubled with, as I scarcely ever lose a bird of that species only from pneumonia, caused by excessive bathing. R. W. Yearsley.

118, Ryedge, Blackburn.

More Twin Canaries.

Sir,—I have been keeping Canaries for over twenty years, and have recently experienced what I have neither seen nor heard of before. A Norwich hen recently laid a very large egg, which I left in the nest with the chicks that hatched. She tossed it out on the fifth day, when I found it broken on the cage bottom. Upon examination I found it contained two perfectly formed birds, which appeared healthy, but why they did not hatch is beyond me.

J. E. Veasie.

[We dealt with "twin" Canaries in the correspondence column last week.—Editor.]

A Simple Remedy for Red-mite.

Sir,—It is with pleasure I look forward to reading your valuable paper, Cage Birds, and to deriving the good there is to be got from its pages week after week. Sometimes I see queries as to how to kill that dreadful pest, red mite. I think all who keep birds of any kind in cages know that the weather we are having and the breeding season combined are just the time for red mite to multiply into millions. Well, if you think this simple recipe worthy of the publishing, I am pleased to give it. Take a 1lb. empty jam pot; fill it three parts full of paraffin lamp oil, and add one handful of salt. Mix these well together and apply with a paint brush round the joints of the cages. It has never failed me yet. To prove the effect of it, get one or two mites on the back of the hand, and touch them with the brush after dipping in the mixture. In conclusion, I have had pretty fair luck both in Canary breeding and in muling, this year being my second in the Fancy.

A. Bradley.

The Story of a Pet Bullfinch.

Sir,—I think your readers will be interested in the following charming account of a pet Bullfinch, which I read in the columns of "Country Life," to which journal it was sent by Miss Pamela Tennant. She writes: Chuffey touches a wide gamut of qualities, from envy, hatred and malice to the most canoodling endearments of love. Chuffey hates magnificently. The children know peace has fled from the room directly Chuffey assumes his hate-face. It changes his outline from a bunchy, well-groomed appearance to a lean line of malignant attack. The four-year old child stands with both plump hands shielding his eyes, demanding protection, or he pelts headlong from the room. The eight-year old child, insufferably teased by Chuffey will remain in the room, but wears the waste-paper basket inverted over his head as a protection; only thus can he shield his eyes from the repeated attacks of this pinch of life in feathers. Chuffey dominates the room. Sometimes the drawing-room door is opened cautiously and a child's voice asks, "Is Chuffey out?" Chuffey himself gives answer. In a swift curve of flight he alights on a picture, swearing. He bends down towards the opening and makes his hate-face. The door closes hurriedly. Alone in the room with his mistress, however, a hundred little endearing ways are manifested. He likes to rob her of her needle if she is sewing, and he often contrives to get it, and then how pleased he is! He holds his head high, and manages the needle as an acrobat holds a balancing-pole. He often alights close beneath his mistress's chin and stands on tip-toe to reach her lips. Sometimes he gives a little upward jab at her nose. That is a joke; and it always comes before a swift, joyous flight. He perches on her shoulder and stands on tip-toe to sip her glittering ear-ring. A queer drop of water that. He alights on the back of her chair and begins stealing a hair-pin. He is proud when he really gets one out, but it is invariably too heavy for him. It falls tinkling on to the floor; then down he dives after it, and there follows an immense amount of walking about, perforce tip-toe, with the hairpin as a kind of nose walking-stick. His mistress's hair stirs nest-building instincts. He will sometimes get hold of one long hair and go jumping gradually backwards with it along the sofa-top, with a dithering foolish expression of face, all the while giving queer little creedling noises. He gathers bunches of fluff off the carpet and wears them, like whiskers, on each side of his bill. But his chief claim to notice is his talking. He has three words that he says unmistakebly. They are "Come along, Chuffey," and they are said in a confidential and throaty tone of voice. He is very proud of this speaking, and interpolates the pretty tune he has been taught to pipe with this repeated self-encouragement. He swings his glossy tail, laterally, as he says it, and dances his bright body up and down. He bows his ebon cap on one side, fluffs out his fine feathers, crosses his small, pointed wings tightly below his pearl grey back, and pipes and talks repeatedly. If anyone looks at him after he has gone to bed, he makes a face at them. He likes the brass tags on people's shoelaces, and so strong is his bill that he once broke a bit out of a horn button. He takes a bath with surprising energy, and when he feels he has been out long enough he hops into his own cage to eat something. He will follow his mistress from room to room, and she loves him dearly; but she dreads the many dangers that are always round him, through the very freedom that he so enjoys, and she tries to forestall them. The passing foot, the swiftly rolled back chair, the closed window-pane that he does not account for, the looking-glass that he thinks is more room to be flown through, and the door about to be closed and he on the top of it—all these are Chuffey's dangers, and they surround him hourly. How long shall we keep you, Chuffey, with your dear and wicked ways?

"Bullfinch Lover."

What is an "Antiseptic Saline"?

Sir,—On reading Mr. Robert J. Elleby's notes on the "Beginner in the Canary Fancy," in Cage Birds of May 27, I notice he says he always uses an antiseptic saline. I write to ask him exactly what he means by this, and how to use it? I am only a novice in the Fancy, and I lost nearly all my young birds last season when they were moulting. I have twenty young birds now, and I would not like to lose them. A Novice.

A Remedy for Beetles Wanted.

Sir,—Could any of your readers help me? I removed into a fresh house three months ago, and found it was infested with beetles. I was advised to get a tortoise, which I did, but it has not had any effect. Is there any animal that can be kept in the house which will either kill or scare them? I should be very grateful to any reader for advice. Harold Taylor.

[Our correspondent should remember that letters require a penny stamp. His communication, which bore a halfpenny stamp, cost us, of course, a penny surcharge.—Editor.]

Keeping Birds in Cages.

Sir,—The successful starting of your admirable Cage Birds League (which should have the support of every bird-keeper) and its object of checking faddists who profess to see evil in bird-keeping, reminds me of a correspondence which took place some time ago in the "Birmingham Daily Mail." As this most likely did not come to your notice. I append copies of three letters which appeared in answer to a communication from a Miss Edith Green in which this lady deplored the caging of birds, etc. They voice my own opinions exactly, and relate some interesting experiences.

A Bournville Reader.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Edith Green" in to-night's "Mail" says: "Caged-up birds do not sing out of gladness of heart, but from very desperation at their inability to break the bars," etc. That birds in captivity will not sing from desperation every fancier knows quite well. It is a fact that, given proper treatment, many wild-caught birds will sing much better than their fellows under natural conditions. To refute the statement that it is cruelty to cage birds, it has been stated by eminent ornithologists that the average life of birds in captivity is some years longer than of those that are free. There are also hundreds of cases on record in which birds that have been caged have, after being liberated, returned time after time to confinement. To give one instance of this: Some time ago a friend of mine kept a number of wild birds in an otherwise unused room. The window of this room was always open, and although the birds flew about the buildings they always returned to the room to roost. Two of them have repeatedly "homed" from Birmingham Town Hall to my friend's house at Smethwick. It is also well known that birds breed quite freely in captivity. Surely Edith Green would not put that down to desperation also? Regarding blinded decoy birds, I may say that my business brings me into touch with practically every catcher in Birmingham, and also many others in various parts, but I have never seen a blinded decoy bird. As a matter of fact, the decoy bird, to be at its best, must not only hear but also see those to be trapped. Experience has taught me that as a class the bird-catcher is a humane man, his first thought always being for his captives. W. Gore.

Sir,—Though I do not go in for cage birds, I have seen a number of cage birds leading ideally happy lives, and I believe, having got over the first shock, they very soon settle down to, and really enjoy, their lives in spite of the altered state of things. Is it not a fact that cage birds in some instances have been offered their liberty and refused to take it? Many years ago the writer's mother possessed a Thrush which she had reared from the nest, a remarkable songster, which on a still day could he distinctly heard an eighth of a mile away, and if a light were turned on at midnight he would start singing with great vigour. Nothing but contentment with its lot could have accounted for his splendid song and beautiful plumage. Some years ago I saw a Blackbird which had been obtained through an advertisement, undoubtedly freshly caught and very wild; but after a day or two it settled down and became a splendid songster. I know an instance at present of a Thrush that was picked up and taken care of, and has grown into a magnificent bird. It is fed principally on bread and milk, and I never saw a bird in its wild state with better or cleaner plumage. I do not think the individual bird would care to go back to its wild life. Some years ago the writer of this letter had four Brown Owls. Two of them were reared in the same manner as kittens would be, and became great pets while they were young, and would perch on children's shoulders and call out to be fed. I kept four of these birds for several years, when I unfortunately lost them. They showed every sign of being contended with their lot, and were undoubtedly better supplied with natural food than when in the wild state. C. Harris.

Sir,—The above subject having come under discussion in your paper, I note we have the usual flow of twaddle condemning one of the most commendable and pleasure-giving hobbies to the town dweller of humble means. I would commend the keeping of a few birds to any man seeking a healthy and instructive diversion as a change from the toil in a factory. The Creator has provided birds enough and to spare, and instances of species becoming rare are due to destruction wrought by the gun, an instrument that catchers never employ. I contend that it is more humane to brighten the lives of people living in towns by allowing those so disposed to keep a few feathered pets, and so bring a little thought of the country to their minds by bird music. Queen Alexandra is, I believe, a keeper of caged birds, and surely if this noble lady can derive pleasure from them it is all the more reason why poor people should do so. No doubt your correspondents are well meaning in the interests of our feathered friends, but they are misguided when they condemn wholesale the keeping of birds in cages, as most are kept by those who love them. As regards the blinding of decoy birds, I do not believe it, and if it ever was practised generally, which I doubt, it is now as rare as a cock-fighting match. We cannot in these practical and progressive days give attention to all the ideas emanating from cranky people who are always attacking, from one point or another, our cherished liberties, without having more than a superficial knowledge of the matter they write about. My advice to them, if they have such a great amount of Christian fervour, is to direct their attention to the unenviable lives of thousands of town children who are daily insufficiently fed. This will afford them plenty of opportunity of doing real good to their fellow-creatures. Bird Lover and Keeper.

My Opinion of the Canary.

Sir,—Here is my opinion of the Canary, which may be taken for what it is worth. We have fanciers or breeders in almost every town and hamlet in the British Isles. These breeders, of course, have matters almost entirely to themselves. In February and March one could find all fanciers busy pairing their birds. In the course of two months they have young Canaries hatched which are brought up by their parents. And it is wonderful to see how the fanciers keep a watchful eye on these young Canaries, which get every bit as much attention as any infant from its fond mother. These young Canaries have given them whatever luxuries the fancier can think of; in fact, the birds are so dear to him that if they could speak and tell him what they want, he would give it them almost in a twinkling. They are watched from the moment they come out of the shell to the time of their leaving the mother; they become bosom friends of the owner. Then when the season is over (say about September) it is time for the owner to make his selections from his stock of young. The best birds are sorted out, and then colour-fed (with a patent tasteless cayenne) to give them a deep orange colour. By the time October is closing these little pets are sent out to shows both near and far. Sometimes they get very long railway trips, probably 100 miles, to these shows, where they are placed on benches in file, to compete with hundreds of others. If they return from their trip with a card of honour (say a 3rd, 2nd, or even a 1st prize), my word! how the owner whistles, shouts, and almost breaks every pot in the house, feeling he could clasp the birds in his arms, and squeeze the life out of them almost. Probably another man in the same town has got his birds back with no cards, no prize, "no nothing." What does this man do? Does he bang the birds on the floor or give them away? No. He gently places them in their snug cages upstairs, and still looks upon them with his usual kind thought and attention. Then, in course of another week, they are off again on a trip. But this time they return (from another town) bringing with them on their cages 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Remember, "There's corn in Egypt yet"; never despair. We will now leave the fancier or breeder. I should like to see a great many more of our cottagers fit up in their living rooms or sitting rooms a cage of one of these pets. It should be a nice roomy cage, not a small one. I think that where there is a Canary, and it is a good healthy male bird, there can be nothing nicer than to listen to his grand song. If he is warbling when you are in a nasty temper, it will assist you to "cool down"; and it will cheer you up in your troubles. On the other hand, if all is in nice order at home—your daughter playing the piano, your son assisting with a song (say, "Cradle of the Deep"), and the Canary trying to beat them both in the selection—the bird will be very useful for finishing off the top notes your son cannot fairly reach. There will thus be a grand homely trio always. And if mother is at home (alone) for the most part of the day, our pet Canary will always assist to pass the lonely hours away. So, in conclusion, let me advise every owner of a home to obtain a Canary when opportunity occurs. The Canary's diet is very plain and simple, even to a child's attention; and his requirements are almost next to nothing.

Cockatoo.

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Hopes of Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids.

Sir,—It may be of interest to hybrid breeders to know that I had the fourth egg this morning from a hen Twite paired to a cock Goldfinch. She has built her nest in a Roller travelling cage in one compartment of a double-breeder. I will let you know later if I have any young from this cross. I am living in hopes of having some young from them. E. Southwood.

Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A.

Sir,—Re membership for 1911; there are yet over two hundred of our membership tickets to be accounted for, and, included amongst these are a few in the hands of fanciers whose names were on our roll last year. As Cage Birds has very kindly granted us the use of its columns to insert the full membership got together for the year, we would specially request those fanciers who have not yet replied to send on their decisions not later than the 14th to enable us to publish the names in issue of the 24th inst. We are pleased indeed to say that the number of members joined is a very large one. It was our set determination at the beginning of our season's work to make this the record year. One or two additional names will put us in this proud position. We will, therefore, be deeply grateful to fanciers sending in favourable answers.

J. R. Meikle, Secretary.

51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

The City of Glasgow O.A.

Sir,—The letters appearing in your last issue of Cage Birds must come as a great surprise to many who were not aware that such a "clique" existed as that mentioned by Mr. Gibb. But to a number in the Fancy it was common talk, and if inquiries were made at the Crosshill Club, some information could be got as to what took place at it over a bird said to be one of the party's. If my memory serves me aright, all special prizes were withheld at this show. I strongly appeal to members not to leave the society at this time, but to stick to the president, Mr. Black, and assist him to get this case settled, so that the society can cleanse itself from one of the most contemptible plots that have ever been attempted in the Fancy. For one thing, I can't free the president from blame, and that is: Why did he allow Mr. McFarlane's motion to be put to the meeting? It is clearly a case of spite against a certain dealer not a hundred yards from the Saltmarket. Why does McFarlane only state Glasgow dealers? Does he think he is doing a manly action by excluding them, and leaving any dealer outside of Glasgow to show ad lib? One question I would ask him: Where did the Light Mules come from; were they from a dealer, or what? Now, members, stick close at this time, and do all we can to assist, as if this case is not cleared up it means ruin for the Glasgow Show.

A Member.

Fixed Prize Money at Sheffield Shows.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Woolhouse's letter, I am pleased to hear of the progress of the Walkley C.B.S., and may it continue. I am also delighted to hear the members of the S.O.S. are laughing. What a change to see fanciers of Sheffield with a smile on their faces! You say how foolish I look. Yes, a wise man knows himself to be a fool; it is the fool that thinks himself wise! You say I make it appear as if you were jealous; certainly, jealousy is the root of it all, or you would not have written your first letter. Thanks for credit you give for the running of the S.O.S. You say I have been itching to "have a go" at the S.C.B.S., and have snatched the first chance, but you were never wider of your mark—had this been my object I could have attained it long ago. Now, Mr. Woolhouse, steer your society away from the arena—there is nothing out of the ordinary in the way of fixed prize money there. I see you are bringing specials in now, £4, for Members' Shows. The S.O.S.. have this for specials in addition to fixed prize money at their Nest Feather Show. Mr. Woolhouse, you invite me to write you as a member of the Walkley C.B.S.; are the members of that society desirous of your writing these letters under their name? I should say not, for the Walkley C.B.S. do not paying fixed prize money, but paying on the sliding scale at their Nest Feather Show on June 24th. Pull down the flag, Mr. Woolhouse. There is only one society out of the four in Sheffield paying fixed prize money, so I still hold it is out of the ordinary in Sheffield. Now, Mr. Woolhouse, as far as I am concerned, this little controversy ceases, as I am sure you will now be convinced our report was correct.

T. Bishop.

Sir,—Mr. Woolhouse practically admits that my report was correct when I stated "out of the ordinary in Sheffield and district." Had I said "in Sheffield" I admit he would then have had cause to fly to the Press. I might point out that I was aware Mr. W., or some of his colleagues, would be waiting for the first opportunity they could really take to contradict our reports. Knowing this, it has made me most careful. Why the animosity, Mr. W.? Do you want all the societies under your wing? It appears like it. Why keep under the cloak of the Walkley C.B.S.? It is the S.C.B.S. you are thinking about, and you know it. Personally, Mr. W., I was very sorry to see your letter, and greatly surprised, I must admit. Another thing I can inform you (which perhaps you don't know), is that whatever function is arranged or fixed by the S.O.S. we always consider the S.C.B.S., as we do not wish to clash or interfere with the latter in any way. Neither does any animosity exist—at least, as far as we are concerned. I like to be on friendly terms with everyone, but if they won't let me, well, things must then take their course. I still say that the S.C.B.S. take 1d. from a 6d. entry fee, and though they give that 1d., in addition to £4, it is still actually taken from prize money, no matter whether it is afterwards given in specials or not. The S.O.S. are giving a big array of specials, in addition to fixed prize money.

John A. T. Woodall.

[We prefer correspondents to stick to the point (fixed prize money), and not discuss the merits of societies and individuals connected therewith.—Editor.]

The Fancy in Ireland.

Sir,—A meeting of the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. was held June 3rd, and the individual, "Apostle of Honesty," who gave notice of motion at the previous meeting that members who had written letters to Cage Birds would be expelled the society calmly withdrew his proposition. Why? Had he no supporters? Mr. "Honesty," I contend that the letters that appeared in Cage Birds were the means of letting the novices know "who's who." Do you forget the man who lent the birds for Larne, Lurgan, and Sligo Shows? Is this man a member of the B.N.C. and Y.C.C.? Is the man who borrowed them a member? Perhaps a 20s. special prize from this generous individual would set matters a little easy. If they are members, why were they allowed to continue so? Are they officials? Re the Yorkshire that won the cup, it was a ticked yellow cock, and the owner I congratulate. (I saw by his letter to Cage Birds he thought it was his clear yellow.) The owner of another bird had not the courage of his convictions to object to the winner, but alleged that the cup winner and other winners were not bred by the exhibitor. He's a good winner, but a bad loser. When Mr. South writes again let him give us his own opinion of the present state of the Fancy, and not try to cloak the society and its members by writing what he imagines will please the officials. When this society were revising their rules it was decided that subscriptions must be paid up at June meeting (Rule 12). What was the chairman thinking of when he ruled that new members be allowed a month's grace? According to this the rules are framed and broken at the option of the chosen few. Re the N.P.C.C. of I,, might I suggest, seeing they have only eight members, that they add a few classes for British Birds, and so increase their membership?

One in the Know.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

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Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
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Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. E. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Beecoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., E.R.
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(Winter and Hood, 93, Bolckow St.). H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 7.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). G.F., J.S., J.A., P.Pce.
Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street.)
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Bo'nese.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 18, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrewe Street). W.R., J.Tn., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Gse, J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

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June 13.—Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.
June 15.—East Ham C.B.S.; Wolverhampton C.B.S.
June 17.—Ardwick C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Hyson Green C.B.S.; Oldham C.B.S.; Wigan C.B.S.; Warrington C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.
June 20.—West Bromwich C.B.S.
June 22.—Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.
June 24.—Cramlington C.B.S.; Guisbrough Priory C.B.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; West Stanley C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Ilkeston C.B.S.; Dysart C.B.S.; Pendleton and Salford O.S.
June 28.—South Birmingham O.S.; Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth); Ayr C.B.C.
July 1.—Barnsley C.B.S.; Bootle C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Clydebank C.B.C.; Dalton C.B.A.; Eastfield Side C.B.S.; Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.; North Shields C.B.S.; Nottingham Permanent O.S.; Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.; Preston O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Whittington Moor, Staveley, and Chesterfield C.B.S.'s; Halifax O.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; W. of Scotland O.S.; Manchester and N.O.O.S.
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July 5.—Cardiff C.B.S.; Sittingbourne C.B.S.
July 6.—New Cross C.B.S.; Oxford C.B.S.
July 7.—Y.C.B.S. of Ireland (Dublin).
July 8.—Amble C.B.S.; Beamish C.B.S.; Bedlington Station C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Hanley C.B.S.; Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.; Hetton-le-hole C.B.S.; Heywood C.B.S.; Leadgate C.B.S.; North London C.B.A.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Partick C.B.C.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Skipton C.B.S.; Spennymoor C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wombwell B.F.A.; Chester-le-Street C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Springburn and Possil Park B.C.
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July 13.—South West London C.B.S.
July 15.—Attercliffe C.B.S.; Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Rotherham C.B.S.; Admiral Duncan O.S.
July 17.—Clapham C.B.A.
July 18.—West Bromwich C.B.S.
July 19.—Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth).
July 22.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; Bradford East O.S.; Birst Universal C.B.S.; Sheffield O.S.; South Birmingham O.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Chopwell F.S.; Green C.A.; Shipley O.S.
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July 26.—Ayr C.B.C.
July 29.—City of Bradford O.S.; Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochore and Glencraig F.A.; Poplar C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; St. Crispin (Northampton) C.B.S.
Aug. 5.—Pelton Fell C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Uddingston O.S.; Vale of Leven C.B.C.

DON'T OVERLOOK THE IMPORTANT OFFER ON PAGE 608 THIS WEEK.

First Steps in Foreign Bird Keeping.

By H. J. FULLJAMES

(Continued from page 482.)

The Song of the Shama.

And what shall we say of his song? The best, the very best, notes of the Nightingale, the flute-like music of the Blackbird, the charming melody of the Blackcap, indeed, the superlative efforts of any singing bird that may be mentioned, all are surpassed by the song of the Shama, and if he is in a bird-room with a collection of the finest songsters that may be got together, he will combine all their music and eclipse them all. I am aware that this may seem extravagant praise, but I have kept Shamas, and I know. If at any bird-show I were offered "free gratis and for nothing" any one bird for my own keeping I should choose, not a Bird of Paradise, not the champion Yorkshire or Crest, not the clear hybrid that has been produced for the first time, but just a Shama, a bird that may be bought for about thirty shillings.

Only, do not try to keep two cock Shamas in one room; they would sing each other to death. With his own kind and sex the Shama is absolutely the greatest fighter I know, and it is quite impossible to keep two cocks under any conditions under which they may reach one another. I once had a pet Shama that was never shut in his cage; he would sometimes follow me into the aviary which extended along one side of the room and get shut in for a time, and he was perfectly inoffensive with the smaller birds. One evening I brought home an exceptionally fine specimen that was better than the old one for exhibition purposes, and in an instant the free bird was on the wires of the newly-introduced cage, and the new-comer was nothing loth to meet his advances. There would have been murder even through the bars of the cage if I had not immediately removed the fresh arrival into another room and kept him there.

House and Food.

A Shama requires a somewhat large cage, or he will fail to keep his beautiful black and white tail in condition; thirty inches long at least (thirty-six would be better), 16 inches high and 12 to 14 inches deep. It should be of the "box" type and fitted with three perches of a good thickness; the food and water vessels should be of glass or porcelain, and the sand-drawer preferably lined with zinc. In the keeping of insectivorous birds a very great convenience is an extra sand-drawer; by the aid of an extra drawer a clean dry cage-bottom is always to hand, and the soiled drawer will have time to get "sweetened" before being again wanted. This extra drawer, by-the-bye, is an excellent institution in any bird-room. It is a much more easy matter to clean and fill a sand-drawer when out of the cage than when in position, but if it is taken out for the purpose there is always the danger of the bird, if a small one, getting through the bottom opening, and the probability that while the drawer is being cleaned the bird will soil the cage-bottom itself. With an extra sand-drawer, ready filled with fresh sand, the change from a dirty cage to a clean one is effected in a moment without worry to the bird.

I suppose I need scarcely say that the Shama is an insectivorous bird. In captivity it will require a food such as should be given to a Nightingale. A stock mixture may be made up somewhat as follows:—Take equal parts by weight of preserved yolk of egg, the very best ants' cocoons, and "dried flies," or powdered silkworm pupæ (either of the latter may be used, but it is not necessary to have them both). Then add to the whole an equal weight of powdered sweet biscuit. A mixture of these ingredients will keep indefinitely, and for daily use a small portion should be taken, and moistened to a "crumbly" consistency either by the addition of boiled potato, grated raw carrot, chopped greenstuff, or occasionally with milk; these various moistening mediums should be used so as to afford a change in the daily food of the bird.

Half a dozen mealworms a day will also be necessary, and any other insects or grubs that may be available, smooth caterpillars, gentles, house or blow-flies, cockroaches, spiders, or anything that may be handy. A piece of banana or any ripe fruit in season should be offered. Many birds do not at first care for fruit, but if they will take it they will soon prefer it to any kind of food, and it will help materially to keep them in bright and healthy condition. A Shama kept as above will live for years, and reward its owner with enchanting melody throughout the year excepting for the annual moulting period.

An American Beauty.

Although the feeding of a Shama, as outlined above, does not entail any particular difficulty, yet there are many who are chary of keeping any bird to which the term insectivorous properly applies, and who, while requiring the best of song from their pets, much prefer birds which may be kept mainly on seed. There is a foreign bird which I have not yet named which meets both of these latter stipulations, and this is the Crimson (or Virginian) Cardinal, popularly known as the "Virginian Nightingale." Because of its being much too boisterous to be trusted in a mixed collection, this beautiful bird has not been included in my lists, but as a single cage-bird, all things considered, it would be difficult to mention a more desirable acquisition. In its brilliant crimson plumage and its conspicuous crest it is a magnificent bird indeed. Truly, there is the liability of its going brick-coloured rather than crimson after a moult in a cage, but I have found the deterioration in the colour to be only temporary, as, with proper feeding, the original splendour is regained in subsequent moults.

It is perhaps the best singer of all the seed-eating foreign birds, and soon becomes devotedly attached to its keeper. Of course such a large bird requires a roomy cage; this should be of not less than two square feet ground space, and larger if possible; 30 inches by 12 inches, and 2 feet high would be a fair size. The Virginian Cardinal is a very hardy bird, and has nested outside in the grounds of Mr. Hubert D. Astley, but in a cage it must, like all other birds, be shielded from draughts, and is better for a little warmth in winter. Its stock food should consist of a mixture of canary and white millet, but if it is to retain its natural vivid crimson colour it must have many "extras." Of mealworms it is especially fond, and may have three or four of these daily. Grocers' currants, soaked in water until plump, any kind of colour-giving fruit or berries during the autumn, green peas, live ants' cocoons in season, or the best quality of dried ditto, steamed in a cloth over boiling water, yolk of egg, preserved or fresh, and almost any tit-bit that may be offered to an insectivorous bird, all these in turn will be appreciated by the Crimson Cardinal, and will assist him to reproduce in captivity the brilliant colouration which gives him his name.

(To be continued.)

The Methods of a Successful Lady Hybrid Breeder.

Interesting Account of a Visit to Miss Janette Reeves (Wateringbury).

Miss Reeves, of Wateringbury, is a most enthusiastic student of hybridism in birds, and has produced many rare crosses, some of which (notably the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch hybrids) have achieved fame on the show bench in the hands of various exhibitors. In the "Morning Post" there recently appeared an account of a visit paid to Miss Reeves' aviaries, and from this we have taken the following extracts, the original methods pursued by Miss Reeves being, we think, of considerable interest to hybrid breeders generally, even though their practice may be an impossibility, so far as the average breeder of hybrids is concerned. The point concerning the liberating of the Chaffinches, etc., used by Miss Reeves, and their anxiety to return to her aviaries, should make interesting reading for Mr. W. H. Hudson, Mr. E. Bell, and others of their kidney, who profess to believe that the chief anxiety of every captive bird is to escape from its "bondage."

The Aviaries Described.

"I was always a lover of soft-winged things," says Victor Hugo. So are we (writes the visitor to Wateringbury Hall). Therefore let us pay a visit to the aviaries, in which they are to be found in joyous abundance. Many more than "two Goldfinches, whose sprightly song has been their mutual solace long, live happy prisoners there." The first of the aviaries is in the angle of an old ivy and moss-grown wall. The place was orginally used as a pheasantry, but it serves its present purpose admirably. Common thornless rose and other bushes are growing inside, and though the buds of all kinds within the small-meshed wire enclosure are picked off as soon as they appear, the stems protruding through the roof and sides are covered with leaf, making a delightfully shady bower, through which a ray of sunshine penetrates here and there.

Standing inside the aviary we can see that in selected places are stuck big bunches of box trimmings, and in many of these carelessly arranged bunches are nests in different stages of completion, a few of them containing eggs. The population consists of thirty hen Chaffinches, fifteen or sixteen hen Greenfinches, two hen Redpolls, four hen Linnets, three hen Bullfinches, nine cock Bramblefinches, and seven cock Canaries, green and pencilled. Thus, as there is no pair of the same species every egg hatched out must produce a hybrid. A second aviary is somewhat similar as regards both its interior arrangements and its occupants.

Miss Reeves has found it easy enough to rear such Mules as the Linnet-Canary, Goldfinch-Canary, and Greenfinch-Canary. Four years ago this persevering lady was successful in rearing to maturity a pair of Chaffinch-Bramblefinch hybrids, and in the following year she had a dozen of these youngsters fending for themselves. Since then she has multiplied her successes. In nest plumage the fledglings resemble young Chaffinches, varying, however, a good deal in colour and size, according to sex, but in many of their habits and actions they follow the Bramblefinch, while in cases where the male parent bird has been of that species the offspring have become more handsomely coloured. Other crosses which have been successfully produced have been Linnet-Bullfinch, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, Redpoll-Bullfinch, Greenfinch-Goldfinch, Redpoll-Canary, Siskin-Canary, and after many disappointments, Canary-Chaffinch. It is estimated that a bird reared as the result of the last-named cross would be worth a very large sum.

An Astonishing Mixture.

An interesting problem is raised as the result of the produce of one nest occupied by a hen Goldfinch. Her eggs when hatched gave three Greenfinch-Goldfinches, one Redpoll-Goldfinch, and one Linnet-Goldfinch, of which the last-named alone died some time after it was reared.

As a rule, the hybrids are not hatched in captivity, but the fertilised eggs are placed in the nests of various wild Finches, Buntings, and the like. Hen Bullfinches, Hedge Sparrows, and Tits make devoted foster-mothers, and other birds which have been used successfully for this purpose are Chaffinches, Robins, Swallows (which catch myriads of the hop aphis), House and Tree Sparrows, and even Wagtails; but the last-named, being restless birds, constantly on and off their nests, are not satisfactory foster-mothers. Strange eggs put into the nests of Flycatchers in substitution for their own were at once destroyed by these birds, which would seem, therefore, to have a sense of colour, or, at any rate, some intuition not possessed by the others.

Experience shows that while insect-feeding birds can rear seed-eaters, which are fed from the crop, seed-eating birds cannot rear insect-feeding birds.

The Food Supply.

The various kinds of food used in the aviaries are, as regards seeds, the sweepings of the threshing floor after corn has been dressed and "boobied," and consist mostly of the seeds of noxious weeds, such as chickweed, poppy, shepherd's purse, wild turnip, dock, thistle, cockle, or rape, or, in some cases, the addition of crushed oats, canary seed, and hemp seed; but the hemp, though it produces darkness of plumage, seems to affect the liver if given too frequently, and to make the birds short-lived. The insect food consists of grubs, caterpillars, beetles of all kinds, mealworms, ants' eggs, spiders, flies, earwigs (which are trapped in bits of elder, from which the pith has been removed, laid along the branches of wall fruit trees and in other convenient places, and maggots.

After the hybrid fledglings have been fed by their foster-parents for eight days they are taken into the Manor House itself, and then the hard and trying work begins, for they have to be fed every two hours from half-past four o'clock in the morning until roosting time. As it takes about an hour to feed sixteen of these clamouring squabs, it does not allow much leisure time to their patroness.

In a cool greenhouse there were on the occasion of my visit in several roomy three-compartment cages hen Bullfinches paired with Canaries, while in a cage by himself was a cock Bullfinch, whose duty it was to pipe in order that the hens might dance, or, at any rate, content themselves with their existing domestic relations. For nesting purposes the Bullfinches are supplied with fine strands of Manila hop twine preferably to horsehair, which gets round the birds' legs and sometimes ends by severing a foot.

Homes from Home.

On the trees and walls of the orchards (surrounding the Hall) are fixed up boxes, tins, and all sorts of contrivances to encourage wild birds of the kind sought after to nest. Here, for instance, in the cleft of an old apple tree is a big iron kettle with the spout removed, so as to leave a clean round hole. Lift the lid and you will see that it is half full of warm, soft material, in the middle of which lie concealed nine eggs of the Great Tit, six her own and three a third part of nine taken from one of these small foster-mothers and distributed over three other nests. Across the lower part of a big crack in another tree is nailed firmly a sheet of tin from an ordinary biscuit box, with a semi-circular flap cut in the middle to allow ingress and egress. The upper part of the crack is covered with another sheet of tin, the lower ends of which are left loose, so that it can be lifted up for purposes of inspection.

The Wryneck's Clutch of Eight.

The brother of Miss Reeves, finding the nest of a Wryneck containing seven white eggs, replaced them by seven eggs of another species, in order that he might have the Wryneck's eggs for his collection. Next day there was added an eighth Wryneck's egg, which was taken, and this process was continued until in all thirty Wryneck's eggs had been laid in the nest.

Though various ingenious precantions are taken to guard the foster and other fledglings against the incursions and depredations of Starlings, Crows, Magpies, Jays, Hawks, and also cats, it is not possible always to prevent robbery, and even murder. In one case when a nest of Redpoll-Linnets was hung on a tree in a cage so that their foster-parents might go on feeding them, they were enticed to the end of their perch by a Red-backed Shrike, dragged through the bars, and impaled on an adjacent thorn bush, which the "butcher bird" used as his larder.

At the close of the nesting season nearly all the hen birds in the aviaries are released, but they appear to hug their chains, for they hover about all the winter, though there is always a plentiful supply of food put in the outside boxes, and if, perchance, the doors should be left open, they would at once flock inside, so comfortable do they find these cosy quarters, sheltered as they are by the old stone walls in the cold nights of winter.

[Miss Reeves' statement with regard to the breeding of the Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid will no doubt surprise readers, seeing that the opinion is very generally prevalent that this particular cross has not yet been produced. Some six months or so ago this lady sent a bird reputed to be a Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid to a meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club (of which she is a member), but those present took the view that a mistake had somewhere occurred, their unanimous opinion being that the bird was a Chaffinch-Bramblefinch Hybrid, showing no recognisable traces of Canary parentage. We understood that the circumstances under which this bird was bred made it possible for this to be the case. Miss Reeves, of course, may not agree that the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch (or vice-versa) parentage is the correct one.—Ed.]

Wild-Bird Life.

Insects on Wild Birds.

We are now in the leafy month of June, leaving behind us a record May, the month of all others that has the greatest influence upon the wild bird population. If it is wet and cold it undoubtedly affects the nesting and rearing of young birds, but the past month has been an ideal one, and young birds are plentiful everywhere. Although the majority of nestlings reared in the woods and hedgerows are strong and lusty, we occasionally find specimens that, for some reason or other, fall below the high standards of health set by Nature to ensure a successful arrival to maturity. Young birds that we are able to take by hand, found floundering among the tall grass and herbage growing by the hedge-side, one generally looks upon with a suspicious eye as regards their health. In the majority of cases they do not appear to have anything the matter with them, and we frequently look upon them as babies who have left the parental home rather too early; but when we find them with plumage well developed, we can feel sure there are other causes for their want of strength. The writer has occasionally found some of these fully developed birds infested with an insect known to most countrymen as "ticks." The insects burrow under the skin and appear on the surface as round lumps of a dull bluish colour; and they can only be removed by tearing the birds to pieces. These insects undoubtedly suck the strength from the victim. They are not peculiar to bird life; they can be found upon sheep, wild rabbits, and hedgehogs. Quite recently we found a young Blackbird with a dozen of these ticks buried in the head and neck. As he was on private ground and not likely to be interfered with, he was left for future examination. The bird appeared fairly strong, and shouted lustily when handled, but appeared unable to fly even a short distance. He was frequently found, and, to give him a fair chance, he was placed more than once in the branches of a tree, but was invariably found upon the ground later on. He gradually got weaker, although food was plentiful, and he eventually died—killed by these blood-sucking parasites.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

The Attack Upon Our Hobby.

Some Views of the Papers.

Hinc ille avium concentus.

Notes by the Secretary.

One of the "round games" of old-time Christmases was entitled "Russian Gossip," This consisted in the reading of some simple narrative to one of a group of people, and of his passing on to one of the others his version of the short tale which had been read to him. His hearer repeated the story to another of the party, and so on, until the last one to hear it committed it to paper. The manuscript so written was then compared with the original document, and not one of the party would believe that he or she had joined in the common responsibility for the distortions which had been manufactured in the passing of the story.

This old pastime for a winter evening was forcibly brought to my recollection on reading in "The Throne and Country" of 3rd June an article which was based upon the Humanitarian League pamphlet referred to in my notes of last week. In my essay entitled "Is it cruel to keep birds in cages?" I wrote "It is a fact that a British bird kept with proper attention in a cage or aviary will prefer confinement to liberty, or, as it may be better put, will prefer the protection and care of its owner to the tender mercies of Nature." Mr. Hudson does me the justice of accurate quotation, but the first time Mr. Hudson is re-quoted the statement becomes, "The writer contends that the British bird prefers confinement to liberty." Not a single qualifying word, mark you! If any one quotes from "Throne and Country," the new statement might easily read "British birds will fight to get into a cage in preference to remaining at liberty." You see that quite a lot of fun is also producible from the game of "Russian Gossip" when played by some journalists.

Is it Blasphemous?

The Editor of "M.A.P." heads a reference to the pamphlet with the question: "Is it blasphemous to keep a Canary?" He points out the curious circumstance that its publication coincides with the gracious acceptance by our Queen of a Norwich Canary as a birthday present from the working-men of Norwich. He quotes what he justly stigmatises as the "brimstone-y language" of Mr. Hudson, and then asks, "Do these terms apply to Canaries bred and reared in cages? Or, to put the matter more plainly still, is the keeping of a Canary at Buckingham Palace 'an outrage on Nature,' etc., etc.?" "I ask the question," the Editor says, "because in millions of homes Canaries are kept by people who would not wish to be cruel."

A Canary may not have been in Mr. Hudson's mind when he wrote the "brimstone-y language" quoted, for, in the context, he goes on to say, "Here is a being made to exist joyously under the sky in sun and wind and rain," and so on, and a cage-bred Canary is not only not made for any such purpose, but would certainly die if subjected to such conditions. Nevertheless, its ancestors were so created, and that the keeping of a Canary in a cage would be prohibited by the shrinking brotherhood is rendered certain by the paragraph I quoted in my notes of last week, and by this further extract: "The great objection to caging Canaries and other birds bred in captivity, who would die if released, is that it keeps alive by example a cruel fashion." In other words, our Gracious Queen Mary should not keep a Canary at Buckingham Palace, because a few, a very few, degraded bird-dealers carry on their trade under questionable and unsanitary conditions.

What About Zoo's?

The Editor of "M.A.P." further asks "If Canary-keeping is wrong, what about the Zoological Gardens? Is it the opinion of the Humanitarian League that the Zoo be abolished?" So far as birds are concerned, the intention of the Humanitarian League is transparent, for there would necessarily be no birds at all in captivity if the taking of them and the dealing in them were absolutely prohibited. What would happen in the case of animals, fishes and reptiles, or even insects, does not concern us at present, but an animal, a Lion for instance, surely feels the loss of its native freedom, and it would only be logical to forbid the keeping of anything comprised in the Latin phrase "ferae naturae." This, of course, will never come to pass.

Help the Good Work.

But "the keeping of any bird large or small" in captivity will surely be prohibited unless we stir ourselves and prevent the insertion of the thin end of the wedge.

Cage Birds League can and will prevent this, but it will only be when we are in a position to voice the unanimous opinion of 50,000 bird-keepers, and this we could do in a week if all of you who read these notes will sit down without further hesitation, and send along your applications for membership with the postal order for eighteen-pence to cover one year's subscription and a badge.

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MORE VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

Cage Birds League is a grand scheme; *every one* of your readers should join.
Bedford Square, W.C. P. H. Harris.

Please enter self and two gentlemen named herein as members of Cage Birds League, and allot half of our fees to the benefit of our association. I think when we start wearing our badges it will be the means of getting a goodly number of fanciers here to join.
A. W. Douglas,
Sec. and Treas., Elgin C.B.A.

I wish the League every success, and hope it will grow strong enough to overcome the faddists who would prohibit keeping birds in cages. Bird-keeping is the most interesting hobby I know of. My birds fly loose in the room, but there are cages for them to sleep in, and they prefer to do so.
(Miss) Lucy A. Knight.
Martin, near Lincoln.

As a British bird-fancier, I can see that our hobby is to go to pieces unless we work in unison. I hope that all fanciers will buck up and make Cage Birds League a grand success. There is no other way out of the difficulty. I hope you will get more than 40,000 members.
Auchterarder, N.B. David Roy.

An Effective Weapon.

My congratulations to you on your appointment to the secretaryship of the Cage Birds League may be somewhat belated, but I can assure you they are none the less sincere. I feel sure that under the guidance of a fancier of your experience and ability the League cannot be otherwise than successful, and I have no doubt that you will soon make it the most effective weapon ever possessed by fanciers to enable them to smite "hip and thigh" the faddists who would deprive the working-man of one of the all-too-few pleasures that make life worth living. Wishing the League every success.
Sunderland. W. Reid.

I am only seventeen years of age, but I have had in my possession ever since I can remember a bird or birds of some description, so you see that it must only be natural for me to have grown up to love birds. It is that which causes me to wish for one-half of my subscription to be used for the protection of the Bird Fancy against sentimentalists.
Walsall. W. Males.

Although my address is Belfast, I am an Englishman, and therefore like to be in any good things. I am sure Cage Birds League is the best thing of all for bird-fanciers. The faddists will pause in their interference with our hobby when they find they have a world-wide League to deal with instead of a few separate individuals. Unity stands not only for strength, but for good-fellowship. There are thousands of bird-keepers in Belfast, and I am looking forward to persuading numbers of them to join, but the Irish, being soundheaded do not want much persuasion when they know of a good thing.
Belfast. J. Somers.

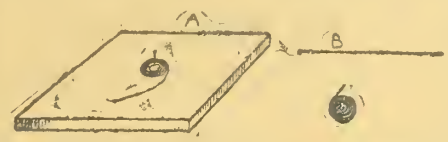
Pray accept my hearty congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of Cage Birds League, an institution which, it seems to me, is destined to exercise a mighty influence over the future operations in the circles of "birdydom." I think I can somewhat appreciate the magnitude and arduousness of your duties, and I most sincerely wish you well in all your efforts towards a satisfactory performance of the same. It is a pleasure to enclose my subscription for one year's membership and badge (lapel).
Bradford. Fred Hammond.

Illustrated Ideas

No. 514.
A Twisted Wire Pull.

Sent by Mr. S. Moody, 6, Park Avenue, Cemetery Road, Eastville, Bristol.

Here is a simple way of making twisted wire pulls for sand trays to cages; also for slides, etc. Have a piece of 1-inch board about six inches square. Drive a 1½in. wire nail into the centre, and near to it bore a small hole

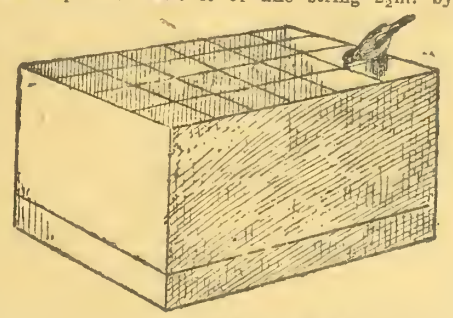


about ¼in. deep (see A). Bend a piece of ordinary cage wire (see B) and put it in the hole. Then twist same round the nail, keeping it flat to the board till the desired size is obtained. Take the wire off the board, file off the end that went in the hole, and turn up the other end to insert in staple.—Stephen Moody.

No. 515.
A Trap for Sparrows.

Sent by Mr. W. Jamieson, 9, Leigh Row, Chorley, Lancs.

Those who keep Hawks, Owls, etc., and require a constant supply of Sparrows for food can obtain them in this simple manner. Get an ordinary Lark cage. Cut off the string net top and make it of fine string 2½in. by



2½in. mesh, so that the birds can easily get in. Their extended wings will, of course, prevent them from coming out. Put bread and a Sparrow call bird in the cage and place it on the window-sill or house-top.—Wm. Jamieson.

A Member from Oversea.

I have pleasure in sending fee for membership and badge for Mr. A. J. Bennett, of Canada. This is the gentleman of whom I wrote you. He is in England for a short holiday, and says that Cage Birds League ought to have been founded long ago, and he hopes that his brother fanciers in this country will support it as it deserves.
Bexley. G. H. Peck.

Deservers Support.

In my opinion the League will fill a long-felt want, and is deserving the support of every fancier. It is sure to prove itself an effective barrier against the efforts of the faddists. Besides this, in creating and strengthening a bond of friendship between fanciers, it has started a work that will one day prove invaluable to the Fancy. Wishing Cage Birds League the success it deserves.
John Hannah,
President, Vale of Leven C.B.C.
Bonhill, N.B.

Reply: I have entered your membership to the credit of your club, so that it may count with those of any other of your members who may join in competition for our prizes. There are four cash prizes for the societies whose total nominations to the League show the best average per member, so you may win one of these even if your society be too small to have much chance in the competitions for the aggregate number of introductions.—H. J. F.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. H. Peck.—Very sorry neither of the photographs are suitable for reproduction by our method of printing. The faces in the group of yourself and the two young members are considerably too small and would be entirely unrecognisable in a reproduction. If you could let me have a larger photograph with not so much background we should be very glad to reproduce it. I am getting out some literature which will be useful to you and others to hand to prospective members, and I will send you some copies as soon as ready. You are doing all right; keep it up. Glad to welcome the two members to the Juvenile Branch, Sydney Stiles, aged 4, and Wilfred Bennett, aged 5, and to hear of the success of the latter with his exhibition rabbit. I hope he will do equally well now that "he has gone in for cage birds."

A. Wilkinson.—We shall be able to tackle the railway companies in due course. In this, as in other matters, individuals are powerless, but with Cage Birds League behind them, neither the railway companies nor any one else will be able to refuse hearing to their rational grievances.
Henry J. Fulljames,
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The Lizard - - Canary.

My Method of Breeding.

By E. THOMSON (Glossop).
(Concluded from page 440).

Rearing the Young.

It should here be remembered that however often the old birds feed the young, the sum total of food which the young can consume in the first few days is very little indeed. When the young are about a week old, a little soaked rape and a supply of hemp seed may be added to the fare. I recommend this gradual change of diet to meet the increasing demands of the growing young; and I further predict that it will keep any normal and healthy hen well up to the task of feeding her young. However, in the event of the hen "sweating" or "flaggin,," a little Epsom salts may with advantage be given in the drinking water, and an occasional bath will have a very bracing effect on the overheated system of the hen.

The next critical period begins when the young are from about a fortnight to three weeks old. Then, too, is the time you may look out for the trouble of "plucking." I further suggest here that this is the time also, when a judicious system of feeding will be very advantageous, as I firmly believe that in the majority of cases "plucking" is directly caused by the rich and injudicious feeding of the young during the first two weeks of feeding the young, as when a large supply of egg food in given during the first week after the young are hatched, most of it is absorbed by the hen, and in this way you force her into such an unnaturally high condition that she will insist on resuming nesting operations.

Feeding and Weaning the Young.

It is now that I find the compartment cages very useful indeed. I have worked this system for the last three years with considerable success, for when the hen has brought up her brood to three weeks old I have only to transfer the young to the centre compartment, supply the hen with a new nest pan and building material, and allow her to renew acquaintance with her old pal, and between them they will usually see that the separated young ones will not go short of food, until they can fend for themselves. But in order to safeguard them going short of food I always give the young a milk-sop in an egg-drawer to peck at, and when they have fairly got on to eating themselves I introduce scalded rape and crushed hemp until they are about five weeks old. I then introduce plain seed until finally they are weaned off milk sop and any other soft food. But milk sop I consider is the safest, cheapest, and most nutritious diet you can give young birds.

I might just add that after separating the young from the parents I knock off all green foods until after the moult, as I consider green food is apt to set the young birds off with diarrhoea.

In conclusion I must thank the members for giving me such a patient and attentive hearing.

A Thrush's Curious Nesting Place.

While a workman was unloading a truck of pit wood on May 23 at the Fernhill Colliery, Treherbert, writes Mr. T. Brimmer (Treherbert), he came across a Thrush's nest with four eggs in it. I thought this something out of the common.

Robin Nests in Reading Room.

At our Institute at Petersham, writes Mr. T. Vine, to the "Daily Express," we have a Robin which has built its nest in the bookcase in the reading room, and although twenty or thirty members every night are conversing, smoking, etc., she takes no notice, but goes and comes through the window quite unconcerned.

A Too-enterprising Blackbird.

A railway carriage had been standing for two or three days on a siding of the London and North-Western Railway at Ingleton, and had then made a return journey to Clapham Junction. On a spring beneath the carriage was found a Blackbird's nest containing two eggs. The nest must have been made and the eggs laid during the time when the carriage was at rest on the siding.

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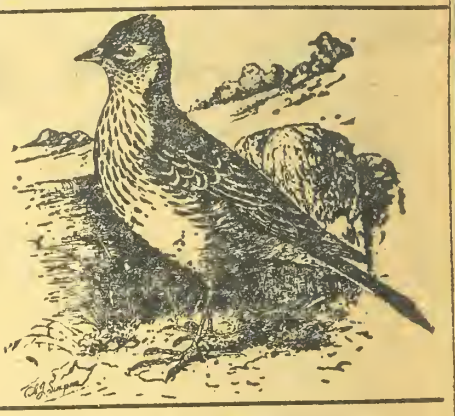
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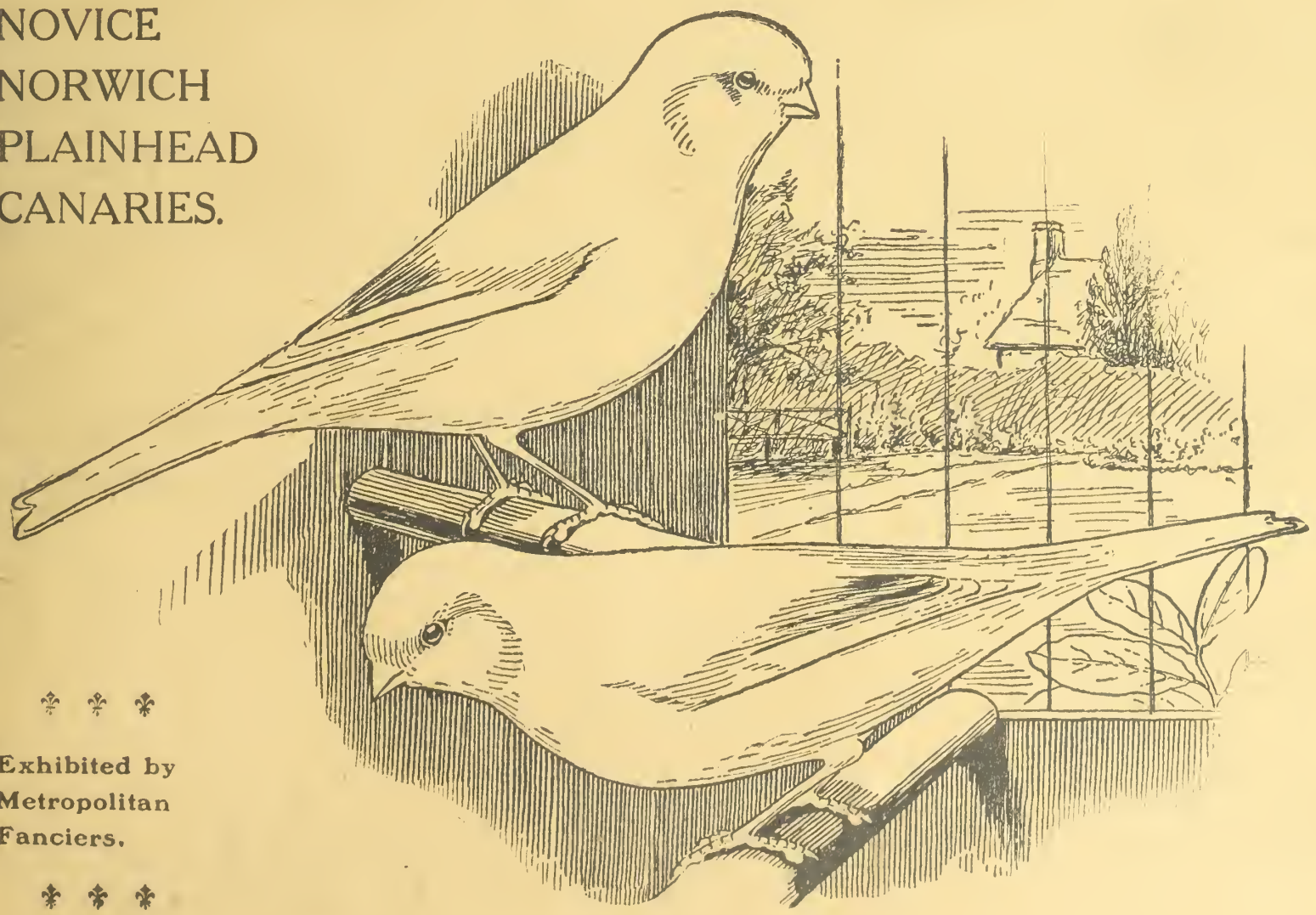
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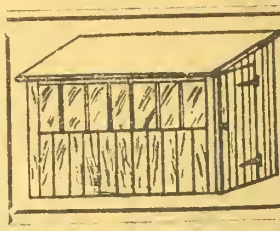
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BOLDON COLLIERY.

Another splendid Linnet contest held Black Horse Inn, June 10, when there were 22 entries. Some fine singing for six good prizes. 1, 5, Steve Wilson; 2, 3, F. Furlong; 4, Wallace; 6, F. Steward. Next contest open to all Boldon Colliery.—A. Tucker, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. quality singing contest, held June 6, King's Head, Shannon Street, when 20 birds faced the judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, S. Hardcastle, and J. Naylor. 1, A. Butler; 2, T. Johnson; 3, W. Farrow; 4, E. Wood. Also June 9, when 19 birds entered. 1, 2, J. Bland; 3, shared by W. Farrow and H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. H. Hayes, W. Naylor, and H. Robinson. Also June 11, when 28 birds faced the judges. Messrs. A. Jennings, W. Naylor and W. Sissons. 1, H. Robinson; 2, J. Bland; 3, T. Stead; 4, H. Weyfield. —Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Skinner's Arms' Linnet F.A., Buslingthorpe Lane. Usual quality singing contest, held June 11th, when 17 birds competed. Result: 1, C. Ward; 2, H. Kibler; 3, F. Hullan. Judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. On June 17th open contest at above address; three good prizes will be given. First pair hang at 3 o'c. Everybody welcome. Also on every Saturday following.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

YORK.

Singing contest held St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, Lawrence Street, when 17 birds competed. Some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, W. Weaver; 2, J. W. Smith; 3, 4, J. Lee; 5, F. Littlewood. Mr. C. Jackson officiated as judge and Mr. A. Kirby as timekeeper.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Warrington Linnet S.A., open contest, Mersey Hotel, Mersey Street, June 22nd, for time only. Entrance fee 1s. per bird; first pair of birds to be hung at 2 p.m.—E. W. Corbett, Sec.

SALFORD.

Open contest for time will be held Headquarters, Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, June 24th, commence at 2.30, when all members are requested to attend. Anyone wishing to join can do so by sending name, the subscription being 2d. per week. The secretary will be pleased to give any information.—B. Wharton.

SOMERSTOWN.

We had no handicap dinner, June 11. Two races were made between A. Gloss, of Caledonian Road, and D. Lewis, of Somers Town, which resulted in A. Gloss being the winner. In the evening again a race between A. Gloss and H. Tomson, of Marylebone, was made, Tomson being winner. I am pleased to say we are getting more fanciers to take in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. On June 18, there will be a handicap for a leg of mutton, open to all comers.—Pony Moore.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, held June 10, at headquarters, "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, before a good number of fanciers and friends. We had 41 birds. Winners: 1, S. Morley; 2, B. Nelson; 3, J. Kirk; 4, J. Ramskill. Also on Whit Tuesday we gave an open-to-all-England sing for time and quality. We had a record of 68 birds before a packed room, for six good prizes (three for time, three for quality). Winners: for quality, 1, G. Towers (Leeds); 2, H. Wigfield (Leeds); 3, B. Nelson (Pontefract). For time; 1, W. Sissons (Leeds); 2, J. Kirk (Castleford); 3, W. Dobson (Castleford). Judges, Messrs. P. Madden, C. Biss, A. Watson, and J. Wainwright. Also on Whit Saturday, big members' sing, when 52 birds competed for 15 prizes. Winners: 1, kettle, S. Morley; 2, kettle, A. Towler; 3, kettle, B. Nelson; 4, kettle, A. Towler; 5, kettle, T. Piper; 6, kettle, S. Morley; 7, sp, J. Kirk; 8, sp, 9, sp, W. Dobson; 10, sp, J. Ramskill; 11, sp, O. Potter; 12, sp, A. Towler; 13, sp, G. Potter; 14, sp, T. Piper; 15, sp, J. Robinson.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

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SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, headquarters, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, June 10, when 24 birds entered for 3 valuable prizes given by Mr. J. Grundy (3 minutes singing): 1, Driver, 68sec.; Thomson and Shimwell divided 2 and 3, 58sec.; Albert, 52sec.; T. Robinson, 47sec.; Harry, 45sec. On June 11th Mr. J. Grundy gave three valuable prizes (2 minutes singing) when 24 birds entered, and some good singing was heard by a packed house; 1, J. Robinson, 66sec.; 2, Wadd, 54sec.; Albert and Wadd tied for 3rd prize, 52sec. each; sung off, Albert won, 43sec.; Wadd, 39sec.; Thompson, 49sec.; Albert, 46sec.; Harry, 45sec.; Driver, 44sec. and 39sec. Contest every week-end. Members kindly oblige by attending general meeting, June 18th, from 8 to 9, to appoint committee for next contest. —A. Thompson, Sec.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. weekly contest, held Cartman's Arms, Canning Street, where some very good singing was heard. 1, 4(magnificent clock), Fred Allen; 2 (clock), R. Dearlove; 3 (watch), Norton. Contest held May 29th. The birds gave us some very good rounds of singing, the crowded room being delighted. 1, Fred Allen (champion); 2, R. Dearlove; 3, Thundercliffe. Mr. Saul's bird, which competed in this contest, unfortunately died next day. It was a very good bird, and cost a nice sum. Judges, Messrs. Thundercliffe and Broadbent. Next contest, Rose Hotel, Beverley Road, June 17. —Fred Allen, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Third Club contest, held headquarters June 10th, when 19 birds competed for eight kettles (four for quality and four for time); and some very good singing was done; in fact, all birds seemed to be in fighting form. The spectators were more numerous than ever. I expect it was to hear our new arrival, but I am sorry to say it did not do what it was expected to do; but after the contest the proprietor allowed it to go in the window again, and then we heard it do some very nice singing. Prize winners: Quality: 1, W. Barnes; 2, J. Statham; 3, J. Whittle; 4, F. Gibbins. Time: 1, J. Hampson, 103; 2, W. Budsworth, 142; 3, B. Jones, 102; 4, D. Banks, 93. I wish to draw fanciers' attention to the fact that we are holding our postponed contest on June 17th, at the Union Arms, Tyldesley, when I hope we shall have a good entry again. I am sorry to see Wigan are running one in the district on same date, notwithstanding it was for their benefit we postponed ours. I am also requested to state result of club contest, held May 20th, headquarters. Quality: 1, T. Statham; 2, J. W. Jones; 3, W. Barnes; 4, D. Banks. Time: 1, J. Hampson, 191; 2, E. Page, 106; 3, J. McAllister, 59, and R. Howcroft, 59, tie for 3rd and 4th prizes. —J. McAllister, Sec.

GLASSHOUGHTON.

Cup contest held Whit Monday, Rock Inn, when J. Kirk was 1st, 88 secs.; B. Nelson 2nd, 58 secs.; J. Kirk 3rd, 51 secs.; W. Dobson 4th, 34 secs.; Piper 5th, 30 secs.; C. Scott 6th, 24 secs. Our cup has to be won three years in succession before anyone claims it as his own with one name of bird. Also on June 11th we had 16 birds sing for prizes; J. Kirk 1st, 50 secs.; J. Kirk 2nd, 44 secs.; C. Scott 3rd, 39 secs.—R. Taylor, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax F. and F.S. (Swan Inn, Kippax) will hold their weekly open Linnet Singing Contest on June 17th, at 3, when we shall be pleased to welcome both old and new members to our club, and help us to make it a success.—J. Henshaw, Sec.

The Shows.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY & DIS. O.S.

First Feather Show held June 3, at headquarters, Blue Bell Hotel. There were just on 50 birds staged —very good, it being so early in the season. Mr. J. Greaves (Baildon) judged) and gave general satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Garnett; 2, Taylor; 3, Drake. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Rushworth. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, Atkinson; 2, Taylor. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Denton; 2, Atkinson; 3, Gunn. HEAVILY MKD. (more dark than light): 1, 2, Cook; 3, J. Taylor. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Garnett; 2, Drake; 3, Cook.—J. Cook, Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

First of a series of shows held at club rooms, Red Lion Hotel, June 10th, when there was only a moderate entry owing to the members having a poor breeding season. But the quality of the birds staged was splendid, and with a good moult these should do well for their owners. Winners of most points: Champion Section, Messrs. W. Crabtree, 1st; A. Whitley, 2nd; F. Murgatroyd, 3rd; Novice Section, 1st, T. Tidswell; 2, A. Bennett; 3, J. Haste. Mr. A. Shaw judged and gave satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Whitley; 2, Haste; 3, 4, Bennett; vhc, Crabtree; hc, Murgatroyd; c, Mountain. BUFF: 1, 3, Crabtree; 2, Tidswell; 4, Whitley; vhc, Murgatroyd; hc, Haste; c, Mountain. UNEVENLY MKD.: 1, vhc, Whitley; 2, 4, Crabtree; 3, hc, Tidswell; c, Bennett.—F. Western, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

First of a series of table shows for young birds, held Fawcett Street Cafe, June 10th. Only a small number of birds were shown, owing to many members having had, so far, a very poor breeding season. We are indebted to Mr. M. Dixon (Houghton-le-Spring) for kindly giving his services as Judge.

BORD.: 1, vhc, c, Walker; 2, hc, Swan; 3, Newcombe. CRESTED, ETC.: 1, 2, Swan. YORKS: 1, 2, Swan. LIZ.: 1, 2, Jeffrey. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Waters. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Murray. The Mules shown by Mr. Murray were bred from a Linnet-Canary Mule, and were the subject of an article by Mr. W. Reid which appeared in CAGE BIRDS recently. They attracted a great deal of attention. Next show July 8th, Mr. J. Miller Judge. Members are reminded that subscriptions must be paid by July 22nd.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.S.A.

First show of the season held June 10th. I am sorry to say it was the worst we have had—only 53 birds. Our members, taken as a whole, are doing badly this season with breeding. Mr. H. H. Towers judged, his awards giving every satisfaction.

CLEAR, ETC., YELL.: 1, Huddleston; 2, F. Grange; 3, Battersby; 4, Hellas; vhc, A. Grange; hc, Leather; c, Neeson. BUFF: 1, 2, Holroyd Bros.; 3, Grange; 4, J. Ackroyd; vhc, Neeson; hc, Leather; c, Battersby. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Chapman; 2, Leather; 3, vhc, A. Grange; 4, F. Grange. YELL. GREEN MKD.: 1, Hellas, 2, Smith; 3, c, F. Grange; 4, vhc, Gale; hc, A. Grange. BUFF: 1, 2, J. Ackroyd; 3, hc, Dent; 4, Huddleston; vhc, Smith; c, Neeson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Robinson. Special best bird in show, A. Huddleston; best buff, Holroyd Bros.—H. Grange, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

First of a series of six members' shows during the present year, held June 10th at Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling. The entry totalled 79 birds, amongst which were to be seen some very promising youngsters. Owing to there being a valuable list of special prizes for members to compete for, some very keen competition took place, and it was no light task which Mr. J. S. Clarkson (Halifax) had in giving the awards. In the Champion Section, Messrs. Allen, Stables, Walker, and Hill carried off most points, with four highest birds; in the Novice Section, Messrs. Cowell and Calloway, Grayshon, and Metcalfe; and in the Extra Novice Section, Messrs. Gregson, and Elworth and Burnett. The Judge gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP SEC.—CL. YELL. YORKS (8): 1, 4, c, Hill; 2, Allen; 3, Walker; vhc, Stables; hc, White. BUFF (12): 1, vhc, Stables; 2, Northrop; 3, c, Wilkinson Bros.; 4, Allen; hc, Walker. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Walker; 2, Riley Bros.; 3, Farrar; 4, hc, Stables; vhc, Northrop. BUFF (8); 1, 3, Allen; 2, hc, Stables; 4, Walker; vhc, Northrop; c, Farrar. EVEN. ETC., MKD. (10): 1, Walker; 2, Stables; 3, Riley Bros.; 4, vhc, c, Hill; hc, Wilkinson Bros. A.V. CAN. OR MULE (1): Allen. NOVICE SECTION. —CL. YELL. YORKS. (5): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Grayshon; 3, 4, Cowell and Calloway; vhc, Rhodes. BUFF (8): 1, Cowell and Calloway; 2, 4, Grayshon; 3, hc, E. Riley; vhc, c, Midgley. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Cowell and Calloway; 2, North; 3, hc, Greenwood; 4, Metcalfe; vhc, E. Riley; c, Midgley. BUFF (4): 1, Cowell and Calloway; 2, Rushworth; 3, Midgley; 4, E. Riley. EVEN, ETC., MKD. (3): 1, Grayshon; 2, Rhodes; 3, Cowell and Calloway. A.V. CAN. OR MULE: Void. EXTRA NOVICE SECTION.—A.V. YORKS. (3): 1, Gregson; 2, Elsworth and Burnett; 3, Gregson. SELL. 12s. 6d. (4): 1, Rushworth; 2, Farrar; 3, 4, North.—H. Hill, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIS. C.B.S.

First feather show held June 10th. Owing to the early date there was only a poor entry, many classes not being filled.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Stobart; 2, 4, Sutcliffe; 3, Townsend. BUFF: 1, 2, Townsend; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, Stobart. HEAVY VARG.: 1, Sutcliffe. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, hc, c, Sunderland; 3, vhc, J. Robertshaw. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Highley; 2, 4, Wild; 3, Walker. BUFF: 1, 3, Walker; 2, E. Sutcliffe; 4, Highley. HEAVY VARG.: 1, 2, 3, Walker; 4, E. Sutcliffe; vhc, Wild.—Sutcliffe and Walker, Secs.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

First Nest Feather Show of the season held June 7th. There was a very good turn-out—31 entries in the 4 classes provided. The quality of the exhibits was of a very high standard. Mr. Shepherd judged and, as usual, gave great satisfaction.

CHAMP. SECTION. CL.: 1, Tindale; 2, 4, Tomlinson; 3, hc, Hutier; vhc, Ellwood; c, F. Johnson. A.O.V.: 1, Tindale; 2, hc, Hutler; 3, Tomlinson; 4, c, Mather; vhc, Ellwood. NOVICE SECTION. CL.: 1, 2, Atkinson; 3, 4, Leach. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Mirley; 3, hc, c, Leach; 4, vhc, Atkinson.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

First feather show held June 10th, when 56 birds faced Mr. J. Chippendale (Idle), who gave entire satisfaction and to whom the society tender their best thanks for returning his fee as a special prize at next show on July 1st, for best novice bird. The quality of the birds was good, and Mr. Chippendale found it no easy task to place the cards.

YORKS, YELL.: 1, Goodwin; 2, Taylor; 3, Cooper; 4, Oldricve; vhc, hc, Shepherd; c, Bryant. BUFF: 1, Bryant; 2, Taylor; 3, Atkinson; 4, hc, Clittenden; vhc, Pullan; c, Boocock. TKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Atkinson; 2, Cooper; 3, Taylor. BUFF: 1, c, Atkinson; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Goodwin; vhc, Pullan; hc, Martin. UNMKD. YELL.: 1, Cooper; 2, vhc, Dykes; 3, Goodwin; 4, Chittenden; hc, Taylor; c, Ellis. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, Chittenden; 4, Dykes; vhc, Taylor; hc, Bryant. FOUL MKD.: 1, 3, Brook; 2, Ellis. Special for best yell. ,E. Goodwin; ditto buff, Atkinson; novice vhc, Pullan.—M. Skirrow, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, June 8th, when there was a very small attendance owing, I think, to the holidays. Chief business was to have been a table show of nest feather birds, but we only got one class of Yorkshires there, and Mr. Walker, who promised to be present as critic, was unable to come. Mr. Perry took up his duties therefore, and placed the cards well. We had a discussion on our ramble, which will take place on Sunday, July 9th, when we hope all members will go, and make it a big success; any of their friends also will be welcome. We shall meet at headquarters, (the Horse and Jockey Hotel) at 1 o'c, and take car to Rotherham, where we shall meet our guides at the College Square. Also decided, to hold a nest feather table show at next monthly meeting for the points specials to be competed for at three table shows to be held at our monthly meetings in July, October, and November. There will be two classes for Norwich and two for Yorkshires for members' classes, and same for novices. There will also be classes for British birds. So, members, bring your birds and help to make it a big success.

YORKS: 1, 4, vhc, Exton; 2, hc, Webster; 3, c, Waterhouse. A hearty voto of thanks to Mr. Perry brought a very pleasant evening to a close. —W. Richinson, Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Nest feather and British bird show held at new headquarters, Grange Park Hall, Leyton, June 10th. The birds, taken as a whole, were of very good quality, though scarcely so numerous as last year. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the secretaries, Messrs. Forse and Son, supported by a good working committee. Mr. C. Balleson judged and gave satisfaction.

YORKS, CL., ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Burbidge, good quality and col., well up on legs; 2, 3, 4, hc, Skinner, pair nice exhibits, close on winner. VARIEG. (3): 1, 3, Skinner, nice type and style; 2, Burbidge, fine type and col. NOR. A.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Parr, three capital exhibits. NOVICE, YORKS., CL., ETC. (9): 1, 3, c, King, fine, slim built birds, smart carriage, rare quality and style; 2, 4, Angler, equal shape, nice length; vhc, hc, Stevens. VARIEG. (10): 1, 2, hc, Parker, grand length, well up on legs, rare quality and style, 2nd, close on winner; 3, 4, Farmer, grand length; vhc, Wilson; c, Anglen. NOVICE, NOR., CL., ETC. (9): 1, hc, Taylor, rare cobby, rich col., Cl. Yell., full of quality; 2, vhc, Dalton, equal shape and quality; 3, c, Pettet, nice feather and type. VARIEG. (16): 1, Marsh, very typical, beautiful quality; 2, 4, Taylor, fine size and type; 3, 4, Dalton, well built, nice style; vhc, Pettet; hc, Richards. CREST AND C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Wallace, grand team, winner, Cl. body, d.c. crest of nice formation, 2nd, C.B., good head, beautiful feather, nice length and density. A.O.V. Can.: 1, 2, Parker. MULES (2): 1, 2, Parker. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, 3, 4, Hellers; 2, Burbidge. NOVICE, BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Webb; 2, Anglen; 3, Boreham; 4, Dalton.

BANKFOOT AND DIST. C.B.S.

First show of the season, held Red Lion Hotel, the new headquarters. Fifty birds were staged in nine classes. A feature of the show was the strong class of Buffs (16 entries). Through the kindness of Mr. H. B. Wood, 12s. 6d. had to be allotted in cash specials before judging commenced. Mr. Longbottom also gave a cash special for most points throughout show. The medal for best bird was won by Mr. W. Thwaites, with his ticked yellow bird, a really fine long drawn bird, with excellent flights. This is the first time Mr. Thwaites has shown a bird, and the result should be most encouraging. The 4s. special for most points was won by Mr. B Wilman. The 2s. special for second most points was won by Mr. C Bastow. The 2s. for best vhc was won by Mr. J. Lawson, and 1s. 6d. for the best hc by Mr. E. Oxley. Will members please note that 1s. 6d will be given for most entries, and 3s. 6d. for most points with birds out of the money? Mr. Fortnam's special for best bird will also be competed for at this show. Fanciers desirous of joining would do well to send in their names and join in this harvest of cash prizes, to be given at each show. Mr. M. Broadley gave every satisfaction with his awards.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Bastow; 2, Musson; 3, North; 4, Wilman; vhc, Lawson; hc, Hudson. BUFF: 1, 2, Crowther, 3, 4, Wilman; vhc, Bastow; hc, Oxley; c, Hudson. TKD. YELL.: 1, sp., Thwaites; 2, Lawson; 3, Oxley; 4, Hudson; vhc, North. BUFF: 1, Bastow; 2, Wilman; 3, Hudson; 4, Oxley; vhc, Gelder; hc, Myers and Lightowler. EVEN. ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Wilman; 2, Gelder; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Musson; 2, Gelder; 3, 4, Lawson; vhc, Thwaites. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Lawson; 2, Crowther; 3, Mitchell. BUFF: 1, Lawson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Bastow; 2, Oxley; 3, Smith.—F. Gelder, Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

First Young Bird Show held June 10th, Fountain Inn, when 41 birds were staged, which was a good entry, considering a great number of the members have done badly with breeding. Mr. J. Wilcock judged and gave great satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS: 1, 2, 3, Chippendale; 4, Pearson; vhc, Simonette; hc, Wilcock, jun.; c, Sparks. BUFF: 1 Pearson; 2, Ellsegood; 3, Suarks; 4 vhc, Chippendale; hc, Wilcock, jun.; c, Studd. UNEV., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Chippendale; 3, Close. BUFF: 1, Sparks; 2, 3, Pearson. NOR.: 1, 4, vhc, Simonette; 2 3, Ayrton. Mr. J. Chippendale wins special for best bird.—W. Nettleton, Sec.

CHOPPINGTON AND DIS F.F.S.

Fifth annual show held June 10th, Railway Hotel. Entries exceeded those of last year, and the quality of the exhibits was good, notably the winners of Seely Bros., and the fine Britishers of Messrs. Atkinson, Archbold, and Rigg. The show arrangements were ably carried out by Messrs. Seely Bros., Neal, Rigg, Thomson, and others. Mr. T. Rowell judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Seely Bros., grand yellow hen, will be heard of again. 2, Rigg; 3, Clark, both beaten in type only by winner. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Seely Bros., three bouncing buffs, grand type and quality; vhc and c, Atkinson; c Rigg. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Rigg. BUFF: 1, Rigg. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, vhc, hc, Seely Bros., good Yorks leading; 2, Archbold, Cinn.; 3, Atkinson, Cinn. BRIT.: 1, c, Atkinson, Linnet, very steady, good one, wins; 2, Rigg, Mealy Redpoll, grandly pencilled, close up; 3, Archbold, Linnet, another good one; vhc, Edwards.

HULL C.B.S.

First nest feather show of the season, held June 12th, and was a success in every way, 103 birds being staged in 9 classes. The Norwich and Yorkshires made a grand display, some beautiful birds being shown in each section. The competition for the two cups offered by the society for most points gained by champion and novice members respectively at all shows held January to December caused keen competition, especially so in the champion section; in the novice section it almost looks as if Mr. F. F. Potter will win again this year. The following is the position of the parties, this show included: Cham. section: Stamford 79, Calam 77, Precious 50, Barwick 21, Harland 21, Oliff 17, Mason 12, Preutice 9; novice section, Potter 51, Frith 31, Douse 26, Clayton 19, Hinson 15, Riley 14, Calvard 14, Girling 12, Longhorn 11, Hogg 10, Lightfoot 9, Howe 8, Sowden 8, Ridley 7, McKay 6, Clayton 6, Cook 6, Gresham 5, W. E. Sowden 4, Smith 4, Briggs 4, Bray 3, Parkes 3, Fox 1, Clark 1. Messrs. Perkins and Brumby were the elected judges, and their awards gave every satisfaction.

MR. T. PERKINS' CLASSES: NOR. YELL. (cham.): 1, 3, Harland; 2, c, Oliff; vhc, hc, Mason. BUFF: 1, 2, Harland; 3, vhc, Mason; hc, Barwick. YELL. (novice): 1, Riley; 2, Calvard; 3, Hogg; vhc, Douse; hc, Cook; c, Clark. BUFF: 1, Calvard; 2, c, McKay; 3, Cook; vhc, Bray; hc, Riley. A.O.V. (novice): 1, 2, 3, Hinson; vhc, Parkes. MR. BRUMBY'S CLASSES: YORKS., YELL. (cham.): 1, 2, 3, Barwick; vhc, Precious. BUFF: 1, Precious; 2, 3, Stamford. YELL (novice): 1, hc, Frith; 2, Clayton; 3, Girling; vhc, Hogg; c, Fox. BUFF (novice): 1, Howe; 2, Girling; 3, Briggs; vhc, Clayton; hc, c, Frith.—R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

Eighth annual Y.B. show, held June 13th, Club Room, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane. Mr. W. Hodson, Hon. Secretary, who has long held the position with distinction to himself and success to the society, superintended the arrangements, being willingly assisted by members of the committee and others. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and although the show was held in the evening, he had no reason to resort to artificial light during most part of the judging. There was a capital display of Norwich, special for best in show going to this section, the winner being a very typical, rich quality, good-headed ticked Yellow, shown by Mr. L. J. Richardson. Yorkshires were not perhaps so numerous or so good all through as the Norwich. Britishers were a small but select collection. At the close of the judging, Mr. Gardner was asked to address the very good audience which had assembled. He congratulated the society upon its continued prosperity, and upon the level and high standard of quality of the exhibits. He was especially pleased with the beautiful type, heads and necks of several of the Norwich, and more than one Plainhead would be heard of again in the autumn. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Gardner, on the motion of Mr. H. E. Tringham. Specials were won in addition to the aforementioned one for best in show, by Messrs. Richardson, Tringham, Tomsett (2), Tebbs, Freeman, and Cole.

CHAM. SECTION: NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, 2 spls, 2, Richardson; 3, spl., vhc, Cole; 4, c, Lee; hc, Thomas. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, 4, Richardson; 2, Thomas; vhc, hc, Lee; c, Mazzoni. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, spl., 2, Tringham. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Tringham. NOVICE SECTION: NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, spl., 3, spl., Tomsett; 2, 4, c, Crawford; vhc, Austin; hc, Hodson. MKD., ETC., 1, Austin; 2, Tomsett; 3, vhc, hc, Hodson; 4, Crawford. YORKS, CL., ETC.: 1, Reeks; 2, 3, hc, c, Carpenter; 4, vhc, Reeks. MKD., ETC.: 1, spl., 2, Tebbs; 3, 4, vhc, Reeks; hc, Carpenter. GOLDIE: 1, Botting; 2, 3, spl., Freeman. LINNET, SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Botting; 2, 4, vhc, hc, Freeman; 3, Grahame. GREENIE, ETC.: 1, Austin; 2, 4, Botting; 3, Freeman. A.O.S. SEEDEATING: 1, Freeman; 2, Botting; 3, Grahame. SOFTBILL: 1, Grahame. SELL: 1, Richardson; 2, Tomsett.

SHERIFF HILL AND DIS. F. & F.S.

First half-yearly members' show of young birds held St. John's Parish Hall, June 10th. The cage bird section was judged by Mr. Shepherd (Newcastle). The hall was an ideal one for the purpose, and exhibits were staged in an up-to-date manner on the two tier system. The Secretary had everything in apple-pie order, and for a first show it was a real credit to the management, and it is deserving of better support in the future.

YORKS CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Smith, splendid bird, well shaped, grandly drawn, should make a good one, a young fancier, his first year, takes special for 2nd best bird in show; 2, 3, Burrell, pair of good ones, shade rough in feather to winner; 4, Witherley; vhc, Willis; No. 5, absent. BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Burrell, good one; all there for type and quality, 2nd promises very well; 3, Willerley; 4, vhc, Smith; No. 7 absent. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. 1, 2, 4, Bainbridge, 1st tip-top specimen, takes special for best bird in show, 2nd also rare good one; 3, Wilson, wee bit leggy; vhc, Willis, good bird, but very soft when being judged. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Bainbridge, trio of good ones, make a fine team; 3, vhc, Wilson, nice pair. BROWN, ETC., LINNET: 1, Willis, grand col. and markings; 2, Wilson, loses only in col.; 3, Bainbridge, should make a good one. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Appleby, best team in show, 1st spanking fine Yellowhammer, wins special for best Brit.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

June 17.—Ardwick C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; City of Bradford O.S.; Hyson Green C.B.S.; Oldham C.B.S.; Wigan C.B.S.; Warrington C.B.S.; Shipley O.S.
June 20.—West Bromwich C.B.S.
June 22.—Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.
June 21.—Cramlington C.B.S.; Guisbrough Priory C.B.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Metropolitan C.B.A.; Morpeth C.B.S.; Newcastle C.B.S.; Parkgate and Rawmarsh C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; West Stanley C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; Ilkeston C.B.S.; Dysart C.B.S.; Pendleton and Salford O.S.; Smallbridge C.B.S.; Spen Valley C.B.S.; Hucknall Torkard C.B.S.
June 28.—South Birmingham O.S.; Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth); Ayr C.B.C.
July 1.—Barnsley C.B.S.; Bootle C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Clydebank C.B.C.; Dalton C.B.A.; Eastfield Side C.B.S.; Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.; North Shields C.B.S.; Nottingham Permanent O.S.; Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.; Preston O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Whittington Moor, Staveley, and Chesterfield C.B.S.'s; Halifax O.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; W. of Scotland O.S.; Manchester and N.C.O.S; Darlington C. and B.B.F.&A.; Coventry O.S.; Wallasey C.B.S.; Rutherglen O.A.; Long Eaton C.B.S.
July 3.—Wimbledon C.B.S.
July 5.—Cardiff C.B.S.; Sittingbourne C.B.S.
July 6.—New Cross C.B.S.; Oxford C.B.S.
July 7.—Y.C.B.S. of Ireland (Dublin).
July 8.—Arable C.B.S.; Beamish C.B.S.; Bedlington Station C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Hanley C.B.S.; Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.; Hetton-le-hole C.B.S.; Heywood C.B.S.; Leadgate C.B.S.; North London C.B.A.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Partick C.B.C.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Skipton C.B.S.; Spennymoor C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wombwell B.F.A.; Chester-le-Street C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Springburn and Possil Park B.C.; Falkirk C.B.S.
July 12.—Reading C.B.S.
July 13.—South West London C.B.S.
July 15.—Attercliffe C.B.S.; Connor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Rotherham C.B.S.; Admiral Duncan O.S.
July 17.—Clapham C.B.A.
July 18.—West Bromwich C.B.S.; Torbay (Paignton) O.S.
July 19.—Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth).
July 22.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; Bradford East O.S.; Hirst Universal C.B.S.; Sheffield O.S.; South Birmingham O.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Chopwell F.S.; Green C.A.; Shipley O.S.; Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.
July 22 and 23.—Leigh C.B.S.
July 26.—Ayr C.B.C.
July 29.—City of Bradford O.S.; Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochore and Glenerraig F.A.; Poplar C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; St. Crispin (Northampton) C.B.S.; Fatkirk Good Intent C.B.A.; Spen Valley C.B.S.
Aug. 5.—Pelton Fell C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Uddingston O.S.; Vale of Leven C.B.C.

Wild-Bird Life.

Identifying Wild Birds.

Woodpeckers are almost as well known as Cuckoos, and, like those birds, acquire their popularity more by sound than sight, for unless one knows the haunts of the birds and intentionally watches for them, one may go through the whole season without seeing either. One of the former birds is continually "tapping" the branches and trunks of trees on ground adjoining the writer's garden, and yet he has only seen the bird twice during the whole season. Anyone who lives in the country can hear the Cuckoo from April till June, and occasionally hear so much of him that his voice becomes quite monotonous. But he is so like a hawk when on the wing that he is frequently passed unnoticed. And no doubt many of our other summer visitors are seen but not identified. Many of the warblers greatly resemble each other when seen in the open, at a distance too great to distinguish colouring, which at any time is not very pronounced; and it is only by noting birds' peculiar characteristics and movements that identification becomes in time a matter of habit. Looking across the meadow, there are three birds feeding under the hedgerow; these are black, and we know them to be Blackbirds although at the distance they might easily be mistaken for Starlings. But the latter birds have a much more sprightly movement, a perceptible waddling walk and a quick manner of darting the head forward to pick up food. The difference in these two species is easily described, but in many cases it is undoubtedly a matter of intuition, and although one knows it is a Nightingale, Robin, Whitethroat, Linnet, or Greenbird one is watching, it is not always possible to give a reason for being able to identify with ease. But if it is difficult to do so when birds are busy in the hedgerow, it is generally more so when they are on the wing; yet, curious as it may appear, we frequently are in doubt about a bird's identity until he takes flight. No two species fly quite alike. Some fly straight, others irregular, or in curves; some jerky or undulating; some use their wings differently. Even the Doves do not progress in the same manner; neither do the Crow family. The flight of the Jackdaw can easily be distinguished from that of the Rooks. All these differences one can learn by observation, and the knowledge will add greatly to the pleasures of the fields and woods.

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Under the White Rose.

SEVERAL of the Bradford and District societies are now holding their members' first feather shows, and fanciers are looking forward to these events (they have no open shows this season to visit). I hear that at those shows held last Saturday some fine birds were staged, and that the numbers, taken all round, were very satisfactory. The breeding season so far leaves nothing to be desired, it being, if anything, above the average; and really, if the weather rules, there has been nothing at all to complain of. Also, First Feather shows give the novice quite an equal chance with the "old hand," and it was with pleasure that I heard last Saturday evening of a novice, at his first season's breeding, being successful in putting down the best bird in the show. Bravo! And, more than that, the judge wanted to buy it!

FANCIERS in the Bradford district and visitors to the town during the Coronation festivities should not miss paying a visit to the Cartwright Memorial Hall in Manningham Park to see the grand collection of stuffed birds and the superb collection of eggs now on view there. The collections are indeed worth a visit, and should prove very useful to those fanciers who ramble about the countryside, and, maybe, come across something they cannot name. There is the chance of comparing and classifying. Also, some of the nests with eggs are shown, and in others the young in the various stages of growth. Again, others are shown in their natural surroundings, and the large birds that we never see about here, but often read about, are there in all their glory, giving visitors an insight into realms unknown to those who live by force of circumstances in town. There are butterflies and moths, larva and pupae, shells, fossils, named flowers, etc., these being excellent and very instructive to the general lover of nature.

THE meeting in connection with the projected large show in aid of the Bradford Cinderella Fund, held on the 7th inst., was very well attended, and the business proceeded a good stage further, the principal item being the election of judges, or, I should say, the selection of judges. Here a good number are to be appointed, so that each one will only have a few classes to judge, to avoid rushing and to make sure of the show being open to the public in good time; and as British and foreign birds are to be included in the schedule, the show will be interesting to all. The question of the room to be had took up some little time, and at length the Central Baths Hall, in Morley Street, was decided upon, providing it can be had. Unfortunately, it is engaged for the Friday evening on the date required, but there is a probability that those interested will waive their date and allow the show to take place there; if so, the show will undoubtedly be held in the finest room for the purpose in Yorkshire—it leaves absolutely nothing to be desired, and is within two minutes of the Bradford Town Hall. Also, the subscription cards were given out to the members of the committee present, and it is hoped to get a good working fund in hand long before the day of the show.

GREEN food for the birds has been very plentiful so far this season, and dandelion in particular has seeded well. During the holidays acre after acre was to be seen literally covered with the ripe heads of this plant, and as the weather has kept fine and dry, it will be distributed far and wide. The parachute formation of the carrier for each seed will have had ample scope for this end; in wet seasons they are soon beaten down by the rain, and form large colonies round about the old plant. "STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

*A Knowing Chaffinch.

When I got home the other day, I found a Chaffinch caught up in some wire netting. I found that it had hurt its leg, so I took it indoors and put it in a cage. After a day or two I let it go. The next day it came back and brought a mate with it; and they flew into a cage that was hanging on the wall. Now they are quite happy.—Sent by Edward Brown (age 14), 16, Glovers Road, Reigate.

**The Bold Titmouse.

I have a friend who tamed an Ox-eye Tit. He kept a tin with worms in it, and one night while I was holding it, the bird flew down from the top of a cage, took a worm, and went away again. Immediately the table was set it would burst open the door of its cage and steal a piece of butter or bread; then fly back to its cage, where it ate it.—Sent by Dora McCathie, Allan Street, Leslie, Fife.

*Helping a Starling.

My friend had a Starling fall down in his garden. His mother tended and fed it carefully. It was quite young and could not fly. In the afternoon she put it on the roof, and another Starling helped it to get to its nest. Later in the afternoon we found its nest in a loose tile on the other side of the roof. We saw a big Starling bring it food, and occasionally we saw the young ones' heads. There were about four in the nest, and they were not quite fledged.—Sent by Geoffrey C. Grand (age 11), 95, Anson Road, Southtown, Gt. Yarmouth.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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G. BENNETT, 46 Wenlock-st., Luton, Beds., judge of cage birds; 30 years' practical experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

J. CALAM, 44, George Street, Hull, judge of cage birds (specialist, Norwich and Yorkshires).

H. J. CHITTENDEN, 108, Bolton Hall-rd., Bolton Woods, Bradford, judge of cage birds, life experience. Terms moderate.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

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A. E. PATTRICK, 6, Essex-st., Southend-on-Sea. Judge of Canaries and cage birds; life experience.

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C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

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All matter *intended for publication must be written or typed on* **one side** *of paper only.*

Twitterings.

The Smallbridge and District C.B.S. are holding their First Feather Show on June 24, writes Mr. W. Lanyon, the sec.

The dates of our First Feather Shows are: June 24 and July 29, writes Mr. J. Lewis, hon. secretary of the Spen Valley C.B.S. (Cleckheaton).

Coronation Holidays.—Customers will oblige by ordering early next week, as the railway offices are closed from the 22nd.—J. W. Ramsden.—Advt.

Will secretaries and others please note my change of address from Buccleuch Street to 39a, Causewayside, Edinburgh? writes Mr. Thomas Todd.

The Great Horton O.S. members' show will be held on June 24, at the club house, with Mr. H. J. Chittenden as judge, writes Mr. J. Holroyd, the hon. sec.

Mr. G. Baldwin is, he informs us, removing from Hingeston Street, Hockley, to 68, Icknield Street, Hockley, Birmingham, where he has larger business premises.

Kindly note my change of address from Peters Street, Cambridge, to 81, Westminster Ave., Arlington Heights, Mass., writes Mr. Chas. A. Murray, sec. of the New England C.B.A.

Will Mrs. M. Bunton, of Newtown, who wrote us recently respecting a complaint, kindly forward us her full address, as letters have been sent her and returned marked "insufficient address"?

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. George Harper, secretary of the Bonnyrigg and Dis. C.C., that I have to inform you of the sad loss sustained by one of our members (Mr. Joseph Thomson, Newtongrange), whose little one passed away on June 5. The sympathy of the members of the club goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Thomson in their sad bereavement.

Messrs. T. FORTUNE and W. H. LUGHTON.

I regret to inform you, writes Mr. J. Patterson, sec. of the Chirnside and Dis. C.B.S., that death has laid a heavy hand on our society by removing two of our oldest and most esteemed members. Mr. Lughton (Hillburn Ayton) was laid to rest in Ayton Churchyard on June 8. Deceased was a keen fancier of the Scotch Fancy Canary. He and his father have bred many good ones in their time—birds which secured many honours for them. He leaves a wife and aged father and brothers. Members and other fanciers will join us in sympathy with them in their sad bereavement. Again, on June 12, the grave closed over our worthy and much-esteemed President, Mr. Thomas Fortune. The society has lost in him one who was always found in his place at the meetings, etc. His wide experience and keen insight into human nature, coupled with a gentle tactfulness, enabled everything he said to be clearly understood, and the utmost harmony prevailed under his able guidance. This made him a general favourite. He was one of the founders of the society, and as such he will be sadly missed. He leaves a widow, son, and daughter to mourn his loss. I know your readers will join us in sympathy with them in this their hour of sorrow.

Our chairman, Mr. J. Hands, has been elected to judge the Annfield Plain Open Show—an honour which the Blaydon and Dis. fanciers highly appreciate—writes Mr. G. Havver, hon. sec. of the Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dis. C.B.S.

The Northowram and Dis. C.B.S. First Feather Show will be held on June 17, the judge being Mr. A. Wooler, writes Mr. S. Sykes, the sec. We have transferred our headquarters from the Queen Victoria Inn to the Yew Tree Inn.

Borth (Cardiganshire) Show will be held on August 11, writes Mr. T. Richards. Judge, Mr. D. R. Thomas (Oxford). There will be a solid silver cup for best Yorkshire; also classes for young birds. British birds and mules, too, will be catered for.

Yielding to great pressure on the part of the members of the Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S., I have again taken over the duties of secretary, writes Mr. E. Cowling, of Fulbeck Cottage, Morpeth. All communications, therefore, should in future be addressed to me.

A convivial evening will be held on June 21 at Hop Pole Hotel, at 7.30 p.m. prompt, writes Mr. E. Jaycott, sec. of the Crewe O.S. A presentation will be made to Mr. Frank Harding, who is leaving for Australia on July 7. All members are invited to attend.

Will all members of the Chesterfield and Dist. C.B.F.S. kindly note that I have taken over the secretaryship from Mr. C. H. Naylor? writes Mr. T. Booker. My address is 27, Storforth Terrace, Hasland. I shall be pleased to welcome any intending members, also any of the old members who have not yet joined us from last year.

The 1911 handbook of the London Cage Bird Association contains the rules of the association, the names and addresses of the members, and an excellent list of fixtures for the year. The sec. (Mr. W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathearn Road, Wimbledon, S.W.) will be pleased to forward particulars as to membership to any fancier wishing for same.

Mr. W. Vardy, writes, June 10, 1911: Send 56lbs. Royal Red, 14lbs. Hot. I won 12 medals last season, four gold medals, both gold medals at N.P.C. Club Show for best two Norwich, and was runner-up for cup. All fed on Sandiford's Colour Feed. It is the best in the world.—See advt. for further proof and prices.—Advt.

Our next club meeting will be held on June 29, and not on the 22nd, as arranged, owing to the Coronation, write Messrs. Towl Bros., hon. secs., Grimsby and Dis. O.S. The classes for the Second Nest Feather Show will be: Yellow and buff champions; ditto, novices; mule or hybrid; and A.S. British. The judge will be Mr. G. Harland (Hull).

CORONATION HOLIDAYS!

Important Notice!

In consequence of the Coronation holidays, CAGE BIRDS must go to press **next week** considerably earlier than usual, and will be on sale **on WEDNESDAY.**

Correspondents should note that all matter intended for inclusion in our next number **must reach us on Monday, June 19th at latest.**

ADVERTISERS: post your announcements early.

We rely upon our readers' kindly assistance in coping with the situation.

The date for our First Feather Show is July 1, writes Mr. Wm. Mallinson, sec. of the Wallasey and Dis. C.B.S.

Will societies desiring the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C. patronage for their shows please apply at once? Last date of receiving applications, June 24 (first post). Any fanciers desiring to become members should apply as early as possible to have their names and addresses in year book.—Messrs. Grayshon and Allen, hon. secs. (Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike).

The members of Dalkeith C.C., write Messrs. Ewing and Steel, the hon. secs., hold the first of a series of smoking concerts in the Ship Inn. They cordially invite all members of kindred societies in the district to attend. A good programme of vocal and instrumental music has been arranged. The chair will be taken at 7 p.m. (No date given.—Editor.)

At our general meeting, writes Mr. Thos. Smith, hon. sec. of the Ilkeston and Dis. C.B.S., it was decided to have 26 classes at our First Feather Show, to be held at the Durham Ox Inn on June 24, as follows:—Nor., 5; Yorks., 6; A.O.V., 2; Mule, 2; Novice, 2; British, 9. Mr. J. Adnitt (South Normanton) will place the cards, entries to be made at the same time as birds staged, viz., 12.30.

Our ramble to the Dukeries takes place on Sunday next, June 18, and all fanciers and friends are invited, write Messrs. Bishop and Colton, secs. of the Sheffield O.S. The trains leave Sheffield Great Central Station at 9.35 a.m. and 1.40 p.m.; return train leaving Worksop at 8.36. Dinners and teas have been arranged for at the Greyhound Hotel, Worksop. We are anticipating one of the best rambles ever held, as we have been successful in obtaining the services of one of the best known men in the Dukeries to act as guide. Tickets (return train fare and tea), 3s. 2d. each, to be had from Mr. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road, or on Great Central platform. Those going by morning train will meet the 1.40 contingent at Worksop Station.

The demand for "Ramsden's Specials" having become so great, I find it necessary to devise some scheme to ensure my specials being given where most deserved. I have decided to issue coupons with all canisters supplied either through the trade or direct by post. No coupons will be issued other than on canisters packed by myself. Members of societies are asked to hand their coupons to their secretary, who in turn is asked to enclose same with his application for a special prize. Applications without coupons will not be considered, and the value of the prize given will depend entirely on the value of the coupons enclosed with the applications. Customers who are not members of societies must retain their coupons. They will be asked for them in exchange for a prize, should they win one. Ramsden's Peppers are guaranteed only when sold in my canisters. There is no guarantee with any pepper sold loose by traders. When you ask for Ramsden's peppers, see you get them. Tons of inferior peppers have been foisted on the public, and a lot of them falsely described as Ramsden's. Any person giving information leading to the conviction of offenders will be well rewarded. Ramsden's Peppers are pure; birds thrive on them. In use they are the cheapest on the market. Prices: Tasteless, 2s. lb.; 5lbs., 7s. 6d.; 22lbs., 30s. Hot: 3s. lb.; all post free. Ramsden's Peppers hold the Palace record. See Palace Show Catalogue.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue. Brixton, London.—Advt.

ROYAL CORNWALL (St. Austell.)

A capital show both for numbers and quality was that of the Royal Cornwall, which was held at St. Austell on June 14th and 15th. Norwich and Yorkshires were a very typical lot, especially the Norwich; Mules were indeed most excellent, and the competition exceedingly close. The classes of the section, however, were those for British, the four classes having no less than fifty-five entries, whilst the merit was of a very high standard. Never before have we seen such an array of Goldies and Bullies at a summer fixture. The exhibits were nicely staged, and their needs well attended to by the committee, which consisted of Messrs. T. M., Hocking (chairman), Kenyon, J. and G. Carne, Trevenna, Osborne, Martin, Varcoe, Northcott, Chesterfield, Popperwell, Thomas, Newton, Olver, Matthews, Rowe, Rosevear, Whetter, Phillips, Harris, Thompson, Warne, Davies, and Daniel, whilst Messrs. W. P. Northey and R. Harris made a most obliging, courteous, and hard-working brace of secretaries. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. YELL. (7): 1, spl, Pascoe, rare shape and feather, capital head and chest, very nice style; 2, Trevenna, lovely body, hardly so stout in head, full of quality; 3, Currow, grand feather and style, not so stout; vhc, Wotton; hc, Ferrill; c, Davies. TKD. (6): 1, Climas, neck tkd., lovely quality of feather, nice level col., not one of the largest; 2, Trevenna, thigh tkd., larger, capital shape and col., harsher in feather; 3, Kemp, nice cheek tkd., rare shape, not quite so close in feather; vhc, Gaved; hc, Pascoe; c, Curnow. BUFF (9): 1, spl, Trevenna, very compact, chubby, grand head and shoulders, lovely feather and col.; 2, Stephens, fine, big, bold bird, lovely quality of feather, hardly so smart in style; 3, Pascoe, nice even coloured, close feathered bird, not quite so stout in head; vhc, c, Ferrill; hc, Collins. TKD. (7): 1, Collins, well known, thigh tkd., in grand form; 2, Ferrill, tkd. head, capital shape and col., hardly so fit; 3, Kemp, thigh tkd., very shapely, good coloured bird, bit rough about cheeks; vhc, Pascoe; hc, Dunstan; c, Burton. CREST, ETC.: Cancelled. YORKS., YELL. (10): 1, Wills, lovely quality of feather, nice shape and style; 2, 3, hc, Thomas, grand feather and col., beautifully shown, not quite so erect in carriage; vhc, Pascoe; c, Fox. BUFF (7): 1, hc, Thomas, capital shape and length, very stylish, nice feather; 2, vhc, Wills, grand style and quality, just a little patchy in col.; 3, c, Fox, grand shape, style, and feather, trifle slack in wings. TKD. (7): 1, spl, 3, Thomas, two smart racy birds, lovely quality of feather, level col., full of style; 2, Wills, heavy mkd., very fine head, wings, and tail, rare carriage, lovely feather, not so slim; vhc, Boundy; hc, Fox; c, Reynolds. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, vhc, Burton, lovely yell. and buff Cinnamons, nice level colour, good quality of feather, plenty of size; 2, 3, Richards, two stylish, nervy, good shouldered Scotties, handling well; hc, Thomas; c, Pascoe. MULE, LIGHT (8): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Collins, very handsome four-pointed yell., lovely col. and quality of feather, in rare form, and a lightly mkd. Can.-Greenie, fine big bird, but rather wild; 2, Davies, very smart, close feathered Twite-Can., in grand condition; hc, c, Gaved. DK. (9): 1, Rowe, very smart well mkd. Redpoll-Can., grand col. and feather, neat shape; 2, Rowe and Richards, an immense jonque Goldie, lovely col. and quality; 3, hc, Davies, rich coloured, well mkd., fine feathered yell. Linnet; vhc, c, Collins. BRIT., GOLD. (17): 1, spl, Rescorla, a gem, wonderful depth of col., large blaze, grand buttons, splendid bars; 2, Polkinghorne, brilliant col. throughout, grand head and cheeks, lovely feather, not so large; 3, Jupe, very fine Finch, rich col., both of blaze and bars, hardly so fit; vhc, Ellis, Jordan; hc, Harris, Pascoe; c, Rowe and Richards. Farrell. BULL. (17): 1, c, Jordan, fine big bird, immense cap, sound level breast, in perfect feather; 2, Davies, richer col., nice feather, hardly so good in shape, lovely back; 3, vhc, Jupe, rich deep col., grandly cut cap, nice back, not so steady; vhc, Harris; hc, Clarke, Thomas; c, Wilmot. A.O.V., SMALL (11): 1, 2, vhc, hc, spl, Thompson, very smart, well feathered Spotted Flycatcher, and a shapely, neat, compact feathered Grey Wagtail; 3, Rowe and Richards, well mkd., nice coloured, well feathered Yell. Bunting; vhc, Collins; hc, Clarke; c, Wotton. LARGE (10): 1, 3, hc, Thompson, very fine Cornish Chough, capital col. and feather, grand bill, in nice form, and a rich coloured, well mkd. Waxwing; 2, Burrows, very large, well mkd. Hawfinch, good bib and bars, in nice trim; vhc, Kemp; c, Collins. GROUP (8): 1, sp, Thomas, nice lot of yell. Yorks.; 2, Gaved, shapely, well feathered light Mules; 3, hc, Pascoe, very promising lot of young Nor.; vhc, c, Rowe and Richards. FOR., LARGE (3): 1, sp, Davies, the handsome King Parrakeet, 2nd at Harpenden; 3, Mann, large, good coloured Lemon-crested Cockatoo; 3, Stocker, another good Lemon Crest, not in quite such good condition. SMALL (4): 1, Davies, very smart Red-headed Gouldian, grand col., feather, and markings; 2, Roberts, nicely feathered, well mkd. Black-faced Lovebirds; 3, Liddicoat, pure coloured, well feathered White Javas. SELL., 15s. (12): 1, Burton; 2, 3, Thomas; vhc, Curnow, Kemp; hc, Collins, Ferrill; c, Reynolds. 10s. (12): 1, Thomas; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Andrew; vhc, Reynolds, Ferrill; vhc, hc, Davies; c, Crowell.

Our First Feather Show will be held on July 1 in the Sawley Road Council Schools, writes Mr. G. T. Wall, sec. of the Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S. Entries close on June 28. Fanciers, please send for schedule, and don't forget to enter.

Will secretaries who have not already applied for the patronage of the Northern British Bird, Mule, and Foreign Bird Club kindly send their applications in before the July meeting, as we will allot it then? writes Mr. George Taylor, the sec.



Breeding Foreign Birds in Cages.

An Easy Method Explained.

By Wesley T. PAGE, F.Z.S. etc.

Not a great deal has been done in regard to this phase of foreign bird-keeping in this country, but on the Continent a fair amount of success has been realised, for again and again in the writings of the late Dr. Karl Russ, and also in the pages of "Die Gefiederte Welt," we find that such and such species have successfully reared young under the conditions of cage-life. It must be obvious then that character of cage, nest receptacle, etc., must play an important part in any success achieved.

The occasional successes that have been attained, almost unsought, with such species as the Crimson Finch, and Long-tailed Grassfinch are sufficient indication that others will reward the persevering bird-keeper, though it will probably turn out that the ultimate success will only be achieved after many failures—that is, so far as many species are concerned. On the other hand there are many species which, given suitable accommodation, will breed freely once they have settled down.

Avoid these Obstacles.

Failures need be neither disheartening nor continuous to the thoughtful bird-keeper, for increased knowledge should be the result, and the past failure, or failures, made the stepping stone to future triumph. By careful observation the cause of the past failure should be apparent, and this being provided for, the next attempt should be at any rate one step nearer success.

Often the cause of failure and loss arises from a failing to realise the difference between cage and aviary life, and also the difference between the incubation period and the activity that precedes and follows that period, even under the conditions of cage life. For this reason the birds must be kept under continuous observation, and at the least sign of over-fatness, without stinting quantity, flesh-forming items of the diet should be lessened, and a laxative promptly given at intervals of two or three days, at the same time exercising care that the patient is not scoured. The same as to the period of incubation; a laxative should be given weekly to counteract the lack of exercise during this period (there is no better laxative for small birds than Dinneford's Magnesia, given in the drinking-water, two parts of water to one of the magnesia). Another obstacle to success is one's interfering too much with the bird's domestic arrangements. Many species strongly resent this, and forsake their eggs and young. But unless this is done, how can we observe? you ask. You must observe by stealth, from a little distance, remaining still while doing so. A hand-mirror will reveal much while the birds are off the eggs or young, either for the purpose of exercising or for taking in supplies; while with a pair of suitable glasses much can be observed while one is comfortably seated on a chair placed in a suitable position at some distance from the birds.

A Suitable Cage Described.

A rough diagram of the cage is figured. It is of a good type. It is roomy; it provides privacy; it secures the birds against draught; and the arrangement of doors and flaps makes every part accessible for cleaning and attendance without scaring the bird. In such a cage the birds could be safely wintered in any room where the temperature was fairly equable. The furnishings must be, some kind of nest receptacle, twiggy branches for perching accommodation, and food hoppers.

A Hartz travelling cage makes a good nest receptacle. Take out the fittings; cut away a couple of the bars for entrance; put in a little hay (about sufficient to cover up the bottom of it) and hang it up in the screened portion of cage, near the top. Other nest receptacles may be formed from any small box (say, 6ins. square), with an entrance hole—according to the size of the bird—facing the light. A good arrangement is a hollow cube, with an earthenware nest-pan hanging up inside. But most species are content with, nay, favour, the Hartz travelling cage as already described.

The perches will be placed mostly in the screened portion. They consist of twiggy branches, one of which should be so placed as to screen the nest receptacle—one branch wired to the back will be all that is required in the part facing the open wire front.

The character of the food hoppers is immaterial, so long as they can easily be cleaned and their contents not easily fouled by the birds. The bath should be of the type to hang over the door of cage on the outside, thus keeping the cage dry.

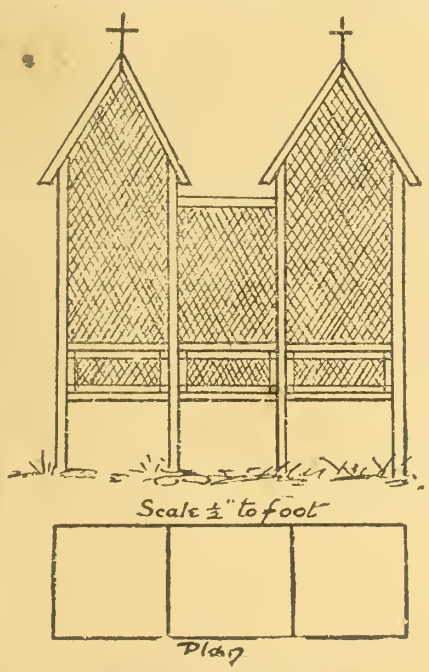
Outdoor cages should be portable, so that when weather necessitates it, they can easily be handled and taken indoors. Again, it is best to make three cages in one, so as not to have too many to move about, though if the tops, back and sides are weather-proof, they can be left out of doors during the summer months by the simple expedient of fastening a screen in front of them each night, and arranging them so that rain cannot beat into them.

An Outdoor Combination Cage.

A diagram is here given of such a combination cage, which I used for several years with much success; but it was many years ago. The framing was of 1in. quartering, the floor, top, back, and partitions of ½in. tongued and grooved matching, the top being also covered with felt. The cage stood out of doors all the spring and summer months, and was taken indoors in the winter. It had handles at each end, so that its position could readily be changed during gales of wind or driving rain. A piece of roofing felt was hung over the wire front each night.

The diagram is practically self-explanatory. Each division of the cage had a base 18ins. square, the end compartments being 2ft. high at the eaves, and the middle compartments about 6ins. less at the front, as in this portion (the middle compartment) the roof was a lean-to, which, with the two span roof ends, made a pleasing design. There was a large door in the back of each compartment for the annual distempering, insertion of branches, etc.

Such a structure is often dignified by the name of aviary, but in plain English it is but



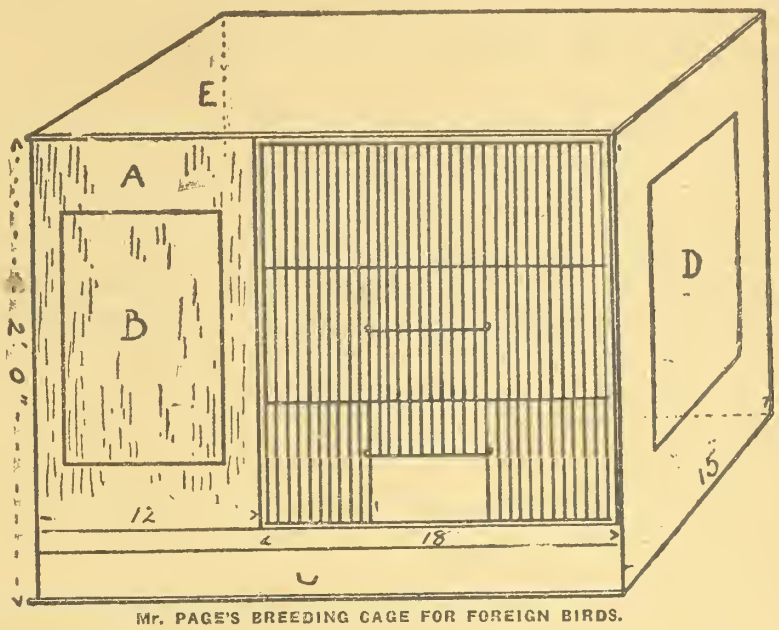
Elevation of Outdoor Cage.

a cage, nevertheless a very useful and practical one. In it during the course of about three years I bred Zebra Finches, Java Sparrows, Silverbills, Bengalese, and Cutthroats, while Green Singing Finches, Saffron Finches, and Magpie Mannikins nested and laid, but did not hatch out the eggs.

All the undermentioned birds are probable breeders under such conditions—i.e., if given such cage accommodation as is indicated above. Most of them might be termed certain breeders, but it must be borne in mind that they will take longer to settle down than Canaries; also that the breeding season cannot be said to be over till the moult commences with the respective species.

Finches: Fire, Zebra, Crimson, Gouldian, Diamond, Ribbon, Cherry, Cuban, Parson, Bicheno, Parrot, Painted, Pileated, Chestnut-breasted, Olive, Red-headed, Bib, Sharp-tailed, Striated, Spice, Longtailed Grass, Rufous-tailed Grass, Masked Grass, Grey Singing, Green Singing, Alario, and Saffron. Mannikins: Black headed, White headed, Three-coloured, Magpie, Bronze, Bengalese, White and Grey Java Sparrows, African and Indian Silverbills, Waxbills: Cordon Bleu Orange-cheeked, Golden-breasted, Crimson-winged, St. Helena, Grey, Sydney, Violet-eared, Common Avadavat, and Green Avadavat. The Waxbills are not so likely to breed in a cage as the other groups; they are by no means free breeders, even in a natural out-door aviary. Miscellaneous: Black-headed Siskin, Hooded Siskin, Cape Canary, and St. Helena Seedeater.

(To be continued.)



Mr. PAGE'S BREEDING CAGE FOR FOREIGN BIRDS.

Size 2½ by 1½ by 2 ft. high. A: Board screen on front of cage. B: Door, 12 by 9 inches, in wood screen. C: Hinged flap for cleaning purposes. D: Door, 12 by 9 inches, in end of cage. E: Position of nest-box.

My Favourite Canaries.

The Norwich Plainhead and the Lizard.

By W. REID (Sunderland).

In writing this article, which I do in the expectation that it may interest and be of some benefit to the many new beginners in the Cage Bird Fancy, and especially to the readers of Cage Birds, I propose to confine myself exclusively to two varieties of Canaries, which, in my opinion, are the most beautiful and incidentally the most suitable for a beginner to commence with, viz., the Norwich and the Lizard.

A Universal Favourite.

Taking the Norwich first, we have here a bird that commends itself to practically every fancier, whether he keeps the variety or not. And rightly so, for what Canary is more ideal in respect to the attainment of general characteristics than the Norwich; and what Canary needs less of the various crossings with other varieties in order to keep it up to the standard of excellence required from an exhibition point of view? When one considers its true shape, its general health and sprightliness, and its proficiency in the breeding-room, it is scarcely to be wondered at that the Norwich is the fancier's most popular breed, and that this is so the large number bred and exhibited annually proves beyond the shadow of a doubt.

The first essential point in a good Norwich is shape, and this being so, it is necessary for the breeder to bear in mind continually and to endeavour to produce the short, cobby, tight feathered bird that is so essential to success on the show bench. The necessary type has been so often described in Cage Birds that it is perhaps needless for me to deal with it, yet for the benefit of those who may only recently have entered the Fancy I will again describe what the shape of an exhibition Norwich Plainhead should be. Beak, short and stout, set into a bold well-rounded head, showing no trace of browing; short, thick neck; body short and chubby, with a broad well-filled-in back—that is, totally free from any tendency to hollowness or guttering; deep, broad, full chest, nicely rounded, running off quite clean underneath, giving the bird a cleancut appearance behind; wings short and well braced, carried evenly down the back, the tips just reaching the root of the tail, which also should be short, closely folded, and carried quite straight; the legs set well back, giving the bird a good, full-fronted appearance, with as little of it behind the perch as possible; the bird to be well proportioned.

A Debatable Question.

The question of size is a very debatable one, and has often been the subject of angry discussions. Some breeders declare that 5½ inches is quite long enough for a Norwich, so long as it is proportionately built. That is all right so far as it goes, but if a bird six inches or 6¼ inches long be also built in proportion, and is equal in other points, the larger bird should always take the lead. Personally I prefer a large bird, as it is the most difficult to breed. But it must possess the necessary qualifications that go to make a good Norwich, and, above all, it should be clean behind, for nothing is more obnoxious to my mind than to see a bird supposed to be a Norwich carrying so much feather that it cannot keep its legs clean; and I have no hesitation in saying that the proper place for birds like these, no matter how good they may be in colour and other Norwich properties, is certainly not on the show bench, as they are purely stock birds, and should be kept in the breeding-room, where many of them, undoubtedly prove invaluable when paired to suitable hens.

At the same time the other extreme should be avoided; that is, birds having long, stilty legs, and showing the whole of the thigh, for your true Norwich should be placed upon a pair of good, well-set legs, and in such a manner that only the hocks are visible.

So much then for shape. We now come to the next grand essentials in a good Norwich, viz., quality and colour. It is most desirable that the bird should be clothed with very short, close-fitting feather of good silky texture; and if this silky texture be combined with a rich colour so much the better. Unless the bird possesses these very necessary points in addition to a correct shape, it can not be termed a tip-top specimen.

The Meaning of Quality.

The meaning of the word quality is, I am afraid, not as clearly understood as it should be, for many young fanciers (and, I am sorry to say, some older ones too, who really ought to know better) appear to think that every bird carrying long loose feather must of necessity be a coarse-feathered bird, and I have even seen this statement in cold print. Nothing could be more misleading to a novice than this, and the sooner he learns that quality is not denoted merely by the length or looseness of feather, the better it will be for himself. If quality were simply determined by the length or looseness of a bird's feather, it would be practically useless to look for it in the heavy feathered varieties, such as Crests; yet there are specimens in this variety that possess feather of the very best quality, just as there are some specimens of the short-feathered breeds which carry a coarse, harsh feather.

Soft and Silky.

Quality, as applied to birds, means that the bird possessing such, carries feather either long or short, of that soft, silky texture which gives such an appreciable sheen and grand finish to a good bird, and is quite different from the dry, harsh feather carried by a coarse feathered bird. The young fancier will soon learn to detect the difference between the two, when once he knows what he has to look for.

The meaning of colour is probably understood by everyone, and I need only state that it must be bred for, just as you must breed for type and quality, and that the colour of a good Norwich should be bright and rich, and of an even tone all through.

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Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. Harmless to everything.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Various.

R. H. Slater.—Very glad to hear you have got such good results by running one cock with two hens and following advice given here. (1) Yes, the young will do very well and moult all right in the aviary, and doubtless be much better than if caged up. They should begin to moult soon now, and will thus get through well before bad weather arrives. (2) The method of feeding given to "Lump Sugar, L'pool," will do very well for them. (3) To be on the safe side you should begin at once to give a small quantity of colour feed in egg food, or on bread and milk, if they eat it thus, freely, twice a week. In three or four weeks hence, even if they have not begun to drop feathers, increase it to three times a week, and continue this until the moult commences, when you must begin to give feed regularly every day, and continue this right through the moult. (4) The best way for you to pick out the cocks is to watch them closely, and note their attempts at singing, and single out those that show a marked inflation and pulsation of the throat when trying to sing. There may be some that will not start to sing until after the moult is quite over. As a rule, the biggest, boldest, and most dominant and pushful birds will turn out cocks, but it is certainly not easy for a novice to recognise the subtle distinctions. There is a plate in one of the published parts of "Our Canaries," which shows the different appearance of the sexes excellently. You should get that and study it.

A Grave Outlook.

W.L.H.—Your letter conveyed to me only one impression, and that unmistakably—that you have a virulent type of septic fever among the birds, and with the generally prevalent tropical weather, I fear the outlook for you is very grave indeed. I suppose the p.m. reply to "W. Tear" in last issue was intended for you, in which case my own suspicions are sufficiently confirmed. Cure there is none. Medicinal treatment is merely so much wasted effort. Therefore, devote all your attention to the general hygiene of your stock; thorough disinfection; and isolation of all apparently healthy birds. Move all that appear perfectly healthy to a place quite isolated from the present room and allow absolutely no communication between them. Use a totally different set of vessels of all kinds for the two lots of birds, to avoid any communication through this medium, and it would be best to get them attended to by separate persons. Keep a sharp eye on the healthy stock, and immediately one shows signs of becoming ill, take it back, cage, fittings and all, to the other room and let it take its chance with the affected stock. Stop all egg food, and feed principally on a seed diet, with a variety of mixed seeds for change, a little crushed plain biscuit, given dry, and occasionally a little bread scalded in milk and sprinkled with maw, and green food daily. Keep everything, especially drinking water, as pure and fresh as possible, and add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid to the water three times a week for a time to tone up the system. As regards disinfection, get the Nutshell booklet on "Disinfection," 2½d. post free, and Dr. Clarke's brochure on "Septic Fever," 7d. post free, and act on the very full instructions given therein. All your seeds are very good, and have nothing to do with the cause. Stale, or impure, egg food would cause it, or the introduction of an infected bird, or cage or appliance which had been in contact with the disease.

Showing, etc.

C. S. Glad to hear you have met with some measure of success; hope it may lead on to something more brilliant. (1) Of course you might manage with the cage you mention for keeping and training the cock in, but if you have any serious intention of showing, by all means get a proper show cage, which, after all, is not a very serious outlay. You can scarcely expect a bird to behave quite O.K. if you keep and train it in a makeshift cage, and put it in a show cage at the last minute, as it were, to face the judge. (2) Start giving a little colour food in the egg food about twice a week at the end of June, and continue this until they show signs of the approaching moult by occasionally having a nap, looking more or less dull, going off song, etc. When these symptoms appear, give colour every second day, and look out for dropped feathers. When the latter appear, begin colour feeding daily. (3) If the birds agree, the two, or even three, birds may be moulted together in one cage quite satisfactorily. (4) If the breeding cage is fitted with sand-drawers, you might quite safely clean them out every week all through the breeding season. Go about the work quietly and methodically, then there is no need whatever to avoid it out of consideration for the birds. Should the weekly cleaning day fall near the time of young hatching, omit it that week. No further neglect is called for. (5) Yes, sawdust is very suitable for the cage floors whilst birds are moulting. Give a supply of gritty sand in a small vessel in one corner of the cage. If the parents have only hatched this one brood you might, if the hen is equally anxious to nest again, let them have another nest. By all means, get the parts of "Our Canaries," then if there is any point not quite clear to you, write me, and I will endeavour to elucidate it. The sample of crushed hemp would be better described as "hemp seed meal." I should regard it in this condition as quite useless for feeding Canaries, and the very best quality would soon become objectionable after being so ground. All that is necessary is to just crack the husk to make it easier for the birds to extract the kernel. The few stray whole grains in the sample were very good, so probably the seed is good before being ground.

A Single Egg (M. C.).—Give the hen the rhubarb and soda mixture advised to "Darkie" for two days, and then feed her as advised in the same reply after the end of the first week, and continue this feeding until the hen has gone to nest again. If she does not do so in the course of a fortnight it is doubtful whether she will go to nest again this season. No other treatment than the above will be needed.

Broken Toe (J. A.).—You should have given some particulars as to how and when the toe was broken, and in what way the damage affects it. A broken toe would be something of a rarity, and I rather suspect it is simply a deformed toe which curls underneath the foot. If this is so, and it is of any standing, your best course is to leave it alone. If it does not materially hamper his movements about the perches, there is no reason at all why you should not breed with him successfully. In any case it is worth a trial.

Pedigrees (J. Evans). Roughly speaking, No. 4 contains 75 per cent. blood of No. 1, and 25 per sent. blood of No. 2. But, strictly, a bird may, and does, inherit some part of its characteristics from more remote ancestors than its immediate parents and grand-parents. "The Stock Book and Pedigree Register," which our Manager will send you post free for 7d., is specially designed to enable you to keep the pedigree of your stock in a convenient and readily accessible form. With this you should find no difficulty in getting at the pedigree of any bird bred by yourself.

What to Do (Inquisitive).—When a hen has a bad record for being a non-feeder, the very best thing to do is to endeavour to get a pair of good feeders at work simultaneously, so that they may, if necessary, take over the feeding of the negligent hen's young. The day before next brood are due to hatch add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea to the drinking water for one-half of the day, and repeat the dose on the two following days. Also give a bath in which a little common salt has been dissolved on each of these days. Treat her as regards feeding, etc., as advised to "Elene."

Moulting (H.W.B.).—What you describe are all simply the symptoms of approaching moult, which have perhaps been a little protracted. Now the feathers have begun to drop, all should go well. Keep bird in quite comfortable place, free from draughts. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Give a little greenfood in variety daily, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of crumbled sponge cake, or egg-food, or its equivalent of bread sopped in milk. On the alternating days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts millet, inga, linseed, and maw, with a sprinkling of hemp. Nothing else should be necessary, but towards end of moult 20 drops of chemical food in the water twice a week will do no harm. Bird will not sing until moult is quite finished.

Crest with Horns (Newport).—It is a physical defect, and can only be properly dealt with by judicious mating of the stock birds in order to breed it out of the progeny. Get Part XIII. of "Our Canaries," which will fully explain how to deal with this and similar defects in the breeding season. It will certainly spoil the bird's chances of success on the show bench. Although not a disqualification, it is a serious defect, and tells against a bird considerably in good competition. If horns are of only slight extent you might do something when getting the bird ready for a show by moistening the offending feathers with warm water, and then gently brushing them down where you wish them to lie with a small camel-hair brush or pencil, continuing the brushing, and now and again warming the brush, until the feathers are quite dry, and finally give a brush with a tiny pad of silk. During all the operation keep the brush or pad stroke in the direction the feathers should lie to make them the least prominent and unsightly.

Crest-bred Hen (Darkie).—I'm afraid nothing will put this hen right, neither will she ever be of any use to you for breeding. You might try what the following treatment will do for her. Keep her in a quiet, comfortable, airy, but not draughty place, as free as possible from fluctuations, or vitiated air of any kind. Give a staple of plain canary seed. For the first week give, besides this staple, a free supply of greenstuff, chickweed, dandelion, plantain, daily only, and add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence to the drinking water every second day. After this, add to the diet half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, and a similar quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake, sprinkled with equal parts of maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed, every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle and linseed. Give a little dandelion daily. In the drinking water give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid for three days, and follow this with 20 drops of whisky, six each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a week or ten days.

Rings and Limewater (Mystery, S.W.).—(1) No ring came to hand, so you probably overlooked it. Assuming the rings are well-made, I should imagine you must have injured the legs, perhaps broken them, in putting on the rings to account for the effect produced. You rung them rather too early—from 7 to 9 days old is about the best time—but that should not have produced these ill-effects. (2) Rings are undoubtedly the most reliable means of recording pedigree. You might use open rings, which you could put on when the young are about leaving the nest. Another method is to cut notches in the web of the flights, or stamp them with indelible numbers—both temporary and risky methods. (3) Lime-water may sometimes be beneficially used medicinally for birds, in which case it is added to drinking water. Look through replies this week, and you will find one or two where its use is recommended.

Going Light (Lump Sugar, Liverpool).—You are not feeding the young correctly, which is doubtless the cause of the trouble. First of all see that all your seeds are quite sound and good, especially the hemp, and that cages and perches are kept scrupulously clean, and well provided with clean gritty sand. As a staple diet give plain canary only. Every second day give a little summer rape, and on the alternate days twice each week a small quantity of hemp—about half teaspoonful per bird—not crushed, as the birds should be quite able to crack it themselves; just slightly crack it a few times, then give it whole. On two other days give a similar quantity of bread and milk sprinkled with maw. A few plaintain stalks may be given occasionally. This is for general diet. For the next week feed as above, but give the bread and milk daily with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion per bird mixed in it before adding the maw, and for one day add four drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece to each two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Keep water supply perfectly pure and fresh.

Moulting and Young (R.I.C., 11).—(1) Keeping them under as healthful conditions as possible, free from draughts and fluctuations, and in a fairly warm place when the moult begins, is the best way to assure a good and quick moult. Twenty drops of whisky and a few shreds of saffron added to the water for a few days when they show signs of beginning, until they are well broken into moult, will do no harm, and those showing any signs of

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" 1/-; Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Wessell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

trouble in beginning, give a little egg-food every second day with a slight dusting of flowers of sulphur on it until they break away, and also keep them quite warm and cover over the cages. If trouble occurs in any particular case, write us and send full particulars, and I shall be glad to assist you. (2) There is not much wrong with your feeding of the young birds. See to the quality of the seeds, and keep cages and all food and water vessels scrupulously clean, and feed and treat as advised in reply to "Lump Sugar, Liverpool." It is just possible their dulness is due to the approaching moult.

Starving Chick (I. B. R.).—If you had no other good feeding with young about the same age to which you could transfer the chick, hand-feeding for a day or two was the only way out. Hope you succeeded in the attempt. The young one you found on the floor was probably dragged out of nest accidentally. See that the hen's claws are not overgrown next time, also that the nest is placed so that she hops off on to the side before going to a perch instead of flying off with a rush, and always take a glance over the cage floor when feeding for the first few days after hatching to see if any young have been dragged out. If discovered in such circumstances whilst still alive, replace them in the nest. See reply to "Elene" for hints how to treat next brood.

Is it a Mule? (Lidnum).—The mere fact of the hen laying two clutches of unfertile eggs is no proof at all that she is a Mule, even though she does "look so like a Linnet." It only shows that one or both birds are not in very good breeding condition, or do not "hit" together. I have an almost clear buff Roller hen that has done precisely similarly, and I know she is no Mule. But if you could show the hen to a Mule breeder he should be able to tell you whether it was really a Mule or not. If she is anxious to go to nest again now, there is no reason why you should not let her do so, in which case give a small teaspoonful of crushed stale sponge cake with half as much of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame, mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts niger, hemp, and millet. Give a free supply of chickweed and dandelion daily. In the drinking water add a small crystal of sulphate of soda daily for three days. Continue the above feeding until she has gone to nest.

Young Dying (Novice, Manchester).—Your hens evidently did not begin to feed at all. You must not give yolk of egg solely for any length of time. Give a small quantity, say a small teaspoonful, when brood is hatching, and begin from next feeding time to add bread or biscuit to it. See reply to "Elene" above, and act on these hints with future broods. No. 1910 birds are not too young to feed the chicks, though it is not uncommon for hens to make hash of the business, more or less, with the first brood. They may do better next time. Hens usually commence feeding young within an hour or two of hatching, but the quantity of food consumed by the young for the first day or two is, of course, very small. To make a good firm nest get a nest-box or pan, put in a little moss or short hay, the coarsest part of the penny nest-bags usually sold, work it into shape with fingers, then fill up centre fairly solid with cow-hair, stand a hot egg you have just boiled for birds, on end in the centre of mass of hair, and gently press it down and twist round and round pivot-wise for a few minutes, when you will find it has, with judicious use, moulded an ideal nest for you.

Small Egg (F. J. Langley).—The egg is quite abnormally small, and would not have hatched out in any case. It had probably been in the nest some days to account for the partial drying up. Very young hens or old hens sometimes lay these abnormal eggs, but there is not necessarily anything physically wrong with them—the ovary is not in full vigour, that's all. But in old hens it often indicates that their reproductiveness is exhausted, and unless exceptionally good birds, they are scarcely worth wasting the services of a cock bird with. If the hen is a young one you should feed her rather liberally for a week or two and give a liberal supply of chickweed and dandelion daily.

Is it good? (Tinker).—If the bird was really ruptured, as you were told, the advice to paint it with iodide—which, by the way, was probably a mistake in terminology, and meant iodine—and to give the oil named in egg food, instead of being good, is as useless as rubbing tatcho on its beak to make its tail grow longer, and not nearly so harmless. I cannot tell what the substance may be without seeing it, or at least having very precise details as to its position, size, appearance, etc., and the general condition of the bird. It may be simply a little overfed, and I do not really think there is anything serious the matter with the bird. Keep it on the plain canary for a fortnight, and give in addition once a week a little bread and milk sprinkled with maw, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts summer rape, black rape, and millet. Give green food freely daily. If not better, write again, referring to this reply, and giving the fullest particulars you can on the above mentioned. Apply nothing externally.

Leaving in Charge (Puzzled, Buxton).—Sorry it was not possible, owing to holiday dislocation, to reply to your query in last issue, as it did not reach me until sometime after that issue had gone to Press. As you had a friend who would attend to the daily feeding during your absence, you could certainly have given him or her a lesson in making the ordinary egg food which would have occupied but little more time and been far better than changing for any substitute whilst young were being fed. As long as the birds are doing well, it is always unwise to make a drastic change at such a time. But if you considered it really necessary, one of the very best substitutes is a mixture of half-pound good preserved egg yolk and one pound of crushed maizena wafer biscuits, well mixed together and stored in a cool dry place in air tight tins. To use, take a little less than the required quantity in cup or basin, add a little stale bread soaked in cold water and squeezed as dry as possible, and a little maw, and blend all well together with a fork. The quantity of bread should be just sufficient to bring the whole to a crumbly, moist state. It would not be wise to separate the cock at this stage, as many hens would refuse to go on with the feeding, and as you would not be on hand to see how things were going, it is best to leave them together, and take the chance of their not starting nesting again.

Colour Questions (No-Bo).—(1) The sample of hot Natal is only moderate. You should easily get a richer colour. (2) If you wish to hot feed, in the absence of a richer coloured pepper, this sample might be tolerated, but would have to be used in a little higher proportion to get the same effect, which is not a desirable point. I am not much in favour of very hot feeding, and consider two ounces of good, rich coloured Natal in a pound, gross, of colour-feed sufficient; but to get the same effect with this sample you would need about three ounces in a pound. In addition to this, add four ounces of soft brown sugar, and, if the peppers appear lacking in oil, an ounce of finest salad oil, and thoroughly blend all together. Let it stand in an earthenware jar for a few days, and it is ready to use as required. (3) This is answered in No. 2. No other ingredients are required. You could get the feed ready blended in the proper proportions from the vendor of the brand named. (4) The water paint named would do well enough to re-decorate the cages after the mites have been exterminated; but do not simply re-distemper cages with this or any other brand with the hope of destroying mites in toto. If you do you will be mortified to see the mites running about the insides before they are well dry, looking out for fresh harbouring quarters. Thoroughly wash and disinfect the cages, scraping off any old loose distemper before applying fresh distemper. Look through the last two week's replies, and you will find full details for eradicating this pest.

Ill-luck (Elene).—Surely you cannot really mean that the young of the Crests were in the nest six weeks? This must be a slip of the pen, as even with bad feeders, if the young get enough to keep them alive they should have been out the nest and feathered by the end of the fourth week. I do not think you gave the parents a fair chance, as by withholding all green food you probably deprived them of the one thing that would have saved the situation. Never mind them being a trifle loose in bowels next time, give green food freely. Many birds will practically rear their young well upon it when they absolutely refuse to feed with anything else. Give a spray of tender chickweed, or a flower head of groundsel on the second day after hatching, and after this gradually increase the quantity, and give it fresh two or three times daily. If the looseness gets troublesome from this cause, add a pinch of maw seed to the egg food each time, and a tablespoonful of lime-water to the drinking water for one half of the day for a day or two. Also make your egg food with equal parts egg, crumb of stale bread, and crushed stale sponge cake, with a sprinkling of maw as mentioned above. Keep it just crumbly moist. You may also offer a little soaked rape in a separate dish, but be careful it does not become sour. You will, however, probably find the green food your "open sesame" to success. By adopting these hints I have no doubt you will do better with the coming broods.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Breeding Bengalese.

J. Rickwood.—Bengalese are an artificial production, and there are many unfertile eggs with this species. Again, they are loose sitters, and often cock and hen crowd into the nest together, and other eggs are spoiled this way. The probability is, your birds have not yet fully settled down, and that you'll have some luck with this second clutch. At any rate all you can do is to leave them alone, and some young are almost sure to be reared during the season. In addition to your present diet, supply millet, sprays, greenfood ad lib, such as chickweed, groundsel, and lettuce, and when young are hatched, or rather, when they are about due to hatch, some soft food mixture should be supplied—several good ones are advertised in our pages—or equal parts of ants' eggs, crushed biscuit, and crumbled sponge cake, made crumbly moist with

boiling water. You will, of course, also have the usual essentials grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. The incubation period is from eleven to thirteen days. After the eggs have been incubated eighteen days I should remove them, as they will not hatch, being either addled or unfertile, as by so doing another clutch will be more quickly produced. The breeding season may be said to commence in early spring, and to continue right up to the moult. At this season do not omit the daily bath, and it is better to have one which will hang outside the cage, over the open door.

Treatment for Sugar Birds.

Tanager.—Sugar Birds and Chloro-Tanagers (Necklace, All Green, etc.) mostly arrive with their feathers more or less glued together, and in the cleansing process feathers are lost, and also in small quarters they are by no means amiable with each other, and this does not spell "a full garment." Again, the latter especially are soft feathered birds, and in handling, cleaning, etc., some of the plumage is lost, and the genus *Chlorophonia* is notoriously difficult to establish. I expect they will ultimately take a mealworm, but they should do well on a sop made with condensed milk, hot water, liquid malt, and crumbled sponge cake, accompanied by unlimited ripe fruit—they can have almost any kind they will take, but I always give orange in limited quantity, and as a change. They should do well in the quarters you have assigned them, but I like them best in a fairly roomy flight, part of which is all glass, and the other part all wood, for retirement, the portion under glass to be planted with a rambler rose, myrtle, orange, and abutilon; this gives them natural quarters, and is, besides, very spectacular. The trees require very little attention, being planted in the ground, and the birds thrive and do well. Of course, a system of ventilation must be provided without draught, and the same applies to your bird-room. This spring, in one of our eastern counties, Yellow-winged Sugar Birds were in a garden aviary, and during this period on several mornings there were several degrees of frost on the grass. One morning there were 9 degrees; the birds are living and in fine plumage. Fed and treated as above (in your cages) the birds should soon renew their plumage.

Java Sparrows' Eggs Infertile.

W. H. P.—Your dietary is certainly all that is needful, and I am rather afraid as to a solution of the difficulty you will have to help yourself by close observation. My difficulty is as follows: From your details of outward distinctions between the two birds, you would appear to have a true pair, but, regarding the number of eggs to the clutch this certainly points to two hens, as also does the fact of their both sitting on the eggs together at times. The differences in form of bill may in this case possibly arise from a very young and an adult hen of somewhat ancient age. I suggest your keeping them under close observation for a time so as to secure definite knowledge. Have you seen them

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should consult Pope's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Aradavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

pairing? If they are about building again, now is the time to be on the look-out. Also as regards the beaks, compare these in profile; that of the hen is wedge-shaped, or perhaps the better term would be a V lying on its side, so <. In the male the upper mandible is distinctly arched and the beak as a whole altogether more stubby than that of his mate. Settle these points to your satisfaction and if you are able to decide you have a pair, and the eggs are again infertile, retain the certain hen and arrange with the nearest dealer to change your cock. Any dealer should do this for you for a trifle. But it would be better if you could carry the exchange through personally and not by post.

What Parrot? (H.B.).—You must give me some idea of the size of the bird. If it is a large one it is an Amazon, but please give me its comparative size, or if you give it in inches, then measurements should be from tip of beak to tip of tail, with approximate length of the latter. I can then name it for you. At present I could only make a guess.

What is it? ("Cackler.")—You do not give me enough data to go upon. Please tell me how you are feeding and treating the bird. Also how long it is since you first noticed those symptoms, and I will try and give you definite help next week, or perhaps you had better write at once and get a reply per post. For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water, and after an interval of two days repeat the dose. I must say the symptoms look very like sexual excitement.

Grey Parrot Laying Eggs in Captivity (Nemo).—It is not at all uncommon for a Grey Parrot to lay eggs in its cage, but the regularity and number of eggs laid by your friend's bird is certainly unusual. It would be wise to see that this bird has not only cuttlebone, but also a lump of old mortar rubbish to nibble; also keep its bowels well regulated by an occasional laxative (Dinneford's Magnesia is about the best), but this must not be given sufficiently often for the voidings to remain watery loose.

Unexplained Cause of Death (Kay).—I presume in addition to canary, millet, cuttlebone, and water, they got green food. Budgerigars must have the latter, and at this season there is nothing so good as flowering (seeding) grass, though lettuce is freely eaten and is very wholesome, but they cannot have too much flowering grass. At this season also they should be on nesting lutenl. A pan of crushed oats, in addition to the small seeds, will be good for them, also occasional millet sprays. Your only means of definitely knowing cause of death is to send the next body to our Mr. Yates for P.M. examination (see rules). During the present spell of hot weather there have been some cases of heat apoplexy; during the heat they will not keep in the shelter; have you provided shade in the flight? Have you got our Nutshell Booklet on Budgerigars? If not, you should get it, 2½d. post free from our Manager.

Are Red-crested Cardinals Amiable? (C.F.E.).—I much fear you can only settle your difficulty by personal observation. I have heard of pugnacious individuals, but this has been mostly with birds in a confined space; on the other hand, I have kept them with small Finches and Waxbills for years, and never had a mishap, and I certainly should not condemn them till you catch them in the act. I am of the opinion that observation will reveal the Budgerigars to be the culprits. Budgerigars will live often for several years with Finches, etc., and do no harm; then you will be continually picking up maimed birds or mutilated bodies. On the Budgerigars' part it is more mischief than maliciousness, yet the fact remains, the birds are killed. On the other hand if the Cardinal did run "amok" it is quite capable of doing the damage. Only observation can give you the definite answer. Have you Saffron Finches? If so, they may be the culprits.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Sea Sand for Birds (W.T.B.).—You cannot do better than utilise clean sand from the seashore for the floors of your cages. But it should be gritty—not the sand which is, so to speak, like dust, but fine shingle. It is improved by the addition of a small quantity of ground oyster shell (obtainable from most fanciers' providers).

A Thrush (J. B. Mullins).—If the loss of feathers seems to be accompanied by skin irritation (as you state), then it is the work of minute parasites (not red mite), and you cannot do better than bathe the affected part with a solution of sulphuretted potash (one dram in a pint of water). Use this warm. Do it once daily for three or four days. Afterwards anoint the part with a tiny smear of boracic ointment.

Coal Tit in an Aviary (L.A.D.).—This bird is insectivorous, and so should have available a dish of insectile food prepared in the usual way. Good mixtures for the smaller Softbills can be bought at a very reasonable price now—you will find them advertised at 1/3 or 1/6 per pound, upwards. It should also have live foods frequently (one or two mealworms or smooth caterpillars, gentles, flies, or any kind of small grubs out of the garden, or branches of fruit bushes, etc., infested with smother (green) fly.

Sex of Goldfinch (R. Riley).—You will find another answer this week dealing with a similar difficulty. My opinion is unaltered, viz., that your bird is a hen. What your friend calls "song" might, to my view, be merely twittering—I have heard hen Goldies rattling out a succession of notes in such a brisk, lively fashion as might deceive anyone into thinking them cocks. If they happen to be rich-coloured (jonque) hens, then this serves to complete the deception. The small blaze of your bird and the state of its vent are conclusive evidences of sex. Some hens are very good from the point of view of colour—a jonque hen, in fact, being better in this respect than many buff cocks. The long, tapering beak is a good sexual sign. A fair amount of good, sound hemp seed is excellent for all Goldies.

Two Points (Serin).—1: Your trouble is entirely of your own making. To keep three hen Greenfinches and a cock Canary in a "fairly large back cage" is very wrong. The hen which is in perfect feather has been attacking the other two (as one might expect) and has plucked and otherwise mal-treated them. How could you expect all three to "go to nest" in such a cage? I can well believe that you could "find no sign of red-mite"—there would be no room for any, I should think! Keep one hen and one cock and give them a good sized cage. Then you may expect better fortune. 2: You will not get this Chaffinch really steady until he has moulted. You should keep him in a Finch stock cage (not in a flight cage) and run him out into a small cage (such as an old show cage) two or three times a week, and spray him. I do this with some of my own Finches.

A Bullfinch (Cooty).—The box cage you describe is not quite the right shape to make a really good home for your Bullie—at least, this is my opinion. I certainly do not believe in cages where the height exceeds the length. Better dimensions would be 16 (or 18) inches long, 11 to 12 high, and 8 or 9 wide. The style of cage will be found illustrated in the "Nutshell" handbook on the Bullfinch (post free 2½d.). You should invest in a copy of this, for it also contains very full information concerning the management, feeding, etc. You should give now canary and teazle 2 parts each, summer rape 1 part, a little hemp and sunflower occasionally only.

Goldfinch Singing but little (W. Lee).—The behaviour of your bird is exactly that of a hen. The hen sings a little; many, in fact, sing quite well enough to deceive people concerning their sex. I have known heaps of such cases. You say that the bird "must" be a cock. Pity you did not give me your reasons for being so definite on the point. Should like to have had a little wager about it, but unfortunately I got "broke" at

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should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Epsom. You are feeding the bird very well, and you say that it is in the best of feather and condition. Well, no self-respecting cock Goldie would do other than sing his level best at this time of the year if in such fettle as you describe. Have you examined the vent?—an absolutely infallible guide to the sex during the late spring and the summer.

Identity of Songster (T. H. Phillips).—Your question is not an easy one to answer, as you say that you are "familiar with the songs of all British birds except Nightingale and Blackcap." Well, you can eliminate the latter, as it is not a nocturnal songster. A few Nightingales have been located in North Wales, so that this celebrated feathered minstrel is not an impossibility. But in the attempted transcription of the song into words, which you send me, I do not find anything peculiarly Nightingalian, if I may be excused the word. Now, the song of the Gale has one famous phrase—a wonderfully effective, liquid succession of notes sounding something like the oft-repeated words, "jug," "jug," "jug," "jug,"—which serves to identify it beyond question. If a Nightingale, then it will not stray far from the spot where you have heard it singing, and one can always get a glimpse of his modest garb by judicious watching and stalking. Don't disturb his home, for young must be due very shortly now.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Josephine M. Duncan.—The trouble has its source somewhere in the dieting of your birds, and I am much afraid you have other birds affected. The liver is the seat of the disease, being greatly enlarged and altered in character. It is not contagious, but emanates from one source, viz., the food. It is difficult for me to express an opinion as to what part of the food is responsible, but I should strongly suggest an immediate change.

Blue Pigeon.—Heat apoplexy, lungs engorged with blood arising from depressed heart action. Possibly about three years. I have buried remains as desired.

R. Groves.—Pneumonia subsequent to a cold. The trouble had originated at the time its voice was affected, and the disease extended from the upper air passages to the lungs. It is very fatal to birds, and must always be anticipated in catarrhal diseases of birds, and preventive treatment adopted.

Andrew Buchanan.—Your bird died in a fit. A vessel on the surface of the brain had ruptured, causing instantaneous death. Any sudden fright would account for it, particularly if he was in high fettle and full song; such are more predisposed to arterial changes due to high tension in the vessels.

C. Greenoy.—The bird was a hen and not a cock bird, as you thought, for I see you mention that this is the second cock Pintail you have lost. Acute enteritis brought about its death due to the introduction of irritants or ptomaines with the food. These birds are very susceptible to bowel disorders, and readily take on diseased changes when from any cause slight ptomaine changes take place.

I.E.S.—Your young Canaries are dying of ptomaine poisoning due to the formation of ptomaines or poison generated in the food. Post-mortem examination revealed acute inflammation of the bowels, together with pneumonia and rapid putrefactive changes. The seed I carefully examined, but this was quite above suspicion. Use scrupulous cleanliness with your feeding utensils; wash same each day in a solution of Condy's Fluid. It is after food has been prepared that these ptomaines form. The trouble I am inclined to think is connected with the egg-food or the preparation of same.

O.B.—Your bird was suffering from true asthma, which is of nervous origin, and often associated with functional disturbance of the heart from failure of which it died. You are wrong in your surmise that in asthmatical subjects the lungs diminish in size. Generally from emphysema of the lungs producing asthmatical symptoms the lung tissue is distended in places, and of larger volume than in healthy lungs. Nor would there be organic changes of the heart such as you describe, the disturbance being of nervous origin and functional, with entire absence of post-mortem changes. The light yellowish or pinkish structures behind the heart on either side are the lungs: these lie in depressions formed by adjacent ribs, and the surface of the lungs, i.e., the upper surfaces, show depressions corresponding with the ribs. The hard lump you describe is the gizzard, and is easily felt during life through the abdominal wall. To make an anatomical examination properly you should first remove all feathers, pin the subject to a board, and with a pair of fine scissors cut through ribs on either side of the breast, and raise this up, after examination of the chest and its contents cut round the abdominal wall, when the remaining organs will be readily visible in situ. A very useful book is Beddard's "Structure and classification of birds," originally published, I believe, for a guinea; but a soiled copy can be obtained from Smith's for three shillings. The anatomy and physiology of the bird is a subject of great interest, particularly when studied comparatively.

F. E. Lister.—Cerebral apoplexy, induced by the hot weather, and predisposed to by high condition brought about death of Budgerigar. Give an occasional dose of some saline aperient in the drinking water, glauber or Epsom salts are good reducing agents. Allow a moderate supply of green food. Green grass is best. A little hay seed sprinkled on the floor of the aviary will also afford them some employment.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A Croydon Society (R.M.A.) There is a fanciers' association in Croydon, whose first show was held on November 10th last. The secretary is Mr. A. C. N. Hewens, 70, Oakfield Road, Croydon.

Contests (H. Chatterton).—We shall be pleased to publish reports of your contests whenever you care to send them.

Press Cuttings (W. Bennett, H. French, and others). We are much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

A Photograph (W. Dobson).—We are keeping this photograph for one of our special issues, containing an art paper supplement. It would not lend itself well to reproduction in an ordinary issue.

Broken in Transit (Manchester Novice). Yes; rule 8 applies to this case, and we are ready to put it into operation if you care to comply with its provisions. We should have thought eggs would have travelled quite safely packed in a tin well padded with cotton-wool.

A Shania (T. J. James).—A Shania, if turned out at once, would winter well in the aviary sketched, providing shelter can be afforded on north and east aspects during the rough weather. It would hardly be likely to harm the Pekin Robins.

A Sparrow Trap (M. R. Medomsley). Your sentiments do you credit, but you must take a broader view of such matters. What of the many thousands of Sparrows destroyed annually by sparrow clubs, and the large numbers of birds of many species killed and eaten by Hawkes, Owls, Magpies, etc., in a wild state?

Duroline (H. Curry).—Note the correspondence columns this week.

A Suggestion (J. W. Goldsmith).—Thanks for your letter and we will think its contents over, but we doubt whether the system you name could be worked by us.

A Norwich "Derby" (Sunstar) We will print your letter in our next issue.

German Canaries (Siefert).—A "stick" comprises seven birds. The sexes are separate. The wholesale importers advertise in our "Roller" columns during the season. You will find addresses, of course, therein. The birds are sent from Germany to England.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick C.B.S.—June 20, Onward Hall, 8. Payment of prize money and specials.—J. Spencer.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—June 18, Ramble, meeting place, Court Houses 1.30. Newtown car for Thrustonfield and Burgh.—J. C. Bell.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—June 20, Abblett Cocoa Rooms, Market Street, 8. Open night and Nest Feather. Show business. New members to be made. Fanciers invited. Subs. 2s. 6d. per annum.—A. E. Lloyd.

Brighton C.B.A.—June 21, Headquarters, 8.15. Committee meeting. Balance sheet June Y.S. Show; classes and judge for July Y.S. Show; general business.—W. H. Gibb.

Bramley O.S.—June 24, Unicorn Hotel, 2.30. F.F. Show, birds staged 2.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock. Entries Friday night from 8 to 10.30 p.m.—W. Maltby.

Brighouse C.B.S.—June 19, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Barnsley C.B.S.—June 17, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for ramble to Dumford by train.—F. C. Sims.

Consett, Blackhill P., etc., S.—June 24, Masonic Hall, 8 prompt. Committee meeting. R. R. Walker.

City of Wakefield O.S.—June 17, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. To elect new members; F.F. Show classes, etc.—J. Atkinson.

Choppington and Dis. C.B.S.—June 17, Railway Hotel, 7. Payment of F.F. Show prize money; please attend.—G. H. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 17, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' show, 8 Yorks., 6 Nor., 1 Brit., 1 Variety, classes. Judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill). Birds must be staged at 2.45 p.m. F. Rhodes.—F. Rhodes.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—June 17, Arcade Temp. Hotel, 7. Important business.—J. R. Reid.

Derby C.B.S.—June 24, Derwent Hotel, 7 p.m. Open show business.—W. Stevens.

Denton C.B.S.—June 19, headquarters, 8. F.F. Show arrangements and ramble; picking judge for Back End Show.—J. Hopwood.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—June 17, at Church Schools. Members' F.F. Show. Judge, Mr. A. W. Hartley (Gt. Horton). All birds to be staged at 3 p.m. prompt. Special prize for starred Birds.—H. Gornall.

Hirst Universal C.B.S.—June 23, Headquarters, 7. Final arrangements for F.F. Show.—R. Middleton.

Halifax O.S.—June 17, Ramble, Withens Clough to Hollock Lea. Meet tram terminus King Cross 2 o'cl. prompt. Leader, Mr. S. Fielden. Members and friends invited.—J. J. Dunn.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 17, Guisley and Yeadon Ramble, which should have taken place on Saturday, owing to other engagements and working will not take place; we hope to have it later. J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 21, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Sanctioning cup rules, etc.—R. Charleson.

Manchester and Northern C.O.S.—June 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. F.F. Show, etc.—H. Boothman.

Morley C.B.S.—June 17, Sycamore Hotel, 2.30. F.F. Show; judge, Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill). All birds staged by 2.30.—A. Gledhill.

North London C.B.A.—June 21, Headquarters, 8. Paper on Colour Feeding and Moulting, by F. Easterling, Esq. Members please note orders for colour food should be given in now.—R. P. Harper.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.—June 17, Grapes Inn, 8. In connection with F.F. show. Members invited to attend, especially those who intend to become members.—J. Bunn.

Oldham C.B.S.—June 20, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8 o'c. All prize money and specials to be paid.—Jas. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 19, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Business important; colour food; last night for intending members to join in time for F.F. Show.—J. Critchley.

Pentre C.B.S.—June 17, Queen's Hotel, 7. Important; all members should attend.—G. Lingard.

Portobello C.B.S.—June 20, Masonic Hall, 8. Clearing of pence cards for half-year. Paper on Scotch Fancy. Ramble to Glencorse 21st, leaving P. Bells, 5.1 p.m.—J. Bell.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—June 17, Fleece Hotel. Judging 2.30. Meeting Friday night for entries at 8 for show; judge, Mr. H. B. Towers, Halstrick.

Queensbury C.B.S.—June 24, Baptist School. Members' Show; birds to be staged note later than 3 o'c. Judges, Messrs. F. Allan and H. Myers.—A. Hartley.

Redhill C.B.S.—July 4, "Muttons Hotel." Y.B. Show. Mr. J. Robson judge.—A. W. Bacon.

Selston F.S.—June 20th, New Schools. Special: members to attend.—C. H. Bacon. (Kindly note that your letters must bear a penny stamp.)

St. James-the-Less F.A.—June 19, Ridley House, St. James Road, Bethnal Green, 8.30. Letters from judges. To decide judges for Y.S. Show and Annual Show.—E. A. Suter.

Sale Open.—June 19, Volunteer Hotel, 8. F.F. Show. J. Irlam.

Shipley O.S.—June 17, Prince of Wales Members' Show. Birds staged 2.30 p.m., judge, Mr. A. Craven. Entries Friday night.—A. Tillotson.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—June 17, St. Johns Parish Hall, 6.30. Paying out of prize money and specials, etc., please attend in good time.—Stockton and Hunter.

Spennymoor C.B.S.—July 5, County Hotel, 7.—C. Ramsey.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 12, Commercial Hotel, 8. Questions on colour food.—J. Lewis.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 24, Lawcett St. Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Tong C.B.S.—Hand and Shuttle Inn. First Members' Show; birds to be staged by 3 o'c. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford). W. Walker. No date given.—Ed.

Vale of Leven C.B.S.—June 20, Village School room, Alexandria, 8. Adjourned meeting to finish arranging classes and election of judges for shows.—C. H. McLean.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 17, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. F.F. Show; judge, Mr. H. Sutcliffe.—H. C. Crossley.

Walkden C.B.S.—June 20, Institute, 8. F.F. Show business; members please attend.—H. Howard.

West Stanley C.B.S.—June 17, Stanley Inn, 7.30. Stewards for Nest F. Show.—W. Elliott.

Windhill and Shipley O.S.—June 17, Blue Bell Hotel, 8 o'c. Special business, please attend.—J. Cook.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—June 20, Dartmouth Hotel, 7. Nest Feather Show free to all.—W. Andrews.

Correspondence.

A Hybrid Between Linnet and Grey Singing Finch.

Sir,—I have been successful in breeding a hybrid from a Brown Linnet and a Grey Singing Finch in my garden aviaries this season. I don't know if this is rare, but should be glad to hear if any reader has bred a similar hybrid.

H. S. Dean.

A New Society for Townhill and District.

Sir,—A number of fanciers met in the Co-operative Hall, Townhill, on Tuesday, June 6, and formed a club for cage birds, etc. (confined to an eight-mile radius). Will fanciers in the district please note that our next meeting will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Townhill, on June 17, at 6.30 p.m., where we shall be pleased to welcome any intending members?

Alexander Burt, Sec.

Viewfield Place, Townhill, by Dunfermline.

A Skylark that Sings and Lays Eggs.

Sir,—A lover of Larks, I caught a few last season as "runners," and I have two left that sing very hard every day, yet, strange to say, one of these birds laid three eggs last week! Any fancier would take it for a cock bird. It hasn't got the plumage of a hen bird, and its spurs are fully one inch long, while it stands well up on the legs. Has any other reader had a singing hen Lark? I have asked a few Lark men, and none of these has ever heard of a hen Lark singing.

W. Laidler.

What is an "Antiseptic Saline"?

Sir,—In answer to "Novice," I wish to say that an antiseptic is that which will prevent putrefaction. The saline referred to in my article was "Aveau," prepared by Mr. W. Vale. I can testify to its value, having used it for a number of years. Young birds, I may say, when they leave the parents, require much care and attention, and if that is not given, trouble will ensue. What I find is that the food is scattered by the birds when feeding on the bottom of the cage, some of which is not eaten, and, becoming decomposed, causes serious complaints; therefore, you will see the necessity of keeping the cages clean. Best clean them out each day whilst egg food is being supplied. When I notice a bird at all "lumpy," I straightway give a drop or two of castor oil in its beak, and add "Aveau" to its drinking water until well again.

Robt J. Elleby.

Fixed Prize Money at Sheffield Shows.

Sir,—I am sorry to take up so much of your valuable space, but if you will allow me to reply to Messrs. Bishop and Woodall I shall be obliged. Before I deal with a few of their mistakes, I would ask the fanciers of Sheffield to carefully study their letters, as I am sure no reply of mine could reveal half so much as their effusions—they speak for themselves. Mr. Bishop I will refer to my last letter as to what the members of the S.O.S. are laughing at. You say, Mr. B., you have not been itching to have a go at the Sheffield C.B.S. Why didn't you take the advice of your officials when they tried to persuade you to refrain from replying to my first letter? You could not help it, of course. As to whether the members of the Walkley C.B.S. agree with me in writing these letters, I am quite prepared for them to pass judgment on my actions in this matter. You might take the same question home to yourself, Mr. B. I am afraid you have lowered the dignity of the S.O.S. more than you are aware, and you are not the "One and Only" that you think. As to the Walkley C.B.S. paying fixed prize money at their next nest feather show, I did not say they were doing so; what I said was that they had paid it for several years, and at their annual show since the formation of the Society. You ask me to "pull down the flag." I think not. The flag I hoisted at first is flying still, viz., that the S.O.S., in paying fixed prize money, is not "out of the ordinary" in the Sheffield district. It remains for you to prove your assertion, which you have not done as yet. Let me say, in closing my remarks to you, that should you at any future time see fit to write to the Press, stick to the point at issue, and keep your spleen to yourself. In reply to Mr. Woodall, I don't admit, Mr. W., that your report of "out of the ordinary" in the Sheffield district was correct. I distinctly say it was a wrong report. You have not brought forth one argument to prove your assertion. Start and prove your words instead of discussing things off the subject. You say you were aware that some of my colleagues, or myself, would be waiting for the first opportunity to contradict your reports, and, knowing this, has made you most careful. Good gracious! Fellow fanciers, listen to what Mr. Woodall says: "No sliding scale here, boys, this is where you get something for nothing." Most careful, forsooth! I fear the time when J. A. T. W. lets himself go if, in his previous reports, he has been "most careful"! As for the animosity, let me inform you again, Mr. W., that so far as myself and the Sheffield C.B.S. are concerned we hold none towards the S.O.S., and I defy you to trace it in my letters. You say you were very sorry to see my first letter. I dare say you were, not because of the letter itself though, but because you and your colleague in the fight, having fired your shot, and missed the mark, find it rebound and injure yourselves. I am sure the S.C.B.S. are grateful for your kind consideration when fixing your dates, so as not to clash; but it so happens you fixed your dates first, and it was the S.C.B.S. that avoided the clashing. You are off the line again; why don't you stick to what you have said, not try and wriggle out so. You are trying to make people think you said the Sheffield C.B.S. "take" 1d. out of each entry; what you really did say was, the Sheffield C.B.S. "keep" 1d. out of each entry; there is a lot of difference between these two words.

J. Woolhouse.

The Proposed Union for Lancashire and Cheshire.

Sir,—Will you kindly announce that I have arranged to hold a meeting at the Deansgate Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, June 24, at 3.30, to consider the above, and shall be glad if delegates and all others who are interested will attend.

Jno. Hopkins.

126, Bury New Road, Bolton.

Wake Up, Oswestry!

Sir,—Now that the idea of forming a Cage Bird Society for Oswestry and District has fallen through, we should hear something of the Oswestry and District Fanciers' and Working Men's Show. What has become of it? There has been no annual meeting to pass last year's accounts and elect new officers. Now, then, Oswestry fanciers, don't let this good little show (the only one we have) fall through.

H. E. Jordan.

A Remedy for Beetles Wanted.

Sir,—If your correspondent who is troubled with black beetles will try sprinkling powdered borax underneath and at the edges of carpets—in fact, anywhere where the beetles congregate—I think it will be the means of getting rid of them. It does not appear to kill them, but they seem to have such a dislike to it that they quit the premises. Some twenty years ago, upon taking over my premises, the place was overrun with thousands of beetles. I found the above treatment very successful then. If there are many, I think a good sprinkling of Keating's Powder will be advisable first to lower the stock; then, after two or three nights, use the powdered borax.

J. W. Goldsmith.

Sir,—If your correspondent, Harold Taylor, would sprinkle borax freely about, he would soon be rid of his trouble re beetles. I have proved this.

R. W. Yearsley.

Sir,—The following is an excellent remedy, and should prove effective: Half-pint finely powdered plaster of Paris; half-pound oatmeal; and sugar to sweeten. Place little piles of this about and fill up all holes with it.

A. E. Long.

Sir,—Sprinkle borax or salt where the beetles are (borax is best); they will then soon disappear. The tortoise is only fed on garden produce, and is not of any use for beetles. It is cruel to put them where beetles are. All powders are good if the beetles are burned or drowned while under the effect of the stuff, or they wake up again. Borax is cheap and the right thing.

Nemo.

Sir,—If your correspondent will buy or beg a hedgehog he will soon get rid of the beetles in the house. He can keep it in a box with some rags and paper in it during the day time, and turn it out so that it can have the run of the house during the night. Set a saucer of bread and milk to drink. Your correspondent will have no more trouble then. I once bought a tortoise, but what he liked best was to get in the garden in the beds of lettuce and plants; and if they live in the garden, what with the amount they eat and what they destroy with their shells, you will wish you had never had one. And a hectic they will not eat.

J. Simpson.

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Cut-throats Come and Go in an Aviary.

Sir,—Reading the views of the faddists, I should like to relate an experience of mine. About ten days ago I bought a pair of small birds known as Cut-throats, which I keep in an aviary enclosed with one-inch mesh netting. On going to the aviary the other night I found these two birds flying about in the garden. I tried to catch them, but failed, and they flew away over the fields. I thought I had seen the last of them. Imagine my surprise, therefore, on going to feed the other birds the following morning, to find them safe back inside the aviary. After clearing their place out I looked again, but they had vanished. I waited for a few minutes, and saw them flying across the field. Then they again alighted on the netting, and after a few minutes' search found a hole a little larger than the rest of the mesh, through which they again entered.

J. Jones.

How to Mix Whitening.

Sir,—Seeing the question of "How to mix whitening" in last week's Cage Birds, "W. J. W." should try a half-pound of size to every halfpenny knob of whitening, as size is a fine thing for this purpose. I have done my outdoor aviary and cages on the insides with it, and find that it does not wash off when water is squirted on it. An improvement on this would be to put a little blue from the blue-bag to make it a better white. My cages and aviary are just as good now as when I whitened them three months ago. A pound of size costs one penny, and can be got at almost any oilshop. I think Cage Birds a very interesting paper.

N. E. N.

Sir,—In reply to "W. J. W.," I may say that my way of mixing whitening to prevent its coming off is to add a small quantity of ordinary glue or concentrated size to it. The directions of mixing the size are given on each packet. If you add a pinch or two of ordinary blue to your whitening it will look much whiter, as I always add some to my whitening. I trust you will be successful with this method of mixing.

W. G. Tucker.

Sir,—In reply to "W. J. W.'s" enquiry how to mix whitening, may I suggest that he uses Castle Brand Distemperette? I consider this is much superior to whitening for cages, etc., as the surface does not rub off, and can be washed when dirty. It costs 3d. per lb., which is sufficient to cover from six to ten square yards, according to surface required. It can be had from most paint shops and general stores in a variety of colours, and is non-poisonous.

Verb. Sap.

Sir,—If "W. J. W." will add a small quantity of size to his whitewash and stir it well in before using, he will have no trouble to get it to stick to the cages. Too much must not be added, or it will work stiff on the brush, and also be apt to blister and shell off in patches. It can be got of any oil and colour man, who would tell him just about the right quantity to use in a given quantity of whitewash. It is melted in hot water to add to the whitewash. Another method—and an excellent one for cages—is to make a little flour paste, the same as if made to hang paper, using common flour (self-raising is useless for the job), and well mix this in the whitewash. About half a pint of paste in two quarts of whitewash would suffice.

Claude St. John.

The Squirrel in Captivity.

Sir,—I purchased a young Squirrel recently through your columns, which had been brought up by hand from the nest. Although I know it is hardly in your province, I thought perhaps you would advise me as to the feeding. At present he has nuts and odd pieces of cake, biscuit, etc., and I give him water and milk to drink.

P. T. Harvey.

[We submitted our correspondent's letter to Mr. H. J. Fulljames, who writes: "The Squirrel will need no better treatment than that which you are giving him. Of course, you will vary the nuts from time to time. Barcelona, or "Spanish" nuts will form the staple food; and other nuts, beechmast, pea nuts, acorns, etc., may be given as convenient. Milk sop made with stale bread is a good morning meal. It is to be hoped that you will not keep your Squirrel in one of the totally inefficient 'wheel-boxes' made for the purpose. It is nothing but cruel that a Squirrel should be deprived of all exercise excepting that which he may get in a small wire wheel. A proper box for a Squirrel should have at one end a small and snug sleeping place, and at the other a wheel into which it will be entirely optional for the Squirrel to go and to take exercise. Between the sleeping box and the wheel should be a considerable space, wired all over, and with a removable bottom tray; this tray kept filled with some such material as peat-moss, which will absorb moisture. Squirrels are very 'smelly' subjects, and need frequent cleanings out if they are kept in close confinement. A Squirrel reared from the nest makes a most delightful pet. Three of mine, which I had at the same time, were never happy except when they were running all over me. They would play hide and seek in and out of my coat and waistcoat, and when I was tired of playing with them I had quite a trouble to get them back into their large cage. They nearly always had the freedom of the kitchen, which, by the by, was not always conducive to the keeping of unbroken plates on the shelves, and they would jump ten or twelve feet from the top shelf of the dresser to my shoulder. I could always let them loose in the garden with the certainty of their coming to my call if I noticed any tendency of their getting out of bounds."]

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Sir,—Could any reader kindly tell me, through the columns of your valuable paper, of a good recipe for German paste, so that I may mix up my own? I thank you in anticipation for inserting my inquiry, and also for the help gained through reading your excellent CAGE BIRDS.

H. H. DADSON.

A Cure for Soft-shelled Eggs.

Sir,—Will some kind reader advise me on the following points? I have a hen Bullfinch that lays a soft-shelled egg every week. She is paired to a cock Greenfinch, and all the eggs are good. I have plenty of grit and cuttlefish in the cage, and everything I can think of, but to no purpose. E. HADDRELL.

City of Glasgow O.A.

An Inquiry Instituted.

Sir,—An inquiry in connection with the alleged judging of his own birds by one of our judges at our late show will be held in the Graud National Halls, Gorhals, Glasgow, on Friday, June 23, at 8 p.m., when it is earnestly requested hy the ahove Association that anyone wishing to give evidence bearing (of course) on the alleged incident will come forward, so as to assist the Association, in the best interests of the Fancy, to clear up this scandal.

DAVID BLACK, President.

Unions in the Cage Bird Fancy.

Sir,—In your columns every now and again there are letters about either a Lancashire Union or keeping the C.B. Union. I think it is about time a move was made with one or the other, as we shall soon have the show season here again, and no ruling body. For my part, I would sooner see a National Union. I think one is wanted. From time to time you see letters about men trying to win more than the three firsts in novice classes, and last year there seemed to be a lot of faking, while now there is this hother about a Scottish judge's alleged lending of birds. I would like to see the London Federation take it up and allow representatives of the Press to he on the committee, so that the puhlic may get to know the general workings of the Union. There should be a branch union for each county, and each county to send their representatives to the general committee meeting. I hope some of the leading fanciers will state their views, and I will sign myself, for the present, J. SEE.

Young Canaries Dying.

A Well-known Dealer's Views on Bird Mortality.

Sir,—I note in CAGE BIRDS of the 10th inst. an article on the problem of young Canaries dying, and I send herewith a few particulars concerning what I think are causes of young Canaries and other birds dying. Being, as you are well aware, a large dealer in Canaries and an importer both of Canaries and foreign birds, also a great fancier of our "feathered pets," I should like to give a "secret" (if I may call it such) away to my brother fanciers. This breeding season I have had many inquiries like this: "Can you give me any idea as to the reason I am losing my young Canaries; they do well for a few days, then die?" Now, I have been in many breeders' and small fanciers' rooms, and my reply has been: "Look at the water-pots." "Why the water-pots?" they ask. I reply that that is the secret. Some breeders are not very particular about this—the main thing of the bird's life, especially in its young days. "I don't know how" it is, I always give fresh water every morning. "Just so," I say; "but it is the cause of the hirds dying, because the pots are not thoroughly cleansed." The parents, as we all know, drink the water, and the food that they put into the little birds' crops soon becomes sour, and the little birds die through fever, which is got from the foul water. I have many thousands of birds pass through my hands every year, and the principal thing I have to guard against is death from fever. I have my pots (every one) taken out of the holder, put into a bucket, and taken down to the tap, in the sink, and all emptied out, thoroughly rubbed with a sponge or cloth, put into a bucket, and the water allowed to run through for about half an hour, until they are quite sweet, and so clean that I am not afraid to offer anybody a drink out of any one of them. How many times do we rinse a glass out before we take a drink of water ourselves, although it has been thoroughly cleaned before being put away? Some one may say, "I never do." Then all I can say about that particular person is that he does not care much for his own health, as it does not matter how or when the glass has been cleaned, there is always the deadly microbe lurking on some part of the glass—the typhoid microbe, especially in hot weather. The same applies to the hirds' glasses. It is usual (I have seen it done) for the hird fancier to first of all get a bucket, and sneak his good wife's kettle or jug, and start to water. He takes out No. 1 glass or pot, emptics the water out, then just rinses the glass out with a drop more water, and then fills it up, or probably he takes a little water in the bottom of the bucket and a cloth to wipe the glass out. He goes then to No. 2 glass, and right through the lot. But has he considered that he has emptied all the water pots into the same bucket, and washed them out with the dirty water? Here we see that he is spreading the microbes to all the other glasses; they are invisible to the eye, and so he does not see them, and many have not heard of the typhoid microbe. As long as the water looks clean, that is sufficient. Now let him take some of the water from the bucket, and put it into a small but powerful microscope, and behold! he will see thousands of them—no, millions—and then he wonders why his little birds die. Do the same with the glass that he has had in the same bucket, when rinsed out once; it still leaves a few in, and they soon multiply. This is the secret of success—"Cleanliness." Fanciers, take every pot off your cage; wash it well in two or three changes, and see that it is thoroughly clean. Polish it with a glass cloth like your wife does your glass, and see that it is done every time, so that if necessary and you want a drink yourself you would not be afraid to drink out of a bird's pot. I think if you will take a little time and trouble over your hobby it will repay you. If a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well. There is also another thing: Empty the seed pots right out into a small sieve (cost, about 6d.), and put clean seed into the hopper. Then when you have a little spare time, riddle the seed and put it out on a sheet of paper in the sun to kill all the mites and other little microbes that may be in same. It will repay you. I have had twenty years' practical experience, and they say experience teaches. When I have a large consignment of foreign birds arrive from very far away, I go over every bird to see if it requires anything doing to it. It might be upset through travelling, or possibly, through a change of water, requires a little of something to assist nature. Then I give a little olive oil, and in most cases it recovers. To give you an example: A fortnight ago I had over 2,000 birds arrive from Africa. I went over every hird myself to see if it was in perfect health, and any I found not very well I gave a drop of olive oil. What was the result?—a good week's wage saved for a few hours' trouble. I (like all other fanciers should) cannot bear to see the beautiful things God has given us to look upon and admire in misery when a minute's trouble will give relief, and ensure a happy, bright life. Out of the total number of birds received, only eighteen died. Keep your cages thoroughly clean. You will not disturb the birds when sitting; they will not mind but will soon go back on the nest. If the cages have not sand-trays, it will pay you to clean them three times a week—just simply take the dirt away, or, better still, thoroughly scrape and put some clean sawdust on, and a little sand on the top. I trust the above will be of some little use to brother fanciers, and apologise for taking up so much space.

BERNARD HOLLINS.

Hopes of Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids.

Sir,—I wrote you last week about eggs I had from a hen Twite paired to a cock Goldfinch. She laid five eggs, but I am sorry to say they are all clear. The hen is at present rearing a nest of young Twites I brought in and gave to her to see what she would do. I gave her five eggs. She started to sit on the 1st of June, and hatched out four young Twites on the 8th of June, and the other on the 9th. The Goldfinch was in with her at the time. As soon as she came off the nest to feed, out came the four young ones by master Goldie. I put them back, but he pulled them out again when I went out of the room. So I put them back and put him in a cage by himself; and since then the Twite has been stuffing the young ones with crushed hemp and egg food as good as the hest of Canaries could do it. I am going to let her rear this nest, and then run the Goldfinch to her again. I hope to be able to report something good before the end of the season. Could you tell me if anyone has had young from this cross before? I have not see anything about it that I remember. If this meets the eye of any who have had fertile eggs or young from this cross, I should feel much obliged if they would let me know about it through CAGE BIRDS—the hest of all birdy papers.

E. SOUTHWOOD.

[The Twite-Goldfinch Hybrid has not yet been bred, we believe. Kindly note rule respecting writing on one side only of each sheet of paper.—Editor.]

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Sir,—Where can I purchase a substance called, I believe, "Duraline," or a similar substance suitable for roofing an aviary, which will not exclude light, and yet be wind and rain proof?

H. C. CURRY.

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Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street).
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.
Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 53, York Street).
Oct. 13 & 14.—**Bolton.**—(P. Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor.)
Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.
Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.
Oct. 14.—**Morpeth** (E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage) J.C.B., A.H.
Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.
Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.
Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.
Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.
Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)
Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.
Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sh.
Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.
Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.
Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idaboe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate. N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.
Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.
Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.
Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road) J.Wk.
Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).
Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.
Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.
Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.
Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)
Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.
Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.
Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.
Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)
Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.
Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.
Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)
Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton st.), J.R., J.M.
Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 38, Craven Street.) J.R.
Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.
Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)
Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)
Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.
Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.
Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)
Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.
Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).
Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.
Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.
Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hohson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.
Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).
Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(Winter and Hood, 93, Bolckow St.). H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 7.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). G.F., J.S., J.A., P.Pce.
Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.
Oct. 20 and 21. **City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B.,W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street.)
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Cammethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 13, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street). W.R., J.Tn., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Gse, J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (Mr. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

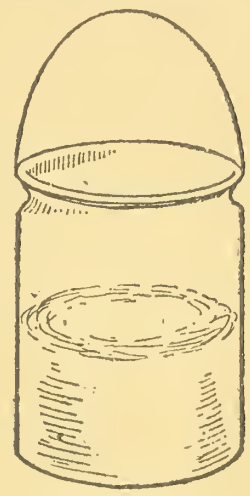
Illustrated Ideas

No. 516.

Cheap and Novel Nesting Pot

Sent by Mr. F. Pawson, West View, Garstang.

Procure some preserve jars, about four inches in diameter (which are white ones); then fill to a little over half-full with moist clay, and put into a warm oven until set. When this is done, place a wire round the top of the pot, and attach another wire over the top to hang



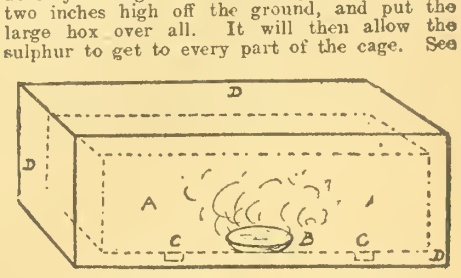
up hy. Both Canaries and foreign Finches take readily to these nesting pots. Of course, nesting material must be provided.—F. Pawson.

No. 517.

A Cage Disinfector.

Sent by Mr. G. May, 7. Boones Street Lee, Kent.

I enclose sketch of disinfector (which every fancier can own), with which to purify cages. Get a box made same shape as your cages, four inches larger over all, and airtight. Place a pan of hurning sulphur on the ground. Place your cage over it, resting on four blocks two inches high off the ground, and put the large hox over all. It will then allow the sulphur to get to every part of the cage. See



that the large box fits tight to the ground to prevent the sulphur escaping. Let it stand for a few hours, when there will be no escape for red mite. When not using your disinfector utilise it as a flight cage by having fronts fitted to it. I have a cause for thinking this out the third year of entering the Fancy. I lost all my birds—about forty—through fever. I burnt all the cages, and this blow I have not yet recovered. I hope this will benefit the Fancy. D in the sketch represents the disinfecting box; A, the breeding cage; C, the blocks (2in.) to rest cage on; and B, the sulphur pan.—G. May.

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Club Reports.

RUTHERGLEN AND DIST. O.A.

Meeting held May 15th, Mr. Livingstone chair. Decided, to hold nest feather show first Saturday in July; also to hold annual show 25th November. Mr. J. Lawrie (Govan) has kindly consented to judge same. Next meeting 19th June.—Jas. Lappin, Sec.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Meeting held White Lion Hotel, June 10th. Mr. A. Leech took chair. Decided, that we hold our next meeting June 24th, and that we accept entries for nest feather show on above date, allowing each member to make three entries on the morning of the show (British excepted). All entries to be made before 10 a.m. July 1st, and birds to be staged by 10.30, when judging will be commenced. I hope all members will get as large an entry in as possible, and give us a record meeting, when we intend to discuss the Cage Birds League. Will all intending members who have not paid their contributions do so at once?—R. H. Dixon, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held June 7th, capital attendance of members. Final arrangements were made for the young bird show, June 22nd, the prospects of which seem very bright, and I quite anticipate a display of birds, which will be a credit to the society. To this end I trust every member will make as large an entry as possible. It was decided that members who have joined since February should be allowed to show if paid half the annual subscriptions; others should, according to rule, be fully paid up. Mr. McMurtrie promised 2s. 6d. cash for the best young Canary or Mule, and Mr. Walton a special for best in variety old bird class. Mr. J. Bowers has been specially engaged to judge the same. All birds should be staged not later than 2 p.m.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Committee meeting held May 24, when specials were arranged for 1911; in championship section the same as 1910, and for novice section, trophy value 10s. 6d. (for most points at each show) six in number, provided there are not less than four members exhibiting (no member can win more than one trophy in the season); 2s. 6d. for best vhc bird; 2s. 6d. for best hc bird at each show. Guinea trophy (patent egg-boiler) for most points won during the season; bound volume for second most points, given by Cage Birds, bound volume given for most points gained by member joining this year during season 1911, presented by Cage Birds. Fanciers wishing to join should write at once to F. S. Matthes, hon. sec., 34, Rotherhithe New Road, London. On June 26th, a committee meeting will be held to receive applications for patronage. Will officers and members of committee attend at 7.30 sharp at Mr. Pretty's, 6, Old Burlington Street, W.? Clubs wishing for our patronage must apply at once. Will members that have not paid, kindly forward on subscription?—F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Committee meeting, held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 3rd June. Mr. Noble (president) occupied the chair, and there was a very creditable turn-out of members. Letters of apology were read from several members expressing regret at being unable to attend. Secretary intimated result of 1911 official election, when the following presiding office bearers were elected: President, Mr. Noble; vice-presidents, Messrs. Cairns, Campbell, Kirkwood, Moreland, McLay, Paul, and Sanderson. Application for club's patronage, etc., were next read, when the following were successful, viz.: Lochgelly, Kelty and Blairadam, Kilmarnock, Dundee, Dunfermline, and Scottish National. After a very considerable discussion, it was agreed to hold club show in conjunction with Kilmarnock Assodiation on 18th November. Question of club drinker tin next dealt with, the various samples and designs on view being kindly sent by several fancier friends, each sample having some special feature to recommend it. After a somewhat lengthened, though very interesting discussion, it was finally agreed to leave the whole matter over till August meeting, when we hope to have additional tins for inspection prior to a final selection. Following gentlemen duly proposed and admitted to membership: Messrs. J. Henderson, W. Barrie, and A. Comb (all of Dunbar), A. B. Townhill (Dunfermline), A. Bowman (Dunfermline), McGregar, J. McLean (Lochgelly), and J. Hersehill (Dundee). This being all the business, a vote of thanks to chairman brought the meeting to a close. Subscriptions are now due, and I would be pleased to hear from old members or others wishing to join.—John Young, Sec. and Treas., 80, High Street, Rutherglen, N.B.

LANCASHIRE & LIZARD F.A.

A tea and social were held at Wellington Hotel, Hyde, May 27th. We were pleased to note that some of the fanciers' wives and friends were present. Amongst those at tea we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Swalwell, Mr. and Mrs. Hampshire, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Thompson, senr., Mr. and Mrs. Ridgard, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, and Messrs. Oliver, Fuller, Stansfield, Laycock, Shaw, Hordern, and Rukin. After a first-class tea, we proceeded with the presentation of prizes and specials won during the last season, and a grand lot they were. In the absence of Mr. J. Garner, we had to find a fresh chairman, Mr. Swalwell eventually filling that position in a very able manner; the only fault to find with him is his determination not to make any speeches. Mr. Oldham was presented with his special for winning the Championship Trophy for Lancashires. This consisted of a very handsome pair of Japanese vases and half-a-dozen dinner knives. Mr. E. T. Turner, as runner-up in Champion Lancashire Section, won a grand gold medal, but owing to business reasons was absent, his special being received by the Secretary. Mr. Laycock was presented with a splendid dinner cruet as winner of the Novice Lancashire Championship; Mr. N. Stansfield, as runner up for same, winning a handsome gold centre silver medal. Mr. Rukin received a gold necklet and pendant as winner in the Lizard Championship Section; Mr. Joe Hampshire received a splendid gold medal as runner up. Mr. E. Ollerenshaw won the Novice Lizard Championship and received a grand gold medal. Mr. Bacon, who was unable to attend, won a silver-mounted scent bottle. Mr. Rukin gave four silver medals for competition, restricted to novice members of the L. and L.F.A., Mr. E. Ollerenshaw winning one at Manchester and one at the L.C.B.A. shows. Mr. Bacon won one at Rochdale Good Intent, and Mr. Bosworth the fourth, at Nottingham. Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of Colour Food fame, kindly gave a handsome silver-plated cruet for most points gained during season; this was, for the second year in succession, won by Mr. J. Rukin. Mr. White was then called into the room and was complimented on his catering. We were sorry not to have Mrs. White in also, but we understand she was not in a very good state of health. During the evening Mr. W. Shaw (Hyde) generously promised 5s. for best clear yellow Coppy, and 5s. for best clear buff Coppy, to be competed for at Hyde Show. Mr. E. Fuller promised 5s. for best thick yedded yellow, and 5s. for best thick yedded buff, same to be won at a club show, at Shaw. Mr. J. Rukin promised 5s. for best gold Lizard at one of the club shows. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting. Fanciers will be sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Rukin received quite a terrible fright on receipt of a solicitor's letter, sent at the instigation of our irresponsible friend Teddy, for alleged attempt to damage his reputation. However, we understand that Mr. Rukin has sent a counter-claim for £100,000, and in the probable event of receiving the said sum, he intends refunding the money, conditionally, on Teddy Fuller selling him his interest in the Lancashire (Glossop) Canaries.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held June 10th, when Mr. H. Seely presided over a good attendance. The most important business was the appointing of secretary in place of Mr. Nicol, resigned. It being the most earnest wish of the members present that I should again take the office, I consented to do so, and feel confident that by being as courteous and obliging as it is possible to be, fanciers generally will rally round us and make our next show as successful as our previous ones. Other business was in regard to first feather show; after a great deal of discussion it was unanimously agreed to abandon same for this year. I may say our members generally have had a good breeding season, a report of which I will send later. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. —E. Cowling, Sec.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held Town Hall, June 10th, Mr. Shearer (president) in chair. The chairman remarked on the sad death of one of our members, viz., Mr. W. Wallace. Deceased leaves a son and daughter to mourn his loss, to whom the members of this society tender their sympathy. There was a good muster of members present. Secretary read correspondence re advertising open show. It was decided to advertise in Cage Birds alone. Young bird show was settled to be held July 22, in the Lesser Town Hall. Following classes provided:—Nor. 4, Border 4, A.O.V. Can 1, Mule 2. Entry money 3d. each bird in all classes, which entitles exhibitors to compete for specials. Entry money in each class to be returned in prize money. We have eight handsome specials and expect to get some more. We give a hearty invitation to any fanciers wishing to become members. Please communicate with me before July 22. Any new member will be welcome. The schedule of open show: It was unanimously agreed to abide by 1910 schedule. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman brought a very fine meeting to a close.—G. Marlin, Sec.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held June 5th, Thompson Cafe, Rimrose Bridge, there being a good attendance of about 30. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and children of our late chairman. Decided to have a draw for their benefit, valuable prizes being given by several members. Tickets are now in the hands of members, and it is hoped a good number will be disposed of. The members present are hoping to raise about £10 for such a worthy object. Mr. Kincla was unanimously elected chairman for this season, with Mr. Knowles as vice-chairman. Specials were allotted to the nest feather show, to be held on July 1st. Mr. J. Thoruton (Liscard) is to judge. It is hoped members will put out all available birds, bearing in mind that all points count for the valuable special presented by Mr. R. B. Wright, of the N.G.M.Y.C.C. Several new members were elected, including Mr. J. Davie, late of the G.C.A. The members report a very good breeding season. Things are now booming in the society, and are likely to do so, being in the hands of a very able committee, among whom is Mr. F. E. Hawks, one of the most energetio and able secretaries in this district. Fanciers are invited to join, subscription, 3s. per annum. Address, Secretary, 39, Lloyd Street, Everton, Liverpool.—"Reporter."

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Half-yearly general meeting, held June 6th, Duncan's, 7, London Street, Glasgow. Chair occupied by the president, Mr. R. B. Jarvie, before a large turn-out of members. Balance sheet of subscription sale, duly audited, was unanimously adopted, showing a balance in hand of £12 12s. 8d. The following classification which includes several alterations from last year, was decided upon. Nor., 18 classes; this includes two extra classes for nonfed birds; also the price of selling class matched pairs was increased from 30s. to £2 per pair. A motion by Mr. A. Sloan that the price be £3 per pair, being defeated. Crest section: 5 classes; a motion by Mr. Paling that the price of selling class in this section be increased from £1 to £2 defeated; the previous question moved by Mr. F. Taylor. Border Fancy section: 10 classes; against 9 last year. An extra class was added on the motion by Mr. Walker, for marked birds. Yorkshire section: Decided, on the motion by Mr. D. Graham, that we make application to the Y.C.C. of Scotland for their Club show, and, in the event of our being successful, to give the classes required, viz., 5 open classes, and 4 young bird classe (confined to Y.C.C. members), the young bird classes to be fully guaranteed by them. Also carried that a class for Cinnamons be added, in place of the "Any Variety Canary"; that class to be deleted. Mule and hybrid section: This was allowed to remain the same as last year, viz., 7 classes, the only alterations being in the wording of Class 38, which shall read "Any Variety Light Mule." British section: 17 classes; this was allowed to remain the same, with a slight alteration in the wording of two classes, Class 57 to read "Any Other Variety Bunting or Finch," and Class 61 "Any Other Variety British Seed eating bird, not larger than Bramble." Foreign section: 3 classes; an alteration was made in the wording of these classes, to allow the Cardinal to compete with the small foreign, instead of the large foreign birds. The selling stock classes remain the same as last year, one for "Any Variety Canary," single or pairs, and one for "Mule or Hybrid-breeding," entry fee 6d. per bird. We hope to see a larger entry in these two classes than was the case last year. The judges for the various sections were then decided upon; the names will be published as soon as possible. The question of a more suitable hall (?) was left along with several minor items for the committee to decide upon, and a very pleasant and enthusiastic meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—Fred. Bowman, Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

At the Nest Feather Show, held on June 7, the following new members were elected: Messrs. T. Hedley, F. Mirley, W. Westgarth, J. Gracie, D. W. Scott, and Cattell. Our society is still forging ahead, having made fourteen new members this year; and as there is still another month in which fanciers can join our ranks in order to compete at all shows, we are likely to add further to our numbers. List of specials to be competed for during year: Chair. section open shows, championship trophy for most points over six shows, good medal for second most points; and silver medals at every show for most points with three highest birds, challenge cup for best young bird bred by a member, Ramsden's special for second best bird, diploma given with each of these specials, a case of carvers for best heavily variegated bird bred by a member. Novice section: Silver cup for most points over six shows to be won outright in one year, gold medal for second most points, silver medals same as champion section. Club table shows: Silver cup, a pair of polished horns, and several other specials to be decided on later.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting held Clarendon Hall, on June 9th, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a good attendance. The arrangements of classes for annual member's show came under consideration, and these were remitted back to the committee to deal with. Five new members were enrolled, viz., Prof. Lillian, J. Campbell, D. Campbell, R. Prentice, and J. McDougall. A paper on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. R. B. Gibb, should have been read, but owing to unforseen circumstances this was postponed to some future occasion. Would members please note that subscriptions are now due? In respect of the correspondence appearing regarding the City of Glasgow O.A., this came in for a considerable amount of discussion among the members when the following resolution was arrived at, viz., That we, the Glasgow West End C.B.C., do hereby pledge ourselves to refrain from contributing any support whatever to the City of Glasgow O.A. in the way of specials, entries, or membership, until such time as the said City of Glasgow O.A. purge their ranks and free them from such alleged "dishonourable conduct" as was disclosed at their last meeting.—William Proudfoot, Secretary and Treasurer.

DERBY C.B.S.

Meeting held Derwent Hotel, May 27th, when a good attendance of members was obtained, due to its being nomination night for young birds. Business re open show was dealt with. We have secured the services of Messrs. J. Robson and R. Rhodes to judge; they will, we hope, be given a record number of birds. We have booked the St. James's Hall in which to hold our show. No finer hall can be had in the Midlands; trams from all parts of the town pass its doors; and Derby being excellently served with railways, no fancier need fear his birds being unduly delayed. The Norwich Plainhead Club have allotted us their patronage, and we are looking forward to some keen competition in this variety. We hope to announce the patronage of other specialist clubs in due course. A pleasing feature of our meetings has been the steady increase in membership, and we are glad to receive some of the Melbourne fanciers into the club again, thus enabling us to cater a little more for the Yorkshire fanciers Now, Derby fanciers, there are a lot of you in the town who should belong to your local society; in fact, I am told it is because you have never been asked. Surely you have a better sporting spirit than to hold aloof for that reason. I shall be pleased to explain objects, etc., of the society if you will just call at my address—18, Colyear Street, Derby.—G. H. Wharam, Reporting Secretary.

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Country Rambles

SOWERBY BRIDGE & DIST. C.B.S.

Annual ramble held June 3rd, when about 14 members and friends had an excellent outing. The weather at first seemed rather threatening, and no doubt this would account for the rather poor attendance, but later on the sun shone splendidly, and nature was seen at its best. Those who did not accompany us missed a treat. We left Sowerby Bridge station at 2 o'c., and alighted at Hebden Bridge twenty minutes later, where our guide, Mr. Harrison, met us to direct us through the woods. And right admirably did he conduct us, giving us a good afternoon, as he had a fine knowledge of the district and the bird-life that abounds there. Starting from the "Lodge," at Hardcastle Craggs, we took to the right, up Horse Bridge, Clough, and followed the stream a good distance. Here bird-life seemed plentiful. Our first find was a Blackbird's nest with four eggs. Next came a few Thrushes', empty (this season's nests, no doubt); but it seems we were too late for the first round. We then found another Thrush's nest which contained three eggs, and after we had all peeped at the blue eggs, we continued up stream. Now one of the party created roars of laughter by falling in the stream and getting his socks wet. Our next find was a Chaffinch nest with four young ones in it, about two days old. The old bird sat close till we could nearly touch her, and seemed very reluctant to leave her treasure. We journeyed until we reached the Hebden fishing grounds, where we turned to the left, and through more woods; then across the Moorland to Hardcastle Craggs, where tea was partaken of. A wash and brush up seemed to put new life into us. We proceeded up the woods again near the ancient town of Hepstonstall, which boasts of two churches in one yard, where a splendid view of the surrounding hills was obtained; also a bird's-eye view of the Craggs. After a short rest we journeyed to Hebden Bridge, and on the way the Yellowhammer was seen singing lustily on the top of a hawthorn tree. Reaching our destination, most of the party proceeded to the car for home. A few of us stayed and had a look at Mr. Harrison's bird-rooms, which contained about sixteen pairs of Canaries, and a few pairs for hybrid breeding, viz., Greenie-Bullie, Goldie-Greenie, and Redpoll-Bullfinch. He has two fertile eggs (incubating under Canaries, of the last-mentioned pair; we hope he is successful in rearing them. The birds seen and heard included the following: Cuckoo, Willow Wren, Lapwing, Larks, Song Thrush, Blackbirds, Chaffinch, Yellowhammer. We visited the home of the Dipper and Sandpiper but could not locate either of their nests. The nest of the Hawk also was seen at the top of the high trees, and various others during the day. After thanking Mr. Harrison (as no doubt it was owing to him that the ramble was so interesting), we proceeded to our homes all satisfied with the ramble, which is the best we have had.—C. Pickles.

SITTINGBOURNE & DIST. C.B.S.

A most enjoyable ramble for the study of wild bird life was undertaken by members on Sunday, June 4. About fifteen members started from Bell Road at 5 a.m., and walked to Mincing Wood, Milsted, where the ramble, by kind permission of Mr. Aldam, of Woodstock Park, was commenced under the direction of Mr. R. Hart, gamekeeper. The walk through the wood to Bluetown proved most enjoyable, and on returning to Milsted a splendid breakfast was served in the Red Lion by the licensee, Mr. S. Hall. After breakfast the ramble was continued through Torry Hill Estate Woods, by kind permission of Mr. R. L. Pemberton. Under the direction of Mr. Hancock, gamekeeper, the party entered the woods just above Milsted school, and many Thrushes, Blackbirds, and Wren's nests were found, some with eggs and some with young. The party left this wood at Torry Hill House, crossed the road, and entered Sweets Wood, noted for its pretty avenues with rhododendrons on either side, and its lovely arch covered with creepers. Returning through this wood a Linnet's nest with four young birds, ten to fourteen days old, was discovered, and the nestlings were rung with aluminium rings bearing private numbers of the society. Sittingbourne was reached shortly after one o'clock, and the ramble was voted a distinct success.—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

Members turned up in good numbers on June 3rd to take part in a ramble to Withins Reservoir, Cragg Vale. We started from Nutclough Tavern at 2.30 p.m., and proceeded by way of Crow Nest Wood, Carr, and Stocks Hall, to Parrock Clough, where scores of nests were found, including the following: Blackbird, Missel Thrush, Song Thrush, Wren, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Hedge Sparrow, and Spotted Flycatcher. Proceeding up Bell Hole (rather a rough scramble, as one of our number found to his sorrow —Are your socks dry yet, Frank?), we arrived at Bell House Moor, where a splendid view was obtained of the surrounding country, which is now looking at its best. From here we struck across the Moor, and soon arrived at our destination, where we observed the Green Plover, Grouse, and a few Gulls. After a short stay here we made our way to the Sportsman Inn, Cragg Vale, as we were both hungry and thirsty. That first pint would have been grand down in the clough, wouldn't it Jack? Having done full justice to the splendid feed provided by the host and hostess, we had a good talk on the vagaries of the breeding season, the disappointments we had had, and our hopes for the future. We here noticed one of our members in earnest conversation with the gamekeeper. Most likely he was trying to make arrangements for a brace or two of grouse nest August. Leaving here we strolled down the lovely Cragg Valley to Mytholmroyd, and went thence by car to Hebden Bridge, having had a most enjoyable afternoon.—"Nutcracker."

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Annual pic-nic held on Whit-Monday (June 5th), at Hartford House, Northumberland. We assembled at the Central Station, Newcastle, at 1 o'c., and proceeded by train to Plessy station, and then had a pleasant walk to Hartford Bridge, where the cyclist party joined us. Having seen our provisions arrive from town under the care of our good friend and caterer Mr. Steel, we entered the beautiful grounds of Hartford House and made ourselves perfectly at home. These grounds and woods belong to Mr. Burden, who so generously gave us his permission to view them. By-the-way, we are indebted to Mr. W. Scott for writing Mrs. Burdon and her son for same. Unfortunately Mr. Scott was unable to be present, owing to sickness in his family, which, we hope, will soon pass away. Having found a guide we went through the lovely greenhouses and conservatories and there saw absolute perfection in the growing of a lot of our commoner plants, and also some rarer species. To describe all of these would take up too much space. Some shades of yellow made the fanciers long to breed a youngster with such a depth of colour. We now came into an old-fashioned garden, nestling by the riverside, completely surrounded by woods on all sides, and a dive for the garden seat was made. The day was superb, and more than we could have wished for; the sun never ceased to shine all day, but the shade of the lovely trees was beautiful. It made one feel quite poetic; in fact, somebody had carved on the seat the following: "The kiss of the sun for pardon; the song of the birds for mirth; one is nearer God's heart in a garden, than anywhere else on Earth." Making our way back to the woods by way of the riverside, we saw a lot of nests, but mostly all unoccupied. One was cunningley woven into a fir tree, most likely a Wren's; and after tea we discovered one with 10 young in. Nests like these would soon make a houseful. Mr. Gills, a new member, who was so good as to find us a "Good Samaritan" in the way of a caterer, and also a new recruit to the Fancy, had had his coat off helping, and a lovely tea was laid under the trees for us. We were all ready for it, and we did justice to it. Miss E. MacKenzie was busy taking snapshots, and Mr. Patterson took a group. It was a happy party who were all agreeable to do exactly as each other wished. After tea another ramble was taken, and the scouts of the party were again among the bushes and undergrowth. The party entered a secluded portion of the woods, still by the riverside, and all were loath to leave it (in spite of being so tired) to catch the last train home. Unfortunately the secretary had to go by an earlier train. After a long walk among the woods where many interesting finds were made, we returned to Newcastle, having spent a most enjoyable day. Special thanks were due to Messrs. Steel, Gills, Hutchinson, Petterson, J. McKenzie, and others too numerous to mention; all did their best to ensure a complete success.—J. E. Atkinson, Sec.

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. . By . .
A. J. A. MARLEY
(Leyton).

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The "Work" on the Linnet.

The next thing is markings. Of course, I like to see plenty of work, of fine pencilling, all over a Linnet, but, unfortunately, as with the Goldie, you cannot have everything. The pencilling should he even, distinct, and regular on back, breast, and throat, the flank marks going well down under the rump. The whites of the flights and tail should show clear and distinct. The wings should be perfectly carried. The primary feathers lying on the back should have a heautiful edging of golden tawny, contrasting with the deep chestnut which shows a distinct pattern when the bird is at rest, or carries himself to perfection.

Now, just to show you how easy it is to obtain a good Linnet, you may be interested to learn that my Scottish National 3rd prize Linnet of this season was hought for eightpence out of a catsmeat shop, where it was in a small hack cage. But, remember, friends, I hought him "in the rough," and made him what he is—and he was rough, I assure you. You would have thought that they had fed him on catsmeat. Still, I pulled him round, and, eventually, I did a decent lot of winning with him; and, if all goes well, I hope to do a little more next season. Do not think that I am trying to blow my own trumpet, as it were, in this paper, by mentioning this little incident. I only put it in to show you that these commoner birds are fairly easy to obtain, provided you know what is wanted, and have got the time to hunt about, as well as that keen eye for obsc'vation of how a bird is going to develop with proper treatment and a good quick moult. I close my remarks upon the Linnet by stating that his bill of fare consists of eighth teazle, quarter canary, quarter English rape, eighth charlock, and quarter flax. As a tit-bit I supply him with the same as I give the Goldie.

Not Easy to Pick up.

The next feathered friend of mine is my dear old friend the Greenie, as I term him. This particular hird, I find, is not quite as easy to pick up as the Linnet, simply hecause the competition birds one has to meet at the various shows up and down the country are of the giant class, while the majority of Greenies brought into the London market are only of the medium size. Thus, if you wish to be successful with the Greenfinch you must possess one of enormous size, and very largo in skull; in fact, the "treasure" is a hird of the waggon horse type, and teeming with colour all over. Many fanciers prefer the yellows, but, as a rule, the buffs are a lot larger and stouter in hody than the yellows; at least this is my experience. A yellow is generally a wee bit thin and flat on the head, and if there is any Finch I like with a good head it is the Greenfinch. I do not care if it is as big as a cocoa-nut, as it were. Of course, if I could get the size of buffs in yellows, why, naturally I should prefer the yellows, but, when all is said and done, take my tip: do not despise rich-coloured buffs.

The colours are extremely delicate, and intensely beautiful, and when you do get a topper in rattling fine trim I know of nothing more beautiful to look at the feathers are of old gold, glistening liko satin, and the delicate colours of grass green and mauve trying to burst their way through a refined mealing of French grey. A really rich-coloured Greenie is exquisitely handsomo, and its beauty is almost indescribahle. There are many fanciers that have no love for the Greenie; but if I were to clear out of the Fancy to-morrow I should always retain my old pal, the Greenfinch.

The Song of the Greenfinch.

Then comes his song. Many despise and scoff at him as a songster. Well, I must admit I have a warm corner in my heart in favour of his song. These scoffing persons really have not kept their birds in the condition necessary to get the song they desire. All they give him is perhaps a few old oats and a drop of water to get on with, and probahly a piece of soaked bread, should they run short of corn, or as a tit-hit. But I assure them that I would place him third on the list of Finches. His song is simply grand and sweet, and there are many fanciers at Metropolitan shows, who can verify my statement, since on more than one occasion they have heard one of my old birds trying to sing the judge down while he was awarding him the first, and whilst I am penning these notes I recollect to-day seeing one of my young Greenies trying to sing one of my Hawfinches down, and wanting to feed him, while the old sedate Hawfinch looked at him with disdain. In another flight I actually saw a Greenie feeding a cock Bullie. That's condition, if you like. The first Greenie had his tail spread out, his wings down, and head thrown back, and his song was simply splendid.

Again, I am rambling, only I wish to take this opportunity of contradicting a few of my more experienced brother fanciers. Well, as I say you want size and colour, above all—rich bright yellow wing bars, and perfectly carried wiugs; and his head, as I have said before, should be large and well-rounded, and his very attitude hold and fearless.

I feed my Greenies on quarter white sunflower, quarter clipper oats, quarter canary, eighth flax, and eighth hemp, with just a sprinkling of rape and teazle. I also give them the same tit-hits as I supply to the Goldie and Linnet. I shall deal with the green food later on.

Perky and Merry.

I now come to the next, which is the Siskin, one of the smallest, and perhaps one of the most contented of all captive birds. He will calmly submit to captivity immediately he is caught, and his perky and merry little ways make him quite a favourite with most fanciers. He has one great drawback, and that is that he never knows when he has had enough to eat, so you must be very careful in dieting this little rascal.

In selecting the Siskin for show purposes you want the largest yellows you can get, having well-proportioned hodies, bold heads, dense caps and hihs, the cap to extend as far back as possible. Some judges prefer them with a grizzled cap, but I think the hlack is much better. Then come the lacings of the flanks, which should he regular and well defined; we also need bright yellow wing hars, and perfect wing carriage. The song of the Siskin, if I dare call it such, is about the length of his tail; hut for all that he is not a had little chap, and is well worth his place in any fancier's team.

I feed my Siskins on half teazle, eighth canary, eighth flax, and eighth niger, with just a sprinkling of hemp and English rape, hut the Siskin, like the Goldie, is not very partial to rape.

As Happy as a Sandboy.

The next bird I shall single out will be the Redpoll. You all know there are Mealy and Lesser Redpolls. I must admit I am not a great lover of the Mealy. I like colour and plenty of it at that, hence my recommendation of the Lesser Poll. Now, this blithe little fellow much resembles the Siskin in his habits and cheerfulness. He is very lively, always on the move, and as happy as a sandboy.

In selecting a Redpoll for exhibition, go in for size again, cobby body, good head, large crimson poll, stout chest, and as large a bih of jet hlack as possible, while, above all, do not forget colour. Get a Redpoll as rich in colour as you possibly can, and leave all the smoky huff ones alone. Also, in choosing one do not forget the well-laced back mantle, and plenty of lacings on hreast and flanks. As regards his song, I bracket him with the Siskin again, although perhaps his is a little sweeter. The stock mixture for the Redpoll is equal parts of teazle, canary, and rape; and for tit-bits, treat the same as recommended for the Goldie.

Not to be trusted with others.

I am afraid I am keeping you too long, so I shall finish hriefly with an account of two more friends worthy of attention; then I shall give you a few tips as to their management. The next hird is the Bramblefinch—in my way of thinking a very handsome bird, hut not to be trusted to any great extent with other birds in the Canary room or aviary. He is a perfect villain, practically squealing all night long, and occasionally taking a ramble up the wires of his cage and terrifying other birds. I have about eighteen Brambles at the present time in my outdoor aviary, and, believo me, I have to cage a dozen of them every night into small schooling cages, and place them in a dark corner, so that they are not ablo to see "Big Mussa Moon." But even this does not help some nights, as I have had my Blackbirds scared hy these reckless demons. They cause the Blackies to screech out their alarm and upset the whole aviary of about 200 birds.

In selecting the Bramblefinch size is again the most important point. Also get hold of a well-spangled bird, with a rich rufous brown on the breast and flanks, going as far down as possible. Many good show birds I have seen winning seem to fail in this respect. Also look out for a clear-cut hood, richly spangled head, and black mantle, good flank markings, and clean yellow legs. He is not much trouble to cater for, his bill of fare being much the same as that of the Greenfinch, with a small mealworm added daily.

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BIRD MISSIONARIES.

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Notes by the Secretary.

I think I cannot do better than begin my notes this week with a reprint of a portion of a sympathetic article published in our popular London contemporary, the "Daily Mirror." The article is the result of an interview with the representative of that paper, who called at our office on Monday.

Would you care to be a "bird missionary"—a real friend to the wild birds of England? This delightful occupation is now open to all, including children. The work, which is done "for love," simply consists in visiting and improving the conditions of the thousands of caged Skylarks, Thrushes, Bullfinches, etc., which hang up in other people's homes.

To become a "hird missionary" one simply joins the Cage Birds League—the subscription is 6d. per annum—and forthwith, after one has learnt the proper way to keep and feed caged hirds, one may start work.

A small but ever-increasing body of children are just now spending most of their spare time in searching for poor little Linnets and Thrushes imprisoned in tiny dark cages and fed on the wrong food. Here, for instance, is a sample campaign carried out hy a boy "bird missionary" in a Kentish village.

He sees, high up on a window ledge of a cottager's house, a cage, 8in. by 6in., and from this tiny box comes the dispirited song of a Skylark.

He holdly knocks at the door. Mr. Hodge appears. "Is that your little bird up there?" asks the boy. "It is," replies Hodge. "May I have a look at it—it might he a good one, you know?" says the youngster.

Hodge fetches down the cage, and then the missionary "goes for" him. He takes him sternly to task. He makes him promise that he will get a bigger, cleaner, brighter cage; he tells him the right kind of food to give the bird.

And the result is that Hodge is ashamed of himself. "I never thought of it before," he says. As the "bird-missionary" goes away he whistles merrily. One more bird made happier!

This charming idea of bird-missionaries was, it is believed, first thought of hy a little girl who listened to the song of the Nightingale as she lay in bed.

Other children, however, also claim to have "thought of it first," while one little member of the Cage Birds League, aged five, asserts that Peter Pan "whispered it to him."

Grown-ups are, of course, included in the League—it is hoped in time to get 50,000 members.

Mr. Henry Fulljames, the Secretary of the Cage Birds League, whose offices are at 154, Fleet Street, E.C., told "The Daily Mirror" yesterday that the work of improving the condition of caged wild birds was of the greatest moment. It is simply ignorance that makes people treat their pets in an improper manner.

"The object of this League is to make the life of all cage hirds happier and brighter. All information respecting hirds can be obtained from me.

"The children's section—the youngest member is only four years old—should be a valuahle help."

Trouble in the Family.

The "youngest member" referred to in the above article is Sidney Stiles, of Bexley, Kent, introduced by our indefatigable member, Mr. Peck, of Dartford, and in reference to the installation of this young fancier and his friend, young Wilfrid Bennett, Mr. Peck writes this week: "Please enrol Reginald Wm. Bennett, aged 6½ years. When his brother was last week made a member and received his badge there was trouble in the family, so we have started him with a Goldfinch Mule, and he wants to wear the badge of Cage Birds League."

Sympathetic; and otherwise.

The publication in the "Daily Mirror" of the article above-mentioned has led to a bombardment of letters and queries. The majority of the letters express sympathy with our object: one or two the reverse. As a sample of the latter I give some extracts from a letter written by a lady:—

"I beg to say that there should bo no occasion for such League. A law should be passed making it illegal to keep a bird of any sort whatever in captivity (a monstrous cruelty). Also to catch hirds for plumage or food should be illegal, and the penalty for breaking these laws should be *most severe*. The law should bo brought into force *without delay*, not merely talked about, the object *persevered with* and *achieved*, the caged birds released, the misery done with, tho helpless creatures of this world released from the tyranny of man." (The diction and the italics are the lady's own, but I have had to alter the spelling in places to make it in conformity with custom.)

The language is quite on a par with the hysterical denunciations contained in the Humanitarian League pamphlet, and could only be used by one in total ignorance of the subject; but it emphasises the danger to which I have several times referred. These rabid opponents of our hobby have money behind them, and they will use it to effect if we do not take care.

Some letters cite cases where birds are apparently being kept in unsuitable conditions, and these shall all have attention.

That birds in liberty are not quite the unmitigated blessing which some would have us believe is apparent from the fact that the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has now gone in for the protection of fruit, flowers, and agricultural produce from the attacks of birds, and offers prizes of five guineas and two guineas for the best essays setting out the best means of effecting this "by other methods than those of killing or destroying the birds themselves." This announcement is taken from "The Times" of 12th inst., and any of our readers who would like to enter the competition must send in their efforts to the Hon. Sec., at 23, Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W., not later than Dec. 1 next.

Readers, Help on the Work!

The letter of Mr. Ball, printed below, is an echo of one of my notes of last week. We have lots of work to do, and we are receiving enthusiastic support. All the same, there are still many thousands of you who have read my notes from week to week, and who up to the present seem to be content to let others do the supporting part of the business. I could find much better use for my space than to occupy it in reminders, and I hope you will each individually take this part of the work off my hands by sending along your applications for membership. It is not possible for you all to see the evidence which is continually coming to my knowledge of the efforts of those who would put an end to our hobby, but you may take my assurance that frantic endeavours are being made to prevent even a Canary from being kept in a cage. These people will prevail unless we show them they have no chance, and, as I have said before, we could show them this in a week if you would all join the organisation which has been made absolutely in the defence of your hobby, and without hope or wish of any pecuniary benefit. All you have to do is to send along eightceupence for a year's subscription and a badge of membership. Cage Birds' League will do the rest.

Rolled Gold Badges.

I am glad to be able to announce that I have now had made some very handsome badges in rolled gold mounts as chain pendants or as brooches for ladies; these latter can be worn pinned to tho coat lapel or on a cycling cap, and both are of a quality that anyone will be pleased to wear. The price of the pendants or brooches, in rolled gold mounts, is one shilling. each. Those who have them in the cheaper pattern may if they choose exchange them for the mounted ones by returning their old ones, together with seven stamps, and I am sure they will be pleased with the exchange.

I have been a reader of Cage Birds for a long time, so I am taking the hint in this week's issue. If all fanciers would sit down and write an application for membership, wo should get along. I shall look forward to my badge coming along, so that I may show it to my friends.

Shaw, Lancs. G. H Ball.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

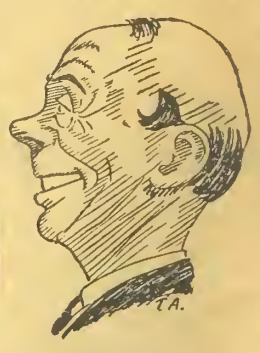
W. Downing.—Your suggestion of guaranteeing classes for novice exhibitors is a good one, but would savour somewhat of interference with show societies. This we must not do. Cage Birds League is ont simply to promote the proper keeping of birds in captivity, to encourage, by means of special prizes, their proper exhibition, and to defend bird-keepers from ontside attacks upon their hobby. Members of societies may allocate half of their subscriptions to be spent in special prizes, and it is for them to say whether these shall be given to novice classes or otherwise.

N. C. N.—You say you would join Cage Birds League, but you do not quite understand its motives. Surely you have not read Cage Birds very attentively, for these have been fully expounded during the last few weeks. For a short statement of objects, please see reply above to "W. Downing." The subscription is one shilling a year, and the price of badges sixpence each. If you will send a postal order for eightcenpence, I will send you badge and membership receipt for twelve months from date of joining.

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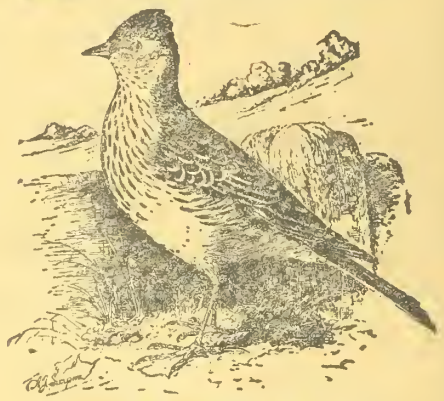


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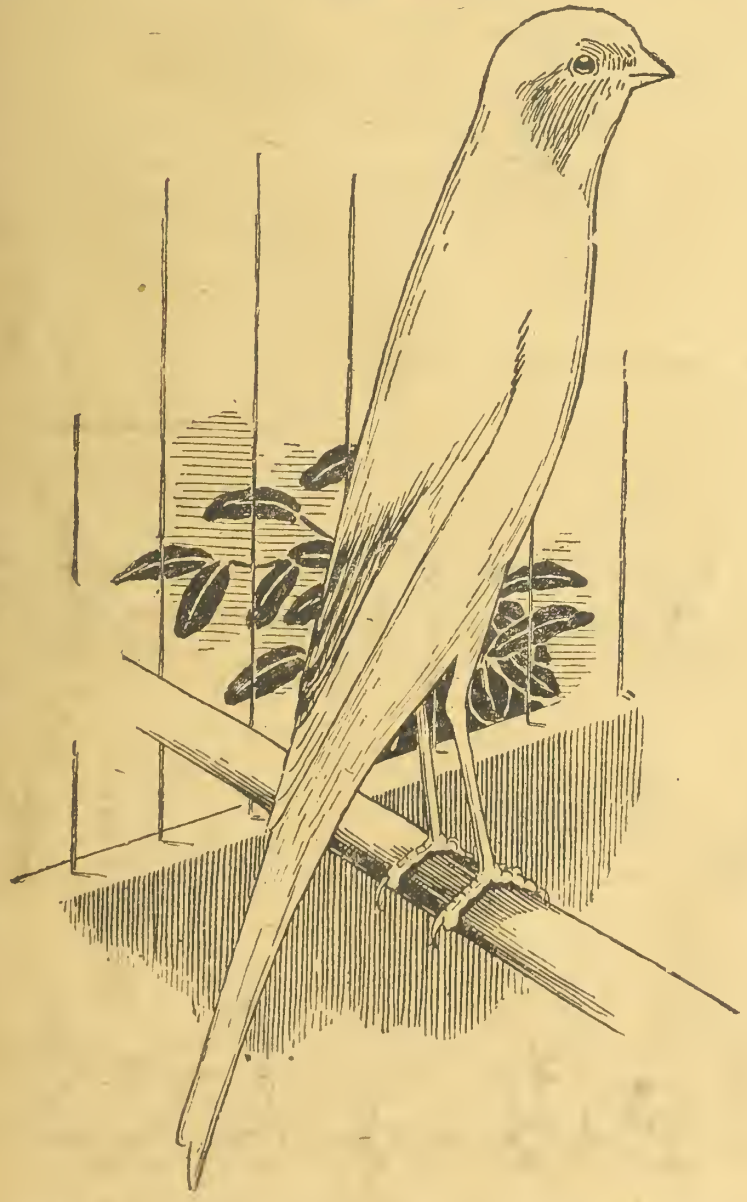
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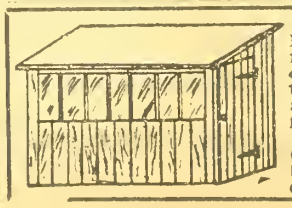
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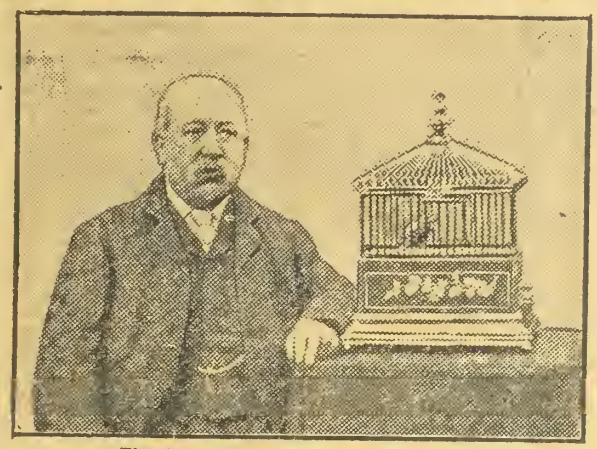
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The prisoner was Fred Middleton, a miner, residing at the Model Colliery Village of The Woodlands, near Doncaster. He was charged with obtaining from George Whitten, of Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, a Canary in December, 1910; from John Milne Finlayson, of Brechin, N.B., two Canaries in April last; from J. W. Metcalfe, of Liverpool, two Canaries on or about April 19th last; and from W. J. Bobbett, of Bridgewater, Somerset, 20, British birds in May last, all by false pretences.

Superintendent Hickes said he had received complaints concerning persons trading from all over the country, especially from people at a distance, and had twice sent his officers to warn the man. As the compliants continued to come in he had him arrested. Prisoner's modus operandi was to answer advertisements in various newspapers in which he saw articles offered for sale. Although only a miner, he used notepaper which described him as a confectioner, cycle agent, and repairer, taxidermist, an agent for miners' tools, etc. This gave the impression that he was in a good way of business, and the people sent their birds on approval on the promise of cash by return. The cash was not sent nor were the goods returned.

Mr. G. Whitten, who stated he bred Canaries for a hobby, spoke to sending a cock bird from Kent, value 10s. He then wrote for a hen bird, but witness declined to send this until the first transaction was settled. Prisoner made all sorts of excuses for non-payment, and asked witness not to drag his name through the mire.

Mr. Finlayson spoke to forwarding two Canaries to prisoner from Scotland at his request, witness stating that he was in partnership in breeding the birds. Neither the money was sent nor were the birds returned, all manner of excuses being made and a doctor's certificate forwarded purporting to show prisoner was ill.

Similar evidence was given by Mr. J. Dobbett in regard to sending prisoner 16 British birds, value £1, the prisoner writing in reply to his advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Prisoner wrote and said three of the birds were dead on arrival, and witness agreed to allow 3s. off. The man then wrote and said five more had died.—Mr. Metcalfe, of Liverpool, spoke to sending prisoner two Canaries.

The prisoner elected to give evidence, and declared he did not get the things with the intention of not paying for them. He was subjected to a very severe hour and a-half's cross-examination by Supt. Hickes, and made some remarkable admissions. Among these were that he had never been appointed agent for several well-known cycling firms, he claimed to represent, that he had obtained birds value £2 from Mr. Roberts, of Blackpool, whom in his letter he wished "a prosperous New Year," and never paid him; that he had not had a straight deal with anyone for twelve months; had signed himself "Captain" Middleton; had obtained three stuffed birds from a clergyman in Cornwall, and a ferret from a clergyman in Norfolk, for which he had not paid. A man named Lindley, of Wombwell, to whom he owed 30s. for two birds came over for payment. Prisoner said he had just posted him his postal order. He admitted now that this was a lie. He also admitted returning two dead birds to a man who demanded payment. He had received two birds from a man at Rudyard, Staffs, whom he had not paid. He wrote to all these people on printed memorandums conveying the impression he was in a good way of business. He admitted during the last year or two he had been getting things from all over the country and not paying for them.

The Bench committed prisoner for trial to the Quarter Sessions.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, 27th May. Mr. J. Muir presiding. Business was enrolling some new members, and settling prize cards for forthcoming shows.—Mr. Robert Reid (Shieldhill) will judge our first Feather Show on July 29.—W. Clubb, Sec.

SHETTLESTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held May 10th, Mr. McFarlane in the chair. Final arrangements for first F. show to be held in Houstan's Restaurant, 1st July. Judging to commence at four o'clock. A hand-some silver medal valued 10s, is to be competed for best young birds. All fanciers in the district wishing to compete can have full particulars from me.—A. Berry, Sec.

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Club Reports.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Meeting held Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, 12th June, Mr. D. Brown (Pres.) in chair. Club show was fixed for October 28th, in Good Templar Hall, Mr. A. Chalmers to judge Canaries and Mr. Goodfellow British Mules and Forcign. Also agreed to held nest feather show in Laidlaw's Hall, 1st July. Several good specials will be competed for, and a prominent North fancier was nominated for judge. Also agreed that owing to the heavy loss sustained on last year's open show, we do not hold an open show this year, but try and make our club show as attractive as possible. This closed the meeting.—James Kerr, Hon. Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A

Meeting held June 13th, Mr. J. Stenhouse (Pres.) in chair. Agreed, to accept special prize from Hyde's, and confine it to a 2-mile radius. Also agreed, to apply for full patronage of the Scottish British B. and M.C. Collecting books were issued to the members to gather for the funds and spls. The proposed rules of the West Fife League were read, and passed as satisfactory. Secretary reported donation of 10s. 6d. Our Association is in a very flourishing condition, having a good sum in the bank, and has every prospect of a record show for this district. We have two cups just now, and expect to have two others for the open show. The breeding results are a sort of half-and-half. Some are doing well, others the opposite. Our worthy president having again started Scots Fancys has five young ones and two full eggs from Goldfinch-Greenfinch. I hope members will turn out better to the meetings.—A. Dickson, Secretary.

CARDIFF O.S.

Meeting held Maskell's Cafe, Queen Street, June 15th. The chairman, Mr. Whetton, on opening the meeting, passed a few sympathetic remarks on the sad occurrence, since our last meeting, of the almost sudden death of our late and most respected member and treasurer, Mr. S. E. Tonkin. The secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to the widow and family. Mr. W. Wilson, of Yorkshire fame, was elected to fill the vacancy of treasurer. Stewards for Y.B. Show, July 5th, were elected, after which the following gentlemen were enrolled members: Messrs. W. Morgan, T. Wheaton, R Spillane, and J. Bruford. The rest of evening was spent very pleasantly in answering questions on the various British birds. Messrs. E. J. Davies, J. Sivill, F. D. Jones, A. Shellam, C. Wells, E. James, W. Morgan, and R. Spillane took part, and the discussion was much enjoyed. Next meeting July 20th: discussion on the Yorkshire, by Mr. W. Wilson. All fanciers are invited to join.—J. W. Dummett, Sec.

CINNAMON CANARY CLUB.

Officers for 1911.

Election of officers for 1911: President, Mr. W. A. Bladon, 11 votes; Vice-President, Mr. J. Wones, 14 votes; Committee, Messrs, W. Dormer 13 votes, E. Godley 11, R. J. Pretty 11, T. D. Deacon 9, H. Riding 12, A. Bentley 6, W.E. Sged 6, L. Roberts 5; Judges, Messrs. E. Godley 10 votes, J. Robson 10, W. Dormer 9, T. Heath 8, A. Bentley 7; Auditor, Mr. T. Heath, 10 votes; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe. 13 votes. Twenty-six voting papers sent out, 15 returned.—Signed, Stephen Wilson, Scrutineer. Club trophy for the most points: Winner, 1910, Mrs. Deacon, 89 points. Champion: 15s. for the most points, Mrs. Deacon, 370 points: 10s. for the second most points, Mr. W. Dormer, 251 points; 7s. 6d. for the third most points, Mr. E. Godley, 179 points; 7s. 6d. for the fourth most points, Mr. W. T. Hill, 42 points. Novice: The Lawrence Memorial Medal, Mr. J. H. Heys, 47 points; 10s. for the second most points, Mr. S. Wilson, 25 points; 7s. 6d. for the third most points, Mr. H. Fenwick, 13 points.—R. J. Pretty, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS. O.S.

Cups for Novice Members.

Three silver cups, value £2 2s. each, will be provided for competition at the open show to be held on November 11th and 13th, 1911, for novice members, to be won outright. There will be 2 classes for Norwich (cup presented by Mr. Hodgkinson); 2 classes for Crests (cup presented by Mr. Ley); 2 classes for British (cup subscribed for by other members of the Society). There will also be a novice class for Foreign birds (first prize a gold medal presented by Mr. Raven). The cups will be awarded for most points. Prize money will be on the sliding scale. For the purposes of the competition a novice shall be an exhibitor who has not won two first prizes in open competition previous to October, 1911. All birds to be bona fide the property of the exhibitor, and to have been his property and in his possession one month previous to the date of the show. Entries in the novice section will not be accepted from the address of a champion exhibitor. The above will be open to members residing within the city boundary and West Bridgford. We shall be very pleased to welcome new members. G. E. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. (9, Wellington square, Parkside).

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.

Second meeting, held Lockhart's Cafe, June 12th, a large number of enthusiastic fanciers turning up. Re extending the Club to take in the Scotch Fancies; Mr. Harvey spoke on their behalf, and right well he pleaded for their cause. If they were all as whole-hearted as Mr. Harvey I am afraid the Scotch Fancy breeders would soon rival the Border Fancy men in point of numbers. The matter received a good deal of discussion, and when put to the vote it was unanimously carried That we admit the wanderers. The all-important business was the drawing up of the rules. This is usually a matter in which there is much room for criticism by those who like to split hairs, but it was got over in a very friendly way. Let us hope this friendly spirit of help will be kept up. Rules were drawn up which satisfied nearly everybody. The Border Fancy Club model and standard were adopted as the model and standard of the Club. Proposed by Mr. Currah and seconded by Mr. Smith that we hold a club show at next meeting.—Carried. Mr. Shepherd, our worthy and esteemed chairman, was appointed to judge. Following classes arranged for Borders: 1, Yell.; 2, Cl. Buff; 3, Ticked or Varieg Yell. or Buff; 4, Greens or Cinnamons; 5, Yell. Scotch Fancy; 6, Buff Scotch Fancy. The Club is now an assured success. We invite applications from secretaries for patronage, which we will allot if possible, at our July meeting. Will all Border and Scotch Fancy exhibitors please join as soon as possible, so as to forward the business for the coming season? We invite you to help us by doing so.—J. N. F. Scott.

CLUB REPORTS: continued.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

A lecture of great interest was given by Mr. Edmunds (Swindon) on June 7th, who with the aid of plans and drawings, took his hearers for a tour through M. Pauvvels' aviaries at Evesbergh, Belgium. The forty six aviaries and bird-rooms were minutely described, together with many of the rarer species of birds, and an interesting account of the preparation of food and its quantity used each day. Mr. Edmunds was heartily thanked for his kindness in coming from Swindon, and for providing the interesting fare he had. In reply, Mr. Edmunds said he was always pleased to come amongst his fellow members and do what he could to assist them. He hoped more would take up foreign bird-keeping, which to him was the most fascinating branch of aviculture.—A. S. Treasure, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Meeting held June 8th. In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, Mr. H. Day was unanimously elected to take the chair. Prize cards won at the various shows were distributed. New members were elected as follows: Rev. H. A. Soames (Bromley), Messrs. Harrison and Becker (Bromley), E. Rice (Stepney, E.), Wiggins (Dalton), W. Stammers (Colchester), and F. Pitt (Old Ford, E.). A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all the judges who officiated at the monthly shows, and the Hon. Sec. was instructed to write them to that effect. Arrangements for monthly show, July 13th, were then made, and the election of judges confirmed. The following gentlemen kindly promised specials for competition on July 13th.: Messrs. A. H. Huggins, A. Wasey, A. Lears, H Day, R. Cape, J. Sykes, G. Eves, and W. Maxey. membership is open to the United Kingdom. Fanciers joining now can compete at the show on July 13th.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held headquarters, the Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, June 14th. Mr. J. Hughes occupied the chair at one of the largest gatherings of members since the society was founded. Mr. Yardley was ballotted for as a new member and duly elected, which puts us on the road for 40 members. The chief item was allotting specials not specified by donors. How best to award the beautiful silver medals raised a good discussion. Decided to give same to best bird shown by a novice. Over 12 specials were dealt with, and the keen way in which the members awarded the many classes with same should add great interest to the first feather shows. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. H. Roe for consenting to act as judge for the July show, to be held on a Saturday evening. Business over, the members settled down for a chat and debate on colour feeding; all took part in it with enthusiasm. The secretary opened the debate by reading Mr. Ramsden's very useful book on the "Colouring-Feeding of Birds, etc." (to be obtained from CAGE BIRDS' offices at 3d.). Meeting closed with the secretary offering Mr. J. H. de Maillett the heartfelt sympathy of the members present on the serious illness of his wife. I trust all will bring along all birds, good or bad, as there will be a fine muster of friends and visitors at our first effort. Will the members who were asking about show cages please note that the official cage-maker to the society (who has a good stock of all kinds) is Mr. G. Walton, 15, Dolphin-road, Sparkhill.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.S.

Meeting held June 13th, Market Coffee Tavern, Mr. J. W. Ford presiding. Among the correspondence read by Secretary was a letter from Mr. Harding Williams, of the Morriston C. B. S., with the final arrangements for the transfer of that Society to the Swansea Society. There were that the Swansea Society accept nine members into their Society with free membership for the current year, and in return for this the Morriston Society hand over the balance at the bank, also all their show fittings, and that the Cup belonging to the Society be put up for competition open to all the late members of the Society. After a little discussion on minor points it was unanimously resolved to accept the conditions in the letter. By this amalgamation the Swansea C.B.S. has been greatly strengthened, and is now the strongest Society in Wales, its membership being only a few short of 100, and with the cheque from the late Morriston Society, the banking account has been substantially increased, giving a grand prospect to coming events of the Society. The classification for the open show was proceeded with. Resolved, that all classes stand as last year, with an addition of two for British, a selling class and a small soft-bill class, making a total of 62. The Chairman presented the specials to the two members who gained most points at the table show, Mr. J. W. Ford giving a pair of silver salt cups with spoons in case; the winner of this was Mr. Phil Jenkins. Mr. D. A. S. Longden gave a gold-centre medal—winner, Mr. D. Williams. Both gentlemen suitably responded. Officials for F. F. show elected: Stewards (Canary section), Messrs. J. Gay and D. Williams. (British), Messrs. D. Jenkins and W. J. Jenkins; Doorkeeper, Mr. J. Mock; show managers, Messrs. J. Hocking and Phil Jenkins. This show is going to create a record in number of entries, caused by two silver cups that will be up for competition. Every member intends to put out every bird fit for this occasion, and the excitement is running very high. We had great pleasure in adding three new members to the Society, namely, Messrs. F. Walters, B. George, F. Scrienes; also the transfer of nine from the late Morriston Society, Messrs. W. R. Morgan, W. H. Wilcox, W. H. Lewis (late Sec.), E. J. Hopkins, W. M. Bowen, W. J. Jones, A. C. East, D. Jeremy and Harding Williams, the last two gentlemen being the trustees of the Society.—S. H. George, Sec.



GREAT HORTON O.S.

At a meeting held June 10th, at the Club-house, a lecture was given by Mr. H. J. Chittenden on the Breeding and Rearing of the Yorkshire Canary. It was one of the most interesting lectures ever put before the members. The lecturer started with the question of cages, which he insisted on being specially clean. The nesting also should be clean. He followed with the birds he thought it best to pair together to produce winners or good stock birds. Then when you have the eggs, how to look after them until they hatch out, and how to feed when the young birds are in the nest; also when taken away from the old birds; and then until they are ready for the show bench. Then he specially advised fanciers not to sell off because they had not bred a winner, as they might have bred the correct stock birds which would produce winners the following season. A hearty vote of thanks was given the lecturer at the termination of the meeting.—J. Holroyd, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Crown Hotel, Station Street, June 7th. Present: Messrs. Broadhurst, Wells, Berry, Southon, Broomfield, Wainwright, Baldwin, Day, James, T. Jones, Burke, H. Pease, Trout, Clay, Hemersley, and Secretary. Mr. Burke in the chair. Alteration of date of nest feather show: Secretary explained the reason, as our date clashed with South Birmingham O.S., which he thought was only right. Proposed and carried, that we alter date to July 12th. Mr Wells was elected to judge nest feather show. Members then amused themselves when Sec. was reading ballot books. Letters regarding Federation read. Sec. explained reason he could not undertake to carry it on—as business prevented it. Proposed by Mr. Broadhurst and carried that same stand over till some future date. Sec. informed members the reason that prevented our late Sec. from being with us; proposed by Mr. Broadhurst that Sec. convey to Mr. De Maillet the sympathy of the members re the illness of his wife and hopes for a speedy recovery.—S. Mole, hon. sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting and table show held headquarters, June 8. I am sorry to say we cannot boast of large entries. We had a good number of members present, and also made a new member in Mr. Jones, of Hither Green. All our members are suffering ill-luck this season, both in the shape of unfertile eggs and young dying. I myself have only reared two young Yorkshires from 4 pair. Our entries consisted of 3 Yorkshires and 1 Norwich in the selling class, and 2 Redpolls in a class, and Bramble, Chaffinch, and Greenfinch in their class. Not one unflighted bird was shown. I might state that the society's chief show will be held July 6, when we expect some big entries. We have great hopes of getting this, as most of us have a good nest or two coming along. We have six specials allotted for same, and Mr. J. Robson will judge. Mr. Meades gave the unfortunate members who could not go to the Hilderboro' ramble a short chat on same. After this he gave the members his promised notes on colour-feeding, which were much appreciated. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Meares for his evening judging, and chat. Burton and Hearn, Secs.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held June 7, there being a very good attendance. Our usual chairman being unavoidably absent (which is a novelty), Mr. E. J. Smith was elected to the chair. If he gets that job very often we shall have to get a chair made for him, as this one won't hold him. Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. C. Noble, E. Honchin, and J. Vivers. The chairman then introduced Mr. Maisey, who gave us his promised lecture on the Yorkshire Canary. It was a thoroughly practical and instructive lecture, and as there was a good muster of amateurs present, there is no doubt it will prove very helpful. A good many questions were asked and answered in a businesslike fashion, and caused a good discussion. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Maisey for his kindness in coming over from Aldermaston for our benefit. Final arrangements for the Young Bird Show on July 12th were made, which will take the place of the usual July meeting. Schedules and full particulars will be sent to all members when printed, and as the admission will be free, it is hoped they will advertise it amongst their fancier friends. The society is adding £1 to the prize money, and several good specials are promised.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

We have pleasure in sending you list of members for 1911, as follows:—Edinburgh: W. Allan, J. Bell, D. Burgess, J. Bowman, M. Binning, J. Brown, S. Boyes, C. R. Drysdale, A. Dodds, J. F. Dewar, P. Farrell, G. Fairnington, G. C. T. Hope, S. Hewitt, J. Kean, D. Kinlayside, J. B. Kerr, T. Long, R. Lile, W. Morris, P. Mills, J. R. Meikle, J. Munro, J. Morrison, R. Menzies, D. Martin, J. McLennan, J. McMillan, P. McNiven, A. Paterson, W. Paterson, J. Robertson, A. Smith, A. Stavert, J. Stewart, A. Thomson, J. Tait, W. Whitefield, J. Wilson, A. Bell; Leith: J. Begg, P. Bain, J. Dalgleish, J. Hendry, A. Howden, D. McEachern, A. Pennycuick, M. Petrie, H. Robertson, J. Sinclair, P. West, W. Carson; Newhaven: R. Crawford; Portobello: J. H. Buchan, W. Wilson; Musselburgh: J. Farquhar, R. Johnstone, J. King; Tranent: J. Johnston; Dalkeith: J. Carson; Loanhead: J. Yule; Bonnyrigg: D. Noble, J. Noble; Polton: A. Jardine; Colinton: W. Rodgers; Slateford: A. Begbie, D. Campbell, T. Preston; Haddington: D. Scott; Bo'ness: A. Laing, Macmerry, J. Gordon, W. Livingstone, senr.; Winchburgh: J. Russell; Blackhall: W. Thornton; Craigmillar: J. Thomson; Glasgow: W. Gray, R. Gibson, A. Jardine, W. Lees, J. Morrison, J. Muir, W. McClure, J. J. McIlwain, J. A. Stewart, H. White; Govan: D. Black, J. Y. Millar; Clydebank: J. Wilson; Kirkmuirhill: L. Jackson; Baillieston: D. Caldwell, H. R. Caldwell; Wishaw: A. Allardice, W. Gibb, W. Hunter; Airdrie: J. J. Wyness; Barrhead: J. Price; Renfrew: R. H. D. Fernie; Coatbridge: J. Fairley, J. Main; Paisley: A. M. Baird, J. Kennedy, junr., A. Livingstone, A. McDonald, N. O'Donnell; Jamestown: P. McAdam; Kilmarnock: J. Hardie; Rothesay: D. M. Brown; Dumbarton: D. Bell; Arbroath: J. Black, J. Strachan; Markinch: W. Barrie, J. Beattie, R. Danskin, T. Gilmour, T. Thomson; Kirkcaldy: W. Archibald, A. Gibson, J. Nairn, J. Pratt, A. Watson; Falkirk: J. Carlaw, A. Kirk, J. D. Maxwell, P. Maxwell, A. Miller, W. Niven, A. Rigby, G. Simpson; East Kilbride: J. D. Brown; Duns: T. Brown, W. Duns, J. Newbigging; Lochgelly: J. Anderson, J. Sneddon; Dundee: W. Beattie, J. Maxwell, R. Thoms, C. Wood; Broughty Ferry: R. Carmylie, A. Curtiss; Kelty: J. Chalmers, J. Fotheringham, W. Laing; Galashiels: A. Crossbie, G. Park, H. and J. Melrose; Kelso: A. Steel; South Alloa: F. Strathearn; Hawick: J. Dodds, R. Steel; Banockburn: W. Clark, J. Kennedy, W. and R. C. Muirhead; Walkerburn: W. Craig; Cowdenbeath: J. Cook; Mossend: R. Douglas; Cardenden: J. Fulton; Aberdeen: J. Greig; Spittal: J. Gladstone; Maxwelltown: J. Hannay, R. Lawson; Muirkirk: D. Holden; Shamannan: W. Hutchinson; Kirkwall: J. Muir; Thornton: A. Leslie; Bonnybridge: W. Muirhead; Tayport: J. Melville, F. Ramsay; Selkirk: J. Pringle, T. Pringle; Kinross: D. McGregor; Newcastle-on-Tyne: T. Chapman; Barrow-in-Furness: J. Fleming, A. Hudson, R. Willison; High Harrington: J. Robertson; Lurgan: J. Lavery; Ghent: C. Janssens, P. Vanderauwera; Antwerp: M. Vorhees. This makes a grand total of 180. Should any name have been omitted, please communicate with me without delay.—J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian-road, Edinburgh, Sec.

CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, June 6th, Mr. Bracegirdle in chair. The annual show was fixed for Boxing Day. A revised classification of 23 classes was agreed to. Prize-money, 8s. per class, will be paid in all classes which contain eight birds, half prize money in those classes which have under that number. Mr. Battye was elected judge, subject to his being free to judge on that date.—J. Swindley, Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, June 8th, when a good numbers of members attended, Mr. C. J. Robinson in the chair. After the general business we proceeded to draw up a schedule for next feather show. We decided to run 4 classes for Yorkshires, 4 for Norwich, 1 for Lizards (silver or gold) and 1 for Mule or Hybrid (young birds). Mr. F. Bate (Stoke-on-Trent) will judge. Birds to be staged at 3 p.m. The show will be open to the public any time during the afternoon; admission free. We may expect birds of good merit from our members' rooms. The Society is progressing favourably. Mr. T. Newman was made a member. Any person wishing to become a member may do so at our next meeting, June 28th. Entries will be accepted for F. F. Show.—G. Lawton, Hon. Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY (National Derby) O.A.

Half-yearly meeting held Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, 12th June. In consequence of pressure of business, the President, Mr. Wright was unable to be in attendance. Mr. O'Donnell (Paisley) was called to the chair, and conducted the duties with acceptance. It was reported that the vice-president, Mr. Hogg, was indisposed. The members hope he will have a speedy recovery. A report was given on the tickets accounted for; which was discouraging, several members who have been long associated with the Fancy have ceased to breed the Scotch Fancy Canary, which is much to be regretted. Decided, to have the small prize cards from Mr. Ritchie, with two large cards for the leading winners. Judges appointed: Messrs. D. Holden (Muirkirk), J. Kean (Edinburgh), D. Kennedy (Paisley), and A. Neshit (Galston).—Gentlemen to whom tickets were sent, and who have not accounted for them are earnestly requested to do so at once. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.—Thos Smith, Sec., 10, Lockside Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

Singing Contests.

PONTEFRACT.

Usual weekly Linnet contest, held June 17th, Woodman Inn, before a large company. 1, 3, H. Dickinson; 2, J. Bullough. Open contest, June 18, when we had a large number of birds, and some very good singing, before a fine company. Result: 1, T. Piper; 2, B. Nelson; 3, T. Piper. We are having a contest on Coronation Day, special prize (grand clock).—H. Chatterton, Sec.

Weekly Linnet contest, held Woodman Inn, June 5th, when some good singing was heard. After a close finish the result was: T. Piper 1, H. Dickinson 2, Price 3.—H. Chatterton, Hon. Sec.

SPENNYMOOR.

Linnet sing held at Butcher's Arms, where a very large company assembled to hear 35 entries. Some of the best singing I have heard was done. 1, G. Ridley; 2, D. Martin; 3, "Peter." Judge, Mr. J. Gardner. Timekeeper, Mr. M. Brown.—W. Fairless, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Club, Headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, held their club contest for the Boothman Cup on June 17th, when there was some splendid quality singing; 23 birds competed. Winners: 1, Boothman cup and special, W. Barnes (Wigan); 2, Brown (Leigh); 3, W. H. Topping (Blackburn); 4, J. W. Jones (Leigh); 5, R. Howcroft (Leigh); 6, J. Statham (Leigh). Judges, Messrs. J. W. Jones, J. Dobson, and R. Hayhurst. Timekeeper, W. H. Topping. Next contest for quality (members only, consolation), July 1st.—T. Slater, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, June 17th, when 20 birds entered (3 minutes time singing). 1, Albert, 101 sec.; 2, Thompson, 73 sec.; 3, Bisby, 68 sec.; Thompson, 67 sec.; Rodgers, 65 sec.; Albert, 63 sec.; Harry, 60 sec. Also June 18, when 24 birds entered (2 minutes time singing). 1, Albert, 50 sec.; 2, Watson, 49 sec.; 3, Jack, 47 sec.; Albert, 46 sec.; Thorpe, 44 sec.; Thompson, 39 and 38 sec.; Thorpe, 39 sec. Contest every week-end.—A. Thompson, Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing. held Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate Moor, June 10th, when 52 birds entered, and some good singing was heard. Owing to a slight mistake in the time-keeping, by Mr. Reed, a division was made between Bell, Barass, Walton, Ridley and Wilson. Judge, Mr. A. Brady. Also on June 17th, at Black Horse, Elvet, where 22 birds entered. Result: 1, Wilson; 2, Lockhart; 3, Bell. Judge, Mr. G. Reed (Brandon). Nest contest, July 1st, the Travellers' Rest, Gilesgate, Moor. 1st, cup value £3, also 2 clocks and a case of spoons. Special judge engaged.—G. Reed, Hon. Sec.

WEST HOUGHTON (Wigan)

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The Shows.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

First feather show held, Church Schools, June 17th. I am sorry to say we had a very poor entry, only 29 birds being staged. Our members, taken as a whole, have had a very bad breeding season. Mr. A. W. Hartley (Great Horton) gave the utmost satisfaction as judge, and the society tender him their best thanks also for returning hi sfee as a special prize at the next show.

CL., ETC., YELL. (13): 1, Hill; 2, hc, Holden; 3, Bartle; 4, vhc, Walker; c, Hanson. BUFF (9): 1, Walker; 2, c, Hanson: 3, Peddar; 4, Sharp; vhc, Lawn; hc, Kaberry. EVEN. ETC., YELL. (2): 1, Kaberry; 2, Sharp. BUFF (5): 1, Walker; 2, 3 4, Hill; vhc, Peddar. Mr. C. Walker won special prize, also headed the list of points with 19 points, Mr. H. Hill second with 16 points.—H. Gornall, Sec.

NORTHERN COUNTIES NORWICH & CINNAMON CLUB.

First nest feather show held June 7th at headquarters, Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, 65, Grainger Street, near Monument. Decided to have just two classes. Mr. A. Hermiston judged, and everyone was pleased with the way in which he placed the cards.

CL.: 1, Hope, good yellow, should moult into a nice exhibit; 2, Topping, buff, good size and col.; 3, Hooper, good col.; 4, 5, Hooper. A.O.V.: 1, Holden, another good one, buff, marked on neck; 2, Hope, marked buff, good size and col.; 3, Hooper, variegyell.; 4, Davidson; 5, Topping. Next table show July 19th, when Mr. A. Holden (Gateshead) will judge. The following are the classes: Cl. Yell., Cl. Buff, Yell., Marked Buff, and Cinn. any col. Members please note that subs. are now due.—W, Curry, Sec.

SOUTHPORT AND DIST. C.B.S.

First nest feather show, held in the Phœnix Hall, Sussex Road, June 10th. Entries were very poor this year owing to the unsatisfactory results in the first rounds, but we think if the younger members would take more interest in the Society the results would soon be apparent both to the Society and the district generally. Mr. Peter Wareing (Preston) judged and gave satisfaction.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Johnson, nice bird, good col., slips back claw; 2, Fawcett, another good bird, but rather too young; 3, vhc, Bullough, two nice birds. BUFF (8): 1, Sutton, very promising bird; 2, hc, Johnson, another good bird, richer in col. than leader; 3, Fawcett, very nice bird; vhc, c, Bullough. TKD. (8): 1, hc, Johnson, good one, nice feather, good head and substance; 2, 3, Sutton; vhc, c, Fawcett. YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, Wright, 1st nice length, rich colour, good quality; 2nd and 3rd nice birds: vhc, c, Johnson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Wright, nice size, length, col. and position; 3, vhc, hc, Bullough; c, Linaker. TKD. (6): 1, 2, 3, Bullough, Cinn. mkd., three very good birds, well placed; vhc, Linaker; hc, Sutton; c, Wright. A.O.V. (4): 1, vhc, Jones; 2, 3, Sutton. BRIT. HARDBILLS, LARGE: 1, 2, J. W. Johnson, 1st, splendid Yellowhammer; 3, vhc, Bullough; hc, Jones, SMALL: 1, 3, c, Bullough; 2, vhc, J. W. Johnson; hc, Jones.—E. Sutton, Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First Nest Feather Show for 1911 held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds-road, Bradford, June 17th. There was a total entry of 131 birds, amongst which were several that will be heard of during the coming season. Mr. P. Mason (Windhill) judged to everybody's satisfaction.

OPEN YORKS. SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, 3, Wharton Bros.; 2, Birbeck; 4, Fawcett; vhc, Liugley; hc, Clark; c, Hellewell. BUFF (10): 1 Hellewell; 2, vhc, Bateman; 3, 4, Wharton Bros.; hc, Horsfield; c, Fawcett. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN (5): 1, vhc, Bateman; 2, Hellewell; 3, Fawcett; 4, Lingley. CINN. (3): 1, 3, Hellewell; 2, Bateman. CL., ETC., YELL. (21): 1, Hunter; 2, Simonett; 3, Bradshaw; 4, Ward; vhc, Redshaw; hc, Symes; c, Walter Rhodes. BUFF (16): 1, Simonett; 2, c, Symes; 3, Redshaw; 4, Smith; vhc, Hylton; hc, Bradshaw. UNEVEN, ETC., GREEN (14): 1, Ward; 2, J. C. Rhodes; 3, Walter Rhodes; 4, Redshaw; vhc, Farrar; hc, c, Smith. CINN. (7): 1, Parkinson; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Slater; hc, c, Brown. OPEN NOR. SECTION. CL., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 3, 4, Plowright; 2, Wharton Bros.; hc, c, Clark; vhc, Birbeck. BUFF (5): 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, 4, Birbeck; 3, vhc, Clark. UNEVEN, ETC. (3): 1, Plowright; 2, 3, Birbeck. NOVICE NORWICH SECTION.—CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Kitson; 2, Roe; 3, 4, vhc, Brown. BUFF (2): 1, Hunter; 2, Roe. UNEVEN, ETC. (6): 1, Lythell; 2, 3, 4, Roe; vhc, Hunter; hc, Brown. A.S. BRIT. (10): 1, 3, vhc, Lane; 2, 4, c, Inman; hc, Birbeck. CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, Lingley; 2, 3, Morcment; 4, Clark.—F. Rhodes, Sec.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

First Young Stock Show held with British and foreign birds, June 7, large Club-room, 2, Cheapside, which is admirably suited for the purpose. Messrs. H. Akehurst (Assistant Sec.), Cadman Bros., S. Sparks, and Will H. Gibb (Hon. Sec.) kindly prepared the show room, and are to be congratulated on the success of their arrangements. Mr. W. Swaysland judged. Nearly 100 birds were staged, and the following awards were given: Best Canary in show, Mrs. W Brown: best Vell. Yorks (Cham.), Mr. H. T. Gibb.: Bull (cham.), Mr. C. Pearson; Tkd. (cham.), Mr F. Dandridge; C. Nor (cham.), Mr. H. T Gibb; Tkd. (cham.), Mr. H. T. Gibb; Yorks. (novice), Mr. W. Brown; Nor. (novice), Mr. P. A. Small; best ladies, Mrs. W. Brown; Linnet, Mr. H. Akehurst; Goldfinch, Messrs. Cadman Bros.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (cham.): 1, Gibb, good upstanding Yell.; 2, Flook, nice Yell. BUFF: 1, 3, Pearson, 1st rattling long Yorkie; 2, Dandridge, nice feather, stouter built. MKD.: 1, c, Dandridge, wing mkd. Yell. small, good position; 2, Pearson, wing-tkd., smooth feather; 3, Pearson, Cin.-mkd. saddle, good bird; vhc, Gibb; hc, Coomber. CL. Nor. (cham.): 1, Gibb, splendid promising Buff; 2, Roast, nice bird, good head MKD.: 1, Gibb, nice chubby wing-mkd and capped Buff; 2, Roast, nice large foul Green. A.O.V. CAN. (cham.): 1, Small, bkn. cap l.z. CL. YORKS. (NOVICE): 1, 2, Brown, 1, good upstanding Yel., 2, nice feathered Buff; 3, Flook, another nice Buff; vhc, Penyoun; hc, c, Streeter. MKD.: 1, vhc, Penyoun, nice varieg. Yell.; 2, hc, Brown, nice Buff; 3, Coomber, another nice Buff youngster; c, Streeter. CL. NOR. (NOVICE): 1, Small, nice chubby Yell.; 2, Comber, good Buff; 3, Penyoun, another nice Buff; vhc, Gray. MKD.: 1, 2, Small, 1st promising var. Yell.; 2, capped youngster, close up; 3, Coomber, rather long-flighted Nor. LADIES' CAN.: 1, Mrs. Brown, Cl. Yorkie, nice position; 2, Mrs. Gray, nice Nor.; 3, vhc, Miss Spicer, 3, Buff Tkd. Yorkie. CAN. MULE (LIGHT): 1, 2, Boxall, nice Goldie Mule, 2nd, another good Goldie Mule. DK.: 1, Cadman Bros., grand Goldie, hot col., well wins; 2nd, Akehurst, fine Linnet Mule, good second and col.; 3, Gibb, nice Goldie, fine shape; vhc, James; hc, Boxall. GOLDFINCH: 1, Cadman Bros., good blaze, fine bird, wins well; 2, Akehurst, fine Finch, beaten in blaze and col.; 3, Sharp, another large bird, poor col; vhc, Penyoun. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Cadman Bros., 1st stormer for size and col., fine specimen, 2nd, another beauty, not quite the condition of 1st; 3rd, Sharp, beaten only in size and col., good condition; vhc, Graham-Cooper. LINNET: 1, Akehurst, grand bird, excellent col., no faults; 2, Cadman Bros., fine specimen, good second; 3, James, largest in class, not quite the col. of leaders: vhc, Brown. CL. 19.: 1, Akehurst, grand Yell. Grenie, excellent size and condition; 2, Sharp, another beauty; 3, Cadman Bros., good bird. CL. 20: 1, 2, 3, Cadman Bros., fine trio, 1st excellent col. and condition, 2nd old Palace winner, in moult; 3rd, another coming champion; vhc, Akehurst. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, 3, vhc, Cadman Bros., good birds, well shown; 2, Akehurst, nice, well-mkd. bird; hc, Streeter. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Chande, Siskin, good cap and lacing, minus bib.; 2, 3, Cadman Bros., 2nd Twite, large, nice red rump, 3rd, mealy, very large, good blood-red breast; vhc, Graham-Hooper. BUNTING: 1, 3, vhc, Cadman Bros., Yell. Bunting, grand specimen, 3rd Snow Bunting; 2, Chande, another Yell. Buntine, close on winner. HARDBILL: 1, Cadman Bros., nice Hawfinch. FOR.: 1, Gibb, grand rage-moulted cock Pintail, grand col.; 2, Sharp, nice for. Goldie; 3, Akehurst, pair Yell. Burgerigars, good condition; vhc, hc, Graham-Hooper, Saffron Finch and Ribbon Finch. Following points scored by nominated birds towards club specials: Silver-plated teapot (open), Cadman Bros., 10; H. T. Gibb, 8; A. Flook 7: H. Akehurst, 7; J. Roast, 6; A. Penyoun, 5; F. Dandridge, 4; A. Streeter, 3. Silver cup (novices): Mrs. Brown, 11; A. Penyoun, 9; P. Small, 8; B. Coomber, 6; A. Streeter 3. Many friends of the club looked in during the evening and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.—(Kindly write on one side of paper only.—Editor.)

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Oct. 7.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). G.F., J.S., J.A., P.Pce.
Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81. Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.
Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.
Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).
Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B., W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.
Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)
Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street.)
Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.
Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.
Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.
Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 73, St. Clair Place).
Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.
Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.
Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.
Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).
Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)
Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street). W.R., J.Tn., J.W.N.
Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.
Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Gse, J.Stu., T.A., R.V.R.
Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.
Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. McLn., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)
Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcross.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.
Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9. Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).
Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)
Dec. 1 & 2. **Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.
Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill)

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First show of season, held June 17th, Hand and Shuttle Inn, where 70 birds were staged in six classes. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) placed the cards and gave every satisfaction.

Class 1 (20): 1, Stebbing; 2, Gledhill; 3, Atkinson; 4 Hodgson, jun.; vhc, Clarke; hc, c, Pacey. Class 2 (18): 1, Padgett; 2, Hodgson, jun.; 3, Cheshire; 4, Casey; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Clarke; c, Pacey. Class 3 (6): 1, Hodgson, jun.; 2, Stebbing; 3, Casey; 4, Wright and Son; vhc, Worsman; hc, Mitchell. Class 4 (10): 1, Clarke; 2, Stebbing; 3, Dawson; 4, Hodgson sen.; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Atkinson; c, Casey. Class 5 (9): 1, Crabtree; 2, Casey; 3, Metcalfe; 4, Hodgson, sen.; vhc, Hodgson and Holdsworth; hc, H. Firth; c, J. Firth. Class 6 (7): 1, 2, 4, Metcalfe; 3, vhc, Crabtree; hc, Hodgson, sen.; c, Firth.—W. Walker.

BEDFORD C.B.S.

First Feather Show held June 15th, with 50 entries in the four Norwich classes. The quality of the exhibits was excellent. Special mention may be made of Mr. A. Keech's clear yellow, and Mr. Beanland's clear buff, both of which will doubtless be heard of again. The winners of points which count for silver cup are: A. Keech 32, H. Gentle 27, E. Wiggins 17, G. Notley, J. Corrie and J. Beanland, 12 points each. Mr. H. Markham made the awards, and gave general satisfaction.

CL. YELL. (13): 1, r, Keech, 1st very fine, large, typical bird, rare head, lovely plumage; 2, 3, Gentle, couple of nice short cobby ones, beaten in head and substance only; vhc, Goodman; hc, Wiggins; c, Beanland. BUFF (14): 1, Beanland, very fine large bird, true Nor. properties, easy win; 2, c, Keech, excellent quality, very good head; 3, hc, Wiggins, nice quality; r, Gentle; vhc, Notley. TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Gentle, large mkd. bird, correct Nor. properties; 2, hc, Keech, very smart mkd. bird; 3, Corrie, very heavily mkd., smart appearance; r, Beanland; vhc, Wiggins; c, Goodman. BUFF (13): 1, Corrie, rare bodied, capital head, lightly mkd. on head and tail; 2, vhc, Notley, very pretty varieg., correct type; 3, Wiggins, nice quality; r, hc, Keech; c, Osborn.

ILFORD AND DISTRICT F. & F.S.

Second monthly show of the season held Scrafton Hall, June 13th. It proved a great success, the judge being agreeably surprised at the quality of the exhibits. Mr. A. J. Marley made the awards to the satisfaction of all.

YORK., YELL.: 1, 3, Skinner; 2, Culpeck; 4, W. Smith. BUFF: 1, special best bird 1911, 3, Skinner; 2, W. Smith; 4, Culbeck. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Skinner; 2, W. Smith. NOR.: 1, B. C. Smith; 2, 3, 4, Morris and Adams CAN. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Stevens. MULE: 1, 2, Morris and Adams. CAN. (bred prior to 1911); 1, 2, 3, Reed. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Morris and Adams; 2, Reynolds; 3, 4, Reed. LINNET: 1, Morris and Adams REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, Reed; 2, Morris and Adams A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Reed; 2, 4, Morris and Adams. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Morris and Adams. FOR., SMALL: 1, 4, vhc, J. Smith; 2, 3, Reed. LARGE: 1, special best cage bird, Reed.—J. H. Priestman,

SHEFFIELD O.S.

One of the finest collections of Foreign birds ever staged in Sheffield was put down by the members at a table show held at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, June 13th. It included some very rare specimens and many noted winners, among others, Toucans, King Parrakeets, Crimson-wing Parrakeets, Mexican Jays, Striped Throated Jay Thrush, Giant Whydahs, White Javas, Cordon Bleus, Lavender Finches, Zebra Finches, Golden-beaked Waxbills, Orange-cheek, etc. There were about 30 in all in two classes—not bad for a table show. After the general business, which included the election of new members, final arrangements for ramble, June 18th. Mr. E. E. Smith (Sheffield) gave us a lecture on keeping, feeding, and exhibiting Foreign birds, which was enjoyed by all. He pointed out that the keeping of Foreign birds was not so expensive as a good many people imagined. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Smith. An inspection of the Foreigners then took place. Don't forget next meeting, July 3rd at headquarters—lecture on Breeding, Feeding, and Exhibiting the Norwich Canary. Bring your friends.—John Woodall.

GRASSFINCHES, ETC. (15): 1, Dawn, lovely pair White Javas, shown in the pink of condition; 2, 3, res., Baxby, 2nd, bonny pair Lavender Finches, faultless, good 2nd; 3rd, nice pair Golden-breasted Waxbills, lovely colour; 4, c, Bishop, true pair Orange-cheeked Waxbills, tight as wax; vhc, hc, Fletcher. A.O.S. (9): Class contained some well-known winners: 1, 3, 4, Baxby, 1st, true pair Mexican Jays, absolutely perfect condition and colour; 3rd Toucan, in lovely condition; 4th, Giant Whydah, in full colour; 2, Fletcher, lovely Crimson-wing Parrakeet, also perfect; res, hc, Fletcher; res, Patagonia Conure, in nice condition; vhc, Drabble, Yellow-wing Blue Sugar Bird, not looking so well when judged.

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*An Adventurous Canary.

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**A Goldfinch's Wooing.

A friend of mine has a Goldfinch which she puts out in its cage on a sunny wall. This spring the bird attracted to herself a handsome mate. He has a beautiful head and bright gold markings on his wings. He fed her for days through the bars of the cage. One day we opened the door and off she flew with him. But to the surprise of all in the evening she was found in her cage feeding with great content. Sometimes he comes in to feed her, but he never drinks the water. If she thinks he is taking too much, she angrily puts him out, and if he sits on the top of the cage she will sometimes nip his feet. But every morning he is seen sitting on the fence waiting for her appearance.—Sent by Louisa Barnes, age 11, 5, Railway Place Grangetown, Yorks, R.S.O.

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Twitterings.

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and grant them a long and prosperous reign.

The Torbay O.S. First Feather Show will be held on July 18, writes Mr. J. N. Jeffery, the secretary.

Our annual Nest Feather Show will be held on July 1, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt, sec. of the Coventry O.S.

I am a reader of CAGE BIRDS, and I think it a very good book for bird lovers.—J. T. Hodgson (Malton, Yorks).

A bird show will be held at the Fleece Hotel, Great Horton, Bradford, on July 15, when specials will be given, writes Mr. J. Ward, the sec.

Nestling under a carriage of a Birmingham to Yarmouth express, a Blackbird and four youngsters were found when the train was examined at Bourne, Lincolnshire.

Will secretaries and others please note for future correspondence that after June 23rd my address will be Nene House, Eaglescliffe Junction, Co. Durham, writes Mr. F. Marwood.

Messrs. Spratt's Patent, Ltd., ask us to notify that their offices and factories will be closed on June 22, 23, and 24, to enable their staff to enjoy the full benefit of the Coronation festivities.

A Baron in Thuringia has given up about 500 acres of his park, woods and plantation for the exclusive use of wild birds, which are encouraged in every way to nest and live secure from interference.

Will secretaries and members kindly note my change of address from Hett Hills, Pelton Fell, to 3, Low Howlett, Pelton Fell S.O., writes Mr. Wm. Forster, sec. of the Pelton Fell and Dis. C.B.S.

Our First Feather Show will be held on July 1 at the North-Eastern Hotel, Mile End Road, South Shields, when Mr. James Stanger will place the cards, writes Mr. James Barrass, sec. of the South Shields and Dis. C.B.S.

We are holding a Brown Linnet singing contest on June 24 at the Butchers' Arms, Merrington Lane, Spennymoor, writes Mr. W. Fairless, sec. of the Spennymoor Society. Five pounds will be given, so that it is expected there will be a good entry.

We received on June 19th a two-folio contribution entitled "Royal Canaries," with no name or address upon it, and the accompanying letter (if there was one) has been accidentally mislaid. Will the sender kindly communicate with us?

At the monthly meeting held on June 6th it was decided, owing to our members having had such bad results in their first rounds, to postpone our First Feather Show from June 24 to July 15, write Messrs. Hallam and Lovatt, hon. secs. of the Longton and Dis. C.B.S.

The annual report and balance sheet for 1910 of the Wimbledon and District C.B.S. speak well for the sec. of the society (Mr. H. Smith) and his fellow officers. The amount to be carried forward into the next year's accounts is no less than £22 17s. 6d., which is a distinctly creditable balance.

The Colne and Dist. C.B.S. have taken rooms of their own, writes Mr. Will Maxwell, the hon. sec. We have already doubled our membership, and are looking forward to holding an open show in the near future. We are holding our young bird show on July 1, in our own rooms, Dockray Chamber.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

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Our First Feather Show is fixed for July 1, writes Mr. R. S. Black, sec. of the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.

We have engaged Mr. Cowgill (of Yorkshire fame) to judge our Open Show on Nov. 17 and 18, writes Mr. Jas. Irlam, hon. sec. of the Sale Open Society.

We have secured the services of Mr. W. Moule (Durham) to judge our First Feather Show on July 8, in the County Hall, writes Mr. C. Ramsey, sec. of the Spennymoor and Dis. C.B.S.

We have received from Mr. A. Watson, the sec. of the G.P.O. F and F.S., a copy of that society's rule book. Any reader who is employed by the Crown is eligible for membership, particulars as to which may be had on application to Mr. Watson, 116, Maurice Ave., Wood Green, London, N.

At a meeting of the Mid Wales F.F. and H.S., held on June 7, Mr. F. Beard in the chair, owing to its being so near the holidays it was decided to alter the date of next Open Show, to be held at Llandrindod Wells, from August 9 to Wednesday, August 16, writes Mr. P. Muscott, the hon. sec.

Our First Feather Show will be held in the Lesser Oddfellows' Hall on July 8, at 3 p.m., writes Mr. Robt. Rennie, sec. of the Falkirk and Dis. C.B.S., when the following members will judge:—Messrs. W. Scaife (Norwich), T. R. Wallace (Borders), and J. Morris (British). We have also fixed up with the following gentlemen to judge our Annual Show:—Mr. Holmes (Edinburgh), for Norwich; Mr. J. Jeans (Camelon), for Borders and Crests; and Mr. D. J. Gardner (Bathgate), for British and foreign.

OBITUARY.

Mr. G. HOLT (Nottingham).

It is with deep regret I have to report the death of one of our oldest members, Mr. G. Holt, who died very suddenly while at work, writes Mr. J. Bunn, secretary of the Nottingham and Dis. Permanent O.S. Deceased was a staunch fancier nearly all his life, being known by nearly all fanciers in Nottingham and district. He will be missed at the shows, where he was always to be seen on show days.

I regret to inform you of the loss sustained by the secretary of the Coventry O.S. (Mr. A. J. Barratt) in the death of his wife, writes Mr. T. Gilbert (Coventry). After a long and painful illness, she passed peacefully away on June 16. The sympathy of all who know him I am sure will be extended to him.

It is with very great regret that we hear of the grievous loss sustained by that old-time and highly-esteemed Crest fancier and judge, Mr. J. H. Scothern, of Nottingham, whose dearly-loved wife passed away on June 17, after a long illness. Mr. Scothern's wide circle of friends will join us in extending heartfelt sympathy to him in his sadness, occasioned by the passing into "the Land of Shadows" of so worthy and respected a help-meet.

Will secretaries who have not applied for the patronage of the Northern Border and Scotch Fancy Club kindly send their applications in before the July meeting, stating classes given, so that we can allot our patronage, writes Mr. J. N. G. Scott, the secretary, 186, Cartington Terrace, Newcastle.

Members of the Edinburgh Norwich Canary and Mule Breeders' Society are reminded that the ramble will take place on Saturday, June 24, to Musselburgh, writes Mr. James Finnie, the secretary. Mr. Crossley Sykes will meet the train due to arrive at Musselburgh Station at 4.10 p.m., and show us around. Mr. Cooper (president) will take a photograph of the party.

Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) will judge the Leeds C.B.S. Members' Young Bird Show, to be held in St. George's Schoolroom on July 8th, when the Leeds Cup and the president's will be competed for with four and six starred birds respectively writes Mr. A. Wilson, the hon. sec. For classification see syllabus. Will any member not having received one, please apply to me?

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A splendid testimonial has been received by Mr. T. Sandiford, the well-known colour-food specialist, of Preston, from Mr. G. Campling, of Norwich, the working man who was successful in breeding the Canary recently presented to Queen Mary. The bird, whose colour was so much admired, was moulted on Sandiford's "Royal Red," a pepper with which Mr. Campling has had much success. Further particulars appear in the advertisement columns this week.

Will members kindly note that our consolation contest will be held this Saturday (June 24), when we shall be able to enrol new members, writes Mr. J. McAllister, sec. of the Globe Inn Linnet Club of Leigh. We shall give a knife and fork tea to all members after the contest. Will all who wish to join us kindly give in their names as soon as possible? Our next contest will be held at the Elephant and Castle, Bag Lane, on July 1, when we give the usual £1.

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Our next meeting will be held in Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, on June 28, at 7.30 p.m., writes Mr. Geo. Taylor, sec. of the Northern British Bird, M. and F.B.C. Mr. T. Robson will make a few remarks on "Experiences with British Softbills; their Feeding and General Management, etc." A table show will be held, with classes as follows:—1, British A.S., previous winners not debarred from competition; 2, A.S. British that have not previously won a prize; and 3, Foreign A.S. Fanciers welcome.

A very charming coloured frontispiece of Mr. H. Goodchild's graces the June number of "Bird Notes"—the journal of the Foreign Bird Club—its subjects being the Purple Sunbird and the Great Billed Flycatcher. Notes on Sun Birds in Captivity are supplied by Mr. L. W. Hawkins. Mr. C. T. Maxwell writes on the Purple Sun Bird and Great-billed Flycatcher, while Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., contributes an article on the Flycatcher depicted in the coloured plate. Mr. Page has something to say about the aviaries and birds at Hoddam Castle. There are many other interesting features.

Open Norwich P.C.

Will all societies desirous of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club's patronage for season 1911-12 kindly make applications, stating number of classes (Norwich) and judge's name, before June 30, to me?—O. Mitchell, hon. sec., 13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford.

Help Wanted.

Respecting the prize drawing in aid of Mrs. Johnson, Messrs. Cook and Walsh, the secretaries (6, Randal Street, Blackburn), write that they have been compelled to postpone the draw until July 3. Will all persons having received books return duplicates, etc., not later than Saturday, July 1? Will fanciers help us to make the draw a success for so deserving a case? We have as yet only received a small return for the quantity of books we sent out. Winning numbers will be published in CAGE BIRDS.

Crested Canary Club.

Applications for the Club's support have been received from the Scottish National, Clapham, Coventry, Plymouth, Bournemouth, Derby, Cheltenham, Sheffield, Newcastle, L.C.B.A., and Nottingham. Further applications must be made at once, as the list will be submitted to the general committee very early in July. All communications concerning the Club must now be made to me direct, or it may result in delay and possible overlooking.—John Tyson, hon. sec. (169, Sloane St., London, S.W.).

Northern Counties N. and C.C.

Will secretaries who would like the patronage of the Northern Counties Norwich and Cinnamon Club please send in their applications before July 19, as we confine our patronage to six shows? The following classes are required: Six classes for Norwich, one or more classes for novices, and two for Cinnamons. Will any fancier in the counties of Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland, who would like to join us, kindly send his name and address (subscription 2s. 6d.), when I will be pleased to forward all particulars.—W. Curry, secretary, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Cyclists' Coronation Souvenir.

To commemorate the Coronation of the world's most eminent cyclist—H.M. King George V.—the Mead Cycle Company, of Liverpool, has issued an extremely handsome monster size art souvenir, which contains a mine of information, which is invaluable to those who are about to purchase a cycle. Moreover, the list depicts in a variety of charming colours their Majesties the King and Queen attired in their Coronation robes; a magnificent panoramic view of the procession; no fewer than 26 sumptuously tinted life-life portraits of the world's mightiest monarchs, and the most gigantic and beautiful bicycle illustration that has ever appeared in any cycle list in the world. A free copy of this delightful souvenir will be sent, on receipt of a postcard, to any reader of this paper who mentions CAGE BIRDS when writing for it. Address, The Mead Cycle Company, Paradise Street, Liverpool.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Owing to CAGE BIRDS having to go to press two days earlier than usual this week, all Club and Show Reports, Correspondence, etc., reaching us after last post on Monday has had to be held over until our next issue.
—EDITOR.

Through a - - Birdroom Window

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By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR

(Continued from page 493.)

No. 7.—My Redrumps.

I suppose you have heard of the lion-tamer who was hated by another man? Well, the lion-tamer's big play to the audience was putting his head into a lion's mouth. The man who hated him attended every performance in the hope some time of seeing that lion crunch down. He followed the show all over the country. The years went by, and he grew old. And at last one day, sitting in a front seat, he saw what he had waited for. The lion crunched down, and there wasn't any need to call a doctor.

Now, that's what I call patience; and it's my style. I don't know how many years I waited before I got my first Redrumps. I am sure it was something like the proverbial seven that Jacob waited for Rachel. When you don't want a thing there are always plenty knocking about; when you really are bent on having them they are nowhere to be found.

Friendship's Beginning.

When I was a lad—never mind how long ago that is—Redrumps were almost as common as Sparrows down East. I could any day have gone and bought a good pair for fifteen shillings, or even less; but at the time I am thinking of, some ten years ago, there wasn't one to be found anywhere for love or money. At last, one day I was reading the paper when my eye was caught by an advertisement, Redrumps for sale, cage-reared—Savage, Rue Bihorel, Bihorel, Rouen. I at once wrote off and made enquiries, and began one of my most pleasant and valued bird friendships.

Mr. Savage informed me that the young Redrumps had been reared in a big box cage in his sitting-room, and that he had five youngsters for disposal, as the parents were anxious to go to nest again. So fearful was I that another would step down before me and secure the treasure, that I went to the extravagance of a wire. In a few more days I received one of the familiar Continental travelling cages with sloping front, and on opening it I was delighted to see five beautiful young Redrumps in perfect feather and condition—two cocks and three hens. I at once transferred them to a nice, medium-sized aviary, and spent many happy hours in watching my latest acquisition.

Redrumps are very slender and elegant, and their soft colours are particularly attractive, while their soft, tuneful whistle is always a source of pleasure. Of course, I knew that I could do nothing in the way of breeding that year, but I had done my best to be first next year, or, at any rate, to prevent anyone else from having a chance. This, I know, sounds selfish; but in breeding birds we are all selfish. If you do not get on top of the other man, the other man will get on top of you.

Nobody need be frightened of losing Redrumps by death, except it be by egg-binding or accident. Weather will never hurt them. I have seen mine bathing in water in which the ice has only just been broken, and even nibbling bits of broken ice in sheer playfulness. Mr. Savage informed me that they were wonderfully free breeders, as indeed they must have been to go to nest in a big box wired only in front. Personally, I never heard of any other Australian Parrakeets doing so—not even Budgerigars.

Precept and Practice.

Not many people are practical, though I never knew anybody who did not think he or she was. The really big ones are always trying to be practical, like Sir Isaac Newton when he ordered a good-sized hole to be cut in his back door for the cat, and a little one near it for the kittens. Of course, I am nothing if not practical; so I must needs devise my own patent nest-boxes. To this end I got from our woodman some well-rotted logs of wood, and set them up on shelves. This, I thought, was a really clever idea. The logs were stable, the litter would be caught on the shelves, and the baby Parrakeets when they arrived would have a nice platform to exercise on. It sounded all right in theory, but like Randolph Churchill who forgot Goschen, I forgot the mice. The brutes got on the shelves, made endless burrows through the logs, and so scared the Redrumps that they avoided their nesting sites as the devil is reputed to shun holy water. Redrumps like quiet, a quiet and peaceable habitation, where none shall make them afraid; and this mice will not permit.

Accordingly, I had to take down my shelves, banish the rotten logs, and go for something much more prosaic and useful. I discovered that no birds will or can breed where mice are allowed to congregate. My first move, therefore, was to destroy the mice. This I did with the patent German affairs, in which they commit suicide, and so save me from the guilt of murder, beside supplying toothsome dainties for the domestic grimalkin; and then I had to set my brains to work to devise some better form of nesting box.

A Model Nesting Box.

After some study I fixed upon a model which I have used ever since for Parrakeet breeding, of course, varying the size according to the bird that had to use them, and I am conceited enough to think that they cannot be improved on. They consist of plain upright deal boxes with a hinged lid, a hole in the front near the top; a very strong and tough perch running just below the entrance hole, and going right to the back of the box, so that the parents can by means of it descend to the nest below, and also to afford a means of exit, by which, when the young are ready, they can come forth and view the world.

Once upon a time I did not have any branch, and the consequence was that I lost a splendid nest of young Turquoisines. I knew they were there, and I knew about their age, and thought they ought to be coming out, but still they did not appear. One day I noticed the parents were no longer going into the log, a bad and ominous sign. I watched long and anxiously, but they took no notice, so I felt sure that something had happened. I did not like to meddle; it never does to meddle with nesting Parrakeets, but at last I grew desperate, and I felt that unless I did something I should burst. Accordingly I got a step-ladder and mounted with fear and trepidation. Still the old birds did not seem interested; an ominous sign. I climbed higher, opened the lid and peeped in. Alas! alas! there were my young Turquoisines reared up on end in one corner. Too late, I knew that they could not climb up the steep and slippery sides of the log. It had been a veritable death-trap. The old birds had tired of feeding, and the poor creatures had literally starved to death.

I can't tell you how I felt at that moment; I seemed to realise the feelings of Joseph's brethren. We are verily guilty concerning our brother. It took me quite a long time to recover my normal spirits. It is these preventable hardships that are so painful.

What should I do? So far as I could see I could do nothing in this case but send the corpses to be set up.

Real Fighting Cocks.

On the return of spring the following year I caged off the Redrumps in pairs, as otherwise domestic arrangements would come to nowt, for though Redrumps are fairly peaceful in couples, in company with two cocks they are veritable demons.

By March breeding operations were in full swing, and in a few weeks the ladies retired each on domestic duties intent, while the cocks sat on the edge of the logs and warbled their sweetest. I should very much have liked to know what their nesting boxes contained, as the time went on. I often thought of the question of H.M. Inspector put to a class of twenty little bumpkins, "How much is eleven-twelfths?" and when there was no answer, he put the question in a more searching way—"Who knows how much is eleven-twelfths?" And the village dunce answered, "Gawd"; that being the generally accepted answer to difficult questions couched in this form. Time alone would tell me the answer.

There was nothing for it, I know, but patience. One day I entered the aviary and heard a gentle grumbling in one of the boxes, accompained by the scrambling of tiny feet, and I cheered up, as a fisherman does when after hours of nothingness he feels a timid bite.

A few days later, on entering the compartment, I was horrified to see a little yellow object lying on the floor below the nest, and kicking, apparently, in feeble protest at being on the ground. I picked the poor little beggar up and warmed him for a few moments in my closed hands. He was very cold when I got hold of him, but with the warmth he speedily recovered and it was wonderful how strong so small a thing was; but his appearance—well, it was not what I should call pretty—it reminded one of the innocent enquiry of a school inspector of a class.

Beauty; and the Inspector.

What am I, asked the inspector? A man. Yes, a man; but the vicar is a man and the master is a man; what sort of a man am I? A very ugly one, came the unexpected answer.

I got a chair and gingerly opened the lid and popped my poor little friend back into the nest. For a wonder, the parents did not resist my interference, but went on feeding as if they had noticed nothing.

In about five weeks five most lovely young Redrumps left the log, quite as big and very nearly as handsome as their parents, and the cocks quite easily distinguishable from the hens. The old birds did not long trouble themselves about the youngsters, but speedily went to nest a second time; but there was a great dispute as to the future home. The cock selected one end, the hen another; but it's one thing for a cock to give orders, quite another for the lady to obey. Don't you remember Susan Nipper's remark: "Oh, bless your heart, Mrs. Richards, temporaries always orders permanencies here; didn't you know? Why, wherever was you born, Mrs. Richards? But wherever you was born and whenever and however (which is best known to yourself), you may bear in mind, please, that it is one thing to give orders and quite another thing to take 'em." So poor Mister Redrump discovered, and in the end he had to do as he was told.

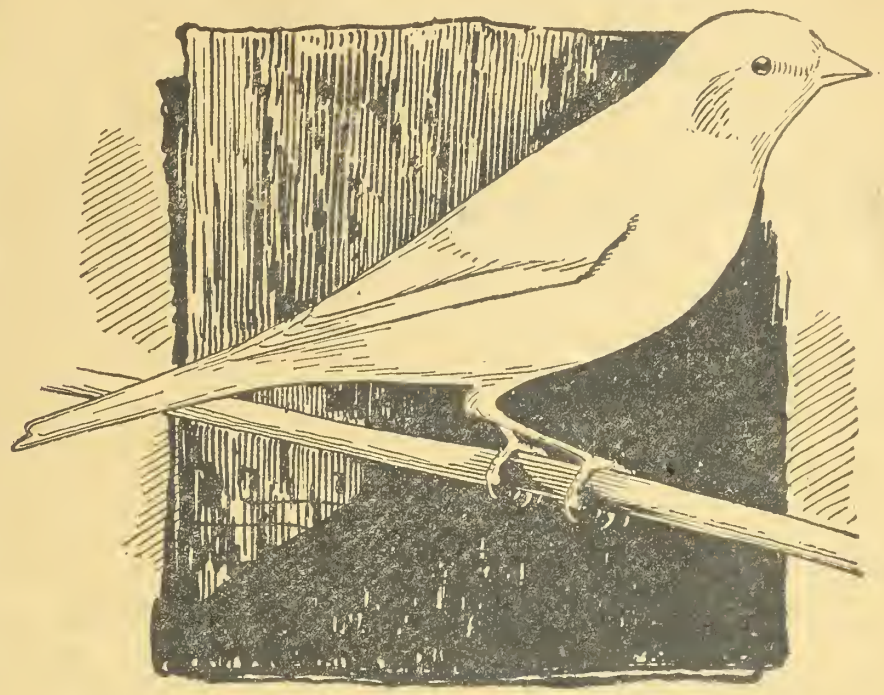
Nothing remarkable happened in the second nest, and once more six grand youngsters emerged, to my delight. To feed Redrumps is the easiest thing in the world. All they want is good Spanish Canary seed, and all the flowering grass and groundsel you can provide them with. Do not forget to give them plenty of ground cuttlefish bone if you do not want to lose your hens with egg binding. In passing, let me relate a little bit of carelessness. One day I forgot to close one of the dividing doors, and two cock Redrumps got together. There was a very pretty fight, I imagine, though I did not actually witness it, and when I came back a few hours later, one of the combatants lay dead with a hole in his head. I could not help thinking of the remark of the Irishman who killed a ganger, "Please, your Honour, I did not hit him a very hard blow, and why the devil did the Government make a ganger of a man with a head no thicker than an egg-shell?" No doubt this was something like what the victor Redrump said of his dead rival. Moral: Always shut doors, or you may be sorry when it is too late; but old age, as it has been bitterly said, when it can no longer set a bad example, gives good advice.

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Wild-Bird Life.

The Wryneck's Habits.

Up to the present we have had a phenomenal summer, for the weather has been almost ideal. Consequently, bird life has multiplied exceedingly. Every thicket and every hedgerow contains young birds of many species. The common birds are more plentiful than ever, and some of the rarer kinds have done much better than usual towards perpetuating their race. The single brooders are now getting their young ones well out of hand, and will have all the rest of the summer to spend free from family cares, although many of them remain with the young ones until spring comes round once more, and form family groups which may occasionally be met with. One sometimes wonders why some species do not increase more than they do. As an instance, take the Wryneck, or "Cuckoo's mate," as it is called. Here we have a prolific breeder that is seldom interfered with, yet season after season goes by, and those who roam the fields and woods can see no difference in the numbers of this interesting bird. The rate of mortality must consequently be high; possibly the nature of its food and perils of migration keep it from increasing to any extent. The Wryneck is no nest-builder, but takes possession of a hole in a decayed stump in the woods, or in one of the fine old trees in the more open spaces. The parent birds are shy in visiting the nesting site, and in many cases the entrance hole is well concealed by overhanging foliage. One that the writer found recently in a decayed stump showed no semblance to a nest, the eggs being deposited upon the powdered wood at the bottom of the cavity. Unlike most other birds, the Wryneck does not desert the nest if the eggs be taken, but continues to lay egg after egg until she is exhausted. It is on record that as many as forty eggs have been deposited by a single bird during a season. No doubt one of the chief difficulties that this interesting bird has to face is the trouble of obtaining suitable nesting sites. Unfortunately, the one most suitable is that frequently chosen by the common Starling—a more powerful and numerous rival. Consequently the rarer bird has to give way. Three seasons back more than one pair of Wrynecks nested in the old trees close to the writer's dwelling, but these have been driven away by Starlings, which are increasing rapidly, and making use of all the available holes in the numerous trees in the district.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Father and Young.

C. S.—Yes, the cock was undoubtedly the culprit, and maltreated the young as you describe through being in too high condition and wanting to start breeding again. Had you been feeding on a mixed diet with, or without, egg-food during incubation? If so, this would largely account for it. A diet of plain canary seed only is best during incubation for such vigorous birds. It is just such a cock as this that may be utilised with every advantage to run with two hens alternately. Next time remove him when the hen begins to sit, and take him to another room, if convenient. There is no reason why you should not remove the eggs as laid in the usual way. It is the best plan to do so, and you need not fear disturbing the hen to any material extent so long as you do the job coolly and without unduly fluttering the bird about. When the young are due to hatch, adopt the advice given to "Elene" in last issue. The slight mark on the side of the head of the cock will only disqualify him for "clear" classes. He is still eligible for "ticked" classes, or classes for "clear or ticked," or "clear, ticked, or variegated," etc.

Dealing with Egg Eaters.

E. C. R.—Vice, pure and simple, is the cause of the birds eating their eggs. If only the cock is the culprit shut him off from the hen with the wire slide at roost time each night when the hen is expected to lay, and do not return him until you have removed egg and placed a china one in its place, next morning. On the evening when the third egg is laid remove him permanently, return the hen's eggs, take away the china ones, and leave her to hatch and rear the young herself. If the hen also is addicted to the vice make a special nest box, as described and illustrated in Parts VII. and VIII. of "Our Canaries," in which the eggs roll out of sight as soon as laid. Then you would have to set them under a pair of foster parents. Of course, you have to consider whether this pair of birds is worth the trouble. You might also try the ruse of putting in the nest one or two prepared eggs for them to investigate, made by blowing out the contents of an ordinary Canary's egg and filling the shell with a spicy compound of mustard and cayennes mixed to a cream with vinegar. Then seal the hole, and "egg" is ready for the experiment. It is quite possible to breed successfully with the one-year-old hen and seven or eight-year-old cock, if both are healthy and vigorous, but you will probably not be over-stocked with cocks among their progeny. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d., post free. As a beginner this will save you making many false steps.

Loss of Voice.

Frank Hambrook.—As the loss of voice appears to have been coincident with the advent of warm weather is it not possible that the bird has been exposed to draughts by having doors or windows, or both, more freely opened without paying any attention as to whether the bird was being subjected to a direct draught thereby? If this is so the remedy as to prevention in future will be sufficiently obvious, and the following treatment should soon remove the effect. On the other hand, supposing these suggested causes are non-existent, it is not unlikely the bird may be about going into an early moult, in which case you must not expect it to sing until the moult is over. See that it is kept in a bright and airy place, as equable as possible, but free from draughts or foul air of any kind. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "A. Wilson," a good spray of chickweed daily, and every second day for the next fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Also make a little paste by well mixing as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, and half as much grain of paradise, in a teaspoonful of pure honey, and reducing to a paste with sufficient finely pounded biscuit. Give a piece the size of a pea on the end of its perch on the days when sponge cake is not given. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and in the next week 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day.

Young Dying (J. Culshaw).—The sample of hemp is decidedly bad and unfit for feeding birds. It is certainly not nearly so bad as some I have examined, but is bad enough to be a decidedly dangerous food for young birds. This may be the cause of your losses, though it would have been better had you given some particulars of your general management. Carry out the hints given in the article referred to, and one or two other replies which have just lately appeared.

Limewater (Erratum).—In replying to "Ill-Luck" in last issue I am made to advise "a tablespoonful of limewater" to be added to the drinking water. I am not sure whether this was a slip of the pen or a vagary of the comp. It should have read a "teaspoonful of limewater." Luckily no harm could result from giving a tablespoonful, except that the birds would probably not drink of it freely, so that in practice they would partake of less than would be the case by giving a weaker strength which they would drink more freely.

A Colour Question (Anxious Novice).—Yes, certainly, the pure red peppers, by which I suppose you mean tasteless peppers, the same as are ordinarily used for colour feeding yellow Yorkshires, are also used in the same manner for feeding buff birds. There are not two separate kinds of colour feed for feeding yellow and buff birds respectively required; neither are they necessary. You should get Part IX. of "Our Canaries," in which you will find the methods and purpose of colour feeding very fully dealt with.

Stopped Singing (J. W. Pope).—The bird is undoubtedly just going into moult, which is the cause of his cessation of song. He will remain silent now until the moult is quite finished. Your feeding is very good, and beyond adding a pinch of maw every second day whilst the feathers are dropping, and increasing the supply of egg food to a small teaspoonful twice a week, needs no further alteration. You mention no green food. Give a little greenstuff, or green plantain stalk, daily. Continue the bath as freely as the bird likes it, and see that it is not exposed to draughts. Nothing else should be required, though an occasional dose of 20 drops of Chemical Food in the water towards the end of the moult will do no harm.

Seed Sample. (J. Muir.)—One cannot properly estimate the quality of a mixture of seeds of this kind. It is neither a proper staple diet nor a good mixture for occasional use. The bulk seems a very fair sample of canary of good size, next is a rather large proportion of good teazle, small proportions of inga, maw, and summer rape, and a sprinkling of millet and very questionable quality of hemp. The whole gives the impression that the bulk is rather dirty—that is, with extraneous dirt and dust. You should have given full particulars about the birds dying and your treatment, then I might have suggested something to help you.

Cause of Failure (Hillsboro').—As both the birds are in good robust health and have not reared a brood, you certainly did right to allow them to make another attempt. The cause of your previous failure is not easy to guess. The loss of the young brood I am inclined to think was due to non-feeding, and the feeding you suspected was more apparent than real, or was limited to the cock feeding the hen. Next time when the hen commences to sit remove the cock, and keep him out of her sight, leaving the hen to bring up the young herself. When young are about to hatch, feed and treat generally as advised to "Elene" in last issue. If she has not laid by the time this appears, give a leaf of dandelion daily, a small teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, every second day, and on the alternate days the same quantity of the seed mixture advised to "A Wilson," and continue this feeding until she has laid her complement of eggs.

A Fourth Brood (Disappointed).—Personally, if I valued the hen I would not allow her to have a fourth brood, even though she has only reared two young out of seventeen eggs, therefore I cannot conscientiously advise you to do so. As you seem to be fully aware, you spoilt the season yourself by being a little too premature at the beginning, so you should profit by this experience another year, and not try to take it out of the hen, and by so doing perhaps spoil your chances of success with this hen next season. There are so many possible causes of the unfertile eggs that it is useless speculating upon them. Maybe one or both the birds were not in good condition, or the weather might have been at fault, or even the manner of mating might have been at the bottom of it. Some hens you will find call their mates whilst in the nest, and remain in the nest—not on the side—during copulation. From these hens you will never be overburdened with fertile eggs. Verb sap. The jarring of the cage you mention would have nothing whatever to do with the unfertile eggs.

CANARY QUERISTS

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On account of the Coronation festivities, which involved our going to press early on Tuesday, it was quite impossible for us to get all the queries received answered in time for publication in this issue. They will be replied to next week.—EDITOR.

Panting After Bathing (A. Wilson).—The bird probably bathed a little too freely during the winter, and was perhaps not sufficiently protected from the causes of chill afterwards, and now it is suffering from the effects of that indiscretion. Only give it a bath daily now when the weather is warm and settled, and withhold it when the weather is wet, and during the short spells of windy or chilly atmosphere which occur for brief intervals in and out. After bathing, see that he is protected from all draught until plumage is getting dry again. For the next month feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give twice a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of two parts each hemp, inga, and millet, one part each teazle, black rape, and broken groats, and a half part each of maw, linseed, and gold of pleasure. On two other days each week give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil mixed in it. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and in the next week 20 drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day.

About Crossbreds. (Patience Rewarded.)—The young of Yorkshire cock and Roller hen will certainly breed next year under normal circumstances. Being crossbreds will not affect their breeding in the slightest degree, as they are in no sense mules or hybrids. Your next question as to value is really too vague. How could you possibly rate these young at the value of the parents? You certainly do not suppose you can add the value of a Yorkshire cock and Roller cock together, and call that the value of the young crossbreds? The real value is just that of ordinary songsters, varying only according to their accomplishments. Probably somewhere between 4s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. for cocks when in song, and hens 2s. 6d. or 3s. 6d. Yes, young birds often make a great "to do" of preening their feathers when not more than a fortnight old, so the fact of yours doing so does not necessarily mean they are pestered by mites. As you are taking all reasonable care to prevent the pest being troublesome I do not think you need worry on that score. The preening is doubtless an indication that the birds are thriving well in this case. Glad you have found our books so useful.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Cockateels Not Rearing Young.

Disappointed.—With the varied diet you have been giving, the young should have been fully reared. Cockateels, though certainly prolific breeders, are yet often very disappointing as to individual pairs, these proving the very reverse—numbers of fertile eggs are laid, aviary conditions and feeding practically perfect, and yet only an occasional youngster is reared—it is really one of those things which "no fellow can understand," yet the fact remains. Watch them closely with their next brood, ascertain if you can which is the most neglectful parent. Also be on the look-out for other causes. Are mice getting into their nest receptacle and disturbing them? Is their nest receptacle infested by parasites of any kind? Are the cheeky Burgerigars interfering with their domestic arrangements? Either of the above would account for the desertion. I once possessed just such a pair, scarcely ever reared anything—they were such a fine and handsome pair that I kept them, had them for eight years, and then gave them away (two years ago) to a friend who admired them, and they are living still. If you find none of the above causes exist, change the most neglectful parent; re-paired, they may breed freely enough. In a friend's aviary 16 eggs have been laid, and 12 strong young birds full reared (all still living) since December last; and exceptional conditions existed.

Indian Green Parrot (T. Land).—Seed mixture, ripe fruit, green food, nuts, grit, cuttlebone and water. The seed mixture should consist of three parts each canary and white millet, and one part each maize, paddy rice, oats, grit, hemp and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Any kind of ripe fruit may be given that the bird will take; most species are very fond of apple, and this is a good "stand by." Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and the bird must either have a regular supply of water or be allowed to quench its thirst two or three times a day. Keep the cage in some airy, but not draughty, position, and the bird should do well. It should soon begin to pick up things it hears you say—you can also teach it by the constant repetiton method.

Is it Safe? (Bird Lover).—(1) The large cage will be much better for your Parrot, although as a rule for the wires of a Parrot cage I prefer Brunswick black to anything else, and it is also very neat, yet I do not anticipate any trouble from the aluminium paint, providing it has been put on evenly and there are no little lumps left for the birds to pick off. It certainly will be a wise precaution to stand it out of doors for a month, exposed to atmosphere, sun, rain, etc., for that period; it should be then quite hard and innocuous. (2) They are green birds, with pinkish breasts and black facial markings. A curved streak extending from the base of the beak as far back as the eye, on the side of the face (moustachial streaks) give the bird its trivial name. It will thrive on the same diet as the Grey Parrot, but its mixture should contain maize. Individuals vary, but I have not met with a screecher nor yet a good talker; nevertheless, if pains be taken with it, it will talk a little.

Green Singing Finches (Rita).—A true pair usually agree well enough together, though there have been instances of the cock killing his mate. In a roomy box cage, larger than the ordinary breeding cage, they may breed, and, of course, if any young should be hatched out, soft food must be supplied. Before putting them into the cage together. As they have been caged separately for some little time—it would be well to put the two cages together and then when you see them caressing one another through the wires it should be safe to put them into the same cage, but it would be well to keep them under observation a little at first, as these birds are very difficult to sex, and in plumage they are practically alike. I think you have a true pair, but it is possible that you have an adult and a young male.

Canaries and Budgerigars (A. C. B. L.).—There is but little difference in the size of the eggs; if anything, those of the Budgerigars are the smaller of the two. The Budgerigars' eggs are pure white, and thus differ materially in appearance from those of a Canary, but a hen Canary is not over particular, and there is but little doubt about them being duly hatched out, but there I am afraid the matter would end; for I regret to have to say that the species are so widely separated and differ in their methods of feeding that I consider there is no chance of the young being reared. If you make the attempt, kindly let me know the result.

What Species? (Rose, Portsmouth).—You gave me no idea as to size, which makes the task of identification very difficult, neither do you say whether they are long or short-tailed species. No. 1. This I should say is the Yellow-collared Parrakeet. Its extreme length is 14 to 15 inches, and the tail is long and broadish, and not pointed at tip. No. 2. The description you give coincides with that of the Black-headed Conure. This species has a fairly long tail, broadish at base, but pointed at the end. The value of both birds, providing they are the species given above, should be from 30s. to 50s. each, that is, what you can get nearest these figures. If you can give me further details, I will confirm or correct above identification in next issue.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Aradarats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Feeding and Management of Thrushes and Blackbirds. (W. J. White).—You will find in the "Nutshell" handbook (post free 2½d. from CAGE BIRDS) entitled "The Song Thrush and Blackbird," all the necessary, up-to-date information concerning the management and feeding (from the nest, too) of these two birds.

A Feeding Problem (Salt Pan).—Am afraid my answer will not be of much use to you, for your problem will have solved itself before you read this. I hope you have decided to let the hen go on incubating the second lot of eggs. She would have found time to finish off the feeding of the first lot of youngsters. Besides, young Mules are precocious little beggars and out of the nest and feeding themselves some days before Canaries of the same age. It would have been better, however, had you kept the hen back a little, on the principle that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." It is always best to have one nest of young safe before encouraging a hen to thoughts of the next brood.

Young Hedge Accentors (Hedge Sparrow).—The Hedge Accentor (commonly called "Sparrow") is quite an easy bird to keep in captivity, and your two youngsters should thrive admirably in the aviary. You will have to provide a dish of a good quality insectile mixture designed for the use of small soft-billed birds (many good ones are advertised in our columns) and give them whatever live foods you can, according to season (smooth caterpillars and grubs from the garden, flies, mealworms, well-scoured gentles, beetles, and the like). They like a little seed and will pick this out of mixture supplied for the seed-eating birds.

Bullfinches Hatched in a Cage (Anxious).—It is a nuisance to have the young thrown out of the nest and killed practically as soon as they are born, but this is one of the misfortunes which follow attempts to breed British birds in small cages. The hen Bullie is often guilty, but in your case I should say that the culprit was the cock Bullfinch. If you cannot transfer the next lot of eggs to a hen Canary, try removing the cock when the hen commences to sit. Last week I gave a young Canary (newly hatched) to a hen Bullie which had sat her time on unfertile eggs, and she fed it splendidly for two days, but on the third day she pitched it out of the nest, and refused to have it in again. This has invariably been my experience when I have tried to get hen Bullies, etc., to rear young. I have had some successes, but only a few. I have never found the fact of a cock Bullie being house-moulted affect the point. If you pair him now with a hen of another species he may quite likely behave very roughly towards her.

The Redpoll-Siskin Hybrid (Anxious).—This hybrid has been frequently exhibited at the shows, and is not by any means a rarity. What kind of hen is it you have the eggs under? If the Siskin hen, then I am afraid your chance of getting any youngsters reared is a poor one. Hen British Finches are not dependable. It is better to give the eggs of hybrid couples to a hen Canary. Possibly, however, you have done this (your letter is not clear on the point). The hen will rear any young on the usual foods, namely, egg-bread as the chief item, with good sound hemp and cracked sunflower in a separate dish, a mixture of best canary and summer rape seeds in the hopper, and a plentiful supply of seeding chickweed and shepherd's purse (or, failing these, young watercress and lettuce leaves). I always find the shepherd's purse and chickweed very valuable helps, appreciated by all hens. By-the-way, I have no knowledge of this hybrid having been bred from a Mealy Redpoll. Have you examined the eggs and found them fertile? I should be glad to know.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

An Address (A. E. Stott).—We have had no experience with the goods you mention. You might write Mr. C. Roehl, 400, Edgware Road, London, W.

A Photograph (W. Clarke).—Thanks; will endeavour to reproduce the photograph in our next issue.

Club Notice (H. Rutter).—Your postcard did not arrive until Thursday morning. We go to press on Wednesday; see notice.

Press Cuttings (G.A.W.; No Name, Mansfield).—Thanks for the cuttings, with which we will deal with next week.

Wire Fronts (T.Y.).—We regret that you should be dissatisfied, but people differ, we presume, in their methods of making wire fronts. If you ordered them to be made in a different style, then clearly you are entitled to redress. We cannot trace an advertisement under the name you give.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Country Rambles

HALIFAX O.S.

Members and friends had an enjoyable ramble on June 17th. Meeting our leader, Mr. S. Fielden, at King Cross, we proceeded by car to Luddendenfoot, and then took our way along the canal bank until we reached Mytholmroyd, up Cragg Vale, to Withens Reservoir. Arriving there we had a good view of the surrounding district, which looked at its best after the little rain. Turning back over Broadhead Top we made our way to Hollock Lea, where a good tea was provided by Mrs. Greenwood. Leaving here, we entered Spring Wood. Walking down the valley a few nests were found, including the Greenfinch, Hedge Sparrow, Wren, and Blackbird. Also we saw the Tree Pipit, Chaffinch, Missel Thrush, Magpie, Meadow Pipit, Yellowhammer, Swift, and Black-headed Gull. A few botanical specimens were picked up by the members, including figwort, valerian, plantain, ragwort, and other well-known species. Making our way down Cragg Valley to Mytholmroyd, then by car to King Cross we brought a very pleasant outing to a close.—F. Burdekin, Assist. Sec.

DUNFERMLINE & DIST. C.B.S.

Second annual ramble, held under the auspices of the above society, took place on June 3, to the estate of Pitreavie, kindly granted by Mr. Henry Beveridge and Sir William Robertson. The weather was all in favour of the project, "Old King Sol being a merry old soul." Quite a tropical heat beat down upon the thirty members who took car to Halbeath, where we were met by the wise men of the east. Taking the old waggon road and making due south we very early met in with our guide, who for the second year had very kindly and to great advantage taken us round. We were not long in getting to work. The first feathered friend to be noted was the Whitethroat, the merry little fellow keeping well within the hawthorn hedges on our right. We did not commence a diligent search until reaching a young plantation lying to the south of Hallurmuir, and gaining experience from our last season's excursion, we this year made it a point in keeping to the outer ridge of this wood. Birds here are very little disturbed, and instinct has taught them the usefulness of having their housing operations carried out within easy reach of their feeding grounds. Right from the first did three of the party get out of touch with us, and close on two hours elapsed before we had them with us again. We had struck the line to a nicety, for nests were plentiful. Harry Hemp drawing first blood with a nice, ready-to-flee brood of Hedge Sparrows, the restless, excitable nature of the mother betraying her secret right off. Perched on the wire fence the Yellowhammer appears, and within a few yards from his citadel, James McCarr, who had come from Lochgelly with his friend Mr. Halfpenny, very nearly excommunicated his mate and four eggs. The male bird is at present aglow with a beautiful and brilliant soft yellow, shaded with brown, and with his two or three short notes he is a very keen favourite with not a few birdie men. Our president (Mr. Rankine) by the way, has a soft side to this fellow, and is the possessor of a couple of field-moulted ones, which in a short time he expects will do him credit. I wonder if the Greenfinch and Yellowhammer have anything in common, for we frequently noticed these birds setting up house together side by side. Treas. McLaren, in his passion for Hybrids, was taking full advantage of a few old nests which, after they get a smell of the oven, will require to do duty at Mill Hill Street. The two Masters Anderson were enjoying their outing, and were frequently calling attention to their finds. Blackbirds and Thrushes find in this wood a happy hunting ground, and their several nests contained eggs, young birds, some with eggs and young newly hatched, and from one friend Hogg took a dead bird from the side of his brothers and sisters. The weasel seemed to be making a ravage on a few nests, as we picked up a few skins and skulls of young birds, seemingly not having flown. Getting out of the young wood the party divided, one half taking the ditch side and the side of the fields, while the other half pursued their search through a wood keeping to the side of the old hunt road, which divides the wood. Although the fields were the longer road, those who took it were amply repaid for the little extra work. Several Pheasants were noticed sitting, but with Mr. Hutton's instructions we let these well alone. The Peewit and the Lark we found had already hatched out their nests, and those who desire a good hunt I would advise to follow up the former birds. You think you are so near his nest by his excited actions over your head, that you find in the long run he has the better of you, and except you find a young bird on the run, you have to own up defeat and get back from where you began again. Coming on the others of the party who took the woods, a halt was made, and a rest taken, when the general summing up took place; and while debating the secrets of flight, migration, etc., Messrs. Louth and Gould appeared on the scene. From here the second half of the journey started. This time we were led through a heavy undergrowth of bramble, nettle, etc., which was far from pleasant for those who were scantily attired for warm weather, but in the stumps of wood felled a few years ago we found the Wrens busy; some just finished building, while others had eggs ranging from one to eight and nine. In the overhanging branches of the fir and the yew, that wonderful builder, the Chaffinch, had executed its work in a marvellous way. This bird we found busy at incubation; only this and a young one being reported all day. After passing through this jungle we took the main road to Westerton, but on our way a few indulged in a slight refreshment, in which they were joined by two hardy sons of toil, who, after profusely thanking their benefactors, resumed their work, while the birdie men continued in hot pursuit of their friends. While forging our way through the "wilderness," and rightly named so, an argument arose over a nest containing four eggs, and after considering the pros and cons we came to the conclusion that the eggs which had a peculiar colouration belonged to the Coal Tit. After leaving the shading boughs, we again took to the main road, where another halt was called, after which our guide led us down the main avenue to the Castle, but skirting the building we again held due south. While passing along the main avenue we found the only Linnet's nest of the day; this contained but a single egg. We hope to have a few more nests of this particular bird now, as reports go to prove he is nesting in and around Pitreavie. Owing to want of time we were compelled to take the nearest route for Inverleithing, where we arrived at 6.30. A good wash-up was enjoyed by all before tea was served, which was done ample justice to by all. Mr. Law, of the Burgh Arms, had put the dining room at our disposal, and Mr. Wilson kindly took charge of the piano. Mr. Rankine proposed the toast of "The King," while the secretary proposed "The Cage Bird Society," after which several of the party entertained the company with songs. The company took train home this time after having spent a very enjoyable and profitable afternoon in the country.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

The annual outing took place on Sunday, June 11th, when the neighbourhood selected was Ashtead, Chessington and district. It is the second visit paid by the club to this district, and was selected for the second time because of the success met with in finding nests, and the large variety of birds seen on the last occasion. The party consisted of the vice-chairman, Mr. Yeoman, and Messrs. Sandy, Sexton, Priest (hon. secretary), Osborn, Warley, Barker, Silverthorne, R. J. Pretty, Pearce, Robson, and one or two others. The route taken was through the beautiful woods to Chessington and back via Ashtead and Epsom Common. A large number of birds were noticed, amongst others, a fine pair of Redstarts, who evidently had young; but the nest could not be discovered; Stonechats, Whitethroats, Magpie, Missel Thrush, Linnets, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Cuckoo, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, and various small warblers; and the Garden Warbler was heard singing, but was not actually seen. One unusual sight was a hen Greenfinch, which was found dead on her nest. Upon a close examination it was seen that the poor bird had in some way forced a sharp thorn through her throat, and so pinned herself to the nest; possibly she had been disturbed, and in attempting a hurried flight from the nest, had struck the sharp-pointed thorn, which for ever put an end to her nesting operations. A Partridge's nest containing 15 eggs was seen at the foot of a low furze bush, covered by a few dead brambles. The hen was sitting, but flew off as some of the party approached. As lunch time approached, the party adjourned to the "Marquis of Granby" Hotel, at Epsom, where an excellent hot lunch had been arranged, to which the party did ample justice. Mr. Yeoman proposed the health of "The Fancy," to which Mr. Robson replied. The afternoon was spent on Epsom Common, and a large number of birds of various species were seen. As evening approached, the party again adjourned to the "Marquis," where a good spread faced them, and after again satisfying the inner man, tracks were made for home, everyone agreeing that a very pleasant day had been spent.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Members and friends went for a ramble to Cordwell Valley on June 17th, the party taking train to Dore and Totley Station, where, after a little consultation as to the best route to go, a start was made about 2.15 p.m. After a short journey on the road, Messrs. Bradshaw and Curley led the way over the fields in the direction of Holmfield Wood. The little rain we had the previous night had freshened the trees and grass, making the country look beautiful, so that we had an ideal day for a good walk. On climbing the hill to the wood several halts were made to view the surrounding country, and many were the exclamations of delight with the views obtained. To traverse Holmfield Wood is a perfect pleasure. The freshness of the trees and the scent of the flowers on the occasion made it a place long to be remembered. A notable feature of the ramble was the way those friends of the Yorkshire type (with plenty of leg) kept to the front, while those of the Norwich type brought up the rear. The Yorkshire men having set the pace were chaffed by the others about their good sitting qualities when they came up and found them on some mossy bank, and declared they would give a bit to have a few hens as good in that respect. Having gained the summit of the hill, the descent to the valley was somewhat spoiled by the sky being overcast with clouds, and we had a few drops of rain. However, we managed to reach our host's house just as the storm broke. We were to have had tea prepared on the lawn in front of the house, but the rain deprived us of that pleasure. The members did full justice, all the same, to the good things provided, the tables being turned in this respect by those of the Norwich type being the winners. While we were partaking of tea the rain cleared off, and after a short rest we commenced the homeward journey. It was now that the birds gave us of their best, delighting our ears with their melody. It was not really an occasion as to who could find the most nests, but rather, for the cementing of that fellowship which exists to so marked an extent amongst the members. Several incidents occurred that tended to keep the friends in that humour so conducive to a pleasant outing. If space permitted other incidents might be recorded. After a walk of about 14 miles we reached the Woodseats car terminus, each remarking on the success of the ramble, and trusting it would not be the last of its kind. The "City of Steel" was reached about 9.45.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

South Shields C.B.S.—June 24, Lockhart's Cafe, 7. F.F. show and other business.—J. Barrass.

Stirling C.B.S.—July 1, Douglas Hotel, 8, Enrolment of members.—Wm. Bishop.

Uddingston O.S.—July 1st, Reading Rooms, 8. Y.B. show business; subs. due.—J. Kilpatrick.

Wigan C.B.S.—July 1, Legs of Man Hotel. W. Ridge.

Warrington C.B.S.—June 29, Blue Bell, 8.—G. M. Nelson.

Wandsworth F.A.—June 29, Red Lion, 8. Arrangements for cage birds, etc.; judging competitions. Also further discussion of proposed open show for 1911. W. Lightfoot.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 24, Red Lion Hotel, Bankfoot, 2.30. Cricket match with Bankfoot.—H. C. Crossley.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—June 27th. Nest feather business. Meeting starts 8.15, not 9.15.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—July 1, Mr. Rowley's, 6.30. Special business.—W. Hall.

Bradford Cinderella Club Committee.—June 28, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Replies from judges, subs. cards, etc. Members of committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Bo'ness F.A.—June 28, Coffee House Hall, 7.30. Intending members invited.—F. Cameron.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 24, Red Lion Hotel, 2.30. Cricket match with Wibsey C.B.S. at Bankfoot. Members please attend.—F. Gelder.

Blaydon C.B.S.—July 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30. F.F. Show and annual show, schedule, etc. Will all fanciers please turn up in good time?—G. Havver.

Banktoot C.B.S.—June 27, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet June show, and arrangements for July show.—F. Gelder.

Barnoldswick C.B.S.—July 4, Alexandra Cafe, 7.50.—J. Wilson.

City of Wakefield O.S.—June 24, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 3. F.F. Show; judge, Mr. E. Clegg. Birds to be staged 2.30.—J. Atkinson.

Cinn. Mkd. Y.C.C.—June 24, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6. Club's competitions and granting of club's patronage.—Grayshon and Allen.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—June 28, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Entries for Y.B. Show, July 1st.—J. Southworth.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—July 1, Portland Arms, 7. Special general. Special business; members requested to attend.—J. H. Mitchell.

Colne C.B.S.—June 29, Dockray Chambers, 7.30. Entries for Y.B. Show.—W. Maxwell.

Coventry O.S.—June 28, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Entries for nest feather show.—A. J. Barratt.

Crewe O.S.—June 27, Headquarters, 7.30. Important N.F. show.—E. Jaycott.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—June 28, George Hotel, 8. Novice members' judging competition. Members please bring birds. July 1, F.F. Show.—R. S. Black.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—June 24, Co-operative Hall, 7.30. Classification for annual show.—R. T. Campbell.

East Ham C.B.S.—June 29, headquarters, 8. General meeting. Report of show and distribution of prizes.—B. C. Smith.

East Bowling B.F.A.—June 24, St. John's School, 2.45. Meeting and show; judge, Mr. P. Mason (Windhill).—L. Booth.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—July 1, Cowdenbeath, "Masonic Arms," 7. Members' contributions; general business.—G. Fisher.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—June 24, Church Schools, 8.—H. Gornall.

Great Horton O.S.—June 24, Butchers' Arms, 3. Also Members' Show; birds to be staged 3 p.m.; judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Numerous specials.—J. Holroyd.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S. — May 31, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8 o'c. Classification for annual show. First feather show, July 8th.—R. Heggie. (Possibly June 30 is meant.—Editor.)

Glasgow and Western Counties.—June 24th, 122, Ingram-street, 6.30. Table Show of Light or Hybrid Dark Mule, A.O.S. Brit., not already shown; judging competition. Election of judges for annual show.—T. Drysdale.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 26, White Hart Hotel, 8. Table Show, young birds.—F. G. Sykes.

Hartlepool's C.B.S.—June 22. Annual Nest Feather Show; judge, Mr. B. Evans.—E. Woodhead.

Heywood O.S.—June 27, Rechabite Hall, Pine-street, 7.30. Show business.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—June 29, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Y.B. Show business.—A. Pickles.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—June 24, White Lion Hotel. 7.30. Entries for nest feather show, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Hyde C.B.S.—June 26, St. George's Schools, Hyde, 7.30. Important meeting, to elect new secretary; all interested please attend.—W. Shaw.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 28, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, Leicester, 8.15. Colour-feeding, Mr. F. Harrison. Entries for nest feather show; all invited.—J. A. Tyler.

Littleborough C.B.S.—June 26, Coffee House, 8 o'c. Entry night for F.F. show.—J. R. Mayers.

London Federation of C.B.S.—June 30, Feathers Hotel, 7.45. Special meeting of Council.—J. Bray, jun.

Midland Roller C.C.—June 29, Swan and Peacock Hotel, 8. Members please attend.—T. J. Smith.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—June 29, White Heart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General business, several new members are expected.—A. H. C. Legg.

Nelson C. and C.B.S.—June 26, Thornton's Restaurant, 8. Balance-sheet of F.F. Show, etc.—J. Gregson.

Northern Lizard Club.—June 24, Fawcett-street Cafe, 7. Indian Bowl on view; important business.—G. C. Davidson.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—June 28, 65, Grainger street, 8. Table Show N.F., 4 classes; judge, Mr. T. C. Crawhall.—R. Tindale.

National B.B. and M.C.—June 29, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel-street, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Provincial Roller C.C.—June 24, Swan Hotel, Fountain-street, Manchester, 6. Mr. A. Foulds will give a lecture; members and friends invited.—A. Percival.

Partick C.B.C.—July 7th, Trades Hall, Anderson Street, 8 o'c. Final arrangements for F.F. show, 8th July; birds staged 3 p.m. sharp.—W. Priest.

Pontypridd and Dis. F. and F.S.—Meeting, Victoria Hotel, 24th inst, 8 p.m. Business: Selection of judges for open show, to be held Nov. 8th, 1911. All fanciers cordially invited.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Poplar C.B.S.—June 29, 147, East India Dock Rd., 8. Lecture on Colour-feeding, by Mr. F. Easterling.—H. W. Cook.

Rotherham C.B.S.—June 24, College Inn, 8. Lecture by Mr. Webster, and fixing classes for Nest Feather Show.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale O.C.—June 26, Club Rooms, 8.30. F.F show; advertising for open show; committee meeting.—R. Blincoe.

South London Col. and F.A. June 29, headquarters, 7.30. Show of young cage birds; judge, Mr. Robson.—M. Canuter.

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A Cure for a Linnet Going Off Song.

SIR,—Could any of your readers account for a cock Linnet going off song? He is a fine bird, but this last two weeks he has hardly sung at all. I might say that I feed him on black, white, and brown seeds, and that he is not moulting. If any reader could tell me the best thing to do I shall be greatly obliged. Also could any reader tell me what a "pinched head" means?

C. G. W.

["Pinched" means narrow in the head, as opposed to a good broad skull.—EDITOR.]

The Song of the Chaffinch.

Sir,—In your last issue I read that a Chaffinch had been heard to sing as many as 20 times in five minutes, and it was evidently thought to be remarkable. I have a very fine Chaffinch and thought as it seemed to be always singing, I would time it, which I did on Sunday last (June 11) in the presence of my brother, and this is the result for half-an-hour's singing. First five minutes, 23 times; second, 18; third, 31; fourth, 25; fifth, 29; sixth, 27; total, 153 times. In the second five minutes, three songs were not properly finished. I thought this might be of interest, and if you would insert this in your interesting paper perhaps some other reader would time his bird and let us know the result. I thought the above was a very decent performance, but I should like to know what readers think of it. Wishing you every success.

EDWARD CADMAN.

Yellowhammers Competing in Finch Classes.

Sir,—May I be permitted to ask the cage bird judge at Harpenden Show why he awarded 1st and sp., to a Yellow Bunting in class 50, when the schedule distinctly states A.O.V. Finch. The only "award" the bird was entitled to was "wrong class."

FAIR PLAY.

[The point raised by "Fair Play" is an interesting one. According to the classification adopted by scientists, the Finch family of birds is divided into three sub-families (1) the Grosbeaks; (2) the True Finches, and (3) the Buntings. The Grosbeaks comprise the Hawfinch and the Greenfinch, so that if the Buntings are to be debarred from competing in a "Finch" class, then from the scientific point of view it would seem to follow that both Greenfinch and Hawfinch should be debarred as well. All of these birds are Finches, however, being collated under the family heading, *Fringillidae*. —Editor.]

A "Derby" for Norwich Fanciers.

SIR,—I have been thinking that the Norwich fanciers have been neglecting, in a way, the advance of the bird o' colour, and I would like to propose that the members and friends of the various Norwich Plainhead Clubs in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales combine, and have a National Derby in the form of a trophy, to be competed for annually at a show in each of the above-mentioned countries in rotation. For instance, this year in England, next year in Glasgow, the next in Dublin, and then Swansea (or any other place decided by the committee appointed). It should be confined to young (unflighted) birds, each member to nominate one or two candidates (not more than two). This, I firmly believe, would be one of the best contests of the year, and would be bound to create a great "gate," for one can fancy seeing the cream of young Norwich Plainheads gathered together, and then seeing the best of the lot. I would like to hear the views of others better versed in these affairs.

SUNSTAR.

A Cure for Soft-Shelled Eggs.

Sir,—In a case like this, where ordinary measures seem to be unavailing, the correspondent should add a little white millet and broken groats or crushed oats to the seed diet. Both these foods are valuable for helping to supply the mineral salts necessary for shell formation. He should also get a little old mortar from some building in process of demolition, smash it up into coarse powder, and strew it liberally on the sand on the floor of the cage, finally scattering a little of a mixture of crushed oats and millet upon it to induce the hen to pick about it. A teaspoonful of limewater added to the drinking water daily when the hen was expected to be about laying would also prove a useful help.

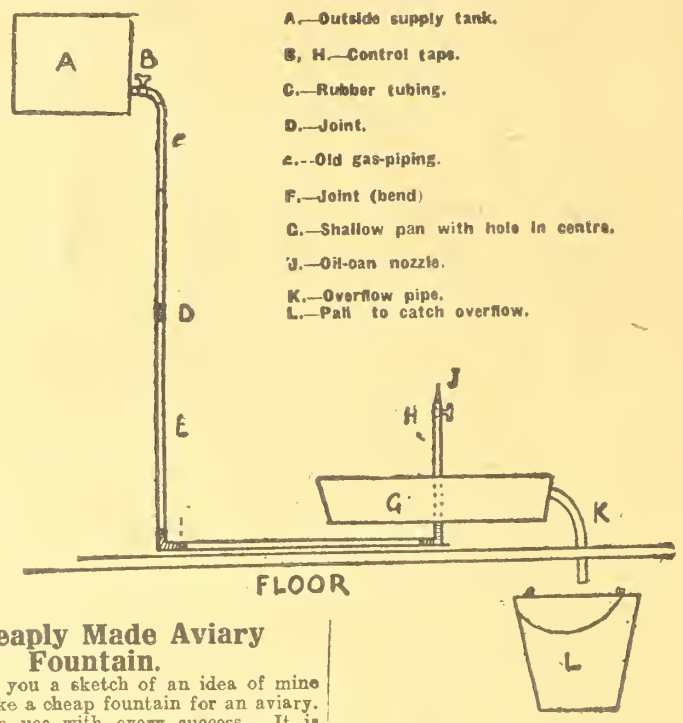
CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sir,—If your correspondent who wants a cure for soft-shelled eggs will try egg food and grated cuttlefish moistened and mixed together well, he will have no further trouble with soft eggs. I have a hen Bullio that started laying soft eggs. I tried the above, and now get good shells on the eggs. I wish you continued success with CAGE BIRDS.

W. SCHOFIELD.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES, &c.

"Cage Birds" goes to press on Wednesday during the summer months, therefore club notices, reports, etc., should reach us on Tuesday to secure publication in our issue of the same week. Will society officials kindly make a note of this?



A Cheaply Made Aviary Fountain.

Sir,—I send you a sketch of an idea of mine on how to make a cheap fountain for an aviary. I have one in use with every success. It is quite a novelty of itself, besides being useful. I send it to you for the benefit of other readers of CAGE BIRDS. It is quite simple to make, for any old gas brackets do. But they must be boiled or scalded out if they have been in use. When it is fixed together, all you have to do is to fill the tank outside, turn the taps on to what height you want it (the water, of course, will find its own level—the higher the tank, the higher the jet of water). Mine will flow for quite three hours without attention. As the bucket under the overflow is filled, all you have to do is to return the water to the tank outside; and it will keep on going as long as you like with very little trouble. I also have a small branch tied to the flow pipe from the roof, which hides the pipes and acts as a perch for the birds. A in the sketch represents the outside supply tank; B and H, taps; C, rubber tube; D, joint; E, old gas pipe; F, joint (bend); G, shallow pan with hole in centre; J, oil can nozzle; K, overflow pipe; and L, pail to catch the water by the overflow; this, as stated, is returned to the tank. The tank, I may say, is an old bath with a filter tap affixed, and a cork screwed on inside to make it watertight. I might say my aviary is a lean-to greenhouse, with the roof covered with roof felt, which keeps out the rain and the sun. The back and front I have made into breeding compartments and flights. I have made a small door in each compartment, so that if I wished I could send the birds out of one compartment into the other, and finally into the large flight without touching them; which acts with every success. If any reader wants information on anything he doesn't quite understand, I will willingly help him.

D. HILL.

Fixed Prize Money at Sheffield Shows.

Sir,—Mr. Woolhouse says that I have not brought forward one argument to prove my statement. My report in CAGE BIRDS of May 13th stated: "The great feature of our Nest Feather Show will be fixed prize-money in all classes; this is out of the ordinary in the Sheffield District." Mr. Woolhouse wrote in your issue of May 20th: "I should like to point out that this is not so, as the Walkley C.B.S. has given fixed prize-money for several years at their nest feather and back-end shows. This statement inferred that they not only had done so, but were still doing so this coming show. I replied to Mr. W. in your issue of May 29th, and stated that I still maintained my report was correct; distinctly stating "in Sheffield District." At the time I admit I was not aware that the W.C.B.S. were doing different to what they had done in the past. On June 3rd, Mr. W. states in reply: "I fail to see where "out of the ordinary" comes in. We have four societies in Sheffield, two pay prize-money on the sliding scale and two fixed prize-money." Mr. W. is also told by Mr. Bishop that Walkley C.B.S. are paying prize-money on the sliding scale. In to-day's issue Mr. Woolhouse says that he distinctly states that my report was a wrong report, and I have to start and prove my words. I think I have done so. Out of the four societies in Sheffield, the Sheffield C.B.S., Walkley C.B.S., and Attercliffe C.B.S. are all paying prize-money on the sliding scale; the remaining society, the Sheffield O.S., are giving fixed prize-money. Now, to use part of Mr. Woolhouse's words, three are paying on the sliding scale, and one fixed prize-money, so that the fixed prize-money must be "out of the ordinary." If you quote sentences out of club reports, Mr. W., have them before you; don't trust to memory. In a report I referred to a show with prize-money, 5s., 2s. 6d., and 1s. 6d., and no entry fee—this is where I used the phrase "something for nothing," Mr. W. It is useless your mentioning animosity; we know too well how it is; every letter you have written shows it. We have not found the shots hurt, as you term it. It is the other way. You distinctly state in to-day's issue that you did not say Walkley were paying fixed prize-money. Stick to the truth. On June 3rd, in your letter you say that we have two societies paying fixed prize and two sliding scale. As to your remark about me not being worthy to be Press correspondent, we don't wish your opinion on that, neither has it anything to do with fixed prize-money.

J. A. T. WOODALL.

Sir,—I was rather surprised to see another letter from Mr. Woolhouse, and more surprised at him saying, stick to the point at issue. I have done so in all my letters, and have also told him there is only one society out of the four in Sheffield paying fixed prize-money, and that is the S.O.S. The Walkley C.B.S. are not paying fixed prize-money at their Nest Feather Show. I am, along with members of the Walkley C.B.S., at a loss to understand his statement. I still stick to what I have said—it is jealousy that is at the root of it all. You refer me to your last letter, to see what the members of the S.O.S. are laughing at, but I know without. They are laughing at the progress the S.O.S is making! You say why didn't I take the advice of my officials and refrain from replying to your first letter. This would have suited you immensely, but I have instead made your letter false. Then, again, my officials did not know I had replied until I told them. You say I have lowered the dignity of the S.O.S. I don't think. Judging from the number of members present on Tuesday last at the meeting, and the number and quality of the birds staged at the Table Show, there is something in the way of a revolution in the bird fancy in Sheffield. Mr. Woolhouse, you give me credit for considering the S.C.B.S. in not clashing with their shows, and then say it was the S.C.B.S. that avoided the clashing I don't know where you get your information from, but the S.O.S. Nest Feather Show, to be held on July 22, was not fixed until April 4, and the members back-end show was not fixed until May 2. So you have made yet another mistake. On each occasion the date of the S.C.B.S. was considered. You say the S.O.S. have not even held one members' show as yet. I take it you mean the present S.O.S.—not the one 33 years ago? If so, there is credit due to you for you are right. Our first Nest Feather Show is on July 22nd. Mr. W., I hope you will see your way to write again; you are giving us the best advertisement we ever had. You are helping me to win a bet I made at the beginning of the year that we should have 100 members by the Nest Feather Show.

T. BISHOP.

The Cleansing of Water Vessels, etc.

SIR,—With reference to the letter in last week's CAGE BIRDS giving a "tip" to all to keep away the dreaded bird fever. I am of the same opinion as the writer, but I do not think that every working man has so much time to spare to go through the long process of cleaning with so many waters as he mentions. I should like to give my own mode of procedure. I get a large pot of boiling water (or a copper will do if you have a large number of pots), and, when boiling hard, put in a few drops of carbolic, to make it fairly strong. Then get your pots and pans and throw them all into it, and let them boil for about five minutes. Then fish them out with a "dipper," and wipe on a clean cloth as you take them out. No rinsing is necessary as the carbolic will not hurt the birds. I also do the same with nest pans and linings. It will keep the red mite out of the nest if the linings are put in and then allowed to dry. Also, when taking your drawboards out, before putting them back rub the bottom of them with a cloth wetted with carbolic.

G. DEAR.

A Remedy for Beetles.

A Warning about Hedgehogs.

Sir,—If Harry Taylor adopts the advice given him to keep a hedgehog as a beetle destroyer, let him look well to two points. Firstly, that all caged birds he may have are inaccessible to his hogship; and a hedgehog is capable of a good deal more than is generally credited to him both in locomotion and voracity; and, secondly, to preserve peace and amity with the feminine powers, see that the hedgehog's lair, or bed, is well dressed with Keating's. The hedgehog is really and truly a most pestiferous beast, and when the good housewife discovers the source of the "scarlet bounders," there'll probably be "no place like home" until the prickly lodger is "turned oot." A demon beetle trap is still a good method of dealing with such a plague.

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sir,—Procure an ordinary shallow pie dish, into which pour some strong smelling beer. Round the dish place some sticks of wood so that the beetles can run up. Put near the haunts over night. I have tried this method, which has never failed.

P. HEARN.

A Recipe for German Paste.

SIR,—Re Mr. H. H. Dadson's inquiry for a recipe for German paste. Well mix, or knead together, ½lb. of split peas, ½lb. of very small bread crumbs, ½lb of sugar, the fresh yolk of a raw egg, and 1oz. of unsalted butter. Put the mixture in a frying-pan over a gentle fire, and continually stir it until it is a little browned, but by no means burnt. When it is cold add to it 1oz. of maw seed, and 1lb. of good bruised hemp seeds separated from the husks. Mix the whole well together, and it is ready for use. Here is another good recipe: Take four fresh eggs, and boil very hard a ½lb, of white peameal and a tablespoonful of good olive oil; if the least rancid it will not do. The eggs must be grated down very fine, and mixed with the meal and olive oil. The whole is then pressed through a tin cullender, to form it into grains. like small shot; then placed in a frying-pan over a gentle fire, gradually stirred with a broad knife until it is partially roasted and dried, the test of which will be its fine yellowish brown colour.

C. G. W.

SIR,—In reply to H. H. Dadson's inquiry for recipe for German paste, I beg to submit the following: Boil four eggs until they are quite hard; then throw them into cold water. Remove the whites, and grate, or pound, the yolks until they are quite fine, and add a pound of white peameal and a tablespoonful of olive oil. Mix the whole up together, and pass the dough through a tin cullender, so as to form it into small grains like shot. Fry these over a gentle fire, gradually stirring them until of a light brown colour, when they are fit for use. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

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A Parrot which Lays Eggs Every Three Months.

Sir,—A friend of mine has an African Grey Parrot that has laid eggs about every three months since she was twelve months old. She is about eight years old now. She is poorly for a day or two, then lays one egg, and soon after lays another. There are always two, with a few days between each. It is the only case I know of where a Parrot lays so many eggs. Perhaps others of your numerous readers have had similar experiences?

AFRICAN GREY.

Goldfinch Nesting in a Cage.

Sir,—I have a hen Goldfinch which has built a nest and laid five eggs, and is sitting on them at the time of writing. She laid the first egg on May 30. This is my eleventh season of trying. In past years my hens have either died (gone in the moult) or done nothing. Last season this same bird was with two other Goldies, and I think must have got a scare at night, as one morning I found all three with their flight feathers knocked out. I will let you know what the result is later on. We read in your interesting paper from time to time the various methods and ways of feeding. I rely a good deal on hemp, but let me advise readers to see that all seeds are the best they can get, and hemp-seed more than all for these birds, as you get dreadful stuff at times. I could write for hours about Goldies, as they are such favourites of mine. These birds are kept in the kitchen, and anyone may call and see for themselves.

W. H. BOWERMAN.

118a, Church Street, Preston.

A Linnet Fancier's Difficulty.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. James re Linnet going thick, I wish to tell him that I see signs of "thickness" whenever my Linnets drink a lot of water; it is generally the sign of the old enemy, viz., inflammation. I put some sulphate of soda in the drinking water for one day in the proportion of one teaspoonful to a gill of water, and let the ailing Linnet have a run in a flight cage by himself. The next thing is to stop him from drinking too much water, and to do this I fill his drinking glass with two parts water and one of tea, and this I let him have till he comes all right again. Here is an old remedy which was given me by a noted Linnet fancier:—Take the water away entirely for three hours; then fill the drinking glass with sour milk with six drops of sweet nitre in it. I know of some birds which have been saved by this treatment. I think a lot of the trouble is caused through bad seed, which sets up inflammation, and then the birds drink too much water. The red mite pest I am never troubled with, because I only use the same cages for two seasons. I always use Watson's soap boxes. I get the number I require, and take the backs out, and then put 3-ply in, which can be cut from tea chests. I then sand-paper them well, and fill up all the little holes and cracks with putty; after which I give them three coats of varnish paint inside and one outside. I do not use false bottoms. When they are dry I get the fronts to fit same. After the breeding season I scrub them thoroughly out, and at the beginning of the next breeding season I give them one coat of varnish paint; then, after the second season, I have a fresh lot of boxes and use the old ones for firewood. These boxes make nice stock cages for Linnets. J. NICHOLSON.

My Yorkshire Canaries.

Sir,—The Yorkshire Canary is my favourite. I started at the commencement of the New Year to feed them up gradually so as to get them up into condition. By the back end of March or the beginning of April I gave them a little boiled carrot or a piece of apple two or three times a week, and a half-teaspoonful of egg once a week. I also gave the hens a pinch of inga and a pinch of hemp twice a week up till mating, but I kept it from the cock birds, as I am of opinion that they come into condition much quicker than the hens. About the beginning of March I washed all the cages, appliances, and cage stands; also I cleaned the room out thoroughly. I first rubbed all the cages over with paraffin; this brings the mite out of the crevices, if there are any in them. Then I washed the cages with ammonia and water, rinsing well after with clean water and drying well before the fire. I use the loose-fronted cages, as I think they are the handiest to keep clean, and they save one a lot of time. When the breeding season came round I caught the birds and examined all their beaks, claws, and the vents of the hens to see that they were all right. Then I mated the birds up. I prefer quality on the hen's side and size on the cock's side. I like to put a yellow cock to a buff hen when I can get them. After the birds were mated I looked every morning to see if the hens were all right and not likely to be egg-bound. If I find a hen egg-bound I give one drop of olive oil in its beak, and then I oil its vent, using a small feather. I bring the bird into a warm place. I keep off steaming her as long as I can. When the hen began to lay I took the eggs out of the nest until she laid the third. I put them in bran till I replaced them in the nest. I always well powder the nest with Keating's powder, and then again after nine days' sitting. The day before the hatching I gave the hen a little egg and troubled her no more till I saw the youngsters. Then I gave her a pinch of hemp (uncrushed) and a little German rape. The rape I gave raw, as I think the birds take no hurt from it owing to its being made a pulp in the hen's mouth before they get it. The egg food I mixed thus:—One hard-boiled egg to three tea biscuits, which I put through a wire sieve. When the young were able to crack seed for themselves I put them in flights and gradually weaned them on to hard seed by taking the green food from them. I gave them a pinch of crushed hemp and egg till I was sure they could fend for themselves. The youngsters want well looking after till they are through their first moult. If I found any sitting thick and puffed out, I took them out and put them in a cage by themselves. I took the seed off them and put them on to milk sop. I also put a few drops of Parrish's food in their drinking water (which I always boil and let stand to get cold). I have built one or two up again into good condition by mixing cod liver oil with milk sop; some I find will not take it. Another thing I find to be a good medicine is a pinch of Epsom salts given in the drinking water and sometimes Friar's Balsam—a drop in the drinking water. I always give the birds a bath regularly in warm weather. This I find does them a lot of good. In winter I give them the bath only on mild days. When they begin to moult I help them through with it, as I think a long moult weakens them. Cochineal tea and saffron are good things for the moult. I kept the birds in a shady room—shielded from the sun. After breeding and moulting I always clean the cages the same as in spring. Then I look over the youngsters and weed the worst out, keeping the best for myself. I also dispose of any hens or cocks that have not done well during the breeding season, as I think it a waste of time to be bothered with them. I buy the best Spanish canary seed, and the best of any other seeds I want, as I find it pays to get the best. LITTLE SCOTTIE.

Bird Life in the Far West.

Notes from British Columbia.

Sir,—Cat-birds have a pretty song, which they repeat from the topmost branch of some tree, much in the manner of the Thrush. The colour of the Catbird resembles that of a Nightingale, and the bird is considerably larger. It is a very shy bird, and if roughly disturbed makes for the green maple thickets, where it will sit still for hours rather than allow itself to be seen. Another sweet little Wren is the Fire-Crested Wren, rather larger than the Gold-crested Wren of Britain. The body and wing markings are the same, but the Crest would be difficult to describe properly—it consists of a brilliant orange-red strip set in a cap of golden yellow. The head markings are not raised like a crest, as in the Crested Wren, but lie flat on the head. I was not fortunate enough to find a nest, but have good reasons for believing that it is usually built high up in the spreading branches of some fir or cedar tree. It is there that these, and most of the small Tits, spend their time. They feed in small flocks in the fall of the year, keeping together by uttering a long-drawn "cheep," which sounds the same as the Gold-Crest's note. The young don't carry the coloured cap till after the first moult. Another bird is the Golden Warbler. Small flocks of these have at the time of writing gathered together, no doubt preparing for their winter migration southwards. In habits this bird resembles the Fire Crests of the homeland, differing only in the fact that they feed more on the vine, maples, and elders. The natives call this bird the Canary, getting the name from the colours, which are bright yellow on the body, back and nape, and dark olive on the wings, with a neat cap of the blackest hue. The bird is of about the size of an English Siskin, and for neatness of body and polish of feather it would beat any bird I have ever met. Observing bird life here in the summer has its drawbacks as well as its pleasures. Mosquitoes buzz round your head and hands, and the black ants (which will eat anything) will let you know that they are interested in you, and they usually do that when you want to be perfectly still. I have often heard that cedar wood will withstand the attack of any insect; not so with these ants, for they burrow into the dead cedar logs, leaving often as much as a pailful of neatly-sized grains of sawdust on the ground beside their nest. But the Woodpecker knows what the new heap of dust means, and he soon gets to work with his long bill and makes a hole in the wood big enough to allow his long flexible tongue to get to work. The good work he does in thinning the number of wood-boring ants is greatly counterbalanced by the damage he does to telegraph poles. The curse of the linesman is on his head, for he selects a nice pole, makes an oval hole about five inches long by three wide, hollows out the inside of the pole, and there the nest is made with a few chips of rotten wood, thereby wasting a good pole. On going near the nesting hole if any of the old birds are at home, on hearing you approach, out pops the head and bill till it gets a view of the intruder. Should you climb to the hole, the birds wait till you are a few feet from them, then leave and make for the top of the next pole. And not only do they waste the one pole, for while one bird is sitting the other whiles away the time by practising on the neighbouring poles. The telegraph companies in the districts where these birds are most common, are now steeping the poles in creosite, which prevents the boring to a great extent. The small boy with his first rifle gives these birds a good deal of attention, as they make an easy mark. If he misses his first shot, the birds only fly to the top of the next pole. This bird, the largest of the Woodpeckers, is a beautifully marked bird. The body is evenly marked with round spots set on a ground colour of dingy gray, the wings and tail are barred with dark slaty bars; the shaft of the feathers are bright pink. Underneath the wings and tail is bright rosy pink, and on the throat is a dark bib, making in all a wonderful combination of colours. Another curiously marked Woodpecker is the red-headed one, a bird which is now very rare in North America. The ground colour is black, with regular round white spots, which look like white bars from a distance. The tail consists of only eight feathers in pairs, the top pair are black, and the bottom pair white. The middle ones are half-and-half. The legs are short and very stoutly made for the size of the bird (it is about as big as a Lark); the toes are four—two in front and two behind. Upon the head is a cap of dark scarlet. From this the bird derives its name. After about six months' observation in a district where most Woodpeckers are very common, I only noticed one of the Red-headed variety. This one was feeding on the black ants in a bushy elder tree, and allowed me to get quite close to it without any fear. It is the Blue Jay that gets a full share of the youthful sportsman's attention, and very often he deserves it all. He is a terror to all small life. Should a squirrel or a chipmunk come within his range of vision he is soon at it with a screech, forcing it to the shelter of some friendly stump or a pile of brushwood. He spoils the deerstalker's sport with his warning cry, and is always ready to take a full share of any deer that may be "treed" till the return of the hunter. In hard weather these birds gather in flocks round the logging camps, glad to get any scraps that may be thrown out. The size and shape are much the same as those of the English Jay, only the bird has a much larger crest, which is always kept erected. The body colour is dark marine blue, getting darker near the wings and tail, which have faded black bars. The female is never as bright in plumage as the male; still, she is a very bright-plumaged bird. Numbers of these Jays are often caught in pole traps, a trap like a rabbit trap, baited with scraps of meat, and placed on a stump or pole. This is the Jay's favourite landing place, and the bait is not at all necessary. The Jay makes a delightful pet, being very confiding and amusing when properly studied, and having all the good points of, and a brighter plumage than the English one. The food consists of berries, nuts, and perhaps small animals and birds. Now, we have a bird that takes the place of the Jackdaw here—the "Bob-o-link." It is a summer migrant to these northern parts. The male is a little larger than a Starling, and is anything a little stouter built. The plumage changes at each migration, the bird's breeding plumage being: Head, breast and lower body black, the wings black, crossed with a patch of white, and the rump also white. The tail is black, each feather running to a point, which gives it the appearance of being badly frayed. The markings of the female are not so bright, the whites being very dirty and dingy, making her very easy to distinguish from her mate. The species feeds mainly on insects, grubs, corn, and any old scraps, visiting rubbish heaps for that purpose. The nest is built in a hole in a chimney or tree, and when the breeding is over they gather into flocks, doing great damage to the ripening crops. The song of the "Bob-o-link" is very amusing, especially at pairing time. He will start, then stop and get a note added now and again, till he has his little song perfect, all the time shifting from one leg to the other to help himself out of his difficulty. This is one of the few birds that have all the light markings above and dark ones below, which gives him an upside-down appearance. These birds make nice pets, but are inclined to be rather too dirty for ordinary cage purposes, an aviary suiting them better. The Blue Bird is one of the summer migrants that visit this locality, coming on the warm winds early in May. It is very like a Wheatear in size and shape, and has the same "cock-a-tail" habits, perching on elevated stones or stumps. The colour of the male is a bright indigo blue, which is brightest at the tips of the tail and wings. On the breast is a crescent of faded chestnut, and on the back a patch of the same colour. The colours are seen to the best advantage when the bird is in flight, for, like the Wheatear, it never rises high from the ground. The female, as in the case of most birds, is not so bright in markings, and is smaller in size than the male. It is an insectivorous bird, catching flies on the wing, much in the same manner as a Flycatcher. The nest is built of grass, hair, and feathers, and is generally placed in the hollow of some decaying tree. The eggs, five or six in number, are of a pale blue colour. The most of these birds I have seen have been on the outskirts of towns, meadow lands and clearings being their favourite feeding grounds. In the north the coming of the Blue Bird is looked upon as a sign of the coming of summer, just as the Swallow is in the old country.

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British Softbills:

Notes on the habits of some popular species.

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A. LEES.

A Lecture before the Vale of Leven C.B.C.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—In the district where the members of the Vale of Leven Cage Bird Club live one has many opportunities of studying the habits of both Hardbills and Softbills. By Softbills I mean wild birds that are frequenty kept in cages, and whose principal food is insects. Although Softbilled or insect-feeding birds sometimes eat seed, the same may be said of Hardbills—they frequently eat insects. For instance, many of the Finch family that are supposed to live entirely on seed will not refuse, and on the contrary appear to enjoy, a small worm or snail. I can see a Blackbird in my aviary frequently having a turn at the Canary seed; and—a still more unusual thing—I have seen a Wagtail taking a feed of Canary and hemp seed.

Rich in Bird Life.

Walking from say the gamckeeper's lodge, on the Tullichewan estate, to the bridge across the Fruin, the student of natural history will see many birds to interest him, more especially if he has a little knowledge of natural history. A pair of field glasses is a good thing to have with you, as you can get a better view of the different birds. On such a walk you can frequently see the most of tho Tit family. Perhaps the commonest will be the Blue Tit and his bigger brother, the Ox Eye Tit. On creeping up the moss-covered dyke, the Cole Tit may frequently be seen searching for insect food, and at odd times the Bottle or Long-tailed Tit. At the road end leading up to Auchendennan Farm I have seen a nice flock of Golden Crest Wrens hopping about in the fir wood there; also I have seen the Dunnock, the Hedge Sparrow, and the Wagtails of different kinds, while overhead, flying from one wood to the other, is the Jay whose cry may be heard. This bird although noisy in the winter time is very silent during the breeding season, and has the credit of being a very wary bird.

The Jay is a very beautiful bird, and easily kept in captivity, provided you can give him plenty of room. He will eat almost anything. If you put a live Sparrow in with him he will kill and quickly demolish it.

The summer visitants are all here now, and afford very interesting studies . The Wheatear is a captivating bird. It is a little larger than the Robin, and has similar habits. In some districts it is called the "White Rump," from its having a white patch at the root of the tail. It gets the name of Wheatear from the fact that it has a mark like a pile of wheat on the side of the face. It is an insect feeder, and makes its nest in holes in dyke sides.

The Redstart is another of our beautiful summer visitants, and about the size of the Robin. It builds in old walls. The last nest I saw was in the wall of a bridge which crosses the road between the Cashel Farm and Dhee Lach on the Balmaha Road. The nest is of beautiful construction. This bird is also an insect feeder.

The Cuckoo is also a summer visitant, arriving here in the spring, later or earlier, according to the weather. This bird, as you know, lays its eggs in the nest of the Tit Lark, Robin or other insect feeding birds. The young Cuckoo is hatched and reared by the foster mother, the original young being hustled out of the nest by the young Cuckoo, which is the stronger bird. As a rule there are no old Cuckoos in this country after the end of June; they have left by this time. The young ones are here much later and follow the parent birds when they are strong enough to do so. The food of the Cuckoo consists of insects, and the caterpillar is a favourite bite with them. The Cuckoo is seldom kept in captivity, its food being very difficult to procure.

The Sprightly Starling.

The Starling is, if not the commonest, one of the commonest of our familiar British birds. His sprightly, pleasing colour of black glossy metallic sheen, together with his smart rolling gait, make him a popular favourite. Mr. Starling walks, while the most of our feathered friends hop. If you notice the gait of other birds you will find that they hop off both feet and land the same way, while our friend the Starling walks, stepping out step by step. The Starling is not exactly a favourite cage bird, as he requires a pretty roomy cage to begin with; and unless he is properly fed he makes a terrible mess of his cage.

The natural food of the Starling is all sorts of insects, worms, grubs and grasshoppers. In confinement, however, he has a most accommodating appetite. He will eat raw and cooked meat, bread, cheese and mushrooms; in fact anything that is neither salt nor sour. when old Starlings are newly caught they are very violent, and will sometimes starve themselves to death, but these should be liberated. He must always be allowed a plentiful supply of water for bathing purposes, so that he may keep himself clean of vermin. The species of late have become very numerous, and in our own district extremely so; in fact they have become a menace to other species. They get the blame for sucking other birds' eggs, and I have frequently come across the nests of the Dunnock, the Song Thrush, and the Blackbird, where the eggs had been destroyed by some marauder who had the power to put a small hole in the egg and pilfer the contents. On the estate of Tullichewan in the front of the castle in the late Mr. Iame Campbell's time there were a lot of laurel bushes which gave shelter to a lot of birds. By-and-bye Mr. Starling found this place a haven of shelter and was soon accompanied by some thousands of our speckled friends; and they made such a row before they became settled down at night that they were a perfect nuisance, being so near one's dwelling. The result was that orders were given for the laurels to be cleared away. This was done, the bushes being cut to within a foot of the ground. This had the desired effect, and made the flock seek fresh fields and pastures new.

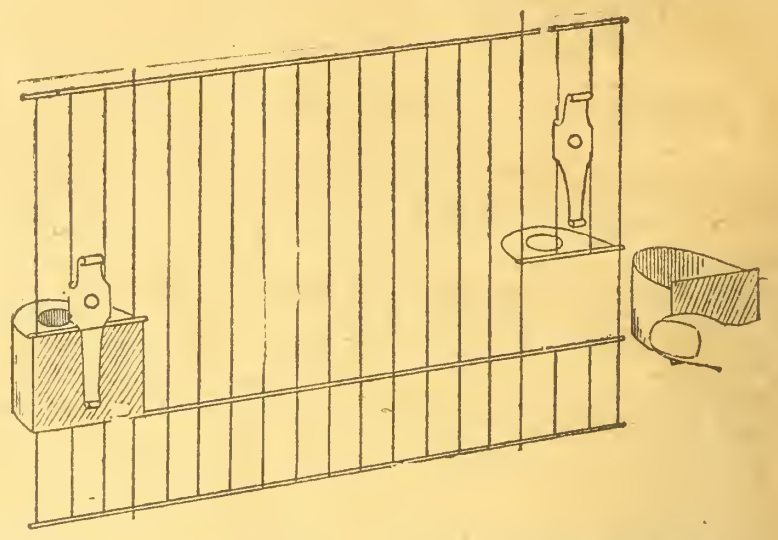
Starlings and the Shoemakers.

In Linlithgow, where I spent my boyhood days, stands the palace where Scotland's fairest but most unfortunate Queen (Mary Queen of Scots) first saw the light of day. As you all know, this palace has been a ruin for many a long year and its time-stained, crumbling walls afford a splendid shelter for a lot of species of birds, notably the Jackdaw, which breeds there in great numbers; also a lot of half-domesticated pigeons which make their nests in the holes of the old building and get their food from the fields of the neighbouring farmers. At the time I speak of, occasionally a pair of Starlings would make their appearance, and propose to take up housekeeping in the old palace. At this time the principal industry was boot and shoe making, and the tradesmen had most, if not all, the Government contracts for the army. Amongst them were ardent bird lovers, and the Starling being accounted a wonderful bird both for its song and its capabilities of speaking, it was a common thing for these enthusiasts to stop working for days to try and capture the coveted bird; and on many a tree and gable was placed the familiar box to encourage them to breed.

The young Starling on leaving the nest is very differently dressed from the old or parent birds, their plumage being brown, which at the first moult becomes more of the adult colour, but is speckled with light grey. The older the bird is the darker the black metallic sheen becomes. Mr. Lumsden, in his book on Loch Lomond says:—"Within the last forty years this species has very much increased in numbers." "I can well remember," he says, "about the years, say 1855 to 1860, on many of the large trees at Cameron and Arden wooden boxes were placed to encourage the Starlings to breed." They certainly require no such encouragement now. In every unprotected chimney or corner about a house is to be found a Starling's nest. The Starling has increased more of late years than any other bird in the neighbourhood. They have in some ways become a perfect pest; they have a most objectionable habit of building their nests in the chimneys of houses and it is almost impossible without seeing it to believe the amount of materials—hay, straw, feathers and other odds and ends— which a pair will stuff into a chimney. But notwithstanding its many faults I believe the Starling to be a farmer's friend, as the number of insects they eat must be enormous. The belief that the Starling had to get its tongue split with a silver sixpence before it could be taught to speak was very prevalent in olden times, and that cruel and ineffective notion has now vanished, so that any Starling that can speak does so with the tongue as Nature gave it.

Many interesting stories are told of this wonderful bird and its speaking powers. Anyone who has not read "The Starling," by the late Rev. Norman McLeod, who wrote a story in connection with the Sunday question some years ago, will be well rewarded by a perusal of the book, when he will learn something of the wonderful speaking powers of this bird.

(To be continued.)



Improved Front for Roller Canary Contest Cages.

Mr. A. G. Pattison (of Gravesend, Kent) has designed a new front for the contest cages used by Roller Canary fanciers, which he claims has decided advantages over those at present in use. This front has been exhibited recently at various meetings of Roller fanciers in different parts of the country, and has been very highly spoken of. Mr. Pattison has kindly given us permission to place a sketch of his cage-front before our readers. He writes concerning it:

"I have added to the existing pattern two pieces of zinc with holes in the centre, which, when soldered to the front, act as covers to the food and water vessels, and prevent the birds either from bathing or wasting their seeds. Most birds do the latter in the cages now in use, and soon get them into a dirty condition, which means a lot of work to fanciers with but limited spare time. Why the Roller show-cage should have open food and water-troughs, it would be interesting to learn, as all other varieties have at least the water vessels outside the cage. I have no hesitation in saying that at the big shows the Roller cages are the dirtiest of the lot, which is caused by the bird having access to an open water-vessel. The additions are most simple, and anyone can get them made or fixed for a few pence. When on journeys to or from shows, if a wet sponge is put in the water trough the bird will be well supplied in case of a delay en route; further, the jolting will not throw all the seed out. I shall be pleased to send any club a fitted front if they will make application (31, The Terrace, Gravesend)."

Breeding Yorkshire Canaries in an Outdoor Birdroom.

By T. E. NICHOLSON (York).

When breeding Canaries in a portable outdoor building, where extreme variations of summer and wintry weather are to be expected, I recommend you to provide a few climbing plants (to be grown outside your bird-room) in the spring and summer months, so as partly to shade your room from the extreme heat of the sun where it is most exposed. The heat in a small room is terrible during the mid-day, even where plenty of ventilation exists. And the heat makes your hens forsake both eggs and young.

The best plan, when commencing to breed Yorkshires in an outdoor bird-room, is to buy your birds from similar places; or let them be cold-room-bred if you wish to commence getting your stock early, which is the best plan, as by the time you commence breeding operations your birds will have become quite used to you and settled down in your room and surroundings. I have had a few years' experience in this way of breeding, so you can be sure that what I write is of practical worth.

No Artificial Heat Required.

I do not have any artificial heat whatever in the winter, and my birds are all strong. They soon begin to come forward when the fine, mild days come; and this without undue feeding. They are kept on good, wholesome seeds and egg cake, with fruit, such as apple; also I give them raw carrot, boiled carrot, boiled potatoes, and fine oatmeal mixed crumbly moist. The last-mentioned is a grand thing for birds in cold rooms.

Keep your cock birds in single cages; mine are singing through the whole of the winter months. The hens are best kept in flights during the winter to give them plenty of exercise, which fits them for the coming breeding season. The only fault is that they are a little wild when first caught, but they soon settle down when put into the breeding cage and attended to; they soon get used to being looked at, and don't mind at all by the time you are ready to run the cocks in with them. This should not be before April, owing to the frequent changes in the weather, which very often upset our "dreams of Palace winners"—in the early Spring, by having clear eggs and young chilled when the hen is off the nest first thing in the morning when there is a slight frost.

Getting Birds into Condition.

As regards feeding the birds to get them into condition for breeding, I don't care for too much egg food—only about two or three times a week. But give them a good supply of mixed seeds composed of the following (which I mix ready myself): Maw, gold of pleasure, teazle, niger—¼-lb. each—and hemp and rape—½-lb. each. I give them a good teaspoonful every other day with fruit, such as apple, and I supply boiled carrot, or dandelion (young) fresh gathered and free from frost.

The birds will be in good condition on the above treatment. The egg-food I make is as follows: one hard-boiled egg and three biscuits (either fancy, lunch or tea, whichever you prefer). The egg is boiled for ten minutes and allowed to get cool before being used—ground in a mill with biscuit, and well mixed, a piece of sugar (not much, about half a teaspoonful) being added. Give a teaspoonful to each pair instead of mixed seed, as above; then, weather permitting, you should not be long in getting your hens to work. Give them plenty of good grit and sand for the cage bottoms. Allow them good-sized breeding cages—from 18 to 20 inches long. Let them have the best Canary seed, with clean water every morning. They will and ought then to do well.

You will, of course, have cleaned all your cages and room out in the spring; also distempered same. All will then be neat and clean to commence with. Don't forget to give them a bath every fine day, as it both keeps them clean and strengthens them.

As regards pairing the birds, some knowledge is required as to how they are bred and how you wish to improve them. Take birds for the purpose from your own stock and buy what you think will improve them; or get someone to give you an idea of what would be best to improve your birds on the points yours fail in. I like medium-sized hens paired to cocks that stand up well, having good legs, and not being too heavy built.

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Owls' Affection for Young.

Owls are supposed to have an extraordinary affection for their young, and will continue to feed them long after they leave the nest. If caged specimens are hung outside at night, the parent birds will visit them, bringing more food than the young can consume

A Young White Blackbird.

According to a Retford paper a white Blackbird was recently found by Mr. Lobley, of Martin Hall, while bringing home some sheep that had strayed. The mother Blackbird was feeding the young one as it sat on the hedge. The bird is perfectly white, has pink eyes, yellow beak and eyelids.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

A REVIEW OF ITS OBJECTS.

The Membership Steadily Increases: Have you sent *Your* name yet?

"Hinc ille avium concentus."

Notes by the Secretary.

As a consequence of the widespread publicity kindly given to Cage Birds League by our esteemed daily and weekly contemporaries throughout the country, I have received a large number of requests for printed statements of the objects and constitution of the League. In this issue, therefore, I publish a summary, which I trust will give all the information required.

Re Rolled Gold Badges.

I am sorry to have to report a delay in the supply of these, the makers having found themselves unable to deliver as promised. I am daily expecting their delivery, and will immediately despatch the large number for which I have already received requests and remittances. Will members kindly excuse the delay?

Our Introduction Prizes.

I am receiving many introductions from members who are officially connected with bird societies, but without any intimation as to how they are to be credited. There are two distinct competitions for cash prizes (see conditions re-published in this issue) one for societies, and one for individuals, and unless it is expressly otherwise stated, introductions coming from officials of societies will be credited to the societies to which such officials belong.

More Views of Members.

I hope that the number of members will increase until the League will be a power to be reckoned with, and fulfil the good purposes you have in view.

Elgin, N.B. A. W. Douglas.

I hope every post brings new members into the League, and that we shall very soon be the strongest union in the country. I think the badge very beautiful.

Glasgow. D. Grainger.

I think I can promise you a fair list of enrolments from this district, and at every opportunity I shall recommend Cage Birds League to my friends and acquaintances, which cover from Newcastle to London.

Leicester. J. E. Leavesley.

We trust that by wearing our badges we shall be the means of many others joining the League.

John and Alex. Sneddon.

Coatbridge, N.B.

I have much pleasure in sending you the names of four gentlemen fanciers, in addition to my own, for enrolment as Leaguers. I have many more promises, but send you the first five as an earnest.

Manchester. W. Downing.

Your League is the realisation of a long-felt want. Although late in wishing it success, my wishes are none the less sincere. May the League badges be prominent at every show throughout the country.

(Mrs.) Fielden Richards.

Llangollen, N. Wales.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTS OF CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

The necessity of bird-keepers banding themselves together in the interests of the hobby they hold so dear has never been so apparent as at the present moment. The actions of those misguided individuals who from sentimental reasons would welcome the suppression of bird-keeping and bird-keepers have never been more aggressive than at the present day. And until the establishment of Cage Birds League there has been no organisation on the side of the bird-keeper to stand up for his cause and effectually combat the mistaken views of the faddists who attack him.

The object of calling this League into being has not been solely one of defence against outside enemies. That is but one sphere in which it can be of use. The primary object is rather that it shall be a League of good-fellowship—a bond 'twixt fancier and fancier and 'twixt all who are interested in the hobby of bird-keeping, though not "fanciers" in the strict meaning of the term.

It should be very clearly understood that this League will in no sense aspire to be a governing or controlling body, and will not interfere or conflict with any club or society at present in existence. Its sole idea will be to work in the best interests of bird-keeping and of those who make bird-keeping their hobby.

To put the objects of the League clearly before our readers, we will define them tentatively as:—

(1) To form a bond of good-fellowship and union between bird-keepers all over the world.

(2) To inculcate the principles by which birds suited to captivity may be kept under humane and proper conditions.

(3) To act as a League of Defence and Protection.

The sympathy and co-operation of secretaries of societies are especially sought by us in bringing this League to the notice of all their members. We intend, in fact, to ask each secretary to act as a district representative, so that should it at any time be necessary for bird-keepers to take concerted action in their own interests, it will be possible to call mass meetings in centres where it is convenient to do so; this, of course, secretarial co-operation will make easy of attainment..

£1,000 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

Every member of the League may, if he chooses, assign half the value of the annual subscription of himself and his friends in special prizes to any society or show in which he takes a special interest. The other half will go towards the progressive and protective work of The League. By catching a pal from the ranks of outside bird-keepers, a member is thus enabled to help materially the special prize list of his particular society.

Cage Birds will underwrite or guarantee special prizes under this scheme to the value of £1,000.

The allocation and division of the special prizes due to each society will be left entirely to the League members in the society concerned. The prizes will be selected from £1,000 worth of real oil paintings and water-colours handsomely framed—constituting magnificent ornaments for the fancier's home.

To encourage secretaries and fanciers to enlist members in the new League we offer the following:—

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£5 cash to the individual fancier who, between the opening date—March 10th, 1911—and March 11th, 1912, secures the greatest number of recruits to Cage Birds League.

£5 cash to the Society whose nominations to the League between March 10th, 1911, and March 11th, 1912, are the most numerous.

£3 cash to the individual fancier who nominates the second highest number of members to the League between the same dates.

£3 cash to the Society which nominates the second highest number of members to the League between the same dates.

And Four Cash Prizes of £1 each to societies whose total nominations to the League show the best average per member

SOME ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITIONS.

But a League member who is not interested in show matters is not bound to contribute his quota to the development of the exhibiting interest. He may donate half his annual subscription to the League to any one of the following ideas:

LITERATURE FUND.—For the dissemination amongst poor birdkeepers of useful literature calculated to enlighten them and improve the conditions under which their birds are kept in domestication.

DEFENCE FUND.—For the protection of bird-keepers by legal or other process from swindlers, or unjust attacks by moneyed faddists and sentimentalists. For the general protection of bird-keepers' interests.

Failing any specific instruction from a League member as to how his donation is to be expended it will go towards the

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.—For the development and progressive work of the League, advertising its objects and promoting its ideals.

The subscription to the League is fixed at the small sum of one shilling annually, so that the benefits accruing from membership are within the reach of all.

Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, the price of these being sixpence each in either of three forms: as a button for the coat-lapel, a pendant for the watch chain, or as a brooch for ladies or for cycling caps. The pendants and brooches are also supplied mounted in rolled-gold at one shilling each. The kind required should be specifiedclearly.

We hope members will wear their League badges at every possible opportunity. They will be found to be attractive, yet subdued and refined in appearance, with no suggestion of "advertisement" (except of the C.B.L.) about them. The badge willserve as an introduction between bird-keepers—an outward and visible sign, so to speak, of the "bond of good-fellowship" it is the object of the League to establish—and to bring the fact of the existence of the League into wider notice. We are looking to the use of the badge as likely to help greatly the furtherance of the objects of Cage Birds League.

JUNIOR BRANCH.

A branch has been established for young people under fourteen years of age at the time of joining, the subscription being sixpence each annually; badges at above prices.

The temporary offices of Cage Birds League are at 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Henry J. Fulljames, Secretary.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

So far as I can ascertain, writes Mr. R. Rhodes, the Nottingham fanciers are not doing particularly well this season with their birds. I have no doubt, however, that they will manage to produce a few specimens ere the season ends, that will worthily uphold the traditions of the City.

I have had my most successful season so far, writes Mr. A. G. Pattison (the well-known Roller Canary breeder, of Gravesend), with nearly 50 young birds on the sticks, and over 20 due to hatch.

I have had good results. I put up five Yorkshire and two Norwich pairs. I held them back through cold easterly winds, and they have gone well since. I have 22 young on the sticks, and four hens on with their second round, feeding well.—T. H. Melhuish (Cardiff).

Morpeth and District C.B.S.

Judging from the report at our last meeting, the members have had, up to now, a very fair breeding season. Seely Bros. head the list with seventy all told, some of the birds having proved the stuff they are made of by winning very extensively at Choppington last week. Harry is in good form, as one could easily see by the smile that played around his face when he told me "the hens won't do wrong this year, somehow." His stock consists of Norwich, Cinnamons, and Yorkshires. Tom Dixon, that noted exhibitor and judge has also done exceedingly well, having forty Norwich. Cinnamons, and Borders, with some very promising youngsters amongst them. W. Woollett can boast of thirty. This fancier has bred an extra good Norwich hen. We hope he will have luck with her. Fred Scott has also bred thirty, with more to come. I had the pleasure of seeing his stock a few weeks ago, and thought he possessed a few very nice young Norwich, especially yellows. R. Richardson has not done so well as in previous years, having only eleven. Never mind, Ralph; remember it is quality, not quantity, that counts on the show bench! T. Griffiths totals twenty-three—Cinnamons and Norwich. Tom should have some "good 'uns," judging from the stock birds he had up when I saw them. T. Mitford has the unlucky number, thirteen. Never mind, Tom; better luck next time! B. Clark has managed thirty, with twenty of them on the sticks—not quite up to his previous season's. Somebody said the incubator was gone wrong. I have not seen J. Creighton, but I hear he has a big number. R. Rowell, too, it seems, has had an exceptional season—quite a change for Dick, I believe, seeing he has experienced a few very bad years. John Dixon is doing very badly, considering last year's success. T. Rigg numbers twenty-six—very encouraging for a young fancier. H. Neal has eight youngsters off one pair. These beginners can get them! A. Stevinson has only nine, but let us hope that what is lacking in quantity may be made up in quality. I have not see J. Graham for some time, but I expect this great Border Fancy enthusiast will be full up. For myself, I have forty odd, all Norwich, with about thirty of them doing for themselves.—E. Cowling, hon. sec.

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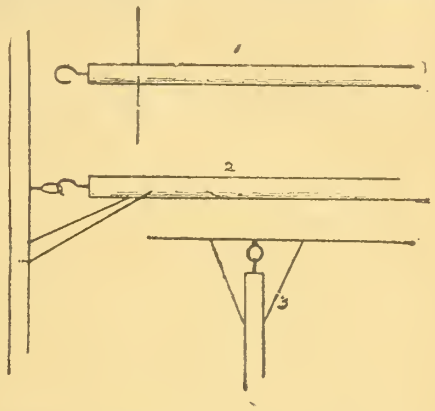
Illustrated Ideas

No. 518.

A Cheap and Effective Perch.

Sent by W. A. Wall, 35, Greenhill Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

I enclose a sketch of a very good and effective perch which I think is a preventative of red mite to a certain extent. I believe it is impossible to avoid them altogether. First of all, get a piece of wood about ⅝in. by ½in.; round off the corners and drill a small hole about one inch from the end. Then get a 6in. piece of cage wire and push it through the hole in perch as shown in Sketch 1. Bend the same as in Sketch 2. Get a small ring screw



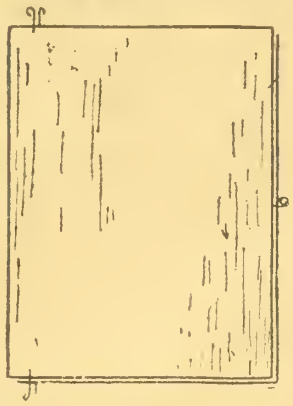
as shown in sketch, and screw it into the end of the perch that is drilled. Then get a ring screw and put it into the back of the cage. Hang the perch on the ring screw, and hold up the same as in Sketch 2. Drill two holes here, bend wire, and then put the wire in the holes and drop perch down. You will then find that you have a strong perch and one that is easy to remove and keep clean.—A. Wall.

No. 519.

To Avoid Grit in Slide Grooves.

Sent by Mr. A. Brown, 32, Barbara Street, Liverpool.

Most fanciers know that in using slides in flight or double breeders the groove the slide runs in gets full of grit, etc., very quickly. Here is my method of getting out of the difficulty. Get your slide, and at the bottom back corner drill a small hole. Insert a piece



of wire and bend same as a door fastener. Let this swing freely in the hole. At the top back corner do the same, but make the wire a fixture, sticking upwards. The wire fronts hold it in place at front. This does away with top and bottom grooves and affords less harbour for red mite in the hot weather.—Alf. Brown.

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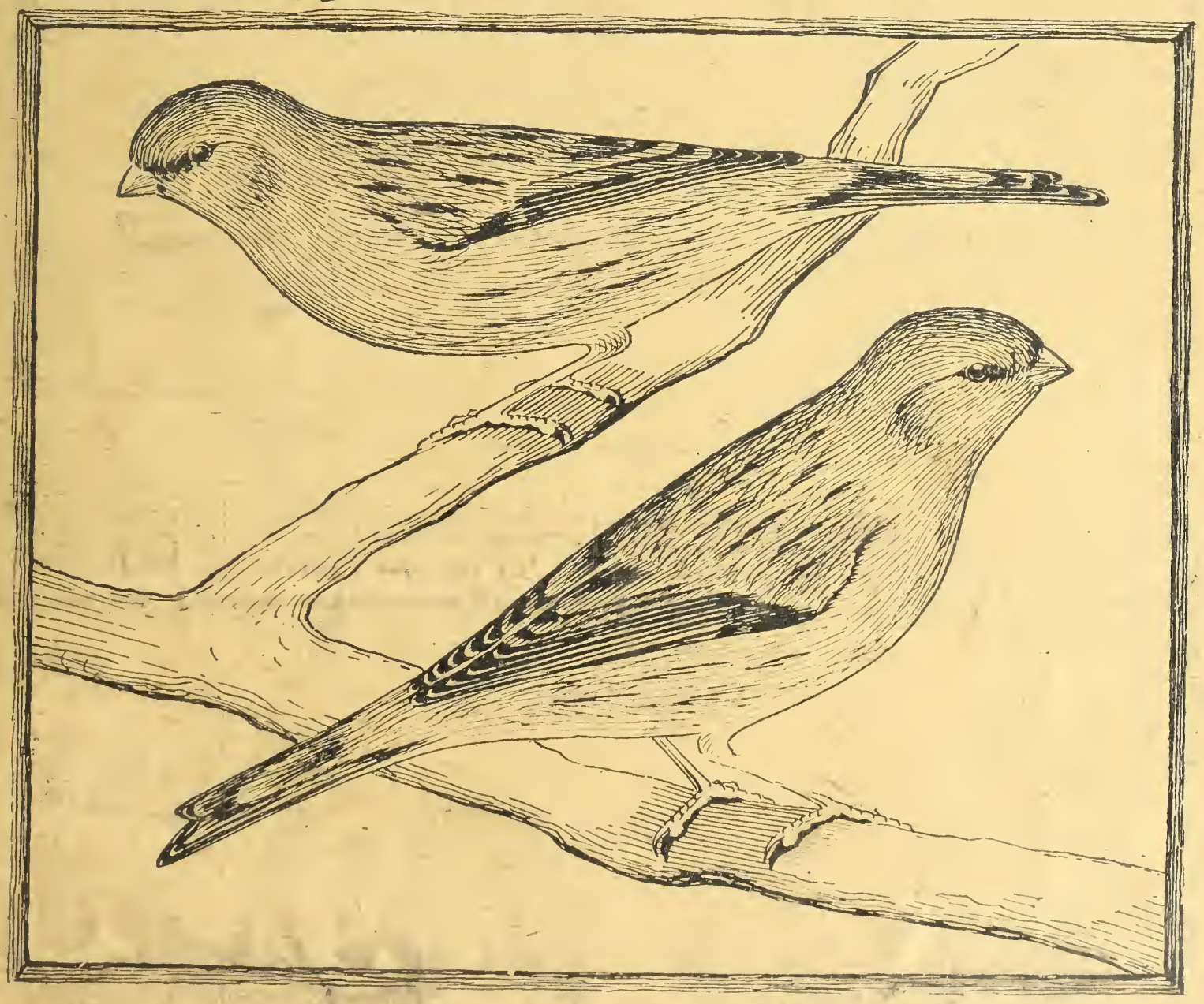
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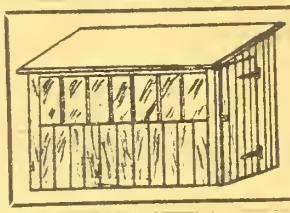
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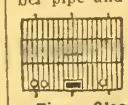
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Singing Contests.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

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CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest, held June 17, before a good number of fanciers. We had 45 birds to sing for four good prizes: 1, S. Morley, 2 and 4, J. Kirk, 3, B. Nelson. Also on June 22, when we had an open-to-all-England sing. We had visitors from all the leading Linnet clubs in Yorkshire to sing for six good prizes. After some very good singing the winners were: 1, and 4, J. Kirk, 2, S. Morley; 3, W. Nelson. Also on June 24, we had usual weekly contest, but owing to the rain we could only muster 25 birds to sing for 3 good prizes given by the landlady. 1, J. Kirk, 2, W. Dobson, 3, J. Robinson.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet singing contest, held Fitzwilliam Hotel, Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, when Mr. J. Grundy gave three special prizes (three minutes' time singing) on Coronation day. 27 birds entered. Some good singing was heard. 1st, Thompson; 87 secs.; 2nd, Wadd, 85 secs.; 3rd, Shimwell, 75 secs.; Jack, 71 secs.; Bisby, 63 secs. June 24th, when 24 birds entered for 3 specials, given by Mr. J. Grundy (3 minutes time singing): Thompson, 1st and 2nd, 76 secs, 68 secs.; 3rd, Shimwell, 67 secs.; Rodgers, 53 secs. June 25th, 24 birds entered (two minutes time singing). 1st Thompson, 63 secs; 2nd, Bisby, 55 secs.; 3rd, Brown, 51 secs.; Thompson, 50 secs.; Albert, 49 secs.; Jack, 43 secs.—A. Thompson, Sec.

SALFORD.

Salford Linnet Club open contest, held Boathouse Hotel, June 24, when 12 birds entered for three prizes, and some good singing was heard before a fair number of visitors. Winners: 1st, J. Green, 96; 2nd, J. Green, 70; 3rd, W. Cain, 51. Timekeepers, Messrs. A. Stevenson, B. Wharton; minute man, Mr. J. Green; birdkeeper, Mr. T. Cain. The contest to endeavour to make the club a success will take place on July 8th, and it is open to all England for time and quality. Mr. Coates is adding £1 to the entrance fees, and Mr. T. Pearson (Salford) is giving a special to the winner of quality; and we are doing our best to get some more prizes to give the time-singers the same fairness. It is hoped all the Lancashire Singing Clubs will be represented, as it is owing to their efforts we have been able to get a club. We shall also try to give a special to the first club member. Singing will commence 2 o'clock. It is easily reached by all the Pendleton and Eccles cars, Ordsall Lane (L.N.W.), Salford, L.Y. being the nearest stations.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

PEMBERTON (Wigan).

Open Linnet contest for time and quality, held White Lion, when some very good singing was heard before a good company. We should have some better singing only it was dull and raining all the afternoon. There were birds present from Wigan, Westhoughton and Appley Bridge. Winners for quality: 1, W. Barnes; 2, T. Mawdsley. For time: 1, J. Woodward, 108; 2, T. Mawdsley, 65. Judges for quality, Messrs. Mawdsley, Parker; timers, Messrs. Macfarlane, Woodward and Parker. After the contest the fanciers spent a most enjoyable evening.—A. Parker, Sec.

HULL.

Hull L.F.A. held weekly contest June 17th, Rose Hotel Beverley-road. Three good prizes were given. 1st, Fred. Allen's "Champion"; 2nd, R. Dearlove; 3rd, Johnson.—F. Allen, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax F. and F.S. weekly Linnet contest held June 17th, headquarters (Swan Inn) before a good company. Fifteen birds competed for three good prizes. Winners: 1st, Henshaw; 2nd, O. Potter; 3rd, J. Wallis. Potter and Wallis sang a tight match, both birds singing same time. The result was a sing off for 2nd prize, Potter beating Wallis by a second. Fanciers will be welcomed every week-end.—J. Henshaw, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet contest held Prince Albert Inn, June 18th, when 19 of the best picked Linnets sang for three good prizes, for quality singing only. The room was crowded to hear some very good singing. The birds were judged perfectly by our old friend, Mr. Harry Allen. Timekeeper, Mr. C. Lorriman. 1st prize, J. Chippendale; 2nd, T. Soloman; 3rd shared between B. Hayes and J. Sellars. Our Linnet club is in a flourishing condition; we have made 11 new members, so are going strong.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

Usual week-end Linnet contest held at Prince Albert Inn, when Mrs. M. A. Saynor gave three good prizes for 13 of the best picked birds in Leeds. Judges, Messrs. H. Allen and C. Lorriman. 1st prize, T. Stead (King's Head Association); 2nd, T. Soloman; 3rd, J. Chippendale. All present were satisfied with the judges' decision. E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club Open to-all-England Linnet contest held Union Arms, Tyldesley, June 17th, when we had an entry of some 40 birds, which was very good considering there were contests at Wigan and Blackburn. Some very good singing was done both for quality and time. Winners: Quality, Hande's (Warrington), 1st; Wood (Tyldesly), 2nd; Robinson (Leigh) 3rd; Whittle (Leigh), 4th. For time: Parkinson (Leigh), 148, 1st; Jackson (Leigh), 108, 2nd; J. W. Jones (Leigh), 93, 3rd; Owen (Tyldesly), 72, 4th. Judges for quality were Messrs. O'Neil, T. Gibbins, and Roy. Howcroft; for time, Messrs. Woods and J. Pool; timekeeper, Mr. W. Yates; birdman, Mr. Boot. J. McAllister, Sec.

Globe Inn Linnet Club Coronation contest held June 24th, when there were 13 birds left to sing off. As we had decided that all members this turn should have a prize we gave 13 kettles. Winners for quality: R. Holcroft, 1; W. Boot, 2; W. Yates, 3; B. Brown, 4; J. Elison, 5; J. Shaw, 6; Kavanagh 7. For time: J. Gore, 140, 1; G. Ammison, 93, 2; J. Harrison, 89, 3; J. Hilton, 76, 4; J. Yates, 60, 5; R. Wilson, 49, 6. After the contest 52 members and friends sat down to a substantial knife and fork tea. Tea over we came back to the Globe Inn and after giving the winners their prizes Mr. Harrison (a member), secretary of the Union Arms Linnet Club (Tyldesly) presented the Sec., Mr. J. McAllister, with a beautiful and expensive breakfast service. After several speeches made by members we had a social evening, when some very good songs were given by Messrs. M. J. Whittle, Statham, Harrison, Ellison, M. Holt, Holcroft, J. McAllister, M. Shaw, Gorgan, B. Jones, J. W. Jones. We had several dances, and Mr. J. W. Jones moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Brown for the magnificent way in which he provided our first social and tea. I wish all intended members to note that we are open to accept them on an entrance fee of 3d. and 4 9 per year, to be paid monthly. We made 23 new members and have more to follow. Will fanciers note our next open contest is at Elephant and Castle, Bag-lane, Atherton, July 1st, when I hope to see all the old faces and some new ones.—J. McAllister, Sec.

YORK.

Weekly Linnet singing contest held St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, Lawrence-street, June 24th, when 16 birds competed. Some excellent singing was heard. 1st, J. Firth; 2nd, J. Lee; 3rd, W. Weaver; 4th, J. Walker; 5th, J. Smith. Mr. Jackson officiated as judge, and Mr. Kirby as timekeeper.—J. Smith, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest June 24, before a good company, when the following won prizes:—T. Piper 1, 3; H. Chatterton 2. Open contest June 25, when we had a good entry for three good prizes. After a close finish the following were successful:—1, 3, H. Dickenson; 2, J. Biggins.—H. Chatterton, Sec.

LEEDS.

Skinners' Arms Linnet F.A., Burlingthorpe-lane, open quality singing contest held June 17th, when 19 birds competed. 1st and 2nd, A. Grainger; 3rd, C. Ward. Judges, Messrs. J. Green and C. Clayton. Also on June 18th, when 18 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. 1st and 2rd, C. Ward; 3rd, C. Crane.—Wm. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

Leeds Linnet F.A. quality singing contest, held King's Head, Shannon Street, June 17, when 16 birds faced the judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and W. Sissons. 1 and 3, H. Weyfield; 2, T. Stead. Also June 18, when 24 birds entered. 1, 2, 4, J. Bland; 3, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. J. Thompson and W. Naylor. Also June 22. 1, A. Butler; 2, T. Stead; 3, shared by H. Wigfield and W. Farrow. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and T. Johnson. Also June 24. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, A. Jennings, and T. Johnson. 1, Smith; 2, C. Prince; 2, H. Wigfield. Also June 25, when 18 birds entered: 1, A. Butler; 2, 3, J. Bland. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and S. Hardcastle.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

The Shows.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.S.

First feather show, held June 17, when a fair number of birds were staged. Mr. F. Allen judged and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hirst; 2, Helliwell. BUFFS: 1, 2, Radley; 3, Peel; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Hirst; hc, Dyson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Radley; 2, F. Taylor; 3, Peel; 4, vhc, Dyson. BUFF: 1, Radley; 2, 4, F. Taylor; 3, c, Peel; vhc, Wadsworth; hc, Hirst. EVEN, ETC., MKD.: 1, Helliwell. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Hird; 2, J. Radley; 3, Lodge; vhc, c, Battrass; hc, Radley. BUFF: 1, S. Radley; 2, Pell; 3, Dyson and Shaw; vhc, Hird; hc, Bower. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, J. Dyson; 3, L. Dyson. BUFF: 1, J. Radley; 2, S. Radley; 3, vhc, Lodge; hc, Hutchinson; c, Dyson and Shaw. EVEN, ETC., MKD.: 1, Pell; 2, Dyson and Shaw; 3, Bower; 4, F. Dyson. SELL.: 1, Pell; 2, Wadsworth.—J. Hird, Sec.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIST. C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held Free Gardeners' Hall, June 24. Entries numbered 62, amongst which were several that will be heard of during coming season. Mr. D. Henderson won medal for best bird. Mr. J. Peters won medal for best second, and Mr. D. Thomson for most points. Mr. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) judged.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Thomson; 3, Spence. BUFF: 1, Fotheringham; 2, 3, Spence. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Henderson; 2, 3, Thomson. BUFF: 1, Fotheringham; 2, 3, Thomson. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Peters. BUFF: 1, R. Thomson; 2, D. Thomson; 3, Hunter and Roughead. VAR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Lawrie and Welsh. BUFF: 1, Hunter; and Roughead; 2, Henderson; 3, R. Thomson. YORKS.: 1, 2, Reekie; 3, Reilly. COMMON: 1, J. and A. Duncan; 2, Lawrie and Welsh; 3, Peters.—John Lawrie, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

Members' show held June 10th. The entry was first-class and mustered 96 birds, which gave Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Gilmgton) a fair amount of work; and he gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Wharton Bros.; 2, Robson; 3, Padgett and Son; 4, Stebbing and Whitaker; vhc, Swaine; hc, Coates; c, Bateman. BUFF: 1, 4, Bateman; 2, 3, Coates; hc, Robson; hc, Wharton Bros.; c, Padgett and Son. EVEN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Casey; 2, Oddy; 3, Stebbing and Whitaker; 4, Coates; hc, Duckworth; c, Duckworth. CINN., MKD.: 1, Bills; 2, Bateman; 3, vhc, Swaine; 4, hc, Casey; c, Parker. NORWICH, YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Duckworth. NOVICE SECTION: This contained birds of excellent quality. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Harmer; 2, 3, Hodgson; 4, Redshaw; hc, Symes; c, Hudson Bros. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, 4, Redshaw; 3, Pallramon; vhc, Symes; hc, Harmer; c, Elsworth. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Hodgson; 2, Symes; 3, Redshaw; 4, Brown; vhc, Booth; hc, c, West. CINN. MKD.: 1, Brown; 2, Elsworth.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

SHIPLEY C.S.

First show of young birds held June 17th, headquarters, Prince of Wales, when there was a good entry of 96, amongst which were to be seen some very promising youngsters. Owing to there being a good list of special prizes for members to compete for, some very keen competition took place, and Mr. A. Craven had no light task in making the awards. Mr. J. A. Taylor won special for best yellow, and Mr. L. Crossland that for best Buff and best third bird. The judge gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. (14): 1, Taylor; 2, he, Crossland; 3, Long; vhc, Grange; c, Hudson. BUFF (19): 1, Crossland; 2, c, Long; 3, Taylor; vhc, Batty; hc, Cooper. TKD. YELL. (9): 1, c, Merrell; 2, Towers; 3, Crossland; vhc, Batty; hc, Martin. BUFF (8): 1, Crossland; 2, c, Merrell; 3, Martin; vhc, Long; hc, Taylor. UNEVEN YELL. (10): 1, 2, Long; 3, Merrell; vhc, Excell; hc, c, Martin. BUFF (11): 1, Martin; 2, Taylor; 3, Robinson; vhc, Cooper; hc, Long; c, Excell. CINN MKD. YELL. (8): 1, vhc, Hudson; 2, Stirk; 3, Holmes; hc, Brown and Son; c, Grange. BUFF (10): 1, c, Brown and Son; 2, vhc, Grange; 3, Long; hc, Stirk. VARIETY: 1, 2, Bradshaw. FOUL MKD. (5): 1, Brown and Son; 2, Hudson; 3, Morrell; vhc, Armstead; hc, Grange.—E. Grange, Assist. Sec.

BATLEY AND DISTRICT O.F.S.

First young bird show held at headquarters, Talbot Hotel, June 24, when 42 birds were staged in the five classes provided. Mr. H. H. Clarke (Bradford) placed the cards.

CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, vhc, Yelland; 2, c, Rothery; 3, Bedforth; hc, Hird. BUFF (14): 1, Bedforth; 2, Kershaw; 3, hc, Rothery; vhc, Stafford; c, Imeson. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (6): 1, c, Bedforth; 2, Imeson; 3, Stafford; vhc, hc, Hird. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Kershaw; 2, hc, Rothery; vhc, c, Stafford. FOUL MKD.: 1, vhc, Kershaw; 2, 3, Bedforth; hc, Imeson; c, Rothery.—G. G. Stafford, Sec.

KEIGHLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First of a series of five shows was held June 17, Black Horse Hotel, where 40 birds faced the judge. The principal winners were: E. Middleton 17 points, J. Middleton 15, and J. Judson 13 in the open classes; and J. Bower 9, E. Ackroyd 4, R. Scaife 3, in the novice classes. Mr. F. Armstrong (Halifax) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, E. Middleton; 2, Judson; 3, Binns. BUFF: 1, E. Middleton; 2, J. Middleton; 3, Judson. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Judson; 3, Miles. BUFF: 1, 3, J. Middleton; 2, E. Middleton. NOVICE CLASSES: CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, Bower; 2, Scaife; 3, Ackroyd. BUFF: 1, 2, Scaife; 3, Midgley. A.O.V. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Newsas; 3, Midgley. BUFF: 1, 3, Bower; 2, Ackroyd.—J. Binns, Sec.

THATTO HEATH (St. Helens).

The members of this new society held their first members' show on June 24th in a large, well-lighted building off Booth-street, Nut-grove. Close upon 50 birds faced Mr. Chas. Houlton, who judged. Norwich were a very creditable lot, and some very promising youngsters were shown. Norwich Greens, too, were very nice. Only a couple of Yorkshires were shown, but Mr. Tyson put them down in very fine condition. Borders were neat, but on the small side. A very good pair of cinn. variegs. Norwich were shown by Mr. R. Gibbie. British Hardbills were headed by a very smart Bullfinch in fine order, which took special for best British; a good medium-sized, deep-coloured yellow Greenfinch was 2nd, and a fine Mealy Redpoll 3rd. There was a very good Bramble for colour, but its jet-black head, cheeks, and neck, etc., spoilt all spangling. Several money and other special prizes were kindly given by friends, which added to the interest in competition. Mr. Houlton's judging appeared to please all.

NOR. YELL. (9): Good all-round class. 1, Tyson, pretty varieg. dark saddle, fine body, rare quality and condition; 2, R. P. Bixter, cl., cobby, just passed a trifle in condition only; 3, hc, Woodward, cl., fine quality; vhc, Gibbie; c, J. Bixter. BUFF (14): A very strong class of good birds; 1, 2, R. P. Bixter, leader eye and wing mark, A1 quality, shape and condition; 2nd, typical cl., grand head; 3, Gibbie, cl., grand quality; vhc, Woods; hc, J. Bixter; c, Tyson. NOR. GREENS (6): 1, 2, Tyson, good pair of foul buffs, in A1 feather; 3, R. P. Bixter, good col., yell., nice feather; vhc, Rimmer; hc, Gibbie; c, Tyson. YORKS.: 1, 2, Tyson, fine stand, type and condition. BORD., YELL.: 1, 3, Leather, former best type and condition; 2, Woodward. BUFF: 1, Leather, small, strong col. A.O.V. NOVICE: 1, 2, Gibbie, good pair of variegs. cinn., Nor. type. BRIT. HARDBILLS (7): 1, 2, 3, Woodward, Bullie, Greenie, and Mealy Redpoll, nice team in good condition; vhc, hc, Wood; c, Leather.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show held Co-op. Hall, Darn Crook, June 24. This was the first N.F. show held in King George's reign, and as one of the crowd said, it was "George's rain." The entry was very little short in spite of a deluge of water from late on Friday night till Sunday morning. The judges did their work excellently, and gave satisfaction to nearly all. Mr. Robson judged the Canaries, Messrs. Shepherd and Maddison the British and foreign. Judging was over in good time, and the cards up. Then came the final issue for the cups. Mr. R. Tindale, the Yorkshire enthusiast, was successful in winning the Canary cup with a typical marked buff. The Norwich belonging to Mr. Holden was a close runner-up, as also was the very smart Border Fancy belonging to Mr. Geo. Aitcheson. The judges seemed to have a very difficult task to decide until the Yorkie got up in true guardsman style and asked for the cup. As the judge said afterwards, the longer he stood on the table the better he became. Mr. Holden has had hard lines, as this is the second year he has run so close. The British and foreign section was an easier matter to decide, as Mr. A. C. Young's Festive Tanager was an easy winner. It is a beautiful bird, and should do some good for its fortunate owner. Mr. Young is one of our latest members, and is very keen indeed. The Coronation special cup winner cards were much admired. Where are our British bird fanciers? The Redpoll class was the only one well filled. All went well except the "gate," but this was due to the very wet day. Unfortunately, our chairman was not present owing to the death of his sister on Friday. We all send him our very deepest sympathy in his trouble. We heard of a grand Yorkshire being bred at the seaside by a member; in fact, he had a strain about 10 inches long, and he said it was exactly that length. He is having a special show cage built for it. I wish to thank all who helped so willingly, principally Messrs. Tindale, Reed, Coutts, Coltman, Hope, and Mr. Holden, the Gateshead sec. We had quite an "entente cordiale." The Gateshead sec. was very busy in the office making subscription receipts out. This is the spirit we should like to see more of. Thanks are due also to our judges. Will members and friends please take note that Mr. Crawhall is giving us his ideas on Line and Pedigree Breeding on July 6? All fanciers are welcome to meetings.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Hooper; 2, Tryer; 3, vhc, Hope; hc, R. W. Smith; c, Davison. BUFF: 1, Crass; 2, Holden; 3, Reed; vhc, Hope. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, vhc, Holden; 2, Tryer; 3, c, Hope; hc, Davison. CREST: 1, Coutts. C.B.: 1, Coutts. CINN. BUFF: 1, Lumsden. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Bylen; 3, Tomlinson. BUFF: 1, Tindale; 2, Atkinson; 3, vhc, c, Wigglesworth. YORKS., A.O.V.: 1, hc, Tindale; 2, Atkinson; 3, Dix; vhc, Tomlinson; c, Atkinson. BORD. FANCY, CL., YELL.: 1, Aitcheson; 2, 3, hc, Graham; vhc, c, Brown. BUFF: 1, Aitcheson; 2, Lowther; 3, Peet; vhc, c, Graham; hc, W. Smith. BORD., A.O.V.: 1, hc, Graham; 2, Lowther; 3, Smith, vhc, Aitcheson; c, T. Smith. CINN. BORD.: W. Smith. SCOT. FCY.: 1, 2, Harvey. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Tomlinson. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, McKay; 2, Hope. GREENFINCH: 1, Geo. Taylor. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Reed; 2, McKay; 3, Irving. LINNET, F.M.: 1, Geo. Taylor; 2, G. Taylor; 3, Hooper; vhc, Irving. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Voutt; 3, hc, Dr. Henry; vhc, Weddell. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Geo. Taylor; 2, Hooper; 3, Coltman; vhc, Howard; hc, Graham; c, Aitcheson. HARDBILL, A.O.V.: 1, G. Taylor; 2, Hamilton. LARK, ETC.: 1, Howard. FOR., SMALL SEEDEATER: 1, Mackenzie; 2, Voutt; 3, Gills. FOR. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Young. Cup winner, Canary Section, R. Tindale; cup winner, British and foreign, A. C. Young.—J. E. Atkinson, Sec.

SANDY LANE AND DIST. C.B.A.

First show of the season held headquarters, June 17th. There was only a moderate entry. Mr. T. Ogden judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL., YELL.: 1, Shaw Bros.; 2, Whitwham; 3, Hansin. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, Simms. TKD. YELL.: 1, Whitwham; 2, Hanson. BUFF: 1, Wilson; 2, Whatmuff; 3, Shaw Bros. EVEN, ETC., GREEN: 1, 2, Wilson; 3, Ratcliffe. CINN.: 1, 2, Shaw Bros.—Ratcliffe and Shaw, Secs.

NORTHOWRAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held Yew Tree Inn, June 17. I am sorry to say we had a very poor entry, only 24 birds being staged. Our members have had a very poor season though. Mr. A. Wooler gave every satisfaction as judge, and the society tender him their best thanks for giving his services.

CL., ETC., YELL., YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Tasker. BUFF: 1, 2, Tasker. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Smith. SECTION TWO: CL., ETC.: 1, Hanson; 2, Allen; 3, Gelder. BUFFS: 1, 2, vhc, Crowther; 3, Allen; 4, Hanson; hc, Gelder. HEAVILY VARIEG.: 1, Hanson; 2, Gelder.—S. Sykes, Sec.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Annual show of young stock held June 24th at headquarters, the Old House at Home, Wellingborough-road. Though the entries were hardly up to the average, the quality of the birds was favourably commented on. Mr. S. G. Ette was the adjudicator, and Mr. A. W. Law the energetic secretary, who was responsible for the arrangements.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, hc, Clements; 2, Goosey; 3, Piggott; vhc, Green. BUFF: 1, hc, Jeyes; 2, Green; 3, Martin; vhc, Clements. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Law; 2, Clements; 3, hc, Jeyes. BUFF: 1, c, Jeyes; 2, Green; 3, Brookes; vhc, Clements; hc, Piggott. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, vhc, Mills; 3, Burrows. YORKS. JONQ.: 1, vhc, Dunkley; 2, Martin; 3, hc, c, Allen. BUFF: 1, 2, Allen; 3, vhc, c, Dunkley. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Fennel; 2, Jeyes. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Andrews; hc c, Burrows. A.O.S. BRIT. FINCH: 1, 2, Andrews; 3, Woodman; vhc, Tabor. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Munday; 3, Martin.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. show, held June 17th, at headquarters, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate. Mr. Brunskill (Southport) judged, but owing to some of our members having had bad luck, we had not as many entries as expected.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Greenhalgh; 2, Tirrell; 3, Allen; vhc, Haslam; hc, c, Smith. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Allen; vhc, Greenhalgh; hc, Haslam; c, Cooper. TICK YELL.: 1, Allen; 2, Cooper; 3, Smith; vhc, Gerrard; hc, c, Greenhalgh. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Allen; vhc, Gerrard; hc, Cooper; c, Smith. CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Barlow; 2, 3, Brooks; hc, Brierley; c, Ralphs. BUFF: 1, Barlow; 2, 3, Brooks; vhc, c, Crook; hc, Brierley.—P. Brierley, Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

First feather and British bird show held June 15, Hartley Avenue School. The exhibits, totalling 68, were staged to perfection, and the members and friends who thronged the room all helped to make the show a success. Mr. J. Freer, who judged, received loud applause for the able manner in which he placed the awards. The usual vote of thanks, etc., concluded a pleasant evening. Messrs. S. Mason and H. B. Rout assisted the judge.

NOR. (5): 1, spl., B. C. Smith; 2, Walker; 3, vhc, H. Paxman; hc, South. YORKS. YELL. (14): 1, 2, G. King; 3, Anglin; vhc, Puck; hc, F. Fox; c, W. Smith. BUFF (12): 1, spl, G. King; 2, 3, hc, Anglin; c, vhc, Mayo. YORKS., VAR. (4): 1, spl, Anglin; 2, Pask; 3, vhc, W. Smith. YORKS., A.O. COL. (5): 1, Mayo; 2, 3, G. Oliver; vhc, hc, H. Paxman. CAN., A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, spl, Rowe. MULES (4): 1, Morris and Adams; 2, Paxman; 3, Hagger. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, B. C. Smith; 2, P. Walker; 3, Morris and Adams. LINNET (4): 1, vhc, T. Walker; 2, Morris and Adams; 3, Oliver. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Morris and Adams; 2, G. Oliver; 3, vhc, T. Walker. HARDBILL, A.O.S. (3): 1, 3, Morris and Adams; 2, T. Walker. SOFTBILL (4): 1, 3, spl, G. Oliver; 2, vhc, Morris and Adams. FOR. A.V.: 1, B. C. Smith.—B. C. Smith (club reporter).

OLDHAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

First Feather Show held on June 17, when we had 65 entries. Considering the disastrous season it was very good. We had also a good number of visitors. Mr. Hardy judged.

LIZ., CL. CAP, GOLD: 1, spl, Hampshire. SILVER: 1, sp, 2, Hampshire. B.C. GOLD: 1, sp, Steeple; 2, Hampshire. SIL.: 1, sp, 3, Hampshire; 2, 4, Steeple. CL., ETC., YELL. COPPY: 1, sp, Lowe. BUFF: 1, sp, Downes. CL., ETC., YELL. P.H.: 1, W. C. Lowe. BUFF: 1, sp, Downes. NOR. CL. YELL. P.H.: 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Downes; 4, Sharples; vhc, Dalzell; c, Wells. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Sharples; 3, Simms; 4, Whyatt; vhc, hc, Holmes; c, Wells. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Sharples; 2, Cope; 4, Wyatt; vhc, Hall; hc, Holmes. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Sharples; 3, Hall; 4, Cope; vhc, Armitage; hc, c, Whyatt. CRESTS: 1, sp, Downes. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, Baxter; 2, Winterbottom. BUFF: 1, sp, Baxter. TKD. YELL.: 1, sp, Winterbottom; 2, Baxter. BUFF: 1, sp, Wills; 2, 3, Baxter; 4, Downes. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, sp, Dalzell. BRIT.: 1, sp, Steeple; 2, Sharples; 3, Oghorn; 4, Downes. SELL (£1): 1, hc, Simons; 2, Steeple; 3, vhc, Hampshire; 4, c, Sharples. Spl. for most entries of 2/- (given by Mr. Hampshire), Mr. J. Sharples. Winner for best bird in each section: 1, Mr. Hampshire; 2 (deferred); 3, Mr. Sharples; 4, J. H. Winterbottom; 5, F. Steeple. Spl. for best bird in show, Mr. E. Lowe.—Jas. Cope, Sec.

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QUEENSBURY C.B.S.

Members' F.F. Show, held Baptist School, June 24th, when 23 birds faced Messrs. H. Myers and F. Allan, who gave every satisfaction in placing the awards.

CL. YELL.: 1, Hartley; 2, Nichol; 3, T. Brooke; 4, F. Brooke. BUFF: 1, 2, Nichol; 3, T. Brooke; 4, Blagbrough; vhc, Fowle; hc, T. Brooke. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Fowle; 2, Gregson; 4, Blagbrough. BUFF: 1, Hartley; 2, Nichol; 3, Fowle; 4, Gregson. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, Nichol. BUFF: 1, 2, Fowle; 3, Nichol; 4, Gregson.—A. Hartley, Sec.

GUISELEY, YEADON & DIS. C.B.S.

First nest feather show of the season held June 10th at Regent Hotel, Guiseley. There were 47 birds staged for judging, the judge being Mr. E. B. Denton (Windhill), who gave every satisfaction.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, Dibb; 3, Bolton; vhc, Myers; hc, Wheatley; c, Bearpark. CLASS 2: 1, 2, c, Myers; 3, Bearpark; vhc, hc, Bolton. CLASS 3: 1, Myers. CLASS 4: 1, vhc, Wheatley; 2, 3, Myers; hc, Dibb. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Wheatley; vhc, Laughey and Thornton; hc, Dibb; c, Bearpark. CLASS 6: 1, 3, Brown and Sons; 2, Hardaker; vhc, Dibb. CLASS 7: 1, Myers; 2, vhc, Bolton; 3, Dibb; hc, Brown and Sons; c, Bearpark. CLASS 8: 1, 3, Brown and Sons; 2, Laughey and Thornton; vhc, hc, Hardaker; c, Bolton.—Hy. Hardaker, Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

The first nest feather show for the present season was held on June 21st and was a distinct success. The birds were staged in the large room of the Y.M.C.A., and a fair number of visitors were present. The quality of the stock exhibited was good. The judge (Mr. Ben Evans) remarked that he had never previously seen such an excellent class for marked birds. His awards gave great satisfaction. Mr. Marwood (Thornaby-on-Tees) placed the cards in the British section.

CL. YELL., YORKS.: 1, 2, Miss L. Pyman; 3, Woodhead; v.h.c., Todd. BUFF: 1, Todd; 2, Woodhead. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, v.h.c., c., Woodhead; h.c., Todd. CL. YELL., NOR.: 1, Appleton; 2, Ronald; 3, v.h.c., Papple; h.c., Booth. BUFF: 1, 2, Papple; 3, Appleton; v.h.c., Robinson; h.c., Booth; c., Ronald. TKD., ETC.: 1, v.h.c., Papple, 2, 3, h.c., c., Appleton. Linnet: 1, 2, 3, Robinson. Goldfinch: 1, F. S. Woodhead. A.O.S.: Seedeater: 1, 3, v.h.c., h.c., c., F. S. Woodhead; 2, Robinson.—E. Woodhead, Sec.

DYSART C.B.S.

Show of young birds (confined to members) held Masonic Hall, June 24th. The exhibits numbered 90, which Messrs. George and Thomas Arnott (Kirkcaldy) judged to the entire satisfaction of all exhibitors.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Russell. BUFF: 1, Grubb. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Hutchison; 2, Grubb. BUFF: 1, McCrae; 2, Kidd. EVEN, ETC., CK.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Cockburn; 3, J. and A. Duncan. HEN: 1, Grubb; 2, Russell. SELL., (10s.): 1, Harris; 2, Russell. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Saunders; 2, Logan. BUFF: 1, J. S. Harris. YELL. HEN: None. BUFF: 1, Logan; 2, Watson; 3, Saunders. VARIEG.: 1, Logan; 2, Russell; 3, 4, J. S. Harris. NAT. COL.: None. SELL. (15s.): 1, Blyth; 2, Russell. BRIT., LINNET: 1, Traill; 2, J. and A. Duncan; 3, Jas. Duncan. SMALL BRIT.: 1, White. LARGE: 1, White. BRIT., FINCH, ETC., A.O.S.: 1, Cockburn; 2, Traill. BRIT. HEN: None. MULE OR HYB.: None. BULLFINCH, ETC.: 1, Saunders; 2, Spittal; 3, Suttie; 4, J. and A. Duncan. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Spittal; 2, 3, Bissett; 4, Russell. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, Logan; 2, Traill. FOR., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Traill. SINGLE, ETC., A.O.S.: 1, J. S. Harris. COMMON CAN.: 1, Saunders; 2, J. and A. Duncan; 3, Watson. OLD BIRDS.—BORD. CK.: 1, Kidd; 2, Cockburn. HEN: None. NOR. CK.: 1, J. S. Harris; 2, Blyth; 3, Geo. Harris. HEN: None.—J. S. Harris, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

The 15th annual first feather show was held June 17th in the Assembly of Newbold Friendly Society's Rooms. Sixty-two birds were staged, this number being rather smaller than usual owing to the breeding season being poor. The quality of the birds was very good. Some excellent birds were staged. Mr. R. Barrass judged, and gave satisfaction all round.

LANCS. YELL. COPPY: 1, Hartley; 2, Newill. BUFF P.H. (2): 1, Hartley; 2, Bearden. LIZ., C.C. GOLD. (2): 1, 2, Lord. B.C. GOLD. (2): 1, 2, Lord. NOR. P.H. CL. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Faulkner; 2, Dewhirst; 3, vhc, Leach; hc, Lees. BUFF (7): 1, c, Dewhirst; 2, Faulkner; 3, Pleasance; 4, vhc, hc, Leach. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Faulkner; 2, Lees; 4, vhc, Leach. BUFF (7): 1, Pleasance; 2, Dewhirst; 3, c, Leach; 4, Faulkner; vhc, hc, J. Lees. YORKS., CL. YELL. (4): 1, Miller Bros.; 2, Barlow; 3, Hollows; 4, Leach. BUFF (5): 1, Barlow; 2, H. Lord; 3, Miller Bros.; 4, Coupe; vhc, Leach. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 4, Barlow; 2, Hollows; 3, Dewhirst; vhc, Miller Bros. BUFF (6): 1, Lord; 2, 4, Barlow; 3, Dewhirst; vhc, Lees; hc, Faulkner. A.O.V.: 1, Faulkner; 2, Adams. YORKS., NOVICE: 1, Miller Bros.; 2, vhc, Butterworth; 3, 4, Hollows. SPECIALS: Best bird in show, P. Barlow: in novice, Miller Bros.; most points Lancs., F. Hartley; Norwich, E. Faulkner; Lizards, H. Lord; Yorks., P. Barlow; novice, T. Butterworth. Winner society's challenge cup and gold medal, E. Faulkner; runner-up, P. Barlow.—E. Hartley, Hon. Sec.

WIBSEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First of a series of six members' shows during present year, held June 17th, Horse and Groom Inn, where 49 birds were staged in seven classes. This was a good entry, considering a great number of the members have done badly with breeding. But the quality of the birds that were staged was splendid, and with a good moult they should do well for their owners. Mr. H. Sutcliffe had no easy task in placing the awards. Most points were gained in clear and ticked section by Messrs. J. Crowther 17, J. Nicholls 12, Bairstow and Chapman 7, B. Wilman 6. In Green Marked section, by Messrs. C. Bastow 14, J. Nicholls 7, W. Ellerton 7, D. Sutcliffe 6, B. Wilman 6, W. Hillas 6. In Cinnamon Marked section, by Messrs. D. Thornton 11, A. Deighton 3, J. Nicholls 2. Most points for cup: Messrs. Crowther 13, Bairstow and Chapman 12, A. Deighton 10, W. Ellerton 9, D. Cutcliffe 7, D. Thornton 7, J. Nicholls 7. Special for best bird, Mr. D. Thornton. Special for most points gained with four birds, J. Nicholls 19; second most points, J. Crowther 17; third, C. Bastow 16. The judge gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bairstow and Chapman; 2, Wilman; 3, Nicholls; 4, J. Crowther; vhc, Deighton; hc, Hudson; c, Bastow. BUFF: 1, 2, Crowther; 3, hc, Nicholls; 4, Bastow; vhc, Hudson; c, Sutcliffe. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Nicholls; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, C. Wilman; 4, hc, Bastow; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF: 1, Ellerton; 2, Hillas; 3, vhc, Bastow; 4, Deighton; hc, Bairstow and Chapman. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Thornton; 3, Deighton; 4, Nicholls; vhc, Ellerton. BUFF: 1, Thornton; 2, Ellerton. A.O.V. (Yorks. debarred): 1, 3, Ellerton; 2, hc, Crossley.—H. C. Crossley, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD O.S.

F.F. show held June 24th, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Mr. Clegg (Dewsbury) judged, and his awards were well received.

CLASS 1: 1, 2, c., H. Taylor; 3, Talbot; 4, Buckley; v.h.c., h.c., C. C. T. Parker. CLASS 2: 1, Talbot; 2, v.h.c., C. C. T. Parker; 3, 4, Buckley. CLASS 3: 1, 4, h.c., c., Atkinson; 2, 3, Daniels, v.h.c., Talbot. CLASS 4: 1, 2, C. C. T. Parker; 3, v.h.c., Atkinson; 4, Daniels. CLASS 5: 1, Talbot; 2, 3, Isherwood. CLASS 6: 1, 2, 3, Isherwood.—J. Atkinson, Sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First show of the season held June 17th, Fleece Hotel, Stanningley, the new headquarters. Fifty-eight birds were staged in six classes, one class being void. This speaks well for a society of small membership. The quality of the birds was fairly good all round, and there was very little to choose between some of the winners. Mr. H. H. Towers judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (16): 1, 3, Oddy and Galloway; 2, c, Richmond; 4, Fowler and Hargreaves; vhc, Maltby; hc, Marsh. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, hc, Oddy and Galloway; 4, Fox; vhc, Kinder; hc, Butler Bros. SELF., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Oddy and Galloway; 4, Marsh; vhc, Forrest; hc, Butler Bros.; c, Towler and Hargreaves. BUFF (9): 1, Forrest; 2, hc, Richmond; 3, Oddy and Galloway; 4, vhc, Towler and Hargreaves; c, Marsh. CL., ETC., NOR. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 4, Richmond; 3, Marsh. BUFF: Void. SELF ETC. (5): 1, Maltby; 2, Marsh; 3, 4, vhc, Richmond.—Hugh Raistrick, Sec.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual show of nest feather Canaries and British and Foreign birds held Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, Market Arcade, June 17th. Entries turned up very badly, but there were several nice young Canaries staged. There were a few nice Foreign birds and some champion British birds. Mr. W. Dyer, our assistant-secretary, made his debut as a judge, and his awards were well received.

CAN. MULE OR HYB. (open to Wigan and District): 1, Lomax; 2, Ridge; 3, Martendale. NOR., YELL.: 1, 4, Fairhurst; 2, 3, Vickers. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Fairhurst; 4, Vickers. NOR., GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Fairhurst; 4, Lowe. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Horton; 3, Ridge. BUFF: 1, 2, Vickers; 3, Ridge. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, 2, 4, Ridge; 3, Vickers. LINNET: 1, Johnson; 2, McAndrew; 3, Lomax. GOLDFINCH: 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Summers; 4, Lowe. BRIT. HARDBILLS: 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Summers; 4, Ridge. FOR.: 1, 2, Lomax; 3, Johnson.—W. Ridge, Sec.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The third annual nest feather show was held June 17th at the Onward Hall. The hall is most conveniently located, well lighted, and suitable for such an event. The entry was a fairly good one, 100 birds being staged—an increase over last year's. The birds were a grand lot, and several of them, given good fortune in the moult, will certainly be heard of again. Silver medal for best bird captured by Mr. H. Slater with a grand Yorkshire, with R. Booth and J. Vint close up. Best bird in novice Yorks., Mr. A. Taylor; best bird novice Norwich, Mr. J. Vint. Mr. A. G. Smith gained most points with a grand team of British, Mr. H. Slater being runner-up. Winners of other specials: Messrs. H. Boothman, E. H. Fletcher, and D. Buckley. Mr. Tom Harrison (Altrincham) judged, and his awards met with general approval.

YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, Slater; 2, Snape; 3, Booth. BUFF: 1, Snape; 2, Slater; 3, Booth; 4, Simpson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Slater; 4, vhc, Snape; hc, Booth; c, Downing. BUFF: 1, Booth; 2, Slater; 3, vhc, Snape; 4, Downing; hc, Simpson. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Henson; 2, Robinson. BUFF (5): 1, Boothman; 2, vhc, Belton; 3, Robinson; 4, Henson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Boothman; 2, Henson; 3, Fulcher. BUFF: 1, 2, Boothman; 3, Fulcher; 4, Henson; vhc, Belton. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dr. Twigg. NOVICE SECTION.—YORKS., CL. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Irving; 2, vhc, Warburton; 4, Taylor; hc, Schofield. BUFF (4): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, 4, Yeates. YORKS., TKD., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, 4, Warburton. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Yeates; 3, Warburton. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Vint; 2, Booth; 3, 4, Annison. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Buckley; 2, Vint. NOR., TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Vint; 2, Buckley; 3, Harrison. BUFF: 1, Vint; 2, Buckley; 3, 4, Hunt. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Dr. Twigg. YOUNG MULES OR HYB.: 1, Buckley. OLD: 1, 2, Smith. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Buckley; 2, Schofield; 3, Harrison. LINNET, ETC. (10): 1, Buckley; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Harrison; vhc, Boothman; hc, Appleton; c, Schofield. BRIT. HARDBILL (9): 1, 2, 4, c, Smith; 3, Harrison; vhc, Buckley; hc, Schofield.—J. Spencer, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

This progressive society held their first Y.B. show of the season at the Parochial Hall, Battersea, on June 24. There was a fine entry of about 80 birds, the greater portion being Yorkshires and Borders. The Norwich breeders having had a rather bad time with the first round were not able to make much show; but good ones were put down by Messrs. McGregor, McMillan, Cross, and Denham. The majority of the Yorkshires were seen in the champion section, where some of the one-time novices fought their old battles over again. Mr. Tebbs staged a real good marked bird of capital type with fine length of wing. Mr. King pressed him hard, and had another good one winning in the clear class. Other good birds were staged by Messrs. C. Mabey, Hall, Clements, Saunders, and Walker. The show of Borders was one of the best ever seen in London at a young bird show, and among them were some very neat specimens of good type and quality. Mr. F. Moore put down a grand marked bird which won special for best in section. Mrs. Thynne as usual had out a good team, as did Mrs. McGregor, whose clear bird stood first in a strong class. In the novice section Messrs. Burgess, Gollop, and Mrs. Denham were the principal winners. Some really good Finches shown by Messrs. Cross, Newton, Hall, etc., made up a very interesting exhibition. The special winners were Messrs. McGregor, Tebbs, Moore, McMillan, Burgess, Cross, and Hall. The general interest in the competition was beyond the average, as points gained at this and subsequent shows, count for the valuable silver cups, which are won outright annually. Mr. H. Norman judged.

NOR.: 1, sp, 2, McGregor. YORKS., CL. (10): 1, 2, King; 3, Tebbs; vhc, Mabey; c, hc, Hall. MKD (10): 1, sp, 3, c, Tebbs; 2, King; vhc, Hall; hc Mabey. BORD. (10): 1, McGregor; 2, Moore; 3, vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Thynne. MKD. (9): 1, sp, Moore; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, hc, Mrs. Thynne; c, Mrs. McGregor. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne. NOVICE, NOR. (7): 1, hc, McMillan; 2, 3, hc, Cross; vhc, c, Denham. VAR.: 1, McMillan. YORKS., CL. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc Clements; hc, Saunders. MKD. (4): 1, Saunders 2, 3, vhc, Walker. BORD., CL. (10): 1, sp, 3, vhc hc, c, Burgess; 2, Gollop. MKD. (5): 1, Mrs. Denham, 2, Burgess; 3, vhc, Gollop. BRIT.: 1, sp, Cross; 2, 3, vhc, Hall; hc, c, Newton. HYB. 1, McMillan; 2, Cross.

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Twitterings.

The Darlington C.B.S. First Feather Show will be held on July 8, writes Mr. Hy. Todd, the hon. sec.

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The Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S. will hold their First Feather show on July 29th, writes Mr. Arthur Wake, the Sec.

Mr. C. H. Walton, of Leicester, has been engaged to judge our Nest Feather show on July 1st, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt, Hon. Sec of the Coventry O.S.

The Crewe and District O.S. annual members' Nest Feather Show will be held on July 22 in the Co-operative Hall; judge, Mr. Bowyer, of Leek, writes Mr. Ernest Jaycott, the sec.

We have now twenty real fancier members, writes Mr. Isaac Thomas, secretary of the Otley O.S., and our host, Mr. Clarke, has presented us with a valuable solid silver cup.

Mr. Edward Cadman, of Prince's Road, Brighton, requests us to state that he is in no way connected with the correspondent of the same name who wrote in our last issue (June 24) respecting the song of the Chaffinch.

Mr. Hamilton Paulley (Wells, Somerset) is again, we hear, the judge appointed for the Cage Bird Section of the Radstock Fanciers Open Show, to be held on August 23, one of the best locally patronised shows held in this district.

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The Bromley and West Kent Fanciers, writes Mr. A. T. Billinger, hon. sec., hold their annual show of young stock of cage birds, etc., on July 4th, and Mr. C. A. House will judge. Fanciers are cordially invited. Admission is free at 8 p.m. in the Co-operative Hall, East Street, Bromley.

Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) has, we hear, been engaged to judge as follows:—Wallasey, July 1; the Liverpool Greens, July 27; Penketh, Aug. 19; Liverpool, Nov. 3; Warrington, Nov. 11; Stoke-on-Trent, Nov. 16; Great Harwood, Nov. 24; Halifax, Dec. 1; Garston, Dec. 2; and Kendal, Dec. 26.

Unless members' subscriptions are paid up at our next meeting, writes Mr. J. Irlam, hon. sec. of the Sale Open Society, I shall have to cancel the First Feather Show. Our meetings start at 8 p.m. Will members who are not on the committee please note that these meetings are for them?

We are holding our fourth annual young stock show on July 1st, with Mr. G. Gardner, judge, at headquarters, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, write Messrs. Meades and Woolgar, secs. of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. Doors will be open at 5 p.m.; concert at 8 p.m. Fanciers are invited.

The Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their Nest Feather Show on July 1, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the sec. We have provided four classes for Yorkshires, four for Norwieb, one for Linnet, Twite, or Redpoll, one for A.O.S. Hardbill, one for A.S. Softbill, one for Mules or Hybrids and one for Foreign A.S. The exhibition will be held in the large club room at the Clarence Hotel. Birds to be staged at three o'clock prompt. Mr. W. Rapson will judge. A hearty invitation is extended to local fanciers.

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Will members of the Musselburgh O.S. please note that the First Feather Show will be held in the Royal Hotel Hall, kindly granted by Mrs. Graham, writes Mr. Wm. Nisbet, the hon. secretary. The show will be held on July 17, birds to be staged by one o'clock p.m. The committee are requested to meet on July 8, at 7 p.m., in Gray Horse; business, the election of judges.

Residents in London and suburbs shou'd pay a visit this Saturday afternoon or evening (July 1) to the premier show of young Canaries held in the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, High Street, Marylebone (near Baker Street Station) by the City and Suburban A.C.B. Easily reached from all parts by 'bus, tube or rail. Fine lot of British and foreign birds also on view. Don't miss it!—Advt.

Will members and friends of the Wolverhampton C.B.S. please note that owing to Mr. F. J. Weaver, our chairman, withdrawing from judging the Mules and British birds at our annual Nest Feather Show, on account of wanting to exhibit, we have engaged Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury) instead, as it was he who opened the eyes of every critic at our last show, writes Mr. J. Gibbons, the sec.

The young bird show of the Wimbledon and Dis. C.B.S. is being held on Monday next, July 3, at the headquarters of the society (6, The Broadway), where it is hoped a large number of fanciers and other friends will meet. The schedule comprises no fewer than twelve Canary classes, a Mule and Hybrid class, and a British bird class. The show will be open from 6 o'clock p.m. to 9.30 o'clock p.m.

OBITUARY.

I regret to report the loss sustained by the secretary of the Pentre and Dis. C.B.S. (Mr. G. Lingard) by the death of his mother-in-law, who was an ardent breeder of Canaries in her time, writes Mr. J. Byard, chairman of the Pentre and Dis. C.B.S. Mr. Lingard's wide circle of friends will join with us in heartfelt sympathy with him and his dear wife in their sad loss.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of the only son of Mr. Wm. Duke, our treasurer, at the early age of 19 years, writes Mr. Jas. Barrass, Sec., South Shields C.B.S. Always to the front, hard-working and obliging, and assisting his father during his secretaryship, he was loved by all fancier friends and members alike. He was a loving son to his parents, and his loss is deeply mourned by us all. He was laid to rest on June 24 in the Harton Cemetery. I am sure all will extend to Mr. and Mrs. Duke our most heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Mr. R. WATSON (Denton).

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of one of our vice-presidents, Mr. R. Watson, who passed away on June 16 after a long and painful illness, at the age of 45, writes Mr. W. Hopwood, sec. of the Denton and Dis. C.B.S. He was one of the first in the forming of our society, and has always been a willing worker in trying to make it a success. The sympathy of the members goes out to Mrs. Watson in her sad bereavement.

Mr. J. CHALMERS, Sen. (Kelty)

It is with regret, writes Mr. Adam Dickson, sec. of the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A., that I have to report the death of one of our oldest members, Mr. John Chalmers, sen. He was working at his trade (tailoring) on June 14th, and died on the following Tuesday. Pleurisy was the cause of his death. Deceased was a staunch fancier all his life. The love of birds seemed to have run in the blood. His father before him was a fancier, and all his brothers are. He was a native of Markinch. He was as keen as the youngest of us, and will be sadly missed by us all.

Mr. DAVID RENFREW (Glasgow).

Mr. Thos. Smith (Glasgow) writes: Your readers will regret to learn that Mr. David Renfrew, the well-known Scotch Fancy Canary breeder, judge, and exhibitor, passed away suddenly on the morning of June 19th at his residence, 110, Aitkenhead Road. He occupied the position of foreman blacksmith in the iron works of Messrs. W. Dixon, Limited. He went to his work as usual at 6 a.m., but shortly afterwards had a seizure, and was assisted home, where he expired within an hour. Some years ago he gave up the breeding and keeping of Canaries. He had a most successful career as a breeder, having in his time produced the best of stock, which figured at the leading exhibitions in the forefront. He bred a substantial Canary, and never had the slightest difficulty in getting his surplus stock disposed of. In the capacity of judge none was more popular. He had a thorough grasp of the points of the Scotch Fancy Canary, and was never known to flinch in giving an exhibit its position of merit. He was easily distinguished in a show, and being of a noble and firm character, he was respected by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. Your readers will no doubt join in sympathy with his widow and family.

I started in the Fancy in the early part of March, and now have eight young ones on the sticks, with four eggs to hatch, from one pair—a Yorkshire cock and a Norwich hen, writes Mr. C. Pratt (London, S.E.). I think I may consider myself successful. If any reader of Cage Birds lives near me (3, Vowler Street, Heygate Street, Walworth) I should be glad if they would call and see my birds, so as to give me their opinions on them.

Will all secretaries desirous of the patronage of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club please apply at once, as time is getting on? write Messrs. Lane and Jowett, hon. secs., 15, Aberdeen Terrace, Lidget Green, Bradford.

The New Cross and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their Young Stock Show on July 6, at 7.30 p.m., Mr. J. Robson to judge, write Messrs. Barton and Hearn, the secs. Six specials are to be competed for, one 2s. 6d. for most entries. Members joining same night can compete. (Subs. 1s. per quarter, no nomination fee.) All particulars to be had from us at 8, Warwick Street, Deptford.

Will secretaries and others please note my change of address from 158, Lowfield Road, Stockport (formerly of the Rams Head Hotel, Stockport), to Brunswick Hotel, Katherine St., Ashton-under-Lyne, writes Mr. F. A. Hargreaves. I am sorry to say that my unflighted Buff is dead. He was 1st at Wellingborough, 2nd at Crewe, 1st at Rochdale, 4th at Belle Vue, 2nd at Liverpool, 3rd at Nottingham, 1st at Stockport, and 2nd at Halifax.

We have been successful in securing the services of the following well-known judges to officiate at our First Annual Show on December 2, writes Mr. J. I. Mackie, sec. of the Edinburgh and Dis. C.B.S.:—For Norwich and Crests, Mr. A. Sloan (Glasgow); for Border Fancies, Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso); for Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. King (Musselburgh); and for British and Foreign birds and Mules, Mr R. Bald (Bathgate).

Mr. James Dewar, the celebrated judge, writes:—"Dear Mr. Ramsden, kindly send me 60 tins of your pure tasteless pepper. I am glad to say it is going strong this season, and rightly so, as I think this season's is the best I have ever had the pleasure of handling. The colour is simply marvellous. The fanciers are delighted, and think it is the best they have ever used." And so say all those who understand anything about pepper. Ramsden's Pure Peppers are, without doubt, the finest the world produces.—Advt.

A private meeting of the City of Glasgow O.A. was held on Friday evening, June 23, under the presidency of Mr. David Black, supported by the secretary, Mr. McDonald, and seven Scotch Fancy members, in reference to the allegations recently made against a judge. The evidence for and against (writes our representative) was of a voluntary nature, and full particulars will be submitted at the extraordinary general meeting which will be convened at an early date. Members past and present will do well to be present and bear for themselves and take part in the business of this meeting.

A Huge Clutch.

A friend of ours told us the other day that one of his hen Canaries had laid a clutch of ten eggs. This was at her second attempt, the first clutch being a normal one of five eggs. An egg was laid regularly each morning until the enormous number of ten had been deposited in the nest. The hen looks none the worse for the experience, and is now sitting closely on part of the clutch.

Two Swan Hybrids.

It may interest your readers, writes Mr. Thos. Johnson (Southport) to know that two hybrids between the male Australian black Swan and female white Swan have just hatched out and are on the water. There can be no possibility of mistake, as the two have been the only Swans on the water for two years. I understand, though, that this hybrid has been obtained before. They are to be found on the lake at Hesketh Park, Southport.

Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.

Owing to the overlapping of judges, etc., for societies applying for the patronage of the Cinnamon Marked Yorks C.C., write Messrs. Grayshon and Allen, the secs., we are still at liberty to grant patronage to one show, which must be held on any one of the following dates: Nov. 18th, Dec. 16th, or Jan. 13th, 1912. Will any society willing to make requisite number of classes, please write us as soon as possible at Wormald Street, Flush, Hecknondwike?

Fanciers at Cricket.

"Windhill versus the Rest of Bradford" are the sides in a game of cricket to be played on July 15 on the grounds of the Hare and Hounds Hotel, Menston, writes Mr. T. Ogden, Dudley Hill, Bradford. Any bird fancier wishing to make one in this party, either as a player or a spectator, will oblige by sending their names to me or to Mr. Walter Crabtree not later than July 10, as the proprietor wants to know how many to cater for. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. All are welcome (ladies included).



My Favourite Canaries.

The Norwich Plainhead and the Lizard.

By
W. REID
(Sunderland).

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So many writers have described in the columns of CAGE BIRDS the method of pairing in order to obtain the best results, that it is quite unnecessary for me to go fully into this subject; I will content myself therefore by stating that the cock should be of good size, and full of colour, while the more typical he is in shape, of course, the better. The predominating points in the hen should be type, combined with short, close feather of the finest quality; and the more typical you can get the hen the greater prospects you will have of producing something fit for the show bench.

The Beginner's Best Method.

Beginners should also thoroughly understand that it is quite useless attempting to breed high-class birds from common stock, and if their aim is to produce exhibition birds they would be well advised to obtain a reliable foundation to commence from, as this will save years of disappointments. The best thing he can do is to place himself in the hands of some reliable fancier who, he knows, has bred his own winners consistently for several years. Even if he has to suffer a few little disappointments at first, he will, if he follows the breeder's advice, most assuredly get his turn, and that very soon. And the little sets-back he has experienced at first will serve to make him more zealous—that is, if he has the making of a true fancier; and he has the further satisfaction of knowing that he had to creep before he could walk. I don't care about the class of fancier who suddenly rises, meteor-like, from nowhere, and (probably owing to his possessing a better-lined pocket than the majority of fanciers are blessed with) wins more prizes (in open classes) during his first and second years than many fanciers do in ten (posing meanwhile as an expert in the particular variety he is exhibiting), only to disappear as suddenly as he came—the natural result of his own ignorance. Yet if you were to ask some of them why they had declined the Fancy they would probably tell you they were tired of it.

An Apology for the Lizard.

With these few remarks I will close this part of my paper, and go on to the next part, viz., the Lizard. This is a variety that stands very high in my estimation, and I have bred and exhibited it successfully for some years. Its beauty and general excellence will be very hard to beat, and the distinctive characteristics, such as the spangle, cap, etc., give to it an especial charm possessed by very few of the other breeds of Canary. It is, moreover, a very free breeder—at least, I have always found it so—besides being a really excellent songster; and if fanciers would only dismiss from their minds the absurd objection they have to it, namely, that it is an exhibition bird for one year only, there is no reason why this beautiful variety should not become one of the most popular on the show bench, as it deserves to be.

To describe the Lizard as a one-year bird is, I often think, carrying things too far, or rather, I should say, not far enough. Thus you will hear some fanciers say: "Oh, yes; the Lizard is a bonny bird, but the worst of it is it is only a one-year bird"; then they stop, and appear to forget that they ought to explain what they mean by this. The result is you are sometimes astonished by a young fancier remarking that Lizards are no good as they don't breed after their first year; while others are under the impression that over-year birds with the light tips will only breed birds like themselves. Of course, those who breed the variety know that the above-named impressions are entirely fallacious, and it will be apparent to everyone that they would be quite done away with, and the true facts thoroughly understood, if fanciers would only take the trouble to express themselves properly when discoursing on the subject, whether they take an interest in the variety or not. And I believe that this scant regard for details is to a great extent responsible for the poor support given to this variety by fanciers in general. Fanciers who are thinking of taking up this variety (and I hope they are many) will gather from the above that Lizards certainly breed for as long a time as any other variety of Canary, and that breeding with over year birds makes no difference whatever in the young ones. I am afraid, too, that some of these young fanciers would receive something of a shock if they offered to purchase some of the old birds at present in the possession of some breeders—that is, if they expected to get them cheap, simply because they were over-year birds.

Now for the bird itself. As in the case of the other varieties the Lizards are classed as of two colours, yellows and buffs, the difference here being that the yellows are termed golden Lizards and the buff Silver Lizards. The first great point in the Lizard is the spangling, which is formed by the lines of black feathers running down the back, each feather forming the line being fringed with a light edging, either gold or silver, according to the colour of the bird. These lines run from the neck right down the back, narrow at the top and getting slightly wider apart as they come down, the spangling increasing in size in a corresponding manner. It is most essential also that these lines be perfectly straight and running in regular order; otherwise you cannot have that grand formation that is so desirable in a first-class Lizard.

Faults in the Spangling.

At the same time it must be understood that this formation is not the only thing required, for you must also have the bold distinct spangle. Thus a bird may be too pale in ground colour, or it may carry too much of the light fringe on its feathers; in either of which cases the spangling will not appear as clear and distinct as in the more perfect bird. On the other hand, the light fringe on the feathers may not be large enough, giving the bird the appearance of having no spangle at all, although it may be perfectly rowed; but as I have said, rowing by itself is of no use if it is not accompanied by clear, distinct spangling, for it is this perfect rowing combined with good spangling, which constitutes what the Lizard breeders term "grand back-work," and the more of these rows of perfect spangling you can get on the bird the better it will be. Yet, remember, you do not want rows to begin at the neck and finish off about half-way down the bird's back; neither do you want a short row of spangling between two perfect rows, for both these defects spoil the appearance of the bird's back, though they make it as if it has a lot of spangle.

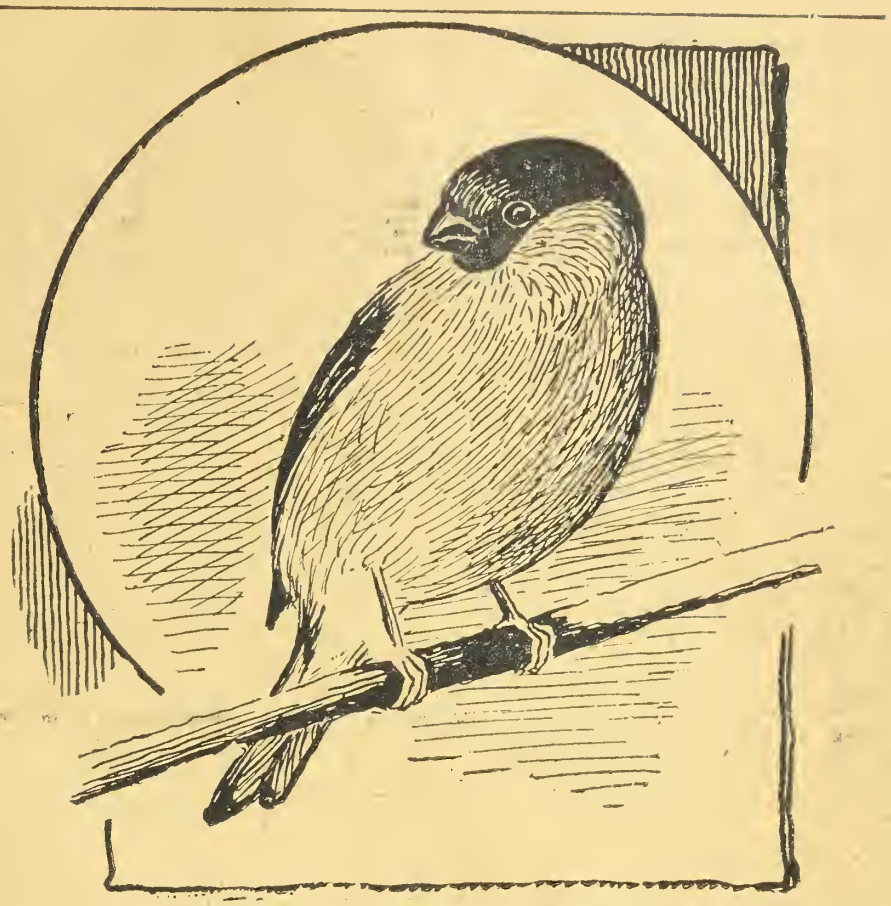
The feathers on the shoulders and upper part of the wings are also fringed with a lighter shade of colour, giving the bird a most beautiful appearance, while the outside margins of the flight feathers and also the tail feathers are laced with either a gold or silver edging, according to the colour of the bird. If you can get the bird well laced with dark lines down both sides of the body and over the breast then you have a perfect Lizard so far as spangling and lacing are concerned.

We now come to the cap, which will be either clear yellow or clear buff. A clear cap, that is, one without a break in it, should be as large as possible, and the shape of a thumb-nail, running in equal width over the head, from the base of the beak to just over the back of the skull; and, of course, the wider the head of the bird the better the cap will be. The cap should not be cut off too short at the back of the head, neither should it be carried too far over. These are defects which a breeder gives due attention to when pairing up his birds, especially in the latter case.

Just over the eyes there is a fine black line, termed the eyelash. This line gives a most finished look to a good cap.

There are, of course, broken caps as well as clear caps. "broken" meaning that the cap has a patch of dark feathers running into it. This patch may vary in size, but the least bit of dark running into the clear constitutes a broken cap as much as though the bird had nearly the whole of the head dark. These broken cap birds generally excel in spangling, and the "crack" breeders generally have either heavily broken caps, or non-capped birds (these latter being birds without any cap at all) in their rooms, as they are invaluable for breeding birds with good spanglings.

(To be continued.)



A Welsh Winning Bullfinch.

First and Special Prizes at Carnarvon Show for Mr. John Williams (Llangoed.)

Some Recent Arrivals from Abroad.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Continued from page 475).

Yellow-headed Marsh Birds.

I saw a query recently in the correspondence columns from a reader who wished to identify a "Yellow headed Blackbird" he had shot in America. I expect this was *Xanthocephalus Icterocephalus*, which is known by the above name in the States, and answers to the description, though the male has a patch of white on the wing, which the correspondent did not mention. This fine species has a most extensive range over almost the whole of (western) North America, and is even said to have been found in Greenland. The male is a large bird, black except its yellow head and white patch on the upper wing-coverts; the female is smaller, brownish with a little yellow on the sides of the head. Some were privately imported last autumn, and others by Mr. Frost; another (private) consignment is expected in July. The following is an extract from the "Ornithologist and Ologist":—"An abundant bird in some portions of Wyoming, inhabiting the marshes and wet prairies. At Fort Laramie I found a breeding place and secured fifteen complements of eggs and a few nests. The nests were built in the tall rushes of a slough and formed of rush leaves of the year before, very nicely woven together and lined with the same material in fine pieces. They were firmly attached to three or four rushes, and built very close to the water among a colony of Redwings."

A pair built a good nest in a Lincolnshire aviary last year, and their owner was hoping to breed them successfully this summer, but unfortunately the female has recently died. I am indebted to Dr. Amsler for the following remarks on its habits in captivity:—"They are very mysterious birds: I can see my aviaries from one of my windows, and often watch the birds with field-glasses, yet I never see them feed, and do not really know what they eat. I am told they take seed, and I believe it, though they do not look like seedeaters; mealworms are the only food I have ever seen them pick up. The cock and hen are never far apart, but are shy, and fond of hiding in a bush. I find them quite inoffensive to small birds, and indifferent to cold. Both were out all last winter, and the cock was perfectly fit all the time: the hen, however, had to come in in March as she moulted heavily, and could hardly fly at all. I think that, to breed them, they should have an aviary to themselves, because they are very bad hands at looking after No. 1, and allow themselves to be hustled by smaller and weaker birds. The cock has a rather disagreeable song, beginning with a splutter and ending with a most painful scroopy note. There was a letter in CAGE BIRDS some weeks since saying that the writer had seen a black bird with yellow head flying loose; this must, I think, have been an escaped cock Reed-bird, or some species of Troupial." My experience with Marsh-birds (*L. superciliaris*) and Military Starlings (*T. militaris* and *T. defilippii*) coincides with Dr. Amsler's; I have not known them eat anything but seed and mealworms, and they do not seem, as a rule, to be long lived, which is much to be deplored, as they are very handsome birds and quite harmless.

Orphean and Barred Warblers.

A few individuals of these two delightful species have been recently privately imported, but unfortunately too late for the breeding season. They are amongst the largest of the European Warblers, and have an extensive range, the former in S. and S.E., and the latter in Central and E. Europe. A few stragglers have reached this country; hence the names of both are to be found in the list of British Birds. The male Orphean somewhat resembles a Blackcap, but is half as large again, and the area of black on the head extends below the eyes. The female, except in point of size, closely resembles a male Whitethroat. A solitary female in my aviary this summer commenced several nests, and, I think, would have bred if I could have procured a male of her own species. I tried to induce her to mate with a cock Blackcap, but they took no notice of one another. Presumably, therefore, these two species, though somewhat alike, are not closely related—indeed I have always maintained that the Blackcap, if only from the fact that it has no spring moult, should be regarded as somewhat apart from the true Warblers. We may note another point of difference in the fact that the young male Blackcap shows some black on the crown very shortly after leaving the nest, whereas some young male Orpheans, which I saw at Messrs. De Von's in the autumn a couple of years since, were very like an adult female. It is delightful to watch this Warbler in an outdoor aviary. Always spick and span, neat and trim, it threads its way through the densest foliage as deftly and gracefully as the hull of a racing yacht glides through broken water.

The Barred Warbler is much more easily procured, as it breeds in Central Europe, and therefore comes into touch with the German bird-catcher. It is a bird of most distinctive appearance—I think we might call it a miniature Cuckoo, being ashey-grey barred over the whole of the lower parts, from the throat to the under tail-coverts, with darker grey, and having a bright yellow eye. The underparts of the female are whitish, with just a few bars on the flanks. The male has a habit of ruffling up the feathers on the crown just as a Whitethroat does, when she scolds one for coming too near her nest, and he has somewhat similar notes, though harsher. I find that both these species will eat a good deal of fruit, and are therefore quite easy to cater for. If the European Warblers were better known in this country I feel sure they would be very popular. Some of them are very handsome though in point of colouring they cannot compare with some of the American species, which are as brilliant as the Tanagers. For instance, there is the Blackburnian Warbler, which nests in Canada and winters in the tropics: head black striped with flaming orange, throat brilliant orange, underparts bright yellow, wings and back shining black striped with pure white.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Feather Eating.

M. F. Hurst.—You should have said how you feed and treat your birds, as I fear from your remark about them smelling badly there must be something radically wrong in this respect. Keep cages and perches as clean as possible, and whilst the unpleasantness lasts strew them well with fine sawdust giving a small shallow box or tin full of gritty sand in one corner of the cage. Feed on a staple of plain canary only for fortnight, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk well sprinkled with maw seed. Give a little chickweed or green plantain stalks daily. Allow birds to bathe regularly. Give all round six drops of syrup or rhubarb, and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea in the water every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then go on to the ordinary dietary, frequently advised here and in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," for continued use. Should the particular hen referred to commence to pluck out her feathers give in addition to the above treatment in the first week, on the days alternating between giving rhubarb, etc., as much bromide of potassium as will cover a threepenny piece in the drinking water.

Poor Results.

W. E. H.—Sorry, but the holiday dislocation rendered a reply last week quite impossible. If your soft food consists only of crushed biscuits, and your letter infers as much, you will get little, if any, better results until you alter it. The sample of seed is quite good, but you do not require an elaborate mixture like this as a staple. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. When young are expected to hatch add a crystal of sulphate of soda to the drinking water of those hens that appear lacking in duty for two days, and offer a bath in which a little common salt has been dissolved. For the first few hours after hatching give a little pure yolk of egg, then add a little crumb of stale bread to it each time until, by the third day, you are using two-thirds bread crumb to one third egg, or better still, give equal parts egg, bread and crushed sponge cake, and in either case add a sprinkling of maw to it. Begin giving green food on the third or fourth day, and give both this, and the egg food in small quantities as often as convenient, but not less than twice a day, and as fresh and pure as possible. If the young get too loose slightly dust the egg food once a day with powdered cuttlefish, or add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinking water until looseness is corrected. Keep cages and all food and water vessels scrupulously clean.

Trouble with Young Crests.

Disheartened Novice.—It is certainly unfortunate that all your feeders should have behaved so badly and gone to nest again so soon. Have you been feeding them too highly whilst sitting? If not too late put all these feeders when sitting on a diet of plain canary only whilst sitting, and allow no "extras" save just a pinch of hemp, and a scrap of egg food once each per week. If you find it necessary to keep the cocks out of the earshot, if possible, and whilst feeding young give chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress freely as green food, but strictly avoid dandelion. As soon as young can begin to pick for themselves give a supply of canary seed with a sprinkling of summer rape on top daily. Give also a little egg food daily, mixed rather on the dry side, and sprinkled with maw and a little cracked hemp (see that it is good) each day. As soon as the birds crack the canary seed freely, gradually withdraw the hemp and egg, and, finally, bring them on to plain canary as staple, with a little rape every second day, and on the alternating days twice a week a little egg food, and on other two days a little of a mixture of hemp, broken groats and millet. Withhold green food until they are about six or seven weeks old, then give a few green plaintain stalks to begin with. For hand-rearing make the ordinary egg food into a soft paste, and feed lightly about every half hour from dawn to dusk. Give as much as each will readily take. Add a little finely minced green stuff to the egg food several times each day, only making this addition to the quantity of food you are going to use immediately. As soon as they get out of the nest and begin to pick about, give a little seed and egg food to pick at and proceed the same as above advised.

To Tame the Young.

George Turner.—I think your treatment is at fault, as young at six weeks old should not require both egg food and bread and milk to be supplied daily. They should be going pretty strong on seed diet at that age. If you adopt the following treatment you will soon find an improvement in the birds' condition. As soon as they are quite weaned from the parents keep them supplied daily with a box of good sound canary seed, on top of which sprinkle a little summer rape daily. In addition give egg food sprinkled with maw in the egg drawer, and keep it rather on the dry side. Add no moisture at all in mixing the egg food other than what is naturally in the hard-boiled egg, which is quite sufficient to bring the food to the desired crumbly consistency. Stop the bread and milk, and give instead a small supply of cracked hemp daily. A teaspoonful of soaked rape, drained and wiped dry, may be given daily to each brood, but be careful this does not become sour, and see also that the hemp is sound and good. Watch the seed box, and as soon as you see by the husks left that the birds are cracking the canary seed freely begin to reduce the supply of egg food and hemp, and encourage them to partake freely of the seed. By the time they are six weeks old you should have gradually brought them on to a diet of unlimited plain canary as staple. Every second day give a little summer rape as an extra, and on the alternate days a half teaspoonful per bird of egg food, crushed sponge cake, or the equivalent in bread and milk—one or the other, but not all of them at once—and twice a week give a small quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp and broken groats. At seven or eight weeks you may reduce the soft food to twice a week. Withhold all green food for the present, and add a teaspoonful of limewater to the drinking water for a day or two until the looseness is checked.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Bottye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Feeding Young....(A Worried Novice).— See reply to "Disheartened Novice," which will fully meet your needs. Use two parts hemp, to one part each of broken groats and millet, for this mixture. I presume when you separated them from the parents you arranged matters so that the parents could, if disposed, feed the young through the wires. The cock, at least, might have gone on feeding some time longer, and thus given the young a good start.

Loss of Young. (A. Hollingshead).—See that all your seeds and foods are sound and sweet, and if you have been using hemp break open some of this and see if the kernel is sound and good. Read reply to "W. E. H.," and in the main adopt that advice but make your egg food with equal parts of egg, crushed sponge cake, and stale bread crumbs, and add a sprinkling of maw. Also begin to give greenstuff in small quantities from the second day. I rather suspect the hens are not feeding, in which case you should treat them about the time of hatching as advised to "Disheartened Novice."

Voice Failing. (H. R.).—The bird that seems to be losing its voice, may be doing so because it is about going into moult, but the other bird being wheezy gives a rather ominous aspect. See reply to "Frank Hamhrook," in last issue, and carry out those suggestions as to removing causes, and also treat the two birds as therein advised, except that you only need give the rhubarb and salts for two days. If there is not a considerable improvement in a fortnight get a chemist to mix two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of ipecacuanha wine, and chlorodyne, and six grains of iodide of potassium, and give 20 drops of this in the water of the wheezy bird every second day for a fortnight.

Back Claw Useless (Walker).—As the young do not go wrong until four or five weeks old I suspect your perches are the cause of the mischief. See that they are well and conveniently placed, fit firmly, and are of a proper size for the birds to grip comfortably. Try now, putting in small perches, about the size of a lead pencil, or graduating from rather small to rather larger than a lead pencil. If you find the birds grip these, do nothing else, but leave in these perches for two or three months. If they quite fail to get the hind claw under them as it should be, put in more substantial perches, and put small rubber rings on the toes as frequently described here. Leave these on for a month, then remove, and put in the small perches for a time.

Not Nesting. (A Constant Reader).—Are you quite satisfied about the sex of the Rollers, and does either of them sing, and how old are they? The replies to these questions would have helped to clear up matters. I rather suspect the birds are two hens. Still, try the following:- For three days give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the drinking water, and for the remainder of a week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and tincture of steel. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake with a pinch of a mixture of equal parts gold of pleasure and sesame mixed in it, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, and millet. Give two or three dandelion leaves daily, and if you have them available three or four mealworms a day might be very helpful. If, as you surmise, the other hen's eggs are unfertile feed her as above before she starts nesting again. But it is now getting late to allow a hen to start again. See reply to "P. D. R.," re unfertility.

Moulting. (G.R., Cardiff).—You omit to say whether the bird moulted last autumn or not, if it did it should not have started moulting again when it did. See that it is kept free from draughts, and extreme fluctuations, not near an open window or the ceiling, but in a bright and airy place. As a staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle. Give a little green food daily. If available two mealworms a day for a short time would be beneficial. In the drinking water give six drops or syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight. The seeds sent were good.

Feeding Young (Hamlet).—Your query has been mis-sent to me. See Mr. Weston's replies next week, and meantime I think you may safely follow the same advice as given to several correspondents in this and last week's issues for the treatment of young Canaries after leaving their parents.

Young Dying (E. Griffiths).—There must be something wrong with your general treatment for all the young to go off, as you say, year after year. It would have been best to have mentioned your system of feeding, etc., in detail, as then I might have detected where the screw was loose. See reply to "George Turner" in this issue. By following up that treatment for the young you should have no difficulty in saving them.

Border Hen.—(H. W. W.).—I'm afraid the hen is not going to be much of a prodigy in health or stamina. A "last year's bird," by the way, is generally understood to be one that hatched last year, so I do not quite see how, in that case, she could have bred well before you had her unless it was done very early this spring. Keep the perches scrupulously clean. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. In addition give every second day for a fortnight a morsel of bread sopped in milk, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. On each of the alternate days give a little green food. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week 20 drops of Chemical food two days in every three. Allow her to bathe freely, and anoint the bare place sparingly three times a week until irritation ceases with zinc ointment.

Seed and Infertility.—(P.D.R.).—No, I do not consider the sample of hemp good enough to feed young Canaries in the nest, nor adult ones either for that matter. Try to get better quality or discard hemp altogether. As regards the infertility, it is almost futile speculating about the cause both birds appearing so healthy and vigorous. It may be due to such a variety and number of circumstances, of which I may be unaware. See latter part of reply to "Disappointed" in last issue. If that suggestion applies to the behaviour of your birds try to arrange the nest and perches so that the hen may be induced, if possible, to hop on to side of nest or perch when mating. See that the side of the nest gives a good grip for the bird's feet, and that the perches are firmly fixed. If birds have long loose feathers about the flanks and abdomen trim off the loose tips neatly before they go to nest again. How old are the birds? This may have something to do with it. In any case as the hen feeds well after hatching the eggs of other hens she is certainly worth her keep, if it is only to be utilised when required as a foster parent. Never discard a good feeding hen lightly, however useless she may be as far as producing young herself is concerned.

Failing Song. (S. Wants).—The bird is going into proper moult, and will doubtless cease singing altogether for a time, even though he did not cease last year. The continued slow moulting is almost certainly due to keeping the bird in a draught or fluctuating temperature. This must be totally avoided. Keep it in an airy place, but quite free from draughts or extremes of heat and cold, and particularly avoid a position near a window that opens, or near or over burning lights in the evenings. As soon as the feathers begin to drop freely cover over the cage until they have ceased doing so. In addition to the staple diet give half teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake, sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and twice each week until the moult has made good progress, slightly dust it with flowers of sulphur. On the alternate days give it a little greenstuff. Allow it to bathe freely. To get a good moult, add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey and a few shreds of saffron for a few days.

Roller Hen. (Doubleyou).—Many thanks for your letter. It would be mutually helpful if more querists reported the future fortunes of sick birds. The sudden relapse when nesting after apparently recovering so well under treatment seems to confirm my previous suspicions that some disease of the ovary was at the root of the trouble. A post mortem would have been most valuable in such a case, and I am sorry the condition of the body deterred you submitting it for the same. I do not think your management was in any way the cause and certainly the previous owner could not be held to blame. It was doubtless just one of those lapses from the normal condition to which every living creature is subject. More than this I cannot say in the absence of such definite knowledge as a post mortem would have revealed. Thanks for good wishes. Shall be only too pleased to assist you in every possible way at any time.

A Trio (One in Doubt).—(1) The height to which Canaries can reach their feeding holes comfortably without a cross perch is quite a matter for personal observation. It depends solely upon the stature of the bird. A hole, for instance, that was uncomfortably high for a Roller would be quite easily accessible to a Lancashire standing behind it. For a Roller, I should say 1½ ins., and a Crest or Lancashire 2½ ins. to 3 ins. would be about as high as they could comfortably manage. This is speaking from memory. (2) Yes. Canaries can be colour fed quite easily without egg food. But do not attempt it by substituting soaked rape and biscuit, which is too apt to become sour. Use simply plain crushed sponge or Madeira cake as a vehicle for the colour agent, or, better still, you could make a cake and introduce the colour into it in the course of making. You would find a recipe for this in Part IX. of "Our Canaries." (3) Your Mule query should have been on a separate sheet for Mr. Weston. See his replies next week. Meantime you may, assuming the birds are able to pick egg food easily, treat as advised to "George Turner" for young Canaries.

Not Nesting (F.W. P.).—The hen is clearly not in breeding condition, and at this late season will probably not come into condition at all this year. But you may try what the following treatment will do. For one week give nothing but plain canary seed and a free supply of green food daily, and every second day add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water. At the end of the week add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet, and every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with a pinch of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure mixed in it, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and yellow mustard, and two leaves or seed heads of dandelion daily. Continue this treatment for three weeks, and try her with the cock again after she has been on it a week. If she does not then soon show signs of nesting, revert to the plainer diet, and turn her into a good sized flight for moulting, and let her stay in it until next spring.

Injured Leg (Inquirer).—You omit all mention of the nature of the accident which caused the injury, so I am very much in the dark as to what it is likely to be. But of one thing you may be sure: that your suggestion about the thigh "being out" is wholly imaginary. There couldn't be "no sich thing." Your best course is to leave the remedy entirely to Nature. Strictly avoid all interference and keep the bird as quiet as possible until it resumes activity and begins to use the leg freely on its own account. Keep it in a moderately sized cage, with the perches placed firmly and conveniently, so as to enable the bird to get about them on one leg with the greatest amount of ease and comfort, and do not put anything on the floor which may get entangled with the claws; sawdust or clean dry sand will be best. See that the bird does not have to strain to reach the food or water vessels.

Pulling out Feathers (E. G. Cove).—First of all see that the bird does not hang in a window that opens, in any direct draught between doors or windows; near or over burning lights in the evening, nor high up near the ceiling. Keep it in a bright, airy and healthy position; also examine the cage well, scraping out any cracks or joints on to a sheet of white paper, to see if any red mites are to be found, and, if so, eradicate them. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and continue giving a little green food daily. Twice a week for the next month give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed, and on two other days each week give a crystal of sulphate of soda and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece. It is quite probable the bird may begin to moult quickly before the month's treatment is finished, but continue it, as it will help to make the moult complete and normal. A green plantain stalk daily would help to divert its attention from its plumage for the time being.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Naughty Cat (Feline).—I am really surprised that you should find it necessary to write to me to ask what you should do to a cat that persists in sitting on top of the cage of your Blackbird and frightening the inmate. I am afraid talking to it won't cause it to mend its ways, and naughty cats, unlike naughty children, are not easy to cane. Perhaps a very liberal dusting of the cage top with strong pepper might prove persuasive. If this is impracticable, drive a quantity of thin wire nails through a suitable thin piece of board, then file the ends of the nails very sharp and arrange the board on the roof of the cage. Or a few strands of barbed wire might answer. I have known an air-gun, carefully directed, to convince pussy that life on an aviary roof or cage top is not worth the living. Any cat so disreputable as to fail to yield to one or other of these blandishments can only be classed with the vermin. And "vermin killers" are both morally and physically potent.

Two Items (S. C. R.).—The knocking out of the flights in the night is due to the bird being subject to nervous fits (periods), when it dashes blindly about the cage. Some birds are very troublesome in this respect, although normally very tame. What kind of cage do you keep it in; and is there any chance of lights shining in after it has gone to roost; or of disturbance by mice, cats, or the like? The cage should be of the box pattern, and you might do well in covering the front at night with

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6): Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1). Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

a thin black cloth. Yes; a Hawfinch should be given a little colour-food when moulting. I always make a practice of giving my birds a little soft-food (some good insectile mixture prepared in the usual way) throughout the summer. They are very fond of it, and during the moult they take it freely. It is very good, then, as a change of diet, and the sweet pepper can be easily mixed amongst it (very little is needed if the bird is naturally rich in colour).

When Nesting Again (One in Doubt).—Note the replies given "Hamlet" and others this week, which cover your own query. It is of no use to hurry on the hen with another nest, and thus endanger the lives of the Mules as yet unable to feed themselves. A bird on the perch is worth two in the next nest, as Shakespeare remarked. A hen, of course, will continue to feed youngsters, though engaged in building her next home, but she does not pay them so much attention as formerly, and if she comes on to lay quickly, then there is danger of her neglecting the growing babies, when, if they "go back" (as fanciers term it), they may become too weak to pick up for themselves, and so find an early grave. Mule-breeders very rarely have a cock bird at hand which will finish off a young brood; therefore we need to compel the hen to do it before allowing her to commence incubating further eggs. Truth to tell, however, I do not encounter much difficulty on this score, for young Mules are more precocious than young Canaries, and can satisfy their own wants at an earlier age. Personally, I shut them off in one half of the two-compartment breeder (the type of cage I always use and recommend), which prevents the hen plucking them if inclined that way, while she can feed them through the wires of the sliding division.

A Magpie's Tongue; and a Skylark (A. G. Child).—I advise you either to invest in a copy of Mr. Norman's book on "Softbills" (post free, 1s. 1d.), or the "Nutshell" booklet on the Skylark (post free, 2½d.), either of which our publisher would send you. You will then be in possession of full information as to the best possible methods of feeding and managing a Skylark. In the space allowed me here, I cannot possibly go full enough into the subject. I agree that your bird ought to be a fine songster next year. With regard to cutting the tongue of a young Magpie with the idea of facilitating its talking, this is a useless cruelty, which ought to be punishable at law. A bird does not need to use its tongue to talk, and therefore the barbarous operation known as "slitting" it is no aid to articulation. I have explained this times without number. It seems, however, to be an "old woman's tale" which dies hard. Those who slit birds' tongues ought to have their own tongues slit; then, possibly, people might cease to recommend the operation. I have a Magpie now which talks as clearly and fluently as any bird I ever listened to (Parrots excepted), and its tongue is in the same condition as Nature made it.

Young Hybrids (Hamlet).—The diet need not vary for young hybrids between the Canary and any of the Finches; at least, I never find any necessity to treat one Mule differently to another at the time they are commencing to pick up for themselves. The great thing is not to encourage the hen Canary to get on with her next nest until the Mules are fairly on the way to supplying their own wants. Don't give her nesting material, on any account, until the youngsters are begining to pick over the food. The latter should be placed on a feeding board, one of the most useful appliances out (an illustration of one appeared in Mr. Norman's article in CAGE BIRDS of March 11th last). By using this, they get on food very quickly; they see the hen feeding from it, and soon begin to follow her example. When observed to do the latter, they can be shut off with a wired slide, through which the hen will continue to give them frequent "meals" (while building her next nest) until they cease to "cry" to her for food. Put a mixture of food on the board—egg-bread, crushed Canary, hemp and sunflower seeds and maw seed, together with sprays of ripe seeding shepherd's purse. Note another answer given this week. The seeding shepherd's purse is very valuable; young birds delight in it. Good luck to you.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

A Feather Puller.

J. H. W. (Littleborough.—Your Roseate Cockatoo has evidently been mistreated before coming into your possession. Every fourth day so long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, about one ounce, and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Continue to spray with quassia solution. I prefer the following mixture to mixed foods: Two parts each Canary and white millet, and one part each hemp, paddy rice, small maize, wheat, oats, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Supply ripe fruit daily, you can also supply at intervals, nuts, plain biscuit and green food. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed.

Waxbills in Cages.

"Je ne Suis pas."—You should get our Nutshell Booklet, "Waxbills," 2½d. post free, from our Manager; it will tell you all about keeping these minute and charming birds. Both Crimson-ears and Orange-cheeks are shyer breeders than others, for instance, Golden-crested and St. Helena, and I advise you to procure the two latter. In an all-wire cage, a board, piece of opaque glass or something similar, should be laid on top of the cage, covering up the nesting receptacle, which should be a cocoanut shell (not husk), these can be purchased ready for hanging up. Supply Canary and white millet, and keep a millet spray hanging in the cage, replacing it with a fresh one when it is picked clean. Also supply green food, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. All other details will be found in the article referred to in the booklet "Waxbills."

What Birds?

W. W. D.—If your book has coloured plates in it, refer to the Silverbill, as I think you bird is of that species. Are you acquainted with the Silverbill? If so, and you know your bird is not of that species, it might be a female Grey Finch, but in that case the beak is not so bluish as in your drawing; it is really blackish horn colour; and in the latter case I rather doubt its pairing with the Cutthroat. If the plumage of the bird is mottled with darker markings, of much the same hue as the ground colour of the plumage, then undoubtedly it is an African Silverbill, and this I believe it to be.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1 1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2 2); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1 2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1 1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

I am keeping the sketch in case you write again, if the above identification you know to be wrong. In case of repeating query, kindly give me some idea of any mottling or markings there are on plumage.

Cage and Moustache Parrakeets (W. Hughes).—I rather think I have answered both these queries, but at any rate I cannot do so from the letter before me, as you do not state what you wish to know; but I am under the impression both the above queries were answered for you under "Is it safe" (Bird Lover) in our issue of June 24. If not, please repeat query with fuller details.

What Birds? (X. Y. Z.). Undoubtedly, the species of Whydah out of colour. If a male, will begin to change its plumage almost immediately. Very probably either the Paradise or Pin-tailed Whydah; if the latter, there will be only two long feathers in the cock's tail; if the former, the bird has a mahogany coloured breast and many long tail plumes.

Owing to severe pressure on our space several answers to querists have unavoidably had to be held over until next week.

Budgerigars and Lovebirds (F. A. G.).—At this season of the year, while seeding grass is plentiful, Budgerigars would have no difficulty in living in the open; neither do I think they would suffer any more hardship during the winter months than does our indigenous Sparrow. Two pairs of Budgerigars would be more likely to do well and breed in your cage than 1 pair each Budgerigars and Lovebirds, but the latter two would agree together all right, and the Budgerigars probably breed, but I doubt the Madagascars doing so. I am, of course, assuming that you intend procuring a mate for the Lovebirds of its own species. I cannot advise you to attempt cross-mating Lovebirds save in a cage entirely to themselves. I cannot speak from experience re Antwerp and Hamburg, for seeing and purchasing;—probably the latter: for seeing only, I should say the former, but either will be full of interest.

Grey Parrot—What Value (F. E. H.).—If the bird is beginning to pull its feathers and becomes confirmed therein, its value is small indeed. A talented Grey in good plumage, without any taint of feather picking or pulling, is worth £10, and I should be glad to hear of one, but it would have to be a good one. Your diet has been all wrong; stop the milk sop and table scraps, and confine the dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit with cuttlebone, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. Our Nutshell booklet "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, should help you.

...What Bird? (Jacky).—It is either a green singing Finch or Yellow-rumped Seedeater, most probably the former. Hybrids have been reared between these species and the Canary—a small variety of the latter should be chosen. It might also mate with a Siskin. It has crossed freely with its near relative the Grey Singing Finch. In addition to mixed seeds, supply in a separate hopper a mixture of Canary and white millet seeds, in equal parts. Hang up a millet spray in the cage, and replace it when all the seed is picked off. Do not omit green food and grit.

Birds for Aviary (J. C. H. O.).—Providing the shelter is well lighted, and the aviary is well arranged, such birds as are referred to below should do well in it all the year round. Yellowhammers and Chaffinches often prove quarrelsome in the aviary, but they are more likely to prove quarrelsome with each other than the foreign species mentioned be low. The small Waxbills could be put in the aviary and left there. The Avadavat should begin to renew its colour very shortly. You could put in the aviary pairs of the following: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Bengalese, Bronze Mannikins, Bib and Ruficanda Finches. All the above should safely pass the winter out of doors, though it might be advisable to provide a shutter for the east side, say, from end of October to beginning of April, or, at any rate, to tack roofing felt over this portion for that period.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

E. G. Watts.—Acute haemorrhagic enteritis induced by a chill. The whole length of the bowel was in an acute inflammatory condition, and its contents principally made up of blood. The same state of affairs is also seen in death from acute mineral poisons, but in both cases its ouset is sudden, and death results in the course of a few hours.

Mrs. Bousfield.—The bird was a male, and on examination I found the intestines in a state of catarrhal inflammation; and mixed with its contents were a number of small feathers, as though the bird had been eating its own feathers, setting up irritation thereby, and subsequently developing inflammation of this part.

I. R. D.—Ovarian disease complicated with pneumonia caused death of hen, most probably originating in a chill. The ovary was much inflamed, and the lungs were in a similar state; this latter affection would account for the choking or asphixiating symptoms that you observed.

A. Cant.—Inflammation of the oviduct and peritoneum, together with rupture of the former, due to breakage within it of a shellless egg, was responsible for death of hen. The body was noticeably swollen and distended, and easily diagnosed before opening. On post-mortem, however, the body was found filled with egg contents, the whole having assumed a septic condition. Probably your former loss originated from the same cause.

John M. Miller.—I have examined remains of your Budgerigar, which I found to have died as the result of a fit. On exposing the surface of the brain, I found a large blood clot from rupture of one of the meningeal blood vessels. The predisposing cause was apoplexy—a condition of the arteries in which rupture readily occurs from extreme blood pressure. I never remember making a post-mortem examination on a Budgerigar that was in such a fat condition as this one; there was a thick layer of this under the skin, and the body cavity was full of it. It is this overfat condition that conduces to disease of this kind. These birds ought really to be kept apart from the others, and fed on a more restricted diet, with an occasional saline aperient until they resume their normal condition.

Jos. Foster.—I examined both Canaries, and found the symptoms much more marked in one than in the other, depending, of course, upon the stage of the disease. The trouble exists in the liver, parts of which were quite dead or necrotic, brought about by the introduction of irritants, ptomaine or bacteria carried in with the food. I am of opinion that the soft food is the mode of entrance. The advanced lesions found in the one could have no connection whatever with the colour feeding, for these must have existed prior to putting there on this. When the liver is affected, especially structurally, as in this case, its functions become disorganised, its secretions minimised; and from loss of the latter the intestines suffer, and diarrhœa results with consequent death from exhaustion. I was sorry to see such promising youngsters sent for post mortem, and hope you will have better luck. The sudden fall of temperature could have no connection whatever with the disease; its origin is purely dietetic. When structural disease exists, Bismuth would not have the desired effect. Try the following mixture: Acid sulph. dilute, 1 drachm; infusion caryoph, 2 drachms; infusion haematoxyl, 2 drachms; aquam ad, 8 ounces. Thirty drops of resulting mixture to be allowed each affected bird in its drinking water night and morning.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—July 6. Temperance Hotel, 7. F.F. show and washing exhibition. Classes: Nor. 2, Bord 2, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule or Hyb. 1. Mr. Dippie (Morpeth) will judge.—R. Forster.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—July 4, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. General business; dates for Nest Feather table shows; and subs.—J. R. Colville.

Ardwick C.B.S.—July 4, Onward Hall, 8. Debate night, opened by Mr. J. Thornely. Nominations for President. Ticket money to be brought in.—J. Spencer.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—July 5, headquarters, 8. Y.B. Show.—W. V. Brooke.

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 3, Wellington Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Bedlington Station C.B.S.—July 1, Workmen's Club, 8. Business arrangements for Nest Feather show, July 8.—J. Jobling.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—July 5, headquarters, 8.15. General.—J. C. Bell.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—July 5, Bakers' Room, King Street, 8.—R. Whitton.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—July 1, Calderwood Arms, 7.30. Business of importance.—G. Harper.

Bradford East O.S.—July 4, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance sheet for F.F. show. Arrangements for July F.F. show, etc.—H. Hill.

Bolton C.B.S.—Postponed until July 10, Joiner's Arms, Deansgate, 8. Nest Feather show and open show business. Please attend.—P. Brierley.

Beamish C.B.S.—July 1, Bird Inn, 7. Business for Nest Feather Show.—W. Knowles.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 8, Victoria Hotel, 8. Members' show July 1. Judge, Mr. F. Self (Clayton). Birds staged 2.30.—M. Skirrow.

Chopwell F.S.—July 1, Club Hall, 6.30. Open show schedule, etc.—J. Brown.

Coventry O.S.—July 5, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Balance sheet of Nest Feather show.—A. J. Barratt.

Chester C.B.F.A.—July 4, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Annual show business; correspondence; subs. now due.—J. Swindley.

City and County of Perth O.A.—July 8, Laidlaws Temperance Hotel, Leonard Street, 8. Important business; colour-feed, etc.—J. Kerr.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—July 5, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Receive entries for Nest Feather show.—S. Mole.

Crook Original C.B.F. and F.—July 1, Crown Hotel, 8. Arranging open show. All members are invited.—J. Horne.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 1, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Classification for open show, 1912, etc.—F. Rhodes.

Clapham C.B.A.—July 3, Landor Hotel, Landor Road, 6.30. Final arrangements for Y.B. show, etc.—A. L. Priest.

Denton C.B.S.—July 3, Brotherhood, 8. F.F. show, birds to be staged 7.30. Classes: Nor. 4, Yorks 4, Lizards 3. Judge, Mr. Boothman. Half-yearly subs. now due.—W. Hopwood.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 4, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 8. Discussion on colour-feeding, opened by Mr. H. E. Tringham; fanciers invited.—W. Hodson, Sec.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—July 1, Savile Hotel, 7.30.—W. Hinchliffe.

East Ham F.S.—July 3, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, East Ham. Urgent and important business.—H. Rutter.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 1, Fountain Inn, 8. Very important business. Please attend.—W. Nettleton.

Gateshead C.B.S.—July 5, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Committee meeting.—A. Holden.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—July 3, Dan MacNally's, Church Street—A. Bentley. (Will Mr. Bentley kindly forward us his address?—Editor.)

Grangemouth O.S.—July 7, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Any old members who have not already joined are requested to come forward at this meeting.—J. D. Miller.

Great Horton O.S.—July 8, Butchers' Arms, 3. Also members' show, champions and novices to show together; same classification as June show; birds to be staged at 3 p.m.—J. Holroyd.

Highgate and Hampstead.—July 8, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill. Y.S. show. Judge, Mr. J. Oldaker.—C. W. Law.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Sunday, July 2, Crown Inn, 6.30. Final arrangements for F.F. show; election of judge for annual show, etc.; please attend.—A. J. Notley.

Hartlepool C.B.S.—July 5, headquarters, Whitley Street. Colour-food mixing demonstration, etc.—E. Woodhead.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—July 4, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Open show business.—W. Cottingham.

Halifax O.S.—July 1, Saddle Hotel. F.F. show, birds staged 2.30. Judge, Mr. R. Halliday (Shipley). Classification, see syllabus. Entries taken Friday night at Saddle Hotel. Owing to show, monthly meeting will be held July 8, "Griffin."—J. J. Dunn.

Leadgate C.B.S.—July 1, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Stewards, etc., Y.S. show, half yearly subs. now due.—J. A. Turnbull.

Lancs. and Liz. F.A.—July 1, Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 6.30. Patronage and important business.—J. Rukin.

Llanelly C.B.S.—July 1, Greyhound Hotel, 6.30. Important show matters.—D. John.

Longton C.B.S.—July 4, Castle Inn, 8. Postponed classification for F.F. show; all members please attend.—Hallam and Lovatt.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 5, Railway Hotel, 8. Open show, etc.; also all names of players and non players of cricket.—J. E. Hudson.

Leeds C.B.S. July 1, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. F. Farrar (Leeds); also final arrangements re Y.B. Show.—W. A. Wilson.

Leeds Roller C.C. July 1, 59, Briggate, 7.30.—F. L. Davis.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—July 4, White Swan, 8.30. Entries for Nest Feather show. Lecture by Mr. E. Hulse.—J. E. Wood.

Leyton C.B.A.—July 3, Grange Park Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. T. H. Harrison. Forse and Son.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—July 3, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. F.F. show arrangements; will all members please attend?—F. Rackham.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 5, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Nest Feather show business; rule books to be given in schedules and entry forms.—R. Charleson.

Manchester and N.C.C.S.—July 3, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Open question night.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 1, Headquarters, 8.—H. Grange.

Morpeth C.B.S.—July 8, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. General.—E. Cowling.

Morley C.B.S.—July 1, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Steward for next show, also colour food question.—A. Gledhill.

National Green Marked Y.C.C. July 1, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6. Committee meeting; allocation of club's patronage, etc.—F. Armstrong.

New Cross C.B.S.—July 6, Bond's Coffee Rooms, 397, New Cross Road, 7.30. Y.S. show. Enter from Judge's schedule and make big entries. Delegate from London Federation will be present.—Barton and Hearn.

Northern Border and S.F.C.—July 3, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Table show; patronage.—J. N. F. Scott.

Newcastle C.B.S.—July 6, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 8. Mr. T. C. Crawhall on line breeding.—J. E. Atkinson.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—July 5, Mechanics' Institute, 8.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham C.B.A.—July 4, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting; selection of judge; date and place for back end show; please attend.—J. Cope.

Oxford C.B.S.—July 6, St. Peter-le-Bailey Hall, 5 to 8.30. F.F. show.—A. J. Fifield.

Otley O.S.—July 5, Queen's Head Hotel, 8.30. Second F.F. show arrangements, etc.—I. Thomas.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—July 3, Church House, 8. Entries; and other show business.—T. H. Tiffen.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—July 3, Fleece Hotel, 8. Payment of prize money.—H. Raistrick.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—July 3, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Prize cards; colour-food; arrange table show for British.—A. Critchley.

Queensbury C.B.S.—July 4, Baptist School, 8. Business important.—A. Hartley.

Rotherham C.B.S.—July 1, College Inn, 8. Special meeting; all members requested to attend.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 5, Temperance Club, Coad Lane, 8. Lecture by Mr. T. Holt on "Moulting and Colour-feeding." All fanciers welcome.—E. Hartley.

Rochdale G.C.—July 3, Club Rooms, 8.30. Hall yearly meeting.—R. Blincoe.

Sale Open Society.—July 3. F.F. show business important.—J. Irlam.

Sheffield O.S. July 4, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Lecture on Norwich Canary, breeding, moulting, etc., by Mr. J. Woodall; also other important business; fanciers and friends invited.—Bishop and Coltan.

Sunderland C.B.A. July 8, Fawcett Street Cafe, 6.30. Table Show: Mr. J. Miller, judge.—J. Jeffrey.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—July 4, Victoria Hotel, 8. Open winter show business.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Swansea C.B.A.—July 1, Messrs. Thompson and Shackell's, Castle Street. F.F. show; birds to be staged by 2.30.—S. B. George.

Stockport B.F.A.—July 4, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Very important.—W. Stafford.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—July 3, Headquarters, George Hotel, 8.30. Paper on colour feeding, by G. Whatford.—B. Tidy.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—July 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Receive ticket money; distribution of special prizes; lecture on colour-feeding, by Mr. W. Wade, of Donglass, I.O.M.—J. Pitchford.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—July 6, Leeds Hotel, 7.30. Members' F.F. show.—J. W. Lowes.

Shipley O.S.—July 4, Prince of Wales, 8.—A. Tillotson.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—July 3, Garside Street, 7.30. Table show, etc.—W. Lanyon.

Sheffield C.B.S.—July 6, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Discussion on colour food; talks on Crests, introduced by Mr. J. W. Crookes.—A. Hobson.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—July 4, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Hall committee's report and chat on colour feeding.—A. H. McLean.

Wallasey C.B.S.—July 1, Headquarters, 8. Discussion on moulting and colour-feeding, to be opened by W. Young.—W. Mallinson.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for ramble; members please attend.—H. C. Crossley.

Walsall C.B.S.—July 3, Vine Hotel, Cross Street, 8. Lecture, "Moulting and Colour-feeding," by Mr. F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton). Fanciers and friends invited.—F. Price.

Windsor C.B.A.—July 6, Headquarters, 7.30. F.F. show.—E. A. Strickland.

Wombwell B.F.A.—July 1, Wesleyan Schoolroom, Park Street, 7.—J. Hudson.

Wood Green F. and F.S.—July 6, Adult School Hall, Brunk Road, Mayes Road, 7 o'clock. Y.S. cage birds.—G. H. Bates.

West London F.A. July 6, Bush Hotel, 8. Y.B. show. Judge, Mr. H. Peverall.—J. Dewhurst.

West Bromwich C.B.A. July 4, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Schedule nest feather; balance sheet; election judge; paying prize money.—W. G. Andrew.

West of Scotland O.S.—July 1, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 4. F.F. show: classes: Crests 4, P. Heads 4, Yorks, 2, Bord. 5. New members can still be enrolled in time to compete.—W. Hutchinson.

Windhill and Shipley O.S.—July 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Classification for winter show.—J. Cook.

Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. July 1, Market Tavern, 7. Patronage and new members allotted.—Lane and Jowett.

Yarm Eaglescliffe C. B. S.—Town Hall, June 30, 8. Intending members will be made welcome.—T. Wilson.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Pink Eyes (W. M. Morton).—Note the correspondence columns this week.

Seed or Egg-Food Boxes (W. Challinor).—These trays (or boxes, as you call them) were illustrated a few weeks ago by Mr. Norman in the articles he wrote on cages and appliances.

An Article (T. Routledge).—Many thanks for your kind promise.

Seed Samples (Puzzled One).—Both are moderate. The maw is somewhat old and dry, while the hemp contains a small percentage of bad grains.

Sweet Pepper (Norwich).—"Sweet pepper" is just a fanciers' term, and indicates the tasteless kind of pepper in contradistinction to the pungent (hot) kind of pepper. You should buy your tasteless pepper from one or other of the advertisers using our columns; a satisfactory quality for putting colour into a bird's plumage cannot be obtained from ordinary grocers' and chemists' shops.

An Address (J. E. S.).—It is Tower House, South Norwood, London.

Annual Picnic Notice (R. B. Gibb).—We are sorry but CAGE BIRDS was posted before your postcard reached us.

Club Notices, etc. (G. Fawton, E. Hartley, Jas. Stoan, F. Allen, W. Yardley, J. C. Bush, and others).—We are sorry your communications reached us only after CAGE BIRDS had gone to press.

Letters (J. B. Wall).—We have duly forwarded the letters to their right addresses.

"Our Canaries" Back Numbers (Ed. Brown).—Yes, back numbers of "Our Canaries" are to be had at the same prices as the advertised current issues.

Correspondence.

Goldfinches Nesting in a Cage.

Sir,—I am sorry to state that the result of the above was all eggs clear, the hen having sat 14 days, and as close as a hen Canary. As she is again nest building, I shall hope to report better luck next time.

Wm. Hy. Bowerman.

Quality Notes in Linnet Singing.

Sir,—At the request of several members of the Salford Linnet Club, will you kindly ask the Linnet fanciers the notes for quality singing, and whether the Lancashire and Yorkshire clubs judge the same notes? There seems to be a lot of difference. Certain notes are given as good in Yorkshire, when in Lancashire they are not counted. Linnet singers, kindly reply.

B. Wharton.

The Keeping of the Woodlark.

Sir,—Could any of your readers tell me the best way to keep a Woodlark? I believe it would be a good thing for many fanciers if they could get some information on this subject W. R.

[In a week or so's time two "Nutshell" booklets dealing with the keeping of insectivorous birds will be published, and the Woodlark is dealt with in one of these. Mr. Norman's book on "Softbills" also deals with this bird.—Editor.]

A New Cage Bird Society for Gravesend.

Sir,—A few friends met together at Church House, Church Street, Gravesend, on June 20, to form a new Cage Birds Society. We decided to call it the Gravesend and Northfleet Coronation Cage Birds Society. We will have our first general meeting on July 5, at eight o'clock, at the above address. All who are interested in cage birds are invited to attend. Ladies are especially invited. It was also decided that the annual subscription should be 2s.

W. Taylor, sec., pro tem.
186, Old Road West, Gravesend.

Death of a Noted Exhibition Linnet.

Sir,—It is with deep regret I have to report the somewhat unexpected death of my well known Linnet, "Old Brownie," who died on the evening of June 20th, in what I should term an apoplectic seizure, or fit, which lasted about twelve minutes. I tried all I knew to pull him round, but without effect. As a prize winner very few Linnets could surpass his record, which totalled 41 first prizes, and three challenge cups, and he was thrice first at the L.C.B.A. (Horticultural Hall) Show (1907, 1908, 1910). Unfortunately in 1909 he just missed the 1st award, and was undoubtedly beaten to second place by a very fine bird exhibited by Mr. Maxwell. Still I have the consolation that he is to be given an honoured place in the British Museum, where he will grace a special case of meritorious winners allotted by the authorities to the members of the L.C.B.A., and although he has gone over to the great majority, I shall always cherish with much pride his brilliant achievements on the show bench.

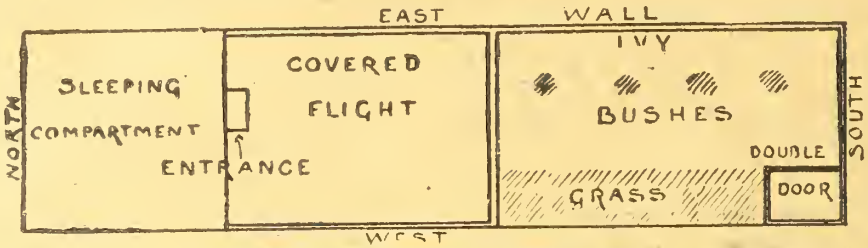
A. J. A. Marley.

Fixed Prize Money at Sheffield Shows.

Sir.—I think the above has now been debated enough, and this shall be my final letter In reply to Mr. Woodall, I may say that the further he goes the bigger hash he makes of it. He says, when I quote club reports have them before me, don't trust to memory; and then in his own letter he quotes the very words I used. He asks me not to quote from memory, and then deliberately misquotes my letter in your issue of May 20th! He says "I still maintain my report was correct, distinctly stating in the Sheffied district," meaning the 20 miles radius. Then to try and prove his point he quotes the four Sheffield societies. Now, Mr. Woodall, what do you mean? When you say a thing, stick to it. Don't wobble about so. Quoting my letter of June 3rd you read into it something I never said. However, Sir, I cannot go on for ever correcting false statements. Seeing Mr. Woodall has only been in Sheffield something like a year, and has to get all his information second-hand, there is no wonder (considering the source he gets it from) that he makes so many mistakes. With regard to Mr. Bishop, after saying in a previous letter that so far as he is concerned this little controversy ceases, he treats us to a second edition, but not at all revised, and still full of that bunkum which characterises all his letters. Mr. B. says the S.O.S. nest feather show was not fixed until April 4. Now, Mr. B., you know quite well the original date was fixed before the Sheffield C.B.S. fixed their dates. If you don't, refer to your syllabus, and you will find it was fixed for July 15th. It is known why it was altered to the present date. But, Sir, I think I have exposed sufficient of their statements for readers to know that anything Messrs. Woodall and Bishop write needs taking with a grain of salt. I am quite content to leave the issue in the hands of the fanciers of Sheffield and your numerous readers. In conclusion, let me say how thoroughly I have enjoyed this correspondence; it has revealed more than I ever thought for.

J. Woolhouse.

[Messrs. Bishop and Woodall may briefly reply, if they choose, when this correspondence must close.—Editor.]



Ground Plan of Mr. Illingworth's Outdoor Aviary.

My Outdoor Aviary and Its Contents.

Sir,—My aviary is situated in the corner of a snug garden in the village of Lightcliffe, two miles from Halifax, and six miles from Bradford. It is 16ft. in length and 5ft. broad, 6ft. high. For the indoor or sleeping compartment I use a section of a greenhouse, this part being boarded in so as to give warmth to the birds in cold and frosty weather. The outdoor section is partly covered in by a roof consisting of boards and tarpaulin. The front and end are open. A wall forms the back, with ivy growing up, thus offering the birds a splendid site for nesting purposes. In front of the ivy are five small shrubs—a boxwood, evergreen, thick privet, and a rhododendron; in these I have placed husks. On the back, over the ivy, are several nest boxes, made out of Canary wood, square in shape, with a small hole for the birds to enter. At the front grass sods form the finish to the soil, which starts at the back of the aviary. At one end there is a double door which gives access into the flight. I always make a point of feeding my birds inside the aviary, because the seed is an attraction to mice. I have a shallow stream running through the aviary (with rocks and long grass at either side), thus giving the birds plenty of clean water to drink and bathe in. The contents of my aviary are Nutmeg Finches or Spice Birds, Avadavats, Weavers, Waxbills (orange-cheeked and St. Helena), Zebra Finches, Combassous, Cordon Bleus, Bishops, Firefinches, and one pair of Paradise Whydahs. All the above birds are living out of doors, and have been since April 1 of this year. Up to now I have had no loss, the birds having found the indoor compartment warm enough to shelter them during the cold weather in April. I have two pairs of Zebra Finches with eggs, which are due to hatch in a week. I enclose a ground plan, which may help the reader to get a firmer grasp of the position of the aviary. I wish Cage Birds the great success it deserves.

C. D. Illingworth.

A Remedy for Beetles.

Sir,—I see a reader asking advice on how to get rid of beetles. I can endorse the advice given by Mr. J. Simpson. I once removed into a house which was "alive" with them, and I was advised to get a hedgehog. My father, being a gardener, got me one, and the hog got them out in no time. It was amusing to wake up in the night-time and hear him munching away at them, as it was only in the night-time he came out from under my bed, where he slept.

Try It.

Hybrid Bred Between Sulphur Seed-eater & Hen Canary.

Sir,—I have this season bred a hybrid between a Sulphur Seed Eater cock (Serinus sulphuratus) and a Canary hen. The hen laid five eggs—two of which were fertile—and both youngsters hatched, but one was deformed, so I killed it; the other is now on the perch. Would any of your readers inform me if this is a rare cross or not? The young bird resembles the Seed Eater in face markings.

J. T. Palmer.

A "Derby" for Norwich Plainhead Fanciers.

Sir,—A "Derby" for Norwich fanciers, as suggested by "Sunstar," in your issue of June 24th, would undoubtedly, if so managed as to keep the element of chance running very strongly, be of vast interest. I fear if "Sunstar's" idea is for unflighted birds to be nominated immediately prior to the event, that the result would be almost a foregone conclusion; thus diminishing interest and entries. If closed rings were issued by the Secretary of the Club, the birds nominated not later than July 31st, and the event held fairly early in the season, I venture an opinion the interest and entry would be enormous. From the sale of rings, subscriptions, and possibly a bird from some enterprising society to secure the event, the question of a substantial trophy should not long remain in doubt. Unfortunately the above suggestions are too late for this season.

E. Allsopp.

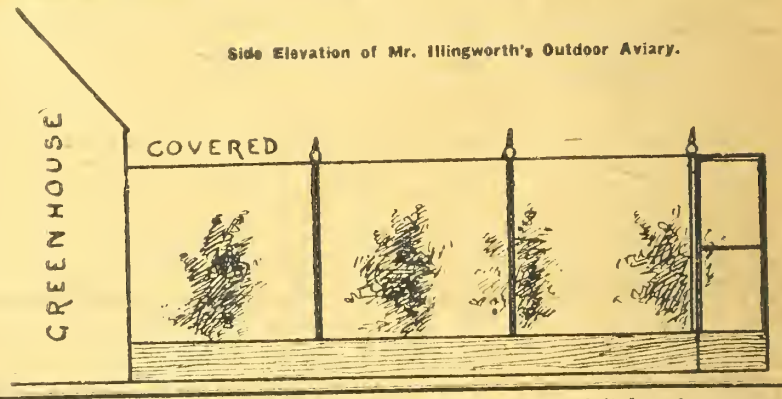
Cardiff.

The Hand-rearing of Young Starlings.

Sir,—Many may like to have a try to get a Starling to equal those two talented birds referred to by Mr. Ferrar in Cage Birds some time since. Anyone who essays to hand-rear Starlings will require a great deal of patience and perseverance. The following is a very simple method of hand-rearing these birds—one which I adopted last season in a hurry. I had not at that time brought up any Starlings by means of hand-rearing for some years, as I had no room to keep birds, and so gave them up some years ago, only now and then raising a nest for a friend. My birds, five in number, were brought to me by a boy who had got them from a hole in a tree, and they were then just at the right age for hand-rearing. I did not want them, but as he would leave them or kill them, I kept them. I put them in a basket with a lid on it in an old nest of a Blackbird's. I could not get them to feed for some hours, but at last they became hungry, and began to chirrup, which they could do well. I mixed up some barley meal with new boiled milk into a nice sop. And couldn't they enjoy it! They kept me going hourly until they could pick for themselves; even then they liked to be fed, and would follow me about the room for food. The birds never had anything except this food all the time I was hand-rearing them. Then when they could feed themselves they much preferred the barley meal mixture to the mixture usually given to commence with. They never had any insects of any kind—neither worms nor mealworms—and I must confess that I have had finer and stronger young birds. I had to clear the cages out in a hurry, as the "powers that be" were getting rather inquisitive, and I did not want to be "had," as I had been "given away" by a gentleman—but on this subject more later on. If I had not taken these birds in the first instance they would have been killed, as most young birds are when got by boys, as they soon get tired of them, and either kill them or get too idle or lazy to feed them. It is, I must admit, more human to kill them at once than starve them to death. As I found that these birds did so well on this common feed, I thought it would interest many of your numerous readers to tell them of it. There are many—or there used to be many—who firmly declare that there are two kinds of Starlings, one which builds in holes of trees and the other which builds in chimneys, roofs, etc.; but it is only the birds' matter of taste as to where they shall build, for they are the same species. Some still declare that those Starlings which build in tree holes make the best talkers, and that these birds would not require their tongues cut to make talkers, it being only the house-bred birds which required their tongues cut before they would talk or mimic! Both of these statements are fallacious. And it takes a lot to convince me that they are so. Only last year I had some Starlings and Jackdaws brought to me to have their tongues cut. I suggested that I had better try the tongues first of those who brought the birds. If it improved their speech, I suggested I would then act on the birds. This they declined to allow me to do, so the birds did not have to suffer. I still find it very hard every season to convince some that tongue-cutting is not necessary, not to say anything about its being cruel. If any one liked, in the hand-rearing of Starlings they could try another soft feed of barley meal and hard-boiled egg of equal parts, with three teaspoonfuls of ants' eggs soaked; but this is rather too good to give the birds when it is hardly necessary. After they can feed themselves, it is best to separate them at once in cages of a good size. These birds will have to be kept scrupulously clean both for their sake and yours if they are kept indoors. I don't know of any bird of the larger kinds which make more knowing, pleasant and interesting pets. The hens, when sexed, should be given their liberty except you wish to breed the species in a large outdoor aviary, for a pair of them would most readily do so and prove very interesting; but they would require plenty of insect food when rearing their young.

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Side Elevation of Mr. Illingworth's Outdoor Aviary.

A Canary with Pure Pink Eyes.

Sir,—I have bred a Canary (yellow) with two pure pink eyes. Is this a rarity or a freak, and is it of any value on account of the same?

W. M. Morton.

[A Canary with pink eyes is of no special value (unless, of course, a good exhibition specimen of some particular breed). This pink eye is just the "outward visible sign" (so to speak) of the fact that cinnamon blood courses more or less strongly in the bird's veins, and also in the veins of its parents. If the latter possess but little cinnamon blood (the male parent in particular) then our correspondent's bird will turn out to be a hen. These clear birds with pink eyes are quite commonly bred, especially in the Yorkshire variety.—Editor.]

Which is the Strongest Society in Wales?

Sir,—In reading a report of the Swansea C.B.S., published in your last issue, I note the following statement: "By this amalgamation the Swansea C.B.S. has been greatly strengthened, and is now the strongest society in Wales, its membership being only a few short of 100." We have no means at our disposal of ascertaining the strength of other societies, but if a society with nearly 100 members claims to be the strongest in Wales, then the North Wales Cage Birds Society can claim the distinction of being stronger than the strongest society in Wales, for its members now number 102. J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

Successful Operations Upon Birds.

Sir,—Some time ago one of my Chinese Quails flew up and cut the top of its head open very badly. I carefully bathed it and stitched up the wound. In about three weeks it was well, and sold, the customer writing to say how pleased she was with it. This is the second operation of the same kind I have performed. The other was on a Mandarin Duck, which caught its head on a nail, causing a gash about 3 inches long. This was rather a serious case, but with someone to hold the bird, I managed to put in four or five stitches. The operation turned out quite successful, and the bird was in the Birmingham Show a month later, although, of course, its chances of being noticed were gone. H. Lewis

The Cage Bird Fancy in Ireland.

Sir,—I expected the Assistant Secretary of the N.C. and Y.C.C. of Belfast to report the meeting held on June 3rd, and why he has not done so is best known to himself, as he was asked by the meeting to do so. "One in the Know" has let your readers know that such a meeting was held, but what he says about the business transacted is nothing but falsehood and slander from beginning to end. There is another meeting to be held on July 1st, when all members and friends are requested to attend (including "One in the Know"), and if he can prove that I, or anyone, moved a motion to expel members for writing to Cage Birds, or I or anyone withdrew such a motion, I will lay a pound (£1) to be given to any charity he may name. He refers to the good it has done some novices; but he himself is no novice in making false charges about members of the above society. The subject to be discussed at the next meeting is "The Use and Abuse of the Fancy Press," and other matters of interest to the Fancy at large. I hope "One in the Know" will be there, and he can no doubt get some of the information he is asking for. If he is a man he will do so. I will say no more at present, but I hope someone will give an authentic report of the meeting for the information of readers of Cage Birds.

W. Connell.

Sir,—Having read in past issues several allegations against the members of the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C., I will not say they are made without some foundation, but I think in all fairness that whoever is writing should come to the next meeting. I will guarantee he will get a hearing, as the meeting is open to all (members or non-members). The membership has increased wonderfully this year, and there is a cup to be competed for at the annual show, together with several gold medals, and at the last meeting Mr. Walter Connell (the Hon. Treasurer) kindly promised a £1 special. So I can see nothing to complain of, and I am afraid "One in the know" is not writing to benefit the Fancy. His opinion of Mr. South I expected to see confuted, as it was nothing more than bluff. A Belfast Member.

An Appeal for the Family of a Manchester Fancier.

Sir,—The Manchester and Northern C.O.S. and Ardwick and District C.B.S. have opened jointly a subscription fund in aid of the late Mr. J. Coulson's widow and three little children, one of whom is an invalid. We might mention that Mr. Coulson was a prominent exhibitor of the Norwich Canary. He was connected with the M. and N.C.O.S. for a good number of years, and acted as treasurer; also at the same time was President of the Ardwick and District C.B.S. This is a very deserving case, and we appeal to those that are able to support us in this effort. Mr. Bladon (M. and N.C.O.S. President) is acting as treasurer for this fund. Any donations can be forwarded to Mr. Bladon (361, Eccles New Road, Weaste, Manchester), or to either of the secretaries, which will be handed over to Mr. Bladon, and duly acknowledged.

H. BOOTHMAN, Hon. Sec., M. and N.C.O.S., 8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme.

J. SPENCER, Hon. Sec., Ardwick and Dist. C.B.S., 193, Palmerston Street, Manchester.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Curious Nesting Place.

A Linnet has built its nest in a narrow-necked can which is suspended from the wall at Biel North Lodge, a few miles from Dunbar. The bird is rearing a brood. It appears to be in no way disturbed by the presence of onlookers, and the quick and curious way in which it enters the can has proved a source of much interest.—Sent by Nettie Sharpe (age 11), Cora Linn, Union Street, Motherwell.

**Saving a Nest of Young.

One day a number of years ago my grandma, to her great surprise, saw a nest containing some young birds fall down the chimney. She quickly snatched the nest from the fire, and saved the little ones from burning. Taking them outside, she placed them and the nest in a tree facing the back door. They were soon found by their parents, who could frequently be seen feeding them.—Sent by Ethel Bamford, 30, Moat Road, Walsall.

*The Goldie's Retu n.

Several years ago I kept a Goldfinch, as we have always had birds. I had him for a long time and then, one spring, let him out, thinking perhaps he would like to find a mate. Meanwhile I had often bought wild, unsatisfactory birds, which wanted to get out, and their wishes were nearly always granted. But one autumn morning, I came into the room and found a Goldfinch sitting on the curtain-pole, the window being open; after I had opened the cage door he flew in, and began eating seed, and made no attempt to escape, being my old favourite Goldie, who had returned age 18 months' absence.—Sent by J. L. A. Craven, age 14, Maer Down, Bude, Cornwall.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

July 1.—Barnsley C.B.S.; Bootle C.B.S.; Clitheroe C.B.S.; Clydebank C.B.C.; Dalton C.B.A.; Eastfield Side C.B.S.; Glasgow and West of Scotland B.C.; Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.; North Shields C.B.S.; Nottingham Permanent O.S.; Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.; Preston O.S.; Swansea C.B.A.; Whittington Moor, Staveley, and Chesterfield C.B.S.'s; Halifax O.S.; Cheltenham C.B.S.; W. of Scotland O.S.; Manchester and N.C.O.S; Darlington C. and B.B.F.&A.; Coventry O.S.; Wallasey C.B.S.; Rutherglen O.A.; Long Eaton C.B.S.; London and Counties A.C.B.; City and Suburban A.C.B.

July 3.—Wimbledon C.B.S.

July 5.—Cardiff C.B.S.; Sittingbourne C.B.S.

July 6.—New Cross C.B.S.; Oxford C.B.S.

July 7.—Y.C.B.S. of Ireland (Dublin).

July 8.—Amble C.B.S.; Beamish C.B.S.; Bedlington Station C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Hanley C.B.S.; Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.; Hetton-le-hole C.B.S.; Heywood C.B.S.; Leadgate C.B.S.; North London C.B.A.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Partick C.B.C.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Skipton C.B.S.; Spennymoor C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wombwell B.F.A.; Chester-le-Street C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Springburn and Possil Park B.C.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Darlington C.B.S.

July 12.—Reading C.B.S.

July 13.—South West London C.B.S.

July 15.—Attercliffe C.B.S.; Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Rotherham C.B.S.; Admiral Duncan O.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Fleece Hotel (Gt. Horton).

July 17.—Clapham C.B.A.

July 18.—West Bromwich C.B.S.; Torbay (Paignton) O.S.

July 19.—Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth); Brighton C.B.A.

July 22.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; Bradford East O.S.; Hirst Universal C.B.S.; Sheffield O.S.; South Birmingham O.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Chopwell F.S.; Green C.A.; Shipley O.S.; Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.; Crewe O.S.

July 22 and 23.—Leigh C.B.S.

July 26.—Ayr C.B.C.

July 29.—City of Bradford O.S.; Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochore and Glencraig F.A.; Poplar C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; St. Crispin (Northampton) C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.; Spen Valley C.B.S.; Middlesbrough and Tees-Side C.B.S.

Aug. 5.—Pelton Fell C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Uddington O.S.; Vale of Leven C.B.C.; Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Aug. 7.—**Cambridge Mammoth.**—(W. Driver, 17, Sussex Street.)

*Oct 6 & 7.—**Burnley.**—(R. Towler, 25, Pear Street.). J.C.B., J.H.R.

Oct. 7—**Chopnell** (J. Brown, 26, Humber Street). T.D., J.R.S..

Oct. 7.—**Longton.**—(Hallam and Lovatt, 5, Francis Street). J.H.R.

Oct. 11 & 12.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Road.). C.A.H., J. R., J.F.

Oct. 12 & 13.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 58, York Street).

Oct. 13 & 14.—**Bolton.**—(P. Brierley, 24, Cromer Avenue, Tonge Moor.). J.H.R., J.W.C.

Oct. 14.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Road, Earlston.) W.V.

Oct. 14.—**Leeds.**—W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay). J.H.R., J.B.

Oct. 14.—**Morpeth** (E. Cowling, Fullbeck Cottage) J.C.B., A.H.

Oct. 17 & 18.—**Plymouth.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Road.) C.A.H., J.R.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Birmingham.**—(S. Mole, 87, Greenway Street, Small Heath.) T.H.

Oct. 18 & 19.—**Portsmouth C.B.S.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Avenue, North End). J.R.

Oct. 19.—**Hanley.**—(B. Peake, 6, Rhodes Street). W.M., J.T.

Oct. 20 & 21.—**Newcastle.**—(J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewhitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.). J.R., W.M., W.V., J.S.C., C.H.

Oct. 21.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(W. Elliott, 22, Leicester Street). J.R.

Oct. 21.—**Middlesbrough.**—(A. Wake, 41, Aske Rd.). G.H., C.H.

Oct. 25.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, Sartor House, Winner Street). J.H.P.

Oct. 25 & 26.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl Bros., 205, Welholme Road.)

Oct. 26.—**Oxford C.B.S.**—(A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham St.). J.H.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier-rd). J.R.

Oct. 27 & 28.—**Manchester (Belle Vue).**—(H. Boothman, 8, Kettering Rd., Levenshulme.)H.W.B., A.G.D., E.G., C.H., S.H., J.Sll.

Oct. 28.—**Derwent Valley.**—(J. Lindsay, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O., Co. Durham.) A.B., F.M.

Oct. 28.—**Hartlepools.**—(E. Woodhead, 38, St. Paul's Road, W. Hartlepool).—H.W.B., J.M.

Nov. 1.—**Liskeard.**—(H. Jones Robins, Market St.) J.H.P.

Nov. 1 and 2.—**Cheltenham.**—A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Avenue). W.E.G., H.W.B., J.Ftk.

Nov. 1 and 2.—**L. and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, 9, Oak Villas, Archway Road, Highgate. N.) T.H., J.R. and A.S.

Nov. 2.—**Tunstall.**—(H. Evans, 18, Sneyd St.). J.C.B.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Liverpool O.S.**—(Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick-rd.). W.M., W.V. and A.W.

Nov. 3 & 4.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—G. Havver, 1, Theresa Street.)—J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 3 and 4.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra-rd.), J.H.R., C.H.

Nov. 4.—**Cleator Moor** (J. E. Byrne, 110, Birks Road) J.Wk.

Nov. 4.—**Stockton-on-Tees.**—(J. W. Lowes, 17, Canning-st).

Nov. 4.—**York.**—(H. Thompson, 57, Nun Mill Street, Scarcroft Road.) A.H.

Nov. 4 and 6.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(J. E. Wood, 44, Battenberg Road.) C.H., J.R.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Road.) J.R.

Nov. 8.—**West Bromwich.**—(W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, Carter's Green.) J.H.P.

Nov. 8 and 9.—**Brighton.**—(Will H. Gibb, 18, Bond Street.) C.A.H.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Southend.**—(W. C. Lockwood, 9, East Street, Leigh-on-Sea.)

Nov. 9.—**Peterboro'.**—(S. L. Cocks, Corn Market.) J.R., S.H.M.

Nov. 11.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(R. S. Black, 42, Brook-terr.). J.Wk., J.W.

Nov. 11 & 13.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 9, Wellington Square, Park Side.). T.H., J.T., J.F.D.

Nov 14 and 15.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Road.)

Nov. 15.—**Alnwick.**—R. Forster, 36, Bondgate, Without.). H.W.B., A.C.

Nov. 16.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.) A.W.

Nov. 17 & 18.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40a, West Cliff.)

Nov. 17 and 18.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton-st.), J.R., J.M.

Nov. 18.—**Coventry O.S.**—(A. J. Barratt, 3, Craven Street.) J.R.

Nov. 18.—**Tideswell.**—(Flint and Swarbrick, Tideswell, near Buxton.) A.H.

Nov. 18.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. Wilson, High Street.)

Nov. 18.—**Crook Original.**—(J. Horner, White Lea.)

Nov. 23.—**Ludlow.**—(W. T. Woof, 1, Mill Street.)

Nov. 23.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison, 7, New St.). J.R.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 26, Duke Street.) J.C.B., J.M.

Nov. 24 & 25.—**Great Harwood.**—(W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street.) H.W.B. and A.W.

Nov. 24 and 25.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).

Nov. 24., 25, 27.—**L.C.B.A.**—(Mugford and Tyson, 1, Strathearn-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.)

Nov. 25.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.B., H.S.

Nov. 28.—**Launceston.**—(N. H. Reed.)

Nov. 29.—**Windsor.**—(E. A. Stickland, 36, Alma Rd.).

Dec. 2 & 4.—**Derby.**—(W. Stevens, 58, Olivier-st.). J.R., R.R.

Dec. 8 and 9.—**Gateshead.**—(A. Holden, 5, Cramer Street.) J. R., J.H.R., J.B., J.F.D.

Dec. 9.—**Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Av.). W.A.C.

Dec. 15 & 16.—**Blackburn.**—(J. Cook, 6, Charlotte St.).

Jan. 6.—**Guisbrough Priory.**—(Winter and Hood, 93, Bolckow St.). H.W.B.

Scotland.

Oct. 7.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). G.F., J.S., J.A., P.Pce.

Oct. 14.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.) W.Tn., J.F., G.H., G.F.A., A.C., J.F.D.

Oct. 14.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place.) D.B., W.R., W.G., J.S., R.V.R.

Oct. 20 and 21.—**City of Glasgow.**—(A. Macdonald, 279, Crow Rd., Partick).

Oct. 21.—**Kelty and Blairadam.** — (A. Dickson, 37, Adams-terr., Kelty.) C.B., W.M., R.B.G., W.P., W.H., A.W.W.

Oct. 21.—**Selkirkshire.**—(J. Robertson, 4, Green Terrace, Selkirk.)

Oct. 28.—**Ayr and District.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge Street.)

Oct. 28.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar.) J.T., R.L., J.Wr., R.G., C.W.

Nov. 4.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).

Nov. 4.—**Stonehouse.**—(J. Hamilton, 36, Camnethan St.). A.C., J.P.

Nov. 4.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.). W.B., G.Hp., J.St.

Nov. 10 & 11.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(E. McAnally, 13, St. Clair Place).

Nov. 11.—**Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks).**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) A.Wn, A.Wr., P.P.

Nov. 11.—**Forfar.**—(J. Fyfe, 137, East High Street.) R.B.J., W.M., A.W.W.

Nov. 18.—**Buckhaven.**—(J. Lawrie, Grahams Buildings, Randolph Street.) G.H., J. M'L., Ax.C.

Nov. 18.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place).

Nov. 18.—**Kilmarnock O.C.B.S.**—(W. Guthrie, 10, Hood St.)

Nov. 18.—**Galashiels.**—(C. Lugton, 19, St. Andrews Street). W.R., J.Tn., J.W.N.

Nov. 23.—**Lockerbie.**—(H. Davidson, Royal Hotel.) J.F.D.

Nov. 25.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.) J.Y., W.H., J.Gse, J.Stn., T.A., R.V.R.

Dec. 2.—**Blairgowrie** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street) J.F.D.

Dec. 2.—**Whitburn.**—(T. Duncan, 9, West Main Street.) J.W.B., J.Bp.

Dec. 16.—**Broxburn.**—(W. McLaren, Church Street.) J. Mc.Ln., G.Sfe., J.Tn., J.M., J.Sn.

Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, 1012.—**Scottish National** (A.W. Watson 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Jan. 2 & 3.—**Glasgow C.B.A.**—(F. Bowman, 5, Parkview, Tollcrose.)

Wales.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). H.W.B., A.S.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Cardiff.**—(J. W. Dummett, 34, Tudor Road). J.H.P., J.R.

Nov. 28.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place). H.N., J.H.R.

Ireland.

Nov. 2 & 3.—**Yorks. C.B.S. of Ireland.**—(D. Carroll, 17, Hamilton Street, S.C. Road, Dublin.).

Nov. 9 and 10.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCammon, Riverview.)

Dec. 1 & 2.—**Ulster O.A.**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring Street, Belfast.) D.B., R.T., G.M.

Dec. 7 and 8.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill).

Wild-Bird Life.

Young Blue Tits and Thrushes.

It is not always the largest birds that make the most noise. Blue Tits are almost the smallest of our resident birds, yet a family of them, if located anywhere near or in one's garden, constantly remind him by their incessant chattering and call notes that they are about. Yet they are so full of life and vivacity that in spite of their being so common one is interested in their doings. As soon as the young ones get a few feathers they are anxious to see the outside world, and so scramble up the sides of their homes, and jostle each other at the entrance or sit in a bunch just outside. Their sharp eyes quickly detect the parent bird coming with food, and then the fluffy mites are all attention and excitement, and so noisy that one cannot but mark them. The old birds undoubtedly do no end of good at this stage. A tree in the writer's garden is being constantly visited by them. This is infested with fairly large caterpillars, which the birds are gradually clearing, but the young ones are now beginning to wander from the nesting site during the day, and can be seen occasionally seeking food for themselves. As the sun begins to sink they find their way back to the nest, and then commences a performance that makes one of the most interesting pictures in bird life; they flutter from branch to branch, in and out the nesting hole, clinging to the bark at the sides, and getting into the prettiest positions imaginable; at last, when they all crowd into the hole, one can hear a little contented chirping, for the little mites must be tired with their long day's outing and glad to get settled for the night. Although young birds instinctively learn to pick up food for themselves, they evidently seek their own sustenance earlier when the parent bird teaches them to look for it.

An old cock Thrush is now on the grass plot with one of his babies (which is quite as big as he is himself). He finds a worm or insect of some kind, and runs back to the young one; lays it down in front of him; and then proceeds to break it up. If the young one does not help himself, he quickly pops it into his beak, but it is astonishing how quickly they learn and soon begin to look round for food for themselves.

Of all birds, perhaps young Cuckoos are fed longest by their foster parents. They never attempt to seek for themselves until their feeders are quite worn out and sick of the work.

Young Ring Ouzels.

In many cases young birds differ greatly from their parents. As an instance, young Ring Ouzels have no white collar or gorget on the breast and their feathers are brownish black, edged with dirty white.

Encouraging Owls.

Where the common House Sparrow is numerous in America, every encouragement is given to Owls and other natural enemies of the Sparrow, as by this means the pest is kept within bounds more effectually than by any other.

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Nearing the Century.

I have been very successful, having reared a total of 86 up to the present, viz., 64 Yorkshires, 14 Norwich, and eight Goldfinch Mules, with eleven hens due to hatch during next week. I hope soon to turn the century. I do not think that Portsmouth fanciers are having very good luck from what I can gather.—J. G. W. Chitson (Bedhampton).

A Great Start.

I have successfully hatched and reared four Canaries out of four eggs in the first nest, and six Canaries out of six eggs in the second nest, and the hen is now sitting again on four eggs. I am glad to say that all are very healthy and doing well, and are now on hard seed. This is my first experience in bird breeding.—(Miss) L. M. Nicholls (Mitcham).

Light Yellow Linnet Mules.

I have had my most successful breeding season in Mule breeding, and I have been at it this last seventeen years. From three pairs for Linnet Mules I have had the luck to get two splendid ticked yellow Linnet Mules. I have altogether seventeen, with fifteen to hatch next week. I have twelve Norwich also doing well, and twenty due to hatch out in a few days. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.—Wm. McAteer (Belfast).

In the Courts.

Starved to Death.

For ill-treating a Canary at 4, Hooten St., between May 24 and 29, John Terry, furniture remover, of 60, Clarence Street, was recently fined 20s. by Mr. W. L. Hardstaff and Mr. W. Davis in the Nottingham Summons Court.

Charles Shorthouse, of 2, Hooten Street, said that on May 24 he saw the defendant bring a Canary in a cage to No. 4. The bird was all right then, and for the next two or three days witness heard it whistling in the yard. The last time he saw it alive was on May 27. On the Monday witness called in the inspector, and they went into No. 4, and in the back bedroom found the bird dead in the cage. There was no water or food of any description in the cage, and the bird had evidently been starved to death.

Inspector Theobold, of the R.S.P.C.A., supported this evidence. When he asked the defendant for an explanation, he said he must have neglected the bird; he had been busy.—"Nottingham Evening Post."

Alleged Frauds on Advertisers.

At the Liverpool Police Court on June 27, before Mr. Stuart Deacon, a man named Wm. Smith, alias Sinclair, Jones, and Ellis, was charged on five informations with obtaining by a trick Canaries from people in different parts of the country.

For some time prisoner has been in the habit of corresponding with advertisers in CAGE BIRDS; by this means he obtained a number of Canaries and sold them in different parts of the city. He procured the birds on the pretence that he would send musical instruments in exchange, but the advertisers did not afterwards hear from him. Prisoner, who was arrested by Detective Range, was remanded for eight days in order that the police might make further inquiries.—"Liverpool Evening Express."

Shooting a Snow Bunting in South Wales.

The shooting of a Snow Bunting on the Flat Holm formed the subject of a case at Cardiff on June 13, when Bert Ansaldo (King's Road) pleaded guilty before Dr. Treasure and Alderman Morgan Thomas to having been in possession of a Snow Bunting.

Mr. Ensor, who prosecuted, said that to be in possession of this rare bird was an offence under the Wild Birds' Protection Act. On May 20 some people were on the Flat Holm shooting. Afterwards a Snow Bunting was found in Mr. Ansaldo's possession, but who shot the bird they did not know. The bird was very rarely found lower down than the North of Scotland.

Mr. Ansaldo said that the bird was brought to him by an entire stranger, who asked him what it was. He told him that it was a Snow Bunting, and a rare bird, and that if they would give it him he would have it stuffed and presented to the National Museum. The man gave it to him, and on returning to Cardiff he sent it to be stuffed, with the intention of handing it over to Dr. Hoyle. Witness remarked at the time that it was a great shame the bird had been shot.

The case was dismissed, the magistrates remarking it was a pity that when people went out shooting they could not refrain from shooting rare birds.

Subsequently, on the application of Mr. Cox (who represented the Wild Birds' Protection Society), through the prosecuting solicitor, the magistrates made an order for the forfeiture of the bird, which will be presented to the Welsh National Museum.—"South Wales Echo."

Some British - - Finches.

Their Selection, Feeding, Moulting and Exhibiting.

. . By . .
A. J. A. MARLEY
(Leyton).

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Last but not least on the List.

The last, but not the least, bird I shall mention is the largest bird in the Finch family, and one for which I have the greatest admiration; that is the Hawfinch. My experience with this bird is that if you can possibly manage to get nestlings or hand-reared ones have them at all costs. I have found by practical experience that they moult far more freely than adult-caught birds. They develope quicker, and are more easily got used to captivity. If you are going in for nestlings, I must admit that you have not much of a guide to go by in selecting, as very often the roughest-looking birds turn out the best. They are like the Greypate and Goldfinch for body colour, and are also deficient of bib. Still, even with this handicap you can do worse than select the largest and tallest birds. If you cannot get nestlings, and have to rely on field-moulted birds, go in for the kindest dispositioned ones you can lay your hands on, combined with size, colour, and a bib of jet black, as broad and long as possible—not triangular, but thumb-shaped.

The menu for the Hawfinch is half sunflower, half hemp, eighth canary, eighth flax, with a sprinkling of beach mast and maple seeds. He is also very fond of the following delicacies in season: new peas, cores of apples and pears, hawthorn berries, Indian corn; and, of course, he must have some form of animal food. I give my birds five mealworms daily.

Treatment fresh-caught birds.

Although I have now singled out six or seven Finches, I should like to add more, but time is getting on, and, having finished the selection, now comes the management. If you desire to keep and successfully moult birds to perfection, you must undoubtedly resort to fresh air, plenty of exercise, and pure cold water. And it is necessary to be in possession of an outdoor aviary. Whenever I buy a freshly-caught bird. I always place him in a store cage for at least three weeks; then, when I find he is well on seed and fairly contented with his lot, I cage him up in a small schooling cage, there to be trained until the moult approaches. By this time he should be fairly steady. Then I turn him into a flight with other Finches, running him into a show cage twice a week during this period; otherwise I find he is nearly as wild as when first I obtained him.

I usually put the following species together in flights which are about 6ft. long, 2ft. high, and 2ft. deep: 1, Goldies and Linnets; 2, Siskins, Redpolls and Twites; 3, Chaffinches and Brambles; 4, Bullies, Greenfinches, and Hawfinches. My method is to let all these birds stop together all through the moult, unless something unforeseen happens, such as a bird turning sickly (which I liberate before it gets too bad), or one turning pugilist, and attacking the others. Of course, if you run birds together unwisely, such as two cock Chaffies and one hen Chaffie, and half a dozen Bullies together, then you are asking for trouble, and will require a pillow slip to gather the stray feathers; and perhaps, in the case of the former, it may be a matter of "matrimonial murder."

The Importance of fresh water.

The birds are supplied with fresh water in zinc baths three times daily, at 7 o'clock a.m., 1 o'clock p.m., and 5 o'clock p.m.; the baths measure 10ins. long and 8ins. wide. This is a very important item, especially the trouble, as some term it, of giving them it fresh each time; but you will be compensated by it threefold in return. Your birds will shine like a top-hat. There are many birds, especially Britishers, that as soon as fresh water is given them, will bathe at once: it is so with mine, and nearly all bathe at least three times daily, which accounts for the beautiful lustre and sheen on the feathers, so often described in the Fancy Press. Besides, it makes the birds as hard as nails, and able to withstand any strain or fatigue on long journeys to or from shows. Why, if anyone would only look back over last show season he will see that a noted little champion travelled all over the country, thousands of miles, during the season, and finished it as well as he started it. This, then, is what I call the very essence of condition, and you cannot get it without the aid of the beautiful bath. Take no notice of what other cranks say about giving the bath only on warm days. The bird is the best judge himself, and I have had them bathe when the thermometer has registered 28 degrees.

So much for the bath; next for the special feed during the moult. For all my Finches I always gather plenty of groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, dandelion, thistle, cornflower, plantain, hardheads, milk or sow thistle, and knapweed. I pull the plants up by the roots, and throw it into the flights, roots as well, no matter if there is a quantity of mould attached to the roots, for amongst this mould and roots you will find, if you examine it carefully, there are thousands of minute insects; and let me assure you that these insects are as of much importance to your birds as the suckling seeds, in fact more so.

Just try the above, and I will guarantee you will see your Chaffie, Bramble, and Greenie, Redpolls, Linnets, in fact all the Finches, devour it, and treat it as a great luxury. Of course, I do not gather all the green foods every day, but usually three times a week, and I never let it remain in the flights more than one day; this is most important.

Concerning colour feeding.

As regards colour feeding, I only use it with a few of my Finches, and, as I have said before, owing to the severity of the competition that one has to meet nowadays, it is absolutely necessary to colour feed; it is folly for a man to think otherwise. Of course, there are some exceptions; a few Finches are not particularly improved to any great extent with the colour food, among which are the Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, and Siskin. I like to see these four Finches just in the simple colour in which Nature adorned them. As regards Linnets, Twites, Redpolls, Brambles, Hawfinches, Yellow Buntings, etc., however, I do not think it is necessary to colour feed.

After the moult comes the staging. If there is one valuable asset in a fancier's possession, it should be the knowing how to stage his birds to perfection. I assure you it goes a long way—well on the road, in fact—to the coveted and cherished award of first and special. You have repeatedly read in show reports where the critics describe the winning bird as being "put down by a master hand" or "staged to perfection"; and what is more flattering to the owner? Now, there are many points to be learnt by visiting the big shows, and I never fail to carry a rule with me, so that I can, if necessary, take a few measurements.

Systems of Staging.

It is very interesting to see the fads and fancies of some of the exhibitors. Some have their cages enamelled with very unsuitable colours; some painted; and some with no paint at all. The worst of all is that many cages sent to shows are not completely dry, and in consequence of this the bird may have a portion of green enamel or japan black on his leg, or one or two feathers sticking to the back of the cage, or when Mr. Judge comes up for his inspection and grabs hold of the cage he probably has some difficulty in removing his hand from the side of the cage. When he has released himself he looks at his hand, only to find it covered with Japan black, and he usually drops the cage like a hot cinder, leaving the bird in disgust; hence the penalty of sending your cage to a show in an unfit state. This statement, I am sure, many judges of repute will verify. It is not fair to the judge nor to a really good bird that would probably make a reputation for itself to be put down by the judge through the careless neglect of its owner. And to sum it up briefly, it all amounts to laziness.

My systems of staging birds for exhibition have been various. I have not stuck to one hard and fast rule, in the matter of either dimensions or shape of cage, or of the colours to suit the various birds.

I have given the bow-fronted cages a thorough trial, and I intend weeding them out when the chance occurs, as I find by actual experience that they are not an improvement on the straight-fronted ones. They have three great drawbacks. The first is, they invite a bird to fly up to the top of the bow front and perform the "back-head twirling," or the "somersault" tricks frequently resorted to by Goldies, Siskins, Redpolls, and Twites. Secondly, when sending my exhibits to shows in these bow-front cages I have always found my birds, when unpacked upon their return home, clinging to the top of the wires—a very dangerous position for the bird to be in; and I have often wondered that I have not had one or two hung up, by the careless way in which they have been returned. Thirdly, it is unnecessary for me to say that the cages get into a beastly dirty state when at shows by the dust, dirt, and other refuse dropping from the cages of other birds staged above them.

(To be continued.)

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held June 17th. Arcade Temperance Hotel, Mr. Jas. Simpson presiding. The estimate of Mr. Fraser Simpson was accepted for show printing. Mr. D. Low (Dundee) was appointed judge for the Scotch Fancy Section. Other judges are: Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso), Borders and Yorkshires; Mr. J. Adams (Dundee), Norwich and Crests; Mr. J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh), Mules and British. Hall report was submitted, when it was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the sub-committee. Codes of rules were next considered. Rules for membership were passed with a slight alteration. The show rules were adopted as read. The rules of the West Fife C.B. League were adopted with slight alterations, principal among which was Rule 4, and our delegates were instructed to move for equal representation. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought a splendid meeting to a close.—Joseph R. Reid, Sec.

Club Reports.

PENTRE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held June 17th. We decided to hold a half-annual show in September. We also passed a resolution that all members should pay up arrears in a month's time. Hope all members will attend next meeting on July 1st for us to have a good time.—J. Byard, Chairman.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held Miners' Hall, June 24. The classification for annual show was gone through, and three extra classes added. It was agreed that all members wishing to compete for young bird cup and novice medal must be clear on book by July 15; and new members wishing to compete for same must hand their names to secretary by July 1st. Young bird show fixed for July 29, classes and judges to be fixed at meeting on July 15. The members report a very unsatisfactory breeding season so far, but expect to make up a little in the last rounds. Will members please turn out a little better to meetings?—James Pollock, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Adjourned meeting held Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, June 20. President Hannah in the chair. Agreed, to have following classes for First Feather show: August 5: Norwich 2, (cock and hen), 1 Crest and Crestbred, 2 Borders (yellow and buff), 2 Scotch Fancy (cock and hen), 1 Yorkshire, 1 A.O.V. Entry money 3d.: 1 class British Goldfinch or Bullfinch, 1 A.O.S. British, 1 foreign Goldfinch or Bullfinch, 1 A.O.S. Foreign. For November show: Norwich 10, Crests 10, C.B. 2, Bord. 8, Scotch Fancies 8, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 2, Selling 1, British 8, Foreign 3. Judges were voted for and will be duly announced. A committee was appointed to select a hall, get charges for same, and report at next meeting first Tuesday in July.—A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, June 24. Mr. R. Garnett presiding. Despite very unfavourable weather a very good number were present. The following resignations were accepted with regret: Messrs. T.Wood, F. Slater, F. Oldfield, T. Elsegood, F. Wordman, G. White, and A. Sykes, whilst the following were admitted as new members: Messrs. S. Wood (Heckmondwike), C. R. Bullen (Bromley, Kent), J. Thomas (Ambler Thorn), J. Elsworth (Laisterdyke). The granting of patronage for winter shows was proceeded with, but owing to some overlapping dates, and judges clashing, a complete list will have to be issued shortly. Prizes amounting to £12 11s. are offered for competition during coming season, together with a splendid cup from Mr. T. Sandiford (Preston), and two cruets presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden (London). We can still offer our patronage for one show to be held November 18, or an alternative of December 16 or January 13. The secretaries will be pleased to hear from any society who are willing to make the requisite number of classes.—Grayshon and Allen, Secs., Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike.

BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Meeting held in Clarence Place Hall on June 3, the business being of a financial character. According to revised rules this year every member had to have his yearly subscription, viz., 6s., paid at this meeting, otherwise his name to be scored off the books. A few fell victims to this rule. An important question arose re new members who had joined this year, they being supplied with a copy of old rules when joining, as the new rules were not printed; consequently a resolution was passed to allow one month's grace to the said members; and their attention will be brought to same. A resolution was moved and carried that next meeting night be a summoned one, and that all fanciers in and around Belfast are invited to attend at 8 o'clock p.m. sharp to discuss "The Fancy in General," and have an exchange of opinions from fanciers outside the club as to its faults, and to suggest remedies, if any, besides having a full-dress debate on the pros. and cons. of certain criticisms published in the Press. All are invited, so crowd the hall, as a patient hearing will be given to each and everyone.—A. Smith, Assist. Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The 1911 Sub-committee's Recommendations.

That the support of the club be given to eight shows only for 1911-12, seven of which shall provide the following classes, viz.:—(1) Buff Crested Ck.; (2) ditto Hen; (3) ditto Crest-bred Ck.; (4) ditto Hen; (5) Yell. Crest Ck. or Hen, any age; (6) Yell. Crest-bred ditto; (7) Buff Crested Current Year Cock or Hen; (8) Buff Crest-bred ditto. The prize money per class to be not less than 20s. for an entry fee of 1s. 6d. and not less than 26s. for an entry fee of 2s., with four money prizes vhc, he, c. Each show management will be asked to provide an additional class, No. 9, for Cinnamon Crest or Crested-bred, and the C.C.C. members agree to accept prize-money on the sliding scale; i.e., half entry fees to first, two-thirds of remaining half to second, and remainder to third, with reserve as fourth, vhc, hc, c for the purpose of equalising the points. This will involve no loss on the management. The remaining show, which will be selected by the general committee, shall be considered the C.C.C. Club show, at which the following classes shall be provided, viz.: —(1) Cl. body any col. Crest Cock or Hen; (2) Buff Crested Ck. other than clear body; (3) Buff Crested Hen other than clear body; (4) Buff Crest-bred Cock, Green or Foul Green; (5) ditto clear, ticked or variegd.; (6) Yellow Crested Cock or hen; (7) Yell. Crest-bred ditto; (8) Yell. Crested Cock or Hen current year; (9) Yell. Crest bred ditto; (10) Buff Crest current year; (11) Buff Crest-bred ditto; (12) Clun. Crest or Crest-bred. Prize-money and entry fees as stated for the seven shows previously. The special prizes at each show will be: 5s. for the best Crest; 5s. ditto Crest-bred; 5s. ditto Buff Crest current year; 5s. ditto Crest-bred ditto; 5s. ditto clear body any colour Crest; 5s. ditto Yellow Crest or Crest-bred. There must not be less than four competitors for each and every special, and no member can take more than one cash special at any one show. There will also be a special value 10s. 6d. for most points at each show, only four birds of each exhibitor to count, viz.: 1 Crested cock, 1 ditto hen, 1 Crest-bred cock, 1 ditto hen. There will be no re-judging, but the points will be counted as the birds stand in their respective classes, and no member can win more than one during season. There will also be a handsome special, value 63s., consisting of a teapot, sugar, and cream jug to match for most points scored at one of the eight shows, only four birds of any exhibitor to count, viz.: 1 Crested cock, 1 ditto hen, 1 Crest-bred cock, 1 ditto hen. No re-judging; points to count as they stand in classes. The show at which this special is competed for will not be made known, but will be drawn for at the annual general meeting in the presence of the members then assembled. Th following novice classes must be provided at the shows receiving the champion support, viz.: 1 Crested A.V., 2 Crest-bred A.V. If less than eight entries in a class the novice members agree to accept prize-money in the sliding scale as set out for the Cinnamon champion classes. The specials for novice competitions will be: (1) Special, value 21s., for most points at the eight shows; (2) 10s. 6d. for second; (3) The C.C.C. diploma for best Crest at each show; (4) ditto Crest-bred, not the property of Crest winner. No member can take more than one diploma for each variety during the season.—John Tyson, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHEND & S. COUNTIES O.S.

General meeting held June 14th, there being a "full house." A satisfactory balance-sheet was presented by late secretary Franks, which showed a small deficit, but as we can see our way clear we keep smiling. We hold our first feather show at Blue Boar, Prittlewell, with a fine schedule to suit all members. There seems to be some fresh "feast" in the fanciers hereabouts, for they are all working well to bring success to the society. Messrs. Lonsdale and Tomblin were elected new members. The breeders have been fairly successful, one member mustering eighty youngsters, and some winners amongst them. Our British men have some good stuff to pull out at the shows.—Wm. C. Lockwood, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Swan Hotel, Fountain-street, Manchester, June 24th, Mr. A. Foulds in chair. Decided to hold annual show Old Boar's Head Hotel, Withy Grove, Manchester. This is in the centre of the town, and an ideal spot for all to get to. All members are requested to attend next meeting, when important business is to be settled. After the business Mr. Foulds was called upon to give his lecture. Mr. Tom Routledge was appointed chairman. In opening his lecture, Mr. Foulds explained he would deal with scientific breeding. After ably taking us through this interesting subject he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The discussion was very keen. At our next meeting Mr. Kremner will give us a lecture on "The Roller Canary as it is bred and trained in Germany." All members earnestly requested to attend.—Tom Routledge.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

General meeting held June 17, at 6, Old Burlington Street, W., Mr. R. J. Pretty in the chair. Decided, to hold a young bird show on July 1, if a suitable venue could be found. A classification for Canaries and British birds was agreed upon. Mr. J. Coldaker was elected as judge. Several specials were given. The show is open to all old members. The election of a secretary was deferred, Mr. R. J. Pretty consenting to manage this show. The original rules were read with a few slight alterations. Mr. O. Heine was appointed official reporter, and Mr. E. Pretty as financial controller. Meetings to be held on the first and third Saturdays in each month; subscription 3s. per annum. Among those present were: Messrs. W. Gilbert, H. Bell, W. Salter, H. J. Pearce, O. Heine, A. Ransley, and E. Pretty. Letters were read from others, agreeing to support the society. Next meeting July 1, at The Earl Cathcart, Munster Square, N.W. (three minutes from Portland Road Station Metropolitan Railway), at 8 p.m.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Three Tuns, Eastwood, June 10th. Mr. Hickson made an admirable chairman. A fair number of members attended, but surely we should have better out of 63 members. The first feather show works out with a grand total of £2 7s. 9d., takings at the door and tickets sold by members previous to show. The points gained by members are: Canary section, Simpson and Vertigan 45, Martin and Mitchell 33, A. Kew 15; British section, Martin and Mitchell 38, Alton and Thompson 32, W. Henshaw 18, A. Smith 13. A lengthy discussion then took place with some heated exchanges (chairman having to pull them up) re young birds being stamped or registered to enable them to compete for the special prizes. No seconder came forward to a gand proposition of C. H. Martin that all young birds be stamped by a private stamp of the Society's (so as to make members show their own exhibits). Then came the same old song re partnership; Martin and Mitchell seem to be the target. I can say, without fear of contradiction, that Messrs. Martin and Mitchell have not joined hands as partners to win all before them at the Society's shows. Their partnership is to a business point of view; still they are open to dissolve showing as partners (if it will benefit the Society) after the next show, July 15th. We also arranged to give fixed prize money at members' show, viz., 5s., 3s., 2s., to try and get more members to show their birds. This concluded one of the most heated meetings this Society has held in my presence, and I hope that it may be the last of its kind if I am to still hold the reins. Now, members, turn up at the next general meeting, July 1st, at the Portland Arms; let's have the room full, and try and pull together.—J. M. Mitchell, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

Meeting held June 20th, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, Mr. Burns in the chair. Owing no doubt to the Coronation festivities the attendance was not great. Arrangements were made to hold nest feather show on July 8th, in the Co-operative Hall, Catherine Street. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe is the appointed judge. Schedules are now in the hands of members, and as the hall is one of the best for light and comfort, it is to be hoped there will be a good number of birds staged. Mr. R. B. Wright, of the N.G.M.Y.C.C., was present at the request of the committee to put before the members his idea as to how his special for a pair of oil paintings, value £5 5s, should be competed for, namely, for most points counting upwards at the young bird show, old bird show, night show of Greens and night show of pairs and British. These conditions were adopted unanimously. He hopes every member will put forward every available bird, and endeavour in every respect to make the show worthy of the town of Birkenhead, and a credit to the Fancy. Members present reported a fairly good breeding season. Mules are plentiful. New members are rolling in, some from the locality of Ellesmere Port. Others are expected. This society is making great progress, and why shouldn't it? Mr. Burns is an ideal chairman, and in Mr. Lloyd the society is happy in their secretary; one and all agree he is the best man they have had in that most important post. Now, gentlemen, sink all differences and rally up to the shows. I hear that several of the members have booked orders for birds from South Africa and Petersham, Australia. Don't forget the nest feather show on July 8th, send in your entries early, and bring some friends with you, and make the show a success. Subscriptions due; and it is earnestly requested that members will make an early response; send in at once and save secretary trouble of looking you up. Will anyone wishing to join drop a post card to Mr. Lloyd, 84, Rodney Street, Birkenhead. The subscription is only 2s 6d, which entitles you to all benefits. Next meeting at show, July 8th. —"Reporter."

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Humorous Humanitarians.

"Hinc ille avium concentus."

A Trenchant Article in a Weekly Contemporary

Notes by the Secretary.

I am pleased to be in a position to announce that, although CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has only been a few weeks in existence, its influence is already making itself felt. I think there can scarcely be in any part of Great Britain and Ireland a reader of CAGE BIRDS who has not seen in his local paper a reference to the League and its work, and these references have of course been read by untold thousands of newspaper readers. In our issue of June 3rd I had the pleasure of making a reply to the extraordinary pamphlet published by the Humanitarian League, and in the comments of the London "Daily Mirror" our readers have already had one example of the effect of this reply. It is not possible to find space for even the bare names of the papers which have published references to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, but I would like especially to mention the popular London weekly "Throne and Country." This widely read journal devotes a whole page to the question of whether it is cruel to keep a bird in a cage, and illustrates its remarks by a beautiful reproduction of the picture of the "Queen's Canary." The article is by Mr. Leonard Crocombe, and is an answer to a previous one by Mr. James Douglas taking the side of the Humanitarian League. It quotes freely from my own reply to the pamphlet of the faddists, and elaborates my arguments in such a forcible manner that I recommend all members, present or prospective, of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE—in other words, everyone who keeps a bird in a cage—to get this week's number of "Throne and Country," dated July 1, to peruse the same for himself, and to show it, and my own reply, upon which it is based, to any doubting friends.

I have space only for one quotation from Mr. Crocombe's article, but this will indicate the character of the whole, and emphasise my suggestion that all our friends should read it in its entirety.

"The Humanitarian League will have to confine itself to cold facts (of which very few exist for its purpose) if it wishes to obtain a hearing from sensible and calm-thinking people. Sensational verbiage after the manner of the American "yellow" journalism will never impress the British Public. And when a writer goes so far as to tell people that the fancy cages in which they keep their little pet Canaries are 'infernos of agony,' well—then the British Public begins to get amused. It is too farcical to be annoying. Surely such a widely-read writer as Mr. James Douglas must know that it is useless to try to work on people's feelings by the propagation of such farce."

Something for Nothing.

In the above paragraph I have indicated part of the effect of the work of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE in furtherance of one of our objects, "Defence and Protection." Now as to the fulfilment of the promise to disseminate useful literature. By arrangement with the world renowned firm "Spratt's Patent," I shall be able to send *to the next one thousand members* enrolled a copy either of an instructive pamphlet entitled "The Common-sense of Canary and Hybrid Canary Culture," or of a well written treatise on "British Bird Culture," with chapters on Hybrids, Doves and Foreign Birds. These two pamphlets are published at sixpence each, and are good value for the money, but CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members will receive them absolutely without charge. Taking this in conjunction with the fact that every member is entitled to allocate half of his subscription to the benefit of his own society, I think it will be agreed that something for nothing is indeed what everyone will get from the commencement, independently of the sense of security in the pursuit of his hobby which will be always with him in the knowledge that he has CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to defend him against the fanatical extremists who are fighting tooth and nail against bird keepers.

Existing Members Not Forgotten.

It would be unfair to exclude from participation in the above offer the large number of our readers who have been among the first to join the League, so I have reserved a sufficient number of copies to enable me to send a copy to each existing member. These will be forwarded on receipt of information as to which pamphlet would be preferred, if the request is accompanied by a halfpenny stamp for postage. This will leave me with one thousand copies only, and I may not be able to get a further supply, so those who would like to be certain of getting, gratis, one of these admirable pamphlets must hurry up to be in the next thousand members enrolled, and must say when entering which book they would prefer. I cannot supply more than one free copy to each member.

What We Are Striving At.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE wishes to improve the condition of birds in captivity from the moment they are taken, and to knock from under the feet of our opponents even the slight ground which may exist for their statements that all is not what it might be. It is proposed, therefore, to enlist the services of at least one voluntary worker in each town and district in which there are bird-catchers and bird-dealers. Catchers and dealers in birds who keep their birds in humane and sanitary conditions will not resent a friendly visit from a properly appointed representative of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and means will be found to bring to reason persons who show by any objection to such friendly call that they have something which will not bear the light of day. Of course, it is not suggested that every member of the League should take upon himself this office, or their visits would become nuisances, and if members who are willing to aid in this good work will send in their names we shall be able to make appointments that would not entail annoyance to anyone.

There are thousands of our readers yet to join, and the sooner they come in the sooner we can get to work with the many things we have to do. I hope that I have shown in the above notes that we have not been idle, and that I may in the future be able to report doings which will justify the confidence of all who have already helped the League with their support, and all those members yet to come.

Through extreme pressure on our space, a number of interesting letters from our members and replies to correspondents have been unavoidably crowded out. I hope to find space for these next week.

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Recent Enrolments.

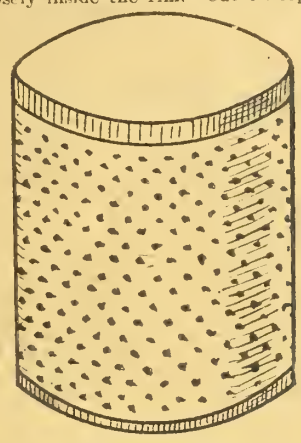
I am pleased to announce that our membership is increasing in a most satisfactory manner. Many societies are giving us valuable support in the way of membership, and one, Hetton-le-Hole, has joined us en bloc, in fulfilment of their promise announced some weeks ago. Among our recent members I am glad to count quite a number of ladies: Miss Knight (Martin), Miss Morris (Bridgwater), Miss Hughes (Wem), Mrs. Fielden-Richards (Llangollen), Mrs. Askham (Surbiton), Miss Chatto and Miss David-Davis (Wembley), Mrs. Dunsmore (Upper Norwood), and Miss Foster (Oxford), while the widespread membership of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is displayed by the names of the following among the recent male members: Messrs. Bousfield (Derby), Spence and Battison (Glasgow), Firth (Halifax), T. and W. Binns (Alne), Ball (Shaw), Hannah (Ponhill), Bardsley (Ashton-under-Lyne), Robertson (Darvel), Mulligan (Wigtown), Nisbet (Musselburgh), Roy (Auchterarder), Paterson (Lochfyne), Wilkinson (Colne), Fletcher (Seaton), Thompson (Hull), W. A. and R. W. Bennett, Rust, and Fletcher (Dartford), Styles and Tuthill (Bexley), Lindsay (Billingham), Allen (Woolwich), Douglas, Macdonald, and Youngson (Elgin), Aitken (Anniesland), A. and J. Sneddon (Coatbridge), Lewis (Highbridge), Carey (Clevedon), Leah (Ripley), Swaysland (Brighton), Watson (Rotherham), Simpson (Doncaster), White (Southall), Henderson and Barnes (Grangetown), Leavesley (Leicester), Pike (Upper Norwood), Charlesworth and Mosley (Huddersfield), Darnton and Gray (York), Downing and Twigg (Manchester), Booth and Watson (Ardwick), Long (Longsight), Swannell (Levenshulme), Criddeford (Honiton), Shaw and Hodgson, Miller, Riley, and Nicholson (Skipton), Allen, Bend, and Aspland (Grantham), Grant, Williams, Pounsett, and Hands (Cheltenham), Edmunds (Swindon), Arthurs (Guildford), Dickinson (Pontefract), Lashbrook (Sidmouth), Knutton (Honley), Shelton (Nottingham), Welland (Haslemere), Hargreaves (Bridlington), Dallow (Wolverhampton), Anderton (Wareham), Strickland (Sevenoaks), Snowden (Earley), Cooper (Scarborough), Clarke (Rothesay), Young (Shildon), and a number of London members too large to give in detail.

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No. 520.
A Home-made Seed Cleaner.
Sent by Mr. A. S. Page, 137a, Wellingborough Road, Northampton.

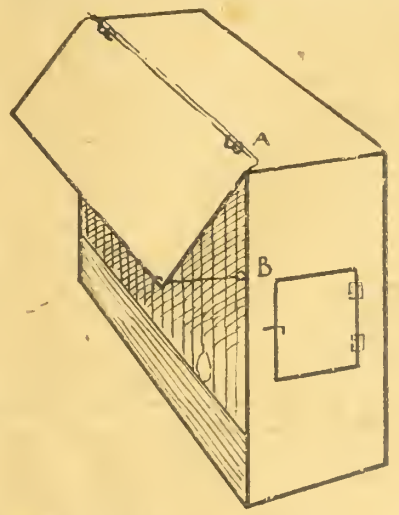
Herewith is a sketch of a home-made seed cleaner which answers the purpose most effectively. To make it, procure a 2lb. Scotch snuff tin and a stout piece of perforated zinc 14 inches by 7. The perforation should be just small enough to prevent canary seed passing through. Put the lid on the tin, and press it down as far as it will go. Mark the body of the tin all round the under edge of the lid, and cut the piece off cleanly. Cut off the bottom of tin in the same way, leaving a margin of about half-an-inch. Fit the zinc quite closely inside the rim. Cut off top of tin



inside the rim. Leave on the bottom. Allow one edge of the zinc to overlap the other about a quarter of an inch. Solder the edge of zinc inside and out from end to end. A little solder round the edge of each rim will fasten them to body of cleaner. When using, do not fill it quite, leave a space to allow the seed to move freely. Give the cleaner a few vigorous shakes; the friction will rub the dust off the seed, and the rapid ingress and egress of air will blow it all away, leaving the seed as clean and bright as it would be if passed through a machine cleaner.—A. S. Page.

No. 521.
A Sun Blind.
Sent by Mr. E. Jordan, 38, Bevington Road, North Kensington.

I have enclosed a sketch of a sun blind, which would be useful to hang on front of cages when they are put outside in the heat of the sun. Get a piece of canvas or linen about 8in. wide, and cut it to the length of the cage. Cut a hole at each corner of the canvas; then screw two



small hooks at the top of the front of cage. Get two screw eyes and screw them about halfway down the front of cage, as shown in sketch. Get two pieces of cage wire and fasten on to the screw eyes. Then just bend the other end of wire so that it will hook in to the hole at the corner of canvas. I think the sketch will explain itself.—E. Jordan.

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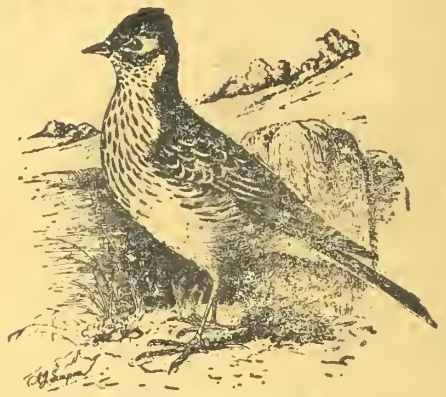
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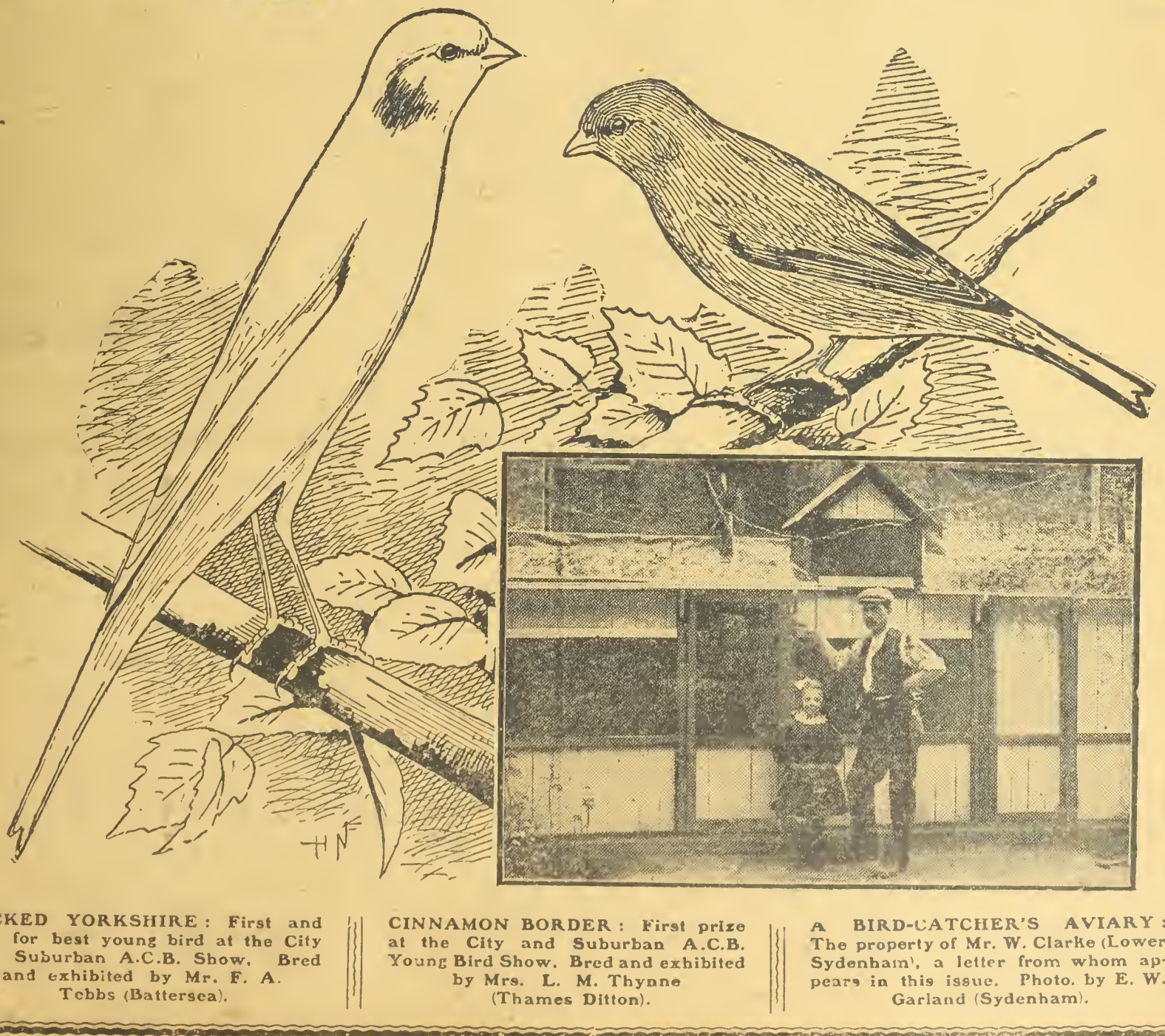
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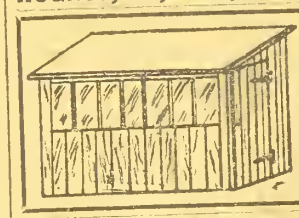
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ILKESTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

First feather show held at Durham Ox Inn June 24th. There were not quite so many birds turned up as we expected owing, we think, to the very wet day, but the quality was good. Mr. J. Adnitt placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, W. White; 2, A. Williamson; 3, M. Marriott. BUFF: 1, Williamson; 2, Martin and Mitchell; 3, Marriott; hc, Newton and Moore. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Martin and Mitchell. YORK., CL. YELL.: 1, A. Athey. BUFF: 1, 2, Athey. TKD YELL.: 1, W. Eaton. TKD BUFF.: 1, W. Eaton. NOVICE NOR.: 1, 2, S. Prince; 3, Newton and Moore. GOLDFINCH: 1, J. H. Booth; 2, J. Gregory. BULLFINCH: 1, Martin and Mitchell; 2, J. Martin; 3, R. Smith. LINNET: 1, T. Smith; 2, R. Smith; 3, W. Ramm. GREEN.: 1, Martin and Mitchell; 2, J. Martin; 3, T. Smith; 4, R. Smith. REDPOLL: 1, Ramm; 2, T. Smith; 3, J. Booth. CHAFFINCH: 1, Martin.—Thos. Smith, Sec.

BRAMLEY AND DIS. O.S.

First feather show held at the Old Unicorn Hotel, June 24th, when 70 birds faced the judge. The quality was excellent all round, and Mr. Sam Wilcock gave every satisfaction with his awards. YELL. YORKS. (10): 1, 3, hc, Richmond; 2, Steel; vhc, Johnson; c, Bracewell. BUFF. (9): 1, 3, vhc, Richmond: 2, hc, c, Bracewell. YELL. NOR. (9): 1, c, Richmond; 2, hc, March; 3, vhc, Johnson. BUFF (12): Richmond; 2, hc, Richmond; 3, hc, Maltby; vhc, Triffit. Johnson; 2, Richmond; 3, hc, Maltby; vhc, Triffit. CINN. MKD. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Johnson; vhc, hc, Steel; c, Wilson. YORKS. GREEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Richmond; vhc, hc, c, Steel. NOR. GREEN (2): 1, Richmond; 2, Guest. NOVICE: YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, hc, Page; vhc, C. Page. BUFF (6): 1, 3, hc, Page; 2, c, Wainwright; vhc, Taylor. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Scarth; 2, 3, Wainwright. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Scarth; vhc, c, Wainwright.—W. Maltby, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held at Victoria Hotel, Bolton Woods. Mr. Fred Self, of Clayton, placed the cards, and owing to the high-class quality exhibited had some difficulty in doing so. He gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Oldrine; 2, Hall; 3, Taylor; 4, Pullan; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Atkinson; c, Atkinson. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Bryant; 3, Pullan; 4, Dykes; vhc, Hall; hc, Gunn; c, Chittenden. TKD. YELL.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Cooper; 3, Pullan; 4, Martin; vhc, Taylor; hc, Atkinson; c, Goodwin. BUFF: 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Pullan; 4, E. Shepherd; vhc, Taylor; hc, c, Ellis. EVEN. ETC., YELL.: 1, Goodwin; 2, Hall; 3, Dykes; 4, Chitteuden; vhc, Cooper; hc, Taylor; c, Dykes. BUFF: 1, Dykes; 2, Bryant; 3, Cooper; 4, Gunn; vhc, Bryant; hc, Dykes; c, Chittenden; FOUL MKD.: 1, Gunn; 2, Ellis; 3, Gunn. SPECIAL BEST NOVICE BIRD: J. Cooper, Tkd. Yell. SPECIAL BEST BIRD: E. Goodwin, Unmkd. Yell.—M. Skirrow, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held June 29th, Slatter's Rooms, 26 members present. Table show held same time. NOR. YELL. CHAMP.: 1, r, J. Calam; 2, Moore, senr.; 3, vhc, W. Pepper; hc, Moore, senr.; c, W. Clews. BUFF: 1, r, Moore, senr.; 2, vhc, J. Calam; 3, W. Pepper; hc, c, W. Clews. YELLOW NOVICE: 1, G. Woods; 2, vhc, W. Bridge; 3, A. Robinson; r, hc, Cartwright, junr. BUFF: 1, 2, W. Bridge; 3, vhc, hc, A. Robinson; r, c, E. R. Ridley. HYBRID: 1, 2, 3, r, J. Calam; vhc, A. Oliver; hc, Towl Bros. BRITISH: 1, vhc, hc, Towl Bros.; 2, c, J. Calam; 3, F. Yearing; r, Cartwright, junr. Judge, Mr. G. Harland (Hull). A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Harland for his services as judge.—Towle Bros., Hon. Secs.

The Shows.

CLYDEBANK AND DIST. C.B.C.

First Feather Show held in Higgins Hall, on July 1st. Mr. Miller, Anniesland, judged and gave entire satisfaction. The number of birds staged was 35, and would have been largely augmented had the show been just a week later. However, the lucky ones won.

SCOTCH FCY. (6): 1, spl, 4, vhc, c, Bilsland; 2, 3, Flannigan. NOR. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (7): 1, spl, Kane; 2, 4, hc, Tawse; 3, vhc, Ramsay; c, Bilsland. BUFF (10): 1, spl, 2 spl, 3, Hart; 4, hc, Ramsay; vhc, c, Tawse. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, spl, 2, Ramsay; 3, Hart. BUFF (4): 1, Hart; 2, Kane; 3, Tawse; 4, Bilsland. YORKS: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Kane. MULES: 1, spl, 2, O'Donnell.—J. Hart, Sec.

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND DISTRICT F.A.

Member's first feather show held June 28th. Mr. T. W. Scarsbrook, judge. CL. YORKS.: 2, O. Haines. TKD., ETC.; 1, 2, Haines. CL. NOR.: 1, special second best in show, 4, hc, J. H. Bellamy; 2, 3, Whitten; r, c, Richards; vhc, Borman. TKD., ETC.: 1, special best in show, c, Whitten; 2, 4, vhc Bellamy; 3 r, Borman; hc Richards. A.O.V. CAN.: 2, Richards. HYBRID: 1, 2, Hurst, Linnet-Canary. BRITISH: 1, vhc, Borman, Hawfinch, leading; 2, 4, r, Live Stock Co.; 3, Dunning. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Live Stock Co., Madagascar Weaver, etc. The awards were well received, and the judge commented on the splendid quality of the exhibits, the winning Norwich being of exceptional merit, and one that will doubtless be heard of again.—H. G. Whihley, Hon Sec.

SHETTLESTON & DIST. C.B.S.

First feather show, in Houston's Restaurant, Shettleston, on 1st July. There was a fair muster of young birds of nice average type. Mr. Renwick (Hamilton) judged. In the Nor. class Mr. Curly carried off the premier honours, winning the medal with a yell. hen, a real good one, in lovely condition, Secretary Berry coming a close second. The winners here were a nice lot. Borders were also a fair show. Mr. McKay cleared the boards here. Mr. Renwick's judgment gave entire satisfaction. Secretary Berry with President D. McFarlane have the satisfaction of knowing that the club is in a flourishing condition. The members have in most cases had a good breeding season. Mr. Semple had two forward in the Norwich class—both appeared soft, or might have done better. Mr. Curly heads the list for the season so far, by breeding no less than 61 youngsters (his second season only). Judging being past, the members and friends sat down to tea, which was served with good taste, under the chairmanship of President McFarlane, who toasted the judge, coupled with CAGE BIRDS representative, Mr. Joliffe, who replied. NOR.: 1, spl, and medal, Curly; 2, A. Berry; 3, McGuiness; 4, 5, Semple. BORDERS: 1, 3, 4, 5, Mackay; 2, A. Berry. YORKS.: 1, 2, McGuiness. HYBRIDS: 1, McFarlane, Greenfinch Cauary.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual First Feather and British Bird Show on July 1st, in club room, at Sydney Arms Hotel. The somewhat erratic season was responsible for fewer entries in the Canary classes than would have been had the members had decent luck, but as it was, a very fine show of 80 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. The quality of the Norwich was excellent two or three real tip-toppers being staged, and the Border classes showed a marked improvement on previous years. British birds, as is usual in Cheltenham, were worth a journey to see. The special for most points in champion classes was won by Mr. Hiles, and medal for most points in novice section by Mr. H. Williams (Gloucester). During the evening a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Payne for judging.

CREST: 1, 2, 3, Hiles. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Hiles. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Davis (Glos.); 2, Houghton (Glos.); 3, Child BUFF: 1, Houghton; 2, Scrivens. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 3, Pounsett; 2, vhc, Davis; 4, Houghton; hc, Kenyon. BUFF: 1, Pounsett; 2, Taylor; 3, Houghton; 4, Child; vhc, Kenyon. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Hiles. BUFF: 1, 2, Hiles. BORD. YELL.: 1, 3, Madagan; 2, Houghton. BUFF: 1, Madagan; 2, Houghton. ROLLERS: 1, 2, Lewis. MULES: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Alexander. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Davis; 2, 3, 4, hc, Brown; vhc, Scrivens; c, A. Smith. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Pounsett; 2, Davis; 3, 4, Stevens; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Price. NOVICE.—NOR. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Williams; 3, 4, c, Price. BORD.: 1, 2, Hands, jun.; 3, 4, c, Sollis; hc, Miss Dent.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING C.B.S.

Annual First Feather show held July 1st, in the large room above the White Lion Hotel. Despite the poor breeding season experienced by many of the members, there was a good entry, and between 70 and 80 birds faced the judge. Norwich were a grand lot, and were the feature of the show. Several good Yorkshires were also on view, and the Crestbrede were also a nice lot, while the Borders were very creditable considering that they are just beginning to take hold in the district. Special for best in show was won by Mr. H. Wilson, with a very nice buff Nor. of good type and quality, the runner-up being a grand yellow Nor. shown by Mr. H. Kilner. Mr. R. H. Dixon carried out the secretarial duties in his usual careful manner, everything being in perfect order. The show was well patronised by visitors during the day, and we understand that the receipts exceeded the anticipations of the committee and constitute a record for the F.F. shows. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (7): 1, Kilner, fine size, grand shape and col.; 2, M. Dixon, good shape, col. and quality, not so large as winner; 3, Leech, good size, nice col., not quite so chubby; vhc, Green; hc, Atkinson. BUFF (8): 1, spl, best in show, Wilson, grand shape, good head and neck, neat wings and tail, a trifle pale in col., but grand quality; 2, R. Allen, real good one, short and cobby, trimfull of col., tail not in good order, or would have probably won; 3, Leech, grand size, rare head and neck; vhc, Fenton; hc, M. Dixon; c, D. Hann. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, Atkinson, mkd. left wing, good shape and col., nice size, clean cut; 2, Kilner, thigh tkd., little to choose between them: 3 Lynn; vhc Leech; hc Leech; c M. Dixon. BUFF (8): 1, 2, R. Allen, two grand ones, nice size, lovely quality; 3, Wilson, good chest, nice wings and tail, beaten in quality; vhc, Kilner, jun.; hc, Leech. GREEN, ETC.: 1, 3, R. H. Dixon, leader grand shape, good head, neck, and chest 3rd very similar, but a trifle soft; 2, Leech, nice size, scarcely so deep in chest, neat wings and tail. BORD.: 1, 3, Fenton, apparently cl., nice shape, good col, clean cut; 2, Lynn, clear, nice shape, col, quality, not so tight feather; vhc, Lynn. CREST: 1, Hardy, self green, crest rather small, but very neat and shapely, nice centre and droop; 2, 3, Bisset, wing mkd. D.C., crest little larger than winners, but not so neat and shapely; vhc, Green. C.-B.: 1, 2, 3, Hardy, very nice team, good rise and turnover; vhc, Green. YORKS YELL.: 1, R. H. Dixon, good length, nice col. and quality, grand position; 2, Fenton, slightly heavier in build, nice length, good position; 3, Lynn, smaller, good col. and quality. BUFF: R. H. Dixon, rare length, straight as a rush, nice col.; 2, Fenton, scarcely so long, but good position and nice col.; 3, Lynn, good style and position. TKD. YELL.: 1, Lynn, mkd. left wing, grand col. and quality, nice length, good position; 2, 3, R. H. Dixon, cap and neck mkd., nice length and position, plenty of swagger, not so well up in col. BUFF: 1, 3, R. H. Dixon, tkd. right wing, good length, fine position, well drawn; 2, vhc, M. Dixon, mkd. head and neck, nice length, shade stouter body, good wings and tail. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (5): 1, Brown, real good Cinnamon, nice Nor. shape, good col. and quality; 2, vhc, M. Dixon, both Silver Lizards, leader excelling in size and col., nicely rowed, may make out well; 3, Green, Greenie-Can. Mule, good col. and shape. LINNET: 1, Wilson, grand col., big bold bird, rare head and chest; 2, Brown, another good one, grand lacing; 3, Marshall; vhc, Allen. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Brown, grand Mealy Redpoll, fine size, well pencilled; 2, Wilson, another good Mealy; 3, Leech, Lesser Redpoll, neat shape, nice col. and pencilling; vhc, Green. A.O.V. BRIT. (5): 1, Wilson, Goldfinch, good one, rare blaze, nice col, and polish; 2, R. H. Dixon, Hawfinch, nice shape, medium size, grand condition; 3, Lynn, Bullfinch, good col.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Second nest feather show held at Oddfellows' Hall, Plymouth, on June 26th. There was an entry of 90 cages, and the best attendance of members and friends that the society has ever had. Mr. Large judged Yorkshires, Mr. Pope Norwich, Mr. Dart Crests and C.B., Mr. Lugg Cinnamon, A.O.V. and Mules, and Mr. Clarke Brit. and For. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Wordley. BUFF: 1, 2, Wordley, competition in the variety being conspicuous by its absence notwithstanding that many members keep Yorkshires. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Spielman, the former excelling in shape, latter very massive bird, but rather past his best; 2, 4, Tucker, correct in type; vhc, hc, Winnicott and Teague. BUFF: 1, 3, Spielman, two really grand birds, the latter the best, but somewhat soiled in feather; 2, Harvey, monster for its age; 4, vhc, c, Winnicott and Teague, the former a wing mark excelling in quality; hc, Tucker, cap mark, might have been higher up in list. CREST: 1, 2, Bavage, two promising crests; 3, 4, vhc, Coath, birds that will certainly be heard of later; hc, Parsons; c, Richards; this class was a great advancement on the May show. CREST BRED: 1, 3, Davey, winner grand Green, with exceptional head feather; 2, vhc, Bavage, former heavily varieg., running winner very close; 4, Coath, one of the best in appearance in class, but failed in head feather measurement. CINNAMON: 1, 2, Ryder; 3, 4, Dart, good in colour and feather. BORDER: 1, 4, Ryder, former a whole Cinnamon, beautiful quality of feather; 2, 3, Dart, a varieg., considered by many to be the best. MULE, LIGHT: 1, 2, Rowe. MULE, VARIEG.: 1, 2, vhc, Hannaford, this exhibitor is making his first appearance on the show bench, winning well; 3, hc, Rowe; 4, Harvey. DARK: 1, 3, Harvey; 2, 4, Rowe. GOLD or BULLFINCH: 1, Pridham, excellent face and condition; 2, Wills, rather on small side; 3, Hannaford. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 4, Wills, splendid nut-brown colour; 3, vhc, c, Lugg, leader good Redpoll, vhc Linnet, probably best in class, but very unsteady; hc, Lott. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, 2, Wills, Hawfinch and Yellow Bunting, former in grand fettle, takes special for best Brit.; 3, Pridham; 4, Lugg, both Brambles. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Wills, good Thrush. FOR.: 1, Wills, Yellow Budgerigars.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Nest Feather show held in St. Matthew's Parochial Hall, Thornton Road, Bootle. There was a good entry of 98 birds, some of which were very promising. Some grand birds were on view, staged by the following prominent exhibitors:—Messrs. McNulty, J. S. Young, J. Knight, R. B. Wright, R. Algie, J. McLean, F. E. Hawkes, L. Hamilton, W. Potter. Novice members, best birds by the following:—Messrs. J. Knight, R. Malone, R. Steinhart, J. W. Cooper, J. Tyler. The Norwich were more numerous than on any previous year. Mr. F. E. Hawkes put his team of greens out, and they were greatly admired. Mr. J. Taylor was also out with very promising birds. Mr. J. Thornton (Liecard) the judge, gave entire satisfaction. The secretary, as is usual with him, had everything in apple-pie order.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Young, grand bird, good colour and type; 2, Knight, novice, running winner very close; 3, Wright, grand type and colour; vhc, Algie; hc, Bracken; c, Potter. BUFF (9): Another grand lot: 1, Hamilton, model for type, colour, and quality; 2, McLean, runs winner very close; 3, Knight, nice bird; vhc, Algie; hc, Bracken; c, McLean. YORKS., TICK, ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Wright, greatly admired by exhibitors and old fanciers, this being the first time of this member showing in this district; 2, Hamilton, grand bird, runs winner close; 3, Potter, another good one; vhc, Bracken; hc, Young; c, Davie. BUFF (11): 1, 2, McNulty, grand pair, teeming with col. and quality; 3, Hamilton, very promising bird; vhc, Young; hc, Algie; c, Potter. GREEN, SELF YELL. (9): 1, Knight, good one for colour and type, wins well; 2, Algie, good grassy green, plenty of leg and good type; 3, Hamilton, promising youngster; vhc, Knight; hc, McNulty; c, Wright. BUFF (5): 1, 3, McNulty, pair of good birds, splendid type, col., well up on leg; 2, Algie, good colour, type, and quality; vhc, Knight; hc, Davie. FOUL YELL. (9): 1, Knight, grand col., nice bird; 2, Hamilton, hard to separate; 3, Young, very promising bird, grand col.; vhc, Potter; hc, Algie; c, McNulty. BUFF (7): 1, Young, this bird won the special for best Yorkshire shown; 2, McLean, nice bird, will show to advantage later; 3, hc, McNulty; vhc, Knight; c, Hawkes. NORWICH, CL., OR MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hawkes, grand size, col., and type; 3, J. Tyler, nice bird, good type; vhc, Steinhart. GREEN, BUFF: 1, 2, hc, Hawkes, 1st big bouncing bird, good head, body, and penciling, 2nd similar bird, resembling that noted winner the "Pride of Liverpool"; 3, J. Tyler, another good green, plenty of substance, col., and quality; vhc, hc, Steinhart. MULES (4): 1, Larkin, Linnet-Mule, old Bootle winner, a nice bird; 2, Potter, yell. varieg. Goldfinch-Mule; 3, Davie, another Linnet-Mule, wants colour-feeding; vhc, Hawkes. NOVICE CLASSES: YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, R. Malone; 2, Knight. BUFF (4): 1, Knight; 2, Steinhart; 3, Malone; vhc, Cooper. MARKED BUFF (6): 1, Knight; 2, Cooper; 3, hc, Malone; vhc, Steinhart; c, Cooper. GREEN YELL.: 1, 2, Knight; 3, Malone. BUFF: 1, Knight; 2, 3, Steinhart; vhc, Malone. Most points in show (for Mr. R. B. Wright's special), J. Knight, subject to correction. This special is also competed for at the annual old show. Every credit is due to the committee and secretary for the able manner in which this show was conducted.

NEWARK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Nest feather show held at headquarters, Boar's Head Hotel, June 24th, when there was a good entry, and some very fine young birds were on view. Special for best youug Canary went to Mr. A. Wells, with a Norwich of good type and fine quality of feather. Mr. W. P. Barnes (Grantham) judged.

NOR., CL. (14): 1, 3, spl, Wells; 2, c, Smith, sen.; vhc, Lidgett; hc, Lamb. TKD., ETC. (14): 1, 2, Wells; 3, hc, c, Smith; vhc, Lidgett. YORKS. (7): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Dolman; 2, Spinks; c, Garnett. CAN., A.O.V.: Cancelled. BRIT. (13): 1, Simpson; 2, Sheppard; 3, Hopkinson; vhc, Wells; hc, Lamb; c, Toynbee. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Lamb; 2, 3, Toynbee; vhc, Simpson; hc, Peet.—W. Lidgett, Chairman.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

First Feather Show held June 24, Irwell Castle Hotel. Am sorry to say we had a very poor entry, most of our members having had a bad breeding season, and some of them not having bred any at all. Mr. Lythgoe placed the awards to everyone's satisfaction.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (1): 1, Butler and Pickering. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Butler and Pickering; 2, 4, Danson. CL., YELL. NOR. (4): 1, 2, Thompson, two grand birds; 3, Whalley; 4, Jessop. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Critchley; 4, Whalley; vhc, Thompson. CL. BUFF (4): 1, Critchley; 2, Whalley; 3, Jessop; 4, Thompson. TKD. BUFF (5): 1, Whalley, bonny bird; 2, 3, Critchley; 4, Laverty; vhc, Jessop. A.O.V. CAN. (1): 1, Jessop, very nice Crest. LINNET (1): 1, Chaloner and Rowlands. GOLDFINCH (1): 1, Thompson. Specials:—2s., most entries Yorks., Butler and Pickering; 2, Norwich, Critchley; 2s. 6d., most points open Yorks., cancelled; 2s. 6d., most points open Norwich, Critchley; pipe and case, most points Novice Yorks., Butler and Pickering; shoulder of lamb, most points novice Norwich, Thompson; 2s., remaining classes, Chaloner and Rowland, Jessop, and Thompson, tie.—J. Critchley, Sec.

MORLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First Feather Show held Sycamore Hotel, June 17. Our members, taken as a whole, have had a very bad breeding season. We had a total of 59 birds, among which were some very promising young birds. Mr. S. Wilcock (Eccleshill) judged to everybody's satisfaction.

OPEN YORKS. SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, 2, Pyrah; 3, Booth; vhc, hc, Mitchell; c, Dean. BUFF (5): 1, Mitchell; 2, Pyrah; 3, vhc, Kershaw; hc, Dean. UNEV., ETC., GREEN (4): 1, Mitchell; 2, Pyrah; 3, Kershaw; vhc, Booth. UNEV., ETC., CINN. (6): 1, Booth; 2, 3, Pyrah; vhc, hc, c, Kershaw. NOVICE YORKS. SECTION: CL., ETC., YELL. (7): 1, Birdsall; 2, Sykes; 3, c, Rhodes; vhc, hc, Gledhill. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Rhodes; 3, vhc, Gledhill; hc, Sykes. UNEV., ETC., GREEN (3): 1, Birdsall; 2, Sykes; 3, Gledhill. UNEV., ETC., CINN. (2): 1, Birdsall; 2, Gledhill. BRIT.: LINNETS (8): 1, Gomersall; 2, vhc, Holliday; 3, hc, Owen; c, Fisher. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, c, Fisher; 2, vhc, Gomersall; 3, Owen; hc, Pyrah. A.O.S., BRIT. (4): 1, Gomersall (Greenfinch; 2, 3, Owen (2nd Redpoll, 3rd Yellowhammer); vhc, Pyrah (Redpoll).—A. Gledhill, Hon. Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

First Feather Show held "Dartmouth Arms" Hotel, on June 20, and proved a great success in every way. The secretary and committee are to be congratulated on the management. Everything passed off well. There were 17 classes provided. The entry was not quite so large as last year, owing to most of the members having such a poor breeding season. The Norwich and Yorks. turned up well, some very nice birds being staged by Messrs. Bates, Taylor, and Andrews. Mrs. J. Jones (Dudley) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Taylor, two nice cobby birds; 3, vhc, Niblett. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Collier; 3, Niblett. VAR. YELL: 1, Taylor. BUFF: 1, hc, Taylor; 2, 3, Collier; vhc, hc, Capewell. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, hc, Taylor; 2, 3, Collier. TKD. YELL.: 1, Bates; 2, 3, c, Hearnshaw; vhc, Beck; hc, Andrews. BUFF: 1, 3, Bates; 2, Andrews; vhc, Beck. VAR. YELL.: 1, Beck; 2, Bates. BUFF: 1, 2, Andrews; 3, Beck. MULE: 1, Collier, Goldfinch Canary. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Capewell, steady Yellowhammer. SOFTBILL: 1, Capewell, nice Waxwing. NOVICE CLASSES: NOR.: 1, Walker; 2, Grigg. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Cook. BUFF: 1, Cook. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Grigg.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The City and Suburban A.C.B. held a grand young birds, etc., show on July 1, the entry totalling 205, constituting a record for the society, which continues to go ahead in first-rate style. The fine hall at headquartere (the Church Institute, Paddington Street, Marylebone) was profusely decorated with flowers and palms, and presented a charming appearance. There was an excellent attendance, and most of the notabilities of the metropolitan cage-bird world paid the exhibition a visit. The management reached the usual high standard, and congratulations are due to Mr. A. W. Curtis (who took over the secretarial position at short notice) upon the success achieved. He was backed up by the usual willing band of stewards, which included Mrs. Thynne and Messrs. A. W. Hart, Shepherd, Page, Offord, Thynne, Knight, Martin, Dickinson, Sanders, and others. The one disappointment was the absence of Mr. V. Wynn, than whom there can never have been a more popular and respected secretary. This gentleman has been compelled to resign his post (everyone hopes temporarily only), and widespread expressions of regret were heard that the society should have had to part with such a splendid man. The silver cup for best young Canary fell to Mr. F. A. Tebbs (an amateur member), a lovely necklicked Yorkie doing the needful. Its owner has not been many years in the Fancy, but promises to make things warm with his favorite variety. Mr. J. B. Lloyd scored most points towards the novice Yorks. teapot, Mr. W. Page towards Mrs. Weston's cup, and Mr. Curtis towards Mr. Wynn's cup. Mrs. Thynne won the special for most points scored by a lady, and Mrs. Weston that for the best bird, also taking the medal for best young Hybrid. Mr. T. H. Monger won Mr. Burton's cup for best vhc Yorkie. Mrs. Maher won the special for best foreign. The novice sections (Norwich, Yorks., and Borders) were a huge success, there being 21 entries in the clear or ticked Yorks. class alone. The Britishers were also a grand lot. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMPION SECTION.—NOR. CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, spl, vhc, hc, Curtis; 2, 3, Harper. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Harper; 2, vhc, hc, Curtis. CREST-BRED (4): 1, spl, 2, Shepherd; 3, vhc, spl, Mrs. Thynne. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Hawes Bros. BORD., CL. OR TKD. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Mrs. Thynne. A.O.V. (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne. A.O.V. CAN. (2): 1, spl, 2, Curtis. AMAT. NOR. CL. OR TKD. (4): 1, 3, A. W. Hart; 2, vhc, Knight. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, A. W. Hart; 3, Dickinson. CREST (1): 1, Offord. C.B. (2): 1, Dickinson; 2, Offord. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, spl, hc, Tebbs; 2, 3, c, King; vhc, spl, Monger. A.O.V. (8): 1, vhc, Menhenett; 2, 3, c, Tebbs; hc, King. NOVICE NOR. CL. OR TKD. (11): 1, 3, Copeland; 2, vhc, hc, c, T. Hart. A.O.V. (13): 1, 2, vhc, spl, Jeffries; 3, Copeland; hc, Wakefield; c, T. Hart. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. (21): 1, spl, Clements; 2, Lowe; 3, vhc (two), Lloyd; extra 3, hc, Cottey; c, Brumbridge. A.O.V. (5): 1, Lloyd; 2, hc, Walker; 3, Scudder; vhc, Rumble. BORD., CL. OR TKD. (8): 1, spl, 3, hc, c, Sayer; 2, Mrs. Maher; vhc, Mrs. Parry. A.O.V. (8): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Sayer; 2, hc, Bradley; c, Mrs. Maher. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, 3, Miss Jolliffe. OPEN SECTION.—HYBRID (1911): 1, spl, Mrs. Weston. HYB., ANY AGE (2): 1, Dickinson; 2, Parrington. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (8): 1, three spls., Mrs. Weston; 2, Harris; 3, Clements; vhc, hc, Page; c, Sadler. BULLIE (7): 1, Harris; 2, Francis; 3, Copeland; vhc, hc, Page; c, Mrs. Parry. LINNET (10): 1, Harris; 2, c, Francis; 3, Mrs. Weston; vhc, Page; hc, Sayer. GREENIE (9): 1, Francis; 2, Mrs. Weston; 3, Offord; vhc, Harris; hc, Lowe; c, Page. SISKIN (7): 1, Harris; 2, Francis; 3, Offord; vhc, spl, Thrower; hc, c, Page. REDPOLL (5): 1, Sadler; 2, 3, Page; vhc, Francis; hc, Offord. TWITE (5): 1, spl, Harris; 2, hc, Page; 3, Francis; vhc, Offord. CHAFF., ETC. (3): 1, 2, Francis; 3, Page. A.O.S. FINCH (4): 1, Harris; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Page. YELLOWHAMMER (3): 1, Francis; 2, Page; 3, Harris. A.O.V. BUNTING: 1, spl, Mrs. Weston. HEN BULLIE (4): 1, 2, Page; 3, Thrower; vhc, Offord. A.O.S. HEN: 1, 2, hc, Page; 3, Harris; vhc, Mrs. Weston; c, Parrington. SMALL INSECTIV.: 1, spl, Miss Shepherd. LARGE: 1, W. A. Shepherd. CONTINENTAL: 1, Parrington. FOR. SEED: 1, Brumbridge. INSECTIV.: 1, spl, Mrs. Maher. SELL.: 1, Offord.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Second nest feather held June 28th, with a good turn out of members and exhibits, the latter numbering 42 in the 4 classes, the two novice classes being very strong. Our chairman, Mr. T. C. Crawhall, judged, and right well did he do his work. The following gentlemen were elected members: H. Lyall, of Maryport; Mr. Young, of Heaton. CHAMPION CLEARS: 1, Tomlinson; 2, hc, Tindale; 3, Dix; 4, c, Hutler; vhc, Wigglesworth. A.O.V.: 1, vhc, Tindale, leader Newcastle F.F. cup winner; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Dix; 4, hc, c, Hutler. NOVICE: CL.: 1, 3, 4, Atkinson; 2, Deighton; vhc, Smith; hc, Leach; c, Mirley. A.O.V.: 1, 4, c, Atkinson; 2, vhc, Bryden; 3, hc, Mirley.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

34th Annual Nest Feather Show held July 1st, at headquarters, the Sydenham Palace. The entry was a fair one, taking into account the bad season some of the members are experiencing in breeding. The show was a great success, and had a good attendance owing to the fact that the Society for the first time made a venture to have admission free. Mr. Walton (Leicester) judged.

CL. NOR. YELL.: 1, H. Mann; 2, T. Judd; 3, T. E. Waring; vhc, hc, A. J. Barratt. BUFF: 1, T. Gilbert; 2, G. Lawrance; 3, hc, T. Judd; vhc, A. Orton; c, Barratt. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Lawrance, also had special for best young bird in show; 2, vhc, Barratt; 3, Gilbert; vhc, F. W. Harris; c, J. Corrall. BUFF: 1, Judd; 2, Lawrance; 3, Waring; vhc, Orton; hc, Mann; c, Gilbert. CREST: 1, 2, 3, vhc, G. Peters; A.O.V.: 1, Gilbert. MULE: 1, Waring. NOR. (Any Age): 1, Barratt; 2, 3, Corrall; vhc, Gilbert. HEN: 1, G. Turrell; 2, Gilbert. CREST: 1, 2, Gilbert. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Gilbert. MULE: 1, 2, Barratt; 3, Gilbert. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Coates. BRIT. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Gilbert; 2, Turrall; 3, Harris (all Goldfinches). SOFTBILL: 1, c, Coates, Nightingale; 2, Corrall; 3, Gilbert; vhc, Barratt; hc, Turrall. SELL.: 1, 3, Gilbert; 2, Barratt.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Second of this season's members' shows held June 24th, club-room, where 74 birds were staged. Mr. H. J. Chittenden placed the cards and gave every satisfaction.

CHAMP. SECTION.—CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 4, Gaunt; 2, 3, Lister; vhc, Jowett; hc, Fieldhouse. BUFF: 1, Midgley; 2, Self; 3, Gaunt; 4, vhc, Lister; hc, Ormonroyd. TKD. YELL.: 1, Jowett; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Self; 4, Sykes; vhc, Fieldhouse. BUFF: 1, vhc, Lister; 2, Midgley; 3, Fieldhouse; 4, Sykes; hc, Gaunt; c, Ormonroyd. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Gaunt; 2, 3, Lister; 4, Self. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Gaunt; 4, Lister. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Fieldhouse. BUFF: 1, Jowett. SELL. (15s.): 1, Ormonroyd; 2, 3, Lister; 4, Smith. (12s. 6d.): 1, Sykes; 2, Lister. NOVICE SECTION.—CL. YELL.: 1, Shackleton; 2, 3, Smith; 4, Hudson; vhc, Coates. BUFF: 1, Smith; 2, Hainsworth; 3, C. H. Self; 4, Hudson; vhc, Sharp; hc, Jowett. TKD., YELLOW: 1, Hainsworth; 2, E. Self; 3, Hudson; 4, vhc, Lewis; hc, Henser. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, Hainsworth; 3, Hick; 4, C. H. Self; vhc, Lewis; hc, E. Self; c, Hudson. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Hainsworth. BUFF: 1, Henser; 2, Sharp; 3, Coates. CLASS 17: Void. A.V. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Shackleton; 3, Coates.—J. Holroyd, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Young bird show held at the Broadway, Wimbledon, on July 3rd. There was a nice entry, composed chiefly of Yorkshires and Borders, the Norwich section being only fairly represented. Some good Yorkshires were put down by Messrs. Crisp, Warley, Wheeler, Smith, Mrs. Owen, and others in the Champion section. The chairman, Mr. Stoakley, staged the leaders in the clear novice class. The Borders were good, particularly Mr. Plank's two beauties. Mrs. Thynne and Mr. Owen both staged capital examples of this variety. The show was in the capable hands of Mr. H. Smith, the secretary, and passed off well. During the evening the room was well filled by fanciers and friends. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP. NOV. (4): 1, vhc, Mrs. Smith; 2, 3, Dixon. YORKS. CL. ETC. (14): 1, 2, Crisp; 3, c, Wheeler; vhc, Warley; hc, Mrs. Owen. VARIEG. (4): 1, Mrs. Owen; 2, Smith; 3, Warley; vhc, Mrs. Whitmore. BORDER (8): 1, vhc, Owen; 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Thynne. AMAT. YORKS. (2): 1, 2, Taylor. NOVICE NOR. (6): 1, 2, vhc, Shipton; 3, Wright; hc, c, Baker. YORKS, VG., ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Stoakley; hc, Wright. VARIEG. (4): 1, Wright; 2, Whiting; 3, vhc, Brown. BORDER (9): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Plank; 3, Harrison; c, Lathbury. CREST and C.B. (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne. HYB. (4): 1, Smith; 2, 3, Tutty; vhc, Shipton. BRIT. (9): 1, 3, Tutty; 2, Brown; vhc, Dyke; hc, Chalfont; c, Shipton.

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BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Members' F.F. Show, held Assembly Rooms, June 24. Mr. Bailey judged, and gave entire satisfaction. The entry was not a good one, owing to the fact that a lot of our members have not had a very successful time. There were 32 birds in the four classes.

CL. YELL.: 1, Bailey; 2, vhc, Merrall; 3, Townley; 4, Wade. BUFF: 1, Denby; 2, 3, Livesey; 4, Merrall; vhc, c, Wade; hc, Dean. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Townley; 2, vhc, Denby; 3, hc, c, Merrall; 4, Dean. BUFF: 1, 4, Denby; 2, Merrall; 3, Bailey; vhc, Wade, hc, Livesey; c, Dean.—A. Livesey, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

First of the nest feather shows held June 15, when, considering the bad luck some of the members have been having, a good number of birds turned up. Mr. F. Garfield put down a very nice team of Norwich, and Mr. J. Millencamp three fine Yorkshires, and both won the specials for the section. Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury), our vice-president, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. CL.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Garfield; 4, c, Crundell; vhc, Harrison; hc, Robinson. TKD., ETC.: 1, vhc, Garfield; 2, hc, Harrison; 3, c, Weaver; 4, Robinson. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Hughes; 2, Garfield; 3, 4, Weaver. YORKS. CL.: 1, spl, Millencamp; 2, 3, hc, Hall; 4, vhc, c, Gibbons. MKD.: 1, vhc, Millencamp; 2, 3, Hall; 4, Gibbons.—J. Gibbons, Sec.

EAST BOWLING AND DIS. B.F.A.

First young bird show of the season held June 24, in St. Johns School. Some nice young ones were on view, and should they have a good moult will be heard of again. Mr. P. Mason placed the cards, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

CL., YELL.: 1, Gledhill; 2, Bleazard; 3, Bywater; 4, Clark; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Hodgson; c, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Gledhill; 2, Cowell and Calloway; 3, Bywater; 4, Padgett; vhc, Casey; hc, Clark; c, Robinson and Sharpe. TKD. YELL.: 1, Shaw; 2, Padgett. BUFF: 1, Padgett; 2, Clark; 3, Bleazard; 4, Cowell and Calloway; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Robinson and Sharpe; c, Hellewell. UNEV., ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, Shaw; 2, Casey; 3, Bleazard. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, 4, Shaw; 3, Clarke; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Cowell and Calloway. CINN., MKD. YELL.: 1, Atkinson; 2, Hodgson; 3, Helliwell; 4, Casey; vhc, Bleazard. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, Bywater.—L. Booth, Sec.

LUTON C.B.S.

Table show of young birds held 4, Peel Street. Mr. Tyson judged, and afterwards gave a lecture which was much appreciated. The evening was a very enjoyable one, ending with a hearty vote of thanks to the judge and lecturer.

NOR. (14): 1, sp for best in show, Beanland, very nice bird, a credit to its owner; 2, 3, F. J. Webb, also good bird, and should do well later on; hc, Broomfield and Rose; vhc, Spires; hc, Cole; c, Masters. YORKS. (18): 1, c, Smith and Son, 1st nice long slim yellow, will improve with age, wins easily; 2, Codd, good buff, a bit larger than winner, but loses flights a little; 3, hc, Moore, 3rd fine large bird; 4, vhc, Jackson. CREST AND C.B. (8): 1, 4, Cole, 1st nice young Crest, wing mark D.C.; 2, Bloomfield and Rose, loses in condition only; 3, c, Ball, var. C.B., quite a baby, must be a good one to do so well in such company; vhc, Bennett. MULES (1): 1, Lewis, Greenfinch-Canary.—E. Bloomfield, Hon. Sec.

WEST STANLEY AND DIST. O.S.

Nest Feather Show held June 24, in club-room, Stanley Inn. We had 91 entries. It has been a very bad breeding season in our district. Some grand birds were staged in the British bird classes. Competition was very keen, especially in the two Linnet classes. Mr. J. Hands judged, and gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL., ETC.: 1, J. H. Elliott; 2, Murray. BUFF, ETC.: 1, Foster; 2, Hunter; 3, Crosby and Gawland. YORKS., YELL., ETC.: 1, Bentick; 2, Turnbull. BUFF: 1, Bentick; 2, Turnbull; 3, Murray. C.B.: 1, Foster. CIN. YELL., ETC.: 1, Calvert. BUFF: 1, Calvert. BORD., YELL., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, J. H. Elliott. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, J. H. Elliott; 4, 5, Peart. NOR., NOVICE: 1, 3, M. Smith; 2, Hunter; 4, 5, Emmerson. YORKS., NOVICE: 1, Burdon; 2, Murray. CINN., NOVICE: 1, Calvert. BORD., NOVICE: 1, Murray. NOR., OLD: 1, 2, Wears; 3, Wilson. YORKS., OLD: 1, Turnbull; 2, 3, Burdon. BORD., OLD: 1, 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, 4, Peart. CREST OR C.B., OLD: 1, Crosby and Gawland. CAN., A.O.V.: 1, Goodchild. MULE: 1, Wears. LINNET, H.M.: 1, Peart; 2, Foster; 3, Goodchild; 4, Crosby and Gowland; hc, Wilson. LINNET, F.M.: 1, 3, Peart; 2, W. Elliott; 4, 5, Atkinson. GREENFINCH: 1, Emmerson; 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, W. Elliott; 4, Hunter. BULLFINCH: 1, W. Elliott; 2, Wilson. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, 2, 4, W. Elliott, leader Chaffinch, 2nd Bramblefinch, 4th Siskin; 3, Gowland and Crosby, good mealy Redpoll, well shown; hc, Foster, another good mealy. FOR. GOLDIE: 1, Wears. BRIT. GOLDIE: 1, Goodchild; 2, Emmerson; 3, Wears; 4, Wilson. During the day rain fell in torrents, but it did not stop visitors from putting in an appearance. —W. Elliott, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A

First Nest Feather show held at Red Lion Hotel, Stoke, June 22. The venture proved very successful. About 90 birds were staged. The Norwich classes contained some promising youngsters, which should be heard of again. The winning yellow was voted a good one, taking special for best young bird. Yorkshires were excellent, both in numbers and quality, and made a good display. Mules and British were a feature of the show, and attracted much attention. Many of the specimens staged could hold their own in the keenest competition. The show was well attended by visitors, who appeared to be well satisfied with the exhibition. The competition for the cup was very keen, several members running very close. The first eight were: J. Pitchford 17, J. Bowers 14, T. Walker 13, J. Butters 13, F. W. Alcock 13, J. Holland 10, W. H. Walton 10, W. Roberts 8. The awards were made by Mr. F. Bate, whose decisions appeared to give general satisfaction.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2 spls, 2, vhc, Bowers; 3, Roberts. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Bowers; 2, Butters; 3, Pitchford; hc, Roberts. BUFF MKD.: 1, Chas. Clay; 2, Roberts; 3, vhc, Butters; hc, Cyril Clay. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, 3, Holland; 2, Walker; vhc, Hawley. BUFF: 1, 3, Walker, 2, Walton; vhc, hc, Holland; c, Alcock. YELL. MKD.: 1, Alcock; 2, 3, Holland. BUFF: 1, Holland; 2, 3, Alcock; vhc, Lea; hc, c, Keeling. A.O.V.: 1, Lea. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Pitchford; 2, vhc, Butters; 3, Davis. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, 3, Davis; 2, Keeling. LINNET: 1, c, Pitchford; 2, Walton; 3, Davis; vhc, Bowers; hc, George. A.O.V. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, c, Davis; 3, vhc, Pitchford; hc, Wood. SOFTBILL: 1, Cyril Clay. MULE OR HYB.: OLD: 1, 2, Pitchford; 3, Davis. CAN., OLD: 1, Pitchford; 2, Roberts; 3, Lea; vhc, George; hc, Keeling; c, Holland.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

In the Courts.

FRAUDS ON FANCIERS.

Swindler Sentenced at Sheffield Quarter Sessions.

At the Sheffield Quarter Sessions on June 30 some long firm frauds of a particularly impudent character were investigated. The prisoner was Fred Middleton, a middle-aged miner, of Woodlands, Doncaster. He was charged with obtaining from George Whitton, John M. Finlayson, John W. Metcalfe, Walter J. Bobbett, and others, birds, etc., as per report of the preliminary proceedings given in our issue of June 24.

The circumstances disclosed a remarkable series of impudent frauds. As far back as two or three years ago the West Riding County Constabulary at Doncaster received complaints as to prisoner's trading transactions, principally from bird fanciers a long way off who had advertised their birds for sale in fanciers' papers. As a result the police warned him on three separate occasions. Notwithstanding, prisoner continued his frauds, and the police then took out a warrant at the end of May last. Prisoner's procedure was to write on note-paper headed "Fred Middleton, confectioner, cycle agent and repairer, taxidermist, agent for Hardy's Patent Pick Co., etc." He always asked for the birds to be sent on approval, and promised cash by return post. Deceived by the flash business memorandum the birds mentioned in the charges (as well as many others in cases where those who had been defrauded would not go to the trouble of prosecuting) were sent on to the prisoner. In not a single case was the money returned, all manner of excuses being invented to account for the delay and to put the prosecutors off. Prisoner appeared to be making a very good living by this modus operandi. He had no bona fide business, but, being a man of good education, was able to pen letters which successfully deceived.

To Mr. Whitton, of Tunbridge Wells, he wrote that cage birds were his hobby. A fine cock bird was sent him, and he then tried to negotiate for a hen. But Mr. Whitton was dubious, and asked for the settlement of one transaction at a time. Prisoner feigned illness and sent a doctor's certificate, and when prosecutor threatened proceedings he asked him for a few days' grace and begged that he would not "drag his name through the mire." The money was not forthcoming, and the prosecutor took proceedings.

Mr. W. J. Bobbett, of Bridgwater, was defrauded of sixteen birds, and had quite a lengthy correspondence with the prisoner. The latter wrote him that he was "starting an aviary." The birds, which were of the estimated value of 20s., were sent off on the promise of "cash by return." Prisoner then commenced shillyshallying about payment, and wrote that two of the birds were dead on arrival. When Mr. Bobbett agreed to allow 3s. off for this, the prisoner wrote that three more birds had died. He could not, he said, understand this, as they were being well looked after.

It was shown that there had been an incessant delivery from the Carcroft railway station of birds coming from all parts of the country consigned to the prisoner's house. He had kept a very small shop during the last 18 months, in which he sold sweets and bird cages. The Hardy Patent Pick Co., Ltd., knew nothing about him. A squirrel, a stuffed bird, and some bird seed were seen at his house on one occasion by the police, but a great number of live birds were found upstairs on another. There were also found in his house many letters from all over the country complaining of his business transactions, and in most cases threatening legal proceedings.

From Mr. Roberts, of Blackpool, he obtained birds valued at £2 in the New Year, and in the course of his letter wished that gentleman "a prosperous New Year." He never paid Mr. Roberts.

Prisoner signed himself "Capt." Middleton, though he had only been in the Fire Brigade. A fancier came from Wombwell, in Yorkshire, to see him about the non-payment of 30s. for two birds, and he made this man believe that he (the prisoner) had just that moment posted a postal order to him. That was untrue.

The prisoner put in a plea of guilty at the Sheffield Sessions to obtaining birds, etc., by false pretences, and the Court passed sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

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Twitterings.

The Halifax O.S. Second Nest Feather Show will be held on July 29; judge, R. E. Hellewell, Esq. (Halifax); writes Mr. J. J. Dunn, the sec.

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Mr. Ridge, having resigned his post as secretary, I have been appointed in his place. All correspondence should be addressed to 132, Chapel Lane, Wigan.—W. Dyer, hon. sec. Wigan and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly ask for the name and full address of the gentleman living at Harehills Lane, Leeds, who some time ago made an exchange with me, writes Mr. H. Burrows, 16, Grango Road, Southall, Middlesex.

The members of the East Ham C.B.S. are overjoyed at having been offered six cups at the last meeting, which I feel sure is without equal, writes Mr. B. C. Smith. May it add to the success of the society!

I am pleased to inform you that we have already well over 200 entries for the North London C.B.A. Young Stock Show on Saturday next (July 8), and still more are promised, writes Mr. R. P. Harper, the hon. sec.

Burnley Cage Bird Club Prize Draw.—1, 9,284; 2, 7,809; 3, 1,931; 4, 1,903; 5, 7,162; 6, 7,606; 7, 7,938; 8, 5,849; 9, 5,321; 10, 7,945; 11, 7,589; 12, 5,284; 13, 7,598; 14, 2,034.—R. Towler, 25, Pear Street, Burnley.—Advt.

Watford and Dis. C.B.S. are holding their 6th annual young bird show on Saturday, July 15, in the Conservative Hall, Clarendon Road, writes Mr. W. Quantrell, the Hon. Sec. Judge, Mr. Shakespeare, of London. All bird-lovers invited.

Hartlepools' C.B.S. Prize Drawing.—No. 1, 673; No. 2, 801; No. 3, 986; No. 4, 670; No. 5, 820; No. 6, 687; No. 7, 939; No. 8, 805; No. 9, 654; No. 10, 896.—Apply E. Woodhead, hon. sec., 38, St. Paul's Road, West Hartlepool.—Advt.

The secretaries of the Wigan and District C.B.S. now are Mr. F. Dyer, 132, Chapel Lane, Wigan, and Mr. E. Fairhurst, 3, Fitzadam, St. Spring Gardens, Wigan, to whom all communications re the society must be made, writes Mr. W. Rivers.

The London and Counties A.C.B. Young Bird Show will be held at the "Earl Cathcart," Munster Square, N.W. (three minutes from Portland Road Station, Met. Railway), on Saturday next, July 15; judge, Mr. J. Oldaker; writes Mr. R. J. Pretty.

Sold already five tons Royal Red. Every noted fancier in England supplied already, including Messrs. Davies, Cook, Booth, Irons, Baker, Vardy, Dormer, Taylor, Mitchell, Smeaton, Ambler, Shackleton, Hirst. Thousands more. I could fill this column with noted names. See Sandiford's advert.—Advt.

The Halifax O.S. syllabus for 1911-12 comprises a number of interesting events, and the syllabus-card includes also the classifications for the various shows to be held during the season. The secretary is Mr. J. J. Dunn, 67, Hartley Street, Battinson Road, Halifax, to whom applications for membership should be made.

The "Avicultural Magazine" for July is an extremely interesting number, containing some excellent photographs and articles. The chief items are: "Tame Lorikeets at Liberty," by Mrs. E. M. Innes; "A First Flight," by E. Trenow, F.Z.S.; "Some Notes on Brehm's Hoopoe," by M. J. Nicol, F.Z.S.; "Nesting Notes on the Blackbird," by Miss West; "Some Wild Pet Doves," by Miss Currey; and "The Keeping of Hawks and Owls," by J. L. Bonhote, M.A. There is the usual budget of correspondence and notes.

FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

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Secretaries should note that we can print at very favourable rates, show schedules, posters in colours, and ornamental prize-cards. Send for samples and prices.

We are sorry we cannot see our way to hold an Open Show this season; we are having a local show only, writes Mr. W. T. Singleton, hon. sec., Darwen and Dist. C.B.S. I am pleased to report that I have just received a cheque from our president, Mr. F. G. Hindle, to purchase a cup, and I hope to get one or two more yet.

We have engaged Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) to judge the Border and Scotch Fancy Canaries along with the Mules and British and foreign birds at Ayr Open Show on October 28, writes Mr. James Sloan, the hon. sec. We have also been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. A. Watson (Kilmarnock) to judge the Norwich and Crests.

Mr. T. Smith, of Glasgow, writes: It is cheering to learn that Councillor James Hogg, of Oakley, Fife, who has been indisposed for a few weeks, is again moving about. It is to be hoped he will have a speedy recovery. He cannot be done without at our leading shows—they are not complete without his familiar personage.

The Brighton C.B.A. will hold their second young stock show with British and Foreign Birds on July 19th, in the large club-room, 2, Cheapside, writes Mr. Will H. Gibb, the Secretary. Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester) will officiate. There is sure to be keen competition for the club specials presented by Messrs. C. Pearson and E. Cadman, for most points gained by nominated birds, as several members are close together with points gained in the June show. There is also a good list of other specials for best in class and show. The show will be open to the public after 5 o'clock.

OBITUARY.

The members of Dalkeith and Bonnyrigg express their sympathy with their esteemed member, Mr. Thos. Bickerstaff, of Eskbank, whose wife was laid to rest on July 3rd. The Fancy is poorer by the loss of such a woman, for to her counsel and assistance were due the measure of success achieved by her husband. We lay our wreath on the grave of one who looked well to the ways of the household, and ate not the bread of idleness.—J. Steel and G. Harper, secretaries, Dalkeith and Bonnyrigg societies.

In an aviary in our back garden we have four Goldfinches, two Bullfinches, one Linnet, one Siskin, and one Redpoll. One of the Bullies has laid five eggs, and is now sitting. If we get any Hybrids I will write and let you know.—Dorothy Badcock (Upper Tooting).

South-West London C.B.S. hold their 15th Young Bird Show, July 13, at the Plough Hotel, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, writes Mr. John Jeffrey, the hon. sec. The committee hope fanciers and friends will give them a look in (no charge for admission). All trams pass the door; two minutes' walk from Clapham Junction Station.

At the Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A. First Feather Show the entries were only half the usual number, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, the hon. sec., no doubt owing to the date clashing with the Coronation festivities. The Yorkshire novice classes were the only section patronised almost, the others being very poor. The gate was most disappointing.

Will members and fanciers please note that entries for the Young Bird Show of the Admiral Duncan O.S. (Notts), to be held on July 15, close on Thursday, July 13? Also that we accept new members up to this date? Fanciers within a ten-mile radius of Nottingham Market Place are eligible to join.—J. Cowpertwait, sec. (22, Edwin Street, Nottingham).

I find I gave you the wrong date for the Clapham C.B.S. Young Bird Show, writes Mr. A. E. Priest. It is on Saturday, July 15th, at 3 o'clock. Judges, Mr. J. Robson Canaries, and Mr. J. Frostick, British, etc. As I am unable to get away from business on a Saturday afternoon, our late secretary, Mr. A. C. Askew, has kindly offered to act as show manager, so I hope the members will support him well.

Some weeks ago, at the instance of Mr. Priestman, sec. of Ilford F. and F.S., we published a warning against a Frederick Harris, of Ilford, whom we understood was obtaining birds and not paying for them. We hear now that this man has gone away and that his landlord, Mr. Cheeswas, has distrained for rent upon the birds, appliances, etc., upon the premises. Mr. H. Oliver, of Glossop, writes: He owes me £7 for birds, and I had him in the County Court to appear at Glossop on July 26, which cost me a further 10s. It has fairly upset me, as I am only a carpenter with six little children and could ill afford to lose it. I have written to Mr. Cheeswas to-night to see if he can do anything for me, but I suppose Harris will owe a lot of rent, which will take all he has left. [We understand that there is considerable stock on the premises, and that the rent owing is about £15.—Editor.]

Open Norwich F.C.

Will all members who have changed addresses kindly send corrections? Also secretary would be pleased to hear from intending members, so that their names may be included in year books.—O. Mitchell, hon. sec. (13, Lodge Terrace, Bowling, Bradford).

Cinnamon Canary Club.

Will societies wishing to have the above Club's patronage kindly apply, giving list of judges, prize-money, etc.? There is every prospect of the Cinnamon being a source of profit to any societies giving classes this year.—J. W. Metcalfe, hon. sec. (58, Brunswick Road, Liverpool).

Illustrated Ideas

No. 522.
A Protection Against Cats.

Sent by Mr. Rich, 24, Lysons Road, Aldershot.

The following idea I have found very useful in keeping cats from lying or prowling about on the roof of my outdoor aviary, so I am sending it along to help others. The sketch will explain where to cut through the wire

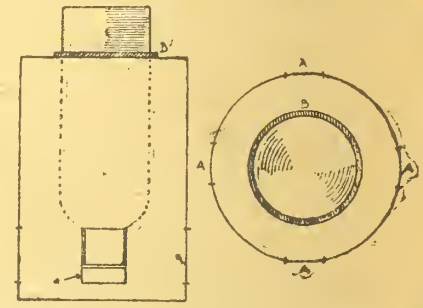


netting. Then turn the sharp points up and nail wire flat on roof of aviary. The smaller mesh the netting the better. Cats have not worried me since covering my roof in this way. —M. Rich.

No. 523.
A Bottle Seed-hopper.

Sent by H. Mainprize, 181, Mersey Street, Holderness Road, Hull.

I trust this idea will prove useful to bird fanciers who have aviaries. It is a seed hopper made out of an ordinary tin and bottle. Cut the seed holes at the lid end of the tin, and then solder the lid on. Next cut a hole at the bottom of the tin, to insert the bottle



through. Then place a rubber ring round the bottle in such a position that you can adjust the flow of seed to your requirements (see sketch). You can cut as many feeding holes in the tin as you may require. Keep the bottle just clear of the bottom to allow the seed to flow.—H. Mainprize.

Owls and Rats.

An unusual number of Owls have been seen in a village in Surrey much infested with rats, which are now becoming far less numerous.

Sitting Without Eggs.

As a rule, when wild birds are deprived of their eggs, they will at once desert the nest, but occasionally the sitting fever is so strong that they have been known to sit some time upon an empty nest.

To Supplant the Nightingale.

The Blackcap, one of our soberly plumaged summer warblers, is now to be seen at the park and in the woods round about, says a writer in the "East Grinstead Observer." The males may be heard all day long, and the song of this bird to my mind is quite as beautiful as the Nightingale's. If the Blackcap sang at night, when all sounds are hushed, I believe it would be appreciated just as much, if not more.

Blackbird's Remarkable Nest.

There has been a remarkable Blackbird's nest in Tain (North of Scotland), built on the top of a revolving band saw, so near to the saw that the carpenter had to put up a board to protect the bird's tail from being cut off. This is the third year that the same pair have built their nest in the same workshop. They hatched three birds. When the engine and all the machinery are in full swing the noise is deafening, but the birds pay no attention. The nest is in Mr. Nicol's workshop at Tain, and Mr. Andrew Ross, his foreman, can vouch for these statements. Last year the birds brought out two broods. They stay in the workshop all winter.

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By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR

(Continued from page 541.)

No. 8.—My Diamond Sparrows.

Whether ownership ecstasy is common to the human race I do not happen to know. One is very apt to suppose an experience peculiar to oneself, and then one day be surprised to find the very thing precisely stated in, say, Shakespeare, where it, at first sight, looks like an unblushing plagiarism. For myself I can at least certify that all possessions do not excite me to these pleasant feelings. I can own fine linen and encyclopædias, to give two random examples, without emotion. But my first box of soldiers produced a delicious throb of exaltation. Similarly, on the first occasion of owning a house, I had the sensation powerfully, and indeed prematurely—for on the autumn afternoon when the owner's spirit descended on me, the mortgage had not been fully paid off. But I attempted an adjustment of my own and the building society's rights by leaving the chimney-pots and roof—a liberal abatement for the balance due, outside the scope of my enduring thought.

Last year, I was up in London for my annual holiday, and while reading CAGE BIRDS, as in duty bound on Friday afternoon, my eye suddenly lit on an advertisement of Diamond Sparrows, privately imported, in the near neighbourhood of Regent's Park, where as most of my readers know the Zoo makes its headquarters.

Now Diamond Sparrows are never common at any time, as they always come over in very poor feather; for the little beggars seem to spend the whole of the voyage from Australia in denuding each other of feathers. I suppose there must be one or two special culprits; because there are always one or two in the consignment in perfect feather. These I take to be the ringleaders.

I hoped, therefore, as these were private importations, they might have experienced more gentle treatment than falls to the lot of trade imported specimens, and therefore might still be in possession of at any rate some feathers beyond those in tail, wings, and the crown of the head! I determined to lose no time, and to forego no chances, as I did not know how many eyes had caught that same advertisement; and how many motor-cars might be speeding Regent's Parkwards. Accordingly, I started off hot-foot, and found the address without much difficulty.

Unfounded Suspicions.

It was a paper shop, and at first I thought I had made a mistake, or that it was one of those places where letters may be left till called for. This happened to me once years ago when I saw some Turquoisines advertised. I rushed off, only to find that the place was a shop where letters might be left till called for; and that was the last I ever heard of my Turquoisines, though I left a communication saying I would take the lot. I concluded that they only existed in the imagination of the vendor, and in the columns of the newspaper in question; in other words that they were bait to catch the unwary.

In the present case, it was not so, for on enquiry for the foreign birds, I was told by the owner of the shop that they belonged to her son, who had been sent on a voyage to Australia for his health, and who had brought back the birds to help pay the expenses of the voyage. If I would not mind waiting, she would go and call him, as he was not yet up. If I liked to walk into the garden I should find the birds in the shed. I eagerly assented, and on going as directed I found a typical London back-garden, and in a big covered shed the cages containing the foreign birds.

There was a cageful of Pennants in nesting feather, wonderfully strong and healthy; and one odd hen Red Rosella; another cageful of Wood Swallows in two varieties; and a third cage containing the Diamond Sparrows.

Of these latter there were about fourteen; and I made a mental resolve that they should shortly be mine. They were in very fair condition considering; only about half being naked. The others were in nearly full feather. Most of them were birds of the year, and all were strong and healthy.

After waiting perhaps a quarter of an hour, the owner joined me in the garden, and I tentatively asked him the price of the Diamonds. He told me that two pairs were already bespoken by a lady, but that I could have the remainder and welcome. This I decided to do, with the proviso that I might leave them a week till I returned to Yorkshire.

The Pennants sorely tempted me, as they were so very fine, and the price moderate, but alas! I was full up, and even I have sense enough not to buy birds that I cannot possibly house. However, as I could not take them myself, I thought I would act the good Samaritan; so I wired to a friend and neighbour in Yorkshire that I had found some extra fine Pennants and Wood Swallows and that "if" he wanted them he must look particularly sharp. I had the satisfaction of finding on my next visit that my wire had led to a nice order, and that the Pennant and Wood Swallow cage was very considerably depleted.

This, I think, was one of those actions of the past that will one day

Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust!

Contrariwise.

Many years ago the late Joseph Abrahams told me how to sex Diamond Sparrows. "If" he said, buttonholing me, as was his wont, "you want to tell the sex of Diamond Sparrows, this is the way. The hens are always the biggest birds and have the biggest and most spots on the sides." This is, of course, contrary to all experience, as usually, I might say almost invariably, the males are the brighter coloured in most species. In Diamond Finches the contrary is true.

I was irresistibly reminded of the celebrated Mr. Gotty—(if my readers don't understand the allusion, let them at once go and buy "Gotty and the Governor"). "That's a true word," exclaimed Mr. Gotty enthusiastically, when told that somebody knew more than he did. "Where I've bin before, I don't want nobody to show me the way. Where I ain't bin, I'm willin' to be took, and by them as 'ave. I ain't like some people, too ignorant to be larned what they don't know."

At the end of the week I had my consignment sent down to Yorkshire, on the night I myself arrived home, so that I should receive them the first thing the next morning, and be saved all the bother of having a lot of extra parcels to look after. They came to hand sure enough about 9 a.m., and in beautiful order. I at once put them out to their future home, but I did not let go at once, but caged them in the separate compartments of a large wicker Indian cage in which some seasons before I had received a consignment of Shamas. These cages are particularly useful for keeping birds apart, as they are provided with little earthenware pots and sliding doors, and as they are all made of bamboo, the droppings all fall through, and the birds are always sweet.

Into each compartment I popped a Diamond Sparrow, and then for a few weeks I left them,

"Each in his narrow cell to dwell apart."

I knew that this was the only way to get a new crop of feathers.

They were a bit of a nuisance, as generally once a day one of the prisoners would manage to squeeze through the prison bars and escape, and then I had to chase him till I once more secured him with a net; and it is no joke for a big man to hunt a vigorous and active Diamond Sparrow on a hot and boiling July day. No one who has not tried knows how a Diamond Sparrow can dodge the net. In seven weeks time I had seven as lovely Diamond Sparrows as you ever set eyes on. One by one I let them go and they soon mated up, and I found that I had three pairs and an odd bird; that had perpetually to play the game of odd man out.

A Curious Love Song.

The song of the Diamond Sparrow is, as Bret Harte would have said, "peculiar." It resembles nothing as much as the buzzing of a big bumble bee in a bottle, and while the bird is singing he rises on the tips of his toes and screws his neck to an angle of 45 degrees till you would think he would have a perpetual crick. He then snuggles up to the hen and diligently preens her neck, to her very evident enjoyment.

Nobody need have any difficulty about the feeding of Diamonds; all they require is a good supply of best Spanish Canary, at which, like Sairy Gamp, they can go when they feel "so dispoged." They are also very fond of fresh-growing grass, and eat it by passing the succulent shoots up and down lengthwise in their beaks. I generally supply their wants by having a few saucers of damp earth about in which I sow Canary seed till it sprouts; or better still, draw it up rapidly in a frame.

In my experience Diamond Sparrows like to build their own nests, and when a Diamond Sparrow begins building there is no mistake about it. They are true Sparrows in this sense, as they put together a great untidy structure big enough for a Sparrow Hawk. They always choose the most inaccessible part of the aviary for their domestic arrangements. They are particularly shy at nesting time, and will brook no interference with their affairs. They are also particularly spiteful at this time, and any poor and inoffensive bird that ventures near their domain will be attacked in the most savage and wanton manner.

Beautiful Bullies.

Knowing the character of my Diamonds, I always put them with strong birds that are able to stick up for themselves; for Master Diamond is, like most bullies, an arrant coward at bottom. What he loves is to bully little birds like Zosterops; he doesn't at all care to tackle a lusty Cut-throat. As I have warned my readers, they must not interfere with the nesting of the Diamond Sparrows; so that they will not be able to learn much till things are finished. The eggs are white and rather pointed, and usually about four in number.

The young leave the nest fully feathered, and differ but little in size from the old birds, but are of a decidedly rusty hue all over—the spots are small and indistinct. They can fly like lightning, and sometimes on leaving the nest unfortunately dash into the windows and kill themselves. I have had this happen with other youngsters; so that now I cover the glass with muslin tacked slackly on to the frame, and this breaks the force of the impact and saves many a valuable life.

There is no great difficulty in breeding Diamonds, given the following requisites: A quiet aviary, a non-inquisitive owner, a true pair (odd birds are the very devil in spoiling domestic happiness), and the requisite stock of patience. To breed Diamond Sparrows is a very profitable industry, as they will sell like "hot cakes" at 20s. the pair. The last time I advertised a pair I don't know how many anxious telegrams I received, all imploring me to reserve them for the distracted sender, but what could I do? I couldn't satisfy all: so I sent them to the man I knew, and I caused great joy in that city.

A Lady's Method of Rearing Canaries.

By Miss L. M. NICHOLLS.

In writing this article I must first state that I am quite a novice in Canary-breeding, but having had such good luck with my first attempt, I thought I would explain to CAGE BIRDS' readers how I reared my birds.

Hope Almost Gone.

I did not buy any birds for the purpose of breeding; both the cock (which is a splendid Crested bird) and the hen (a plain yellow) were presents to me, and were kept as pets, both now being two years old. However, I put them together this year, and they paired up; so I transferred them to a breeding cage, where the hen soon laid four eggs. During the time she was sitting I bought books, papers, etc., so as to go to work properly, but I found that they all had different methods of rearing Canaries to relate, and gave me the impression that they were so much trouble and so difficult to rear that I almost lost hope of rearing young Canaries, even if the eggs were hatched all right. Not knowing, therefore, which method to follow, I did, after a time, as I thought best, expecting to lose all.

Food During Incubation.

While the hen was sitting I gave the birds the best Spanish Canary seed, clean water, plenty of clean sand, and one tiny sprig of watercress every day; also a small quantity of egg-food made as follows: A small piece of a new-laid, hard-boiled egg (boiled for 15 minutes), both yolk and white equal parts, with about as much crushed Osborne biscuit as would go to the piece of egg, together with a little crushed hemp seed. I only make a very little of this at a time so that it may not go sour. Once a day I consider sufficient to give the hen egg-food while she is sitting; this, I believe, keeps her from becoming weak. The cock bird fed her with this all the time, so that she only left her nest once a day for water and a bath.

In thirteen days (viz., April 13th) a bird was hatched, and by the fourteenth day all four were hatched and well. They had egg-food (the same as above, but without the hemp seed), with a nice young piece of watercress on about the fourth day. I also gave the parents a bath on the fourth day.

When the birds were about six days old I found their nest was very dirty, so I took the risk of the hen deserting her young by giving them a new nest myself, taking great care how I handled them. Having changed the nest I coverod the cage up with a dark cloth so that she could not see so well; but when I took the cover off she was on again, and as happy and proud as ever.

The Secret of Success.

Seeing she did not mind this, I changed the nest every day until they were able to leave it altogether, which they did when about three weeks old. I really believe that herein lies the secret of my success. Had I followed the books, papers, etc., I should not have dared even to have looked at them, let alone touch and handle them, for some say it is a great mistake even to look at the young birds at all as they are so nervous. With this I disagree entirely, for by having so handled my birds they are as tame as possible, and will now stand on my hand and feed from my fingers. Of course, not all do this, but none are wild like some birds I have seen. I still continue the egg-food and green-food after they have left the nest, and leave them with their parents as long as they cry to be fed; then I part them off and keep them on the same food (until they are about six weeks old), with a little crushed hemp seed and canary seed. I wean them off the soft food entirely on to hard seed by giving them a little crushed Osborne biscuit dry; this, I find, makes a good substitute for the egg-food until the birds are on hard seed entirely.

I give my birds no water until they are eight weeks old, except a bath once a day when they drink what little they need.

I separated my first four Canaries into small cages by themselves when they were six weeks old, and am now about to do the same with my second lot. I give my birds a tiny piece of green-food every day all along; I find it does them no harm.

I cannot write on Canaries' ailments, as I know nothing of them, and I trust I never shall. Up to now my birds are all wonderfully healthy.

I reared all four from the first nest, and sold three for good prices. I am keeping a beautiful yellow cock bird for myself. By the time these were ready to go I had another nest of six hatched out of six eggs (on May 22nd). I treated them in exactly the same way, and I now have my hen sitting on four more eggs, expecting them to be hatched this week. I am told it is wonderful for ten birds to be hatched out of ten eggs, and all, moreover, alive and doing well; and I think myself for one pair of birds to do so well is very good.

I might add that when I transfer my young birds to a flight cage I give them a swing and four or five perches to get used to the new cage, afterwards taking out three and leaving a good space for exercise. I prefer the plain Spanish canary seed to the mixed, as I think it agrees with the birds better.

As I stated in the beginning, I am but a novice, and this is my first experience, but had I been an old breeder I could not have expected better results. I shall continue breeding Canaries, and go in for it more largely next year. I do not ask anyone to follow my method of rearing birds, but if there is a hint that may help anyone in regard to their Canaries I shall be most pleased at having had this opportunity of stating how I rear my Canaries.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Kind Linnet.

I have two Linnets, and two Greenfinches. The latter are very tame; I let them out every day. The other day I saw the cock Greenfinch was hungry, and went for the seed, but when I came back he was clinging to the wires of the Linnets' cage and a Linnet was taking seeds out of its hopper and giving them to the Greenfinch.—Sent by W. Clements (age 15), 99, Dempsey Street, Stepney, E.

*Two Artful Cardinals.

I know a lady who has two Cardinals which play an artful trick. When she puts her hand into the cage to catch them they fall down at the bottom of the cage as if dead, and when she removes her hand from the cage they quietly fly up again. Another trick they have is, one hangs on the perch with his feet and the other holds it while it tries to get up again.—Edith Reynolds (age 10), 17, Thoro'-fare, Halesworth, Suffolk.

**"Into the Jaws of Death."

One day during my holidays an exciting little incident occurred. I was sitting quietly reading, when my mother suddenly exclaimed: "Whatever shall I do? A bird has hopped from its cage and the cat has it." Now, the cat had got a corner covered in where he used to sleep. My mother continued: "And he has taken it under his corner." On hearing this I sprang up and went to the cat's corner; there I found the cat with its teeth round the bird's neck ready to eat it. I hit the cat and took the bird. I walked up and down with the bird; afterwards I put it back into the cage. It is true it panted when it was first put into the cage, but it is quite well now. We have had eggs from it since then, and it is tamer than it was.—Sent by Winnie Watson (age 11), 92, Fircroft Road, Upper Tooting, London, S.W.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Becoming Bare.

W. H. (Gateshead).—Keep cage and perches scrupulously clean, and examine it well for the presence of red mites, and if any of these pests are found, overhaul the cage and exterminate them. Allow the bird to bathe freely, and reserve one particular bath for this bird until you are quite satisfied there is no fear of contagion. Feed on a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every third day for a month give a morsel of bread and milk, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and finally sprinkled with soft sugar. Three times a week on the intervening days give a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed, and on two other days a half teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, linseed, millet, and broken groats. Give a little green food daily. If available a mealworm a day for a time would also prove very beneficial. In the drinking water give as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash three times a week. In the following week give 20 drops of Chemical Food, and then repeat the two weeks again in the same order. Do not keep the skin daubed with greasy masses, but if feathers do not show signs of coming now, slightly smear the bare place with carbolised vaseline, or lanocyllin, twice a week for a month.

Panting and Ruffled.

N. J. Munro.—It is quite likely a chill such as you suggest might have given rise to the symptoms, but if you had been treating it correctly in a general way, and it was healthy and strong, such a thing should have been of but a temporary nature. See that you are not keeping it in a draughty position, nor in a window, or near over a burning light in the evening. Keep in a bright, airy, and healthy position, not high up against the ceiling, and remember that intermittent cold draughts are quite as harmful as those which are more insistent and apparent, and frequently far more dangerous from being little suspected. For the next month give a staple diet of plain canary only. Twice a week give half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, summer rape, teazle, and millet; on two other days a similar quantity of crushed stale sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a little green food daily. Limit the diet solely to this for the month. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of buckthorn and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, every second day for a week, and in the following week give 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight in the water. See that cage and perches are kept scrupulously clean.

Norwich Puffy and Moulting.

T. B.—Has the loss of feathers to which you refer only recently commenced? If this is so, I should say the whole condition of the bird is simply due to a normal moulting process, and in that case no special treatment would be necessary, beyond the ordinary care during moult to avoid colds and draughts, and keep up the general health of the bird. On the other hand, if this condition has been going on some time, you are probably keeping it too near the kitchen fire, where it is subjected to extreme fluctuations of heat, or otherwise it is exposed to draught in some way. The first step is to remedy this and see the bird is kept in a regular temperature, not too near a fire, or burning light in the evening, nor too high up near the ceiling, quite free from draughts, and in a bright and healthy position generally. Feed on a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake with a pinch of maw added to it, and twice a week on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, linseed, black rape, and millet. Give green food daily, and allow it to bathe freely. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If not well by the end of this course of treatment, let me know, and I will advise your further.

A Mixed Lot.

Mrs. E. C. (I. of M.).—I'm afraid your losses are chiefly due to the indiscriminate mixing up of so many varieties in such a small space, and also to some extent to overcrowding. I do not quite follow the dimensions of cage which you give, 5ft. 6in. long, 2ft. wide and 3ft. broad. I suppose one of these measures is meant for the height. In any case the cage would be fully stocked with 12 to 15 birds, and even then you would need to pay strict attention to cleanliness of floor and perches. In such a confined space you can scarcely hope to succeed with a mixture of Canaries, British and Foreign birds materially differing in food and habits. It would be far better to limit yourself to a few species of similar food and habits, and to keep as close as possible to the above named limit number. To go on with the group you now have you should add about as much white millet to the seed mixture as it contains canary seed. If most of your losses have occurred among the small foreign birds it is quite probable this is due to them being starved, as the mixture of seeds is very unsuitable for these birds. A few small mealworms, aphides, or soaked ants' cocoons should also be added occasionally. The sea sand, provided it comes from a place where the sea or river is unpolluted, is very good, and will do quite well for your birds. The sample of sifted river sand is far too dusty to be of any real service. Please note that your letter was misdirected. If there is any particular point on which you desire further information I shall be pleased to assist you.

Hemp Seed (A. W. H.).—Most emphatically the hemp seed, of which a large percentage of the kernels are of a brown colour when crushed or broken open, is bad, and totally unfit for food for birds. The dealer who studiously told you this brown coloured seed was not bad is, to draw it mild, not quite a George Washington. My advice is to transfer your custom elsewhere, and give this dealer a chance to feed birds of his own on this kind of seed if he chooses to do so. Glad you have had a fair amount of success since adopting previous advice.

Sample of Sand (M.F.C.).—Your second letter with small packet marked "Field Sand" has come to hand, but as there was scarcely a trace of sand in the paper and none in envelope when it reached me, I am sorry I cannot express any opinion about it. Samples should always be very carefully packed to avoid risk of leakage in transit, as they have to pass through several hands before reaching me.

Hemp and Young (K.S.).—(1) I should consider the hemp, as per sample, too risky for use. Some of it is very good, but something like half the bulk is more or less bad, and some of it very bad. I suspect it is a mixture of different qualities. (2) See reply to "George Turner" in last issue for method of feeding young Crests. Stop the linseed for the present. You may give a little of this seed during the latter part of moult, but at ordinary times it is best left alone. Also be very careful that the soaked rape does not become sour. You might drop this now, and give a few green plantain stalks instead three or four times a week.

Cross for Songsters. (R. L.).—If you really desire a cross instead of the pure Roller, which, of course, is quite the best for singing, pure and simple, you should mate a Roller cock with a Border Fancy hen. This will give you the nearest approach to the pure Roller song, but a small bird like the Roller, and of only a little better colour. If you want a larger, better coloured, and smarter bird, use a Yorkshire hen with the Roller cock. You must know that it is very late to begin now, and you would only be able to get one brood this season. Altogether you would do better to devote your attention to making ready to start at the proper time next year.

Hemp Seed. (Young Cinnamon).—You have clearly got mixed in your numbers as you say; No. 2 is what you have used for some time, that No. 2. is a new arrival, and that No. 2 is what many fanciers are using freely. In fact you mention no number but No. 2. The sample marked No. 1 is a very good all round seed, of first rate quality. No. 2 is very good in the main, but it contains a small proportion of stale and rancid seeds, which in themselves, or if present in very large quantity, would be totally unfit for feeding. I can understand this sample being used without ill results, because the great bulk is of good quality, and the birds would probably reject the grains that are not good. As both samples are the same price by all means use No. 1 which is quite the best.

What to Do (S. Newson).—No, the fact of your bird not having commenced moulting does not necessarily mean that he is less than seven weeks old. He will probably begin moulting towards the middle or end of this month. He should begin to sing a little as soon as the moult is finished, and gradually get stronger in song until January, when he should be in quite full swing. A piece of cuttle-fish bone, or occasionally a cube of lump sugar, stuck firmly in the wires for him to nibble will do no harm, and be all that is really necessary as exercise for his beak. Some birds are rather shy of a bath placed in the cage until they have grown accustomed to it. If you persevere in putting it in regularly he will soon learn to use it. To help to "break the ice" for him, remove his drinking water for an hour or two, then put the bath in, and drop in the bath a few grains of hemp and a tiny scrap of green stuff. Let this remain in for an hour or so before returning the drinking vessel. Repeat this each day for a few days, and you will soon find him ready enough to bathe. It depends entirely upon how the bird has been brought up whether you should hang the cage in the open air. If reared under quite normal conditions it could not possibly do any harm, provided it was not placed in an exposed, draughty place, but if brought up under enervating conditions I would not guarantee it standing such treatment without winking.

Place for Aviary (Dud do).—If the yard is fairly bright and well lighted with diffused light the absence of direct sunlight will not be of very great importance, and I see no reason at all why an aviary should not prove quite successful, and flourish well there. But unless you intend to make one large fixture in which a group of birds may fly around just for pleasure, I would not advise you to depend solely upon the wall for the back of the aviary, as it is too attractive a place for insects to harbour, and a properly made structure with a back of its own which could be moved for thorough cleaning would be far preferable. Having the benefit of the oven referred to you could keep almost anything, except the most delicate of foreign species. Any breed of Canaries would thrive, and our Messrs. Weston and Page would tell you suitable gronps of British and foreign birds respectively, if you send a query to them. I assume you have means of ventilating the yard in hot weather.

Loss of Feathers (E. C.).—I cannot be certain of the cause of the condition of your bird from the meagre particulars you give. I would suggest that you first of all thoroughly examine the cage, especially about the joints and corners, and ends of perches, for the presence of red mites, and, if any are found, overhaul the cage and exterminate them. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the alternate days give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on two other days a similar quantity of a mixture of

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

equal parts hemp, teazle, linseed, and millet. Give a spray of green food daily, and allow bird to bathe as freely as it likes. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and 20 drops of Chemical Food daily in the following week. Do not put oil on the bird. Dissolve as much boracic acid as will cover a shilling in a tablespoonful of rose water and slightly moisten the bare parts with this daily until the irritation ceases.

Antiseptic Saline (A. T. M. E.).—If you look up the last few issues you will find in one (I have no note of the date) in the correspondence columns the lecturer stated definitely what he meant by this term. He was simply recommending a proprietary article, which, whatever its merits, it would be eminently unfair to mention here. As regards your object, absolute cleanliness, purity and freshness of all food and water supplies, and freedom from contagion are the best and only really prudent preventives of septic fever. Neglect these laws of health, or introduce the contagious element, and all the antiseptics, saline or otherwise, will not prevent this fell disease playing havoc sooner or later. For all ordinary usage to maintain a generally healthy condition which will enable birds to offer a stronger resistance to disease, or other unwholesome conditions, an occasional mild aperient, such as a small crystal of sulphate of soda dissolved in the water, is as good as anything.

Seed Samples (E. S. P.).—The canary is rather small in size, but otherwise a first-rate sample all round. The rape is a very good sample of summer rape. The maw is very fair, but better is to be had. Still it is quite up to a usable standard. The bulk of the hemp is very good, but a small proportion consists of the inferior objectionable seed I recently wrote about. The bulk being very good seed it may be quite safe to use, as the birds would probably reject the unsound grains when plenty of good ones were to be had. Sorry you are not doing well this season. You should have given some particulars of your treatment, when I might have been able to suggest something to help you. The seeds are in no way to blame. Why not get the Parts of "Our Canaries," that are now ready, or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and see if you can detect anything wrong with your general management.

Gas Poisoning (A.W.F.).—The effect of the gas has evidently lowered the vitality of the birds considerably, and as they show no signs yet of coming into condition for breeding, I doubt whether they will do so this season. You might try the effect of continuing on the diet previously advised, but add to the egg-food each time two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and in the drinking water add 20 drops of chemical food every second day. If this shows no better result in, say, a fortnight, I would advise you to turn the birds into flights for the winter, and revert to the normal diet, except that you should continue giving the chemical food twice a week, and the egg-food as above twice a week, or egg-food and a little bread and milk with the oil, each once a week for two or three months to come. Let them have plenty of fresh air without draughts, exercise, free bathing, and generally keep under conditions calculated to promote high condition and health.

Young Roller Thick (W. Bevan).—If you had the presence of mind to put the young Roller on the dietary and general treatment advised to "George Turner" in last issue, it should be well on the way to recovery now. If you did not, then look up that reply and adopt that course of treatment at once, beginning by giving the bird a staple of canary seed with a little summer rape on top daily, and get it on to the adult diet in the course of a fortnight or three weeks. It ought to have been well on the adult dietary, as staple, by now, but it will not be wise to drop off the soft food too suddenly. Make the change gradual at first, but give it free access to good sound canary and rape from the third day of commencing the change. On the first and second day give about a small teaspoonful of mixed canary and rape in addition to the soft food, and then go on as advised in the reply referred to. For one day give a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in the drinking water, and for one-half of each of the next three days give a small teaspoonful of lime water in the drinking water.

Abnormal Droppings (Stultus).—It is due to a little liver derangement, which might have arisen from a slight chill, due perhaps to too vigorous bathing. The following treatment should soon set matters right. Give a staple diet of plain canary only for a fortnight. Every second day for a week—or fortnight, if necessary—give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, and a third of a teaspoonful of maw on the alternate days. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two consecutive days. After this, every second day for a week, dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, in two tablespoonfuls of water, add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid, and give in place of drinking water.

Gone Off Song (Gadnum).—It is impossible to say the cause of the bird suddenly going off song, and neither moulting nor appearing at all unwell without full particulars as to conditions under which it is kept. It is not at all unusual for birds, after a long period of song, to cease about the time breeding gets in full swing, and take a brief rest, but they should open out in the course of a few weeks. If yours is simply taking a prolonged rest of this kind, as I am inclined to think is the case, he will probably now very soon begin to moult, and resume singing about the end of October, that is, assuming the moult goes on well, which you can materially assist by keeping free from cold draughts and fluctuations, and, if the weather becomes cold, keep him still rather on the warm side, until the moult is quite finished. Let him have plenty of opportunities for bathing. A fortnight's treatment as advised to "N. J. Munro," might do him good after a long course of dieting on the mixed packet seeds, which is not always conducive to health. Did you introduce another bird about the time this one stopped singing? If so, that might have had something to do with it.

Which Does It? (Breeding).—Both the yolk and the white of an egg naturally play a certain part in the building up of the young bird, but, strictly speaking, neither the white nor the yolk can be said to "form" the bird. The "germ" (a combination—fusion—of the ovum of the hen with the sperm of the male) is the part which actually forms the embryo of the future bird. In a small bird's egg, the disc of matter containing this "germ," is just visible to the naked eye, and is found floating on the upper surface of the yolk. During incubation, as the germ develops into an embryo, the white of the egg is drawn upon as a food supply to sustain and support the growth during the embryonic stage, the yolk being held in reserve until a few hours prior to the hatching of the chick, when it is absorbed within the abdominal sac, and serves to support the chick during hatching and for a few hours afterwards. Therefore you will see that both the white and yolk of the egg provide the necessary food supply for the developing chick at different stages of growth, but beyond this indirect means neither can be said to "form" the chick.

Two Questions (C. Treadway).—(1) I suspect this bird is either in an overfed condition, or is becoming wheezy through, perhaps, being kept in a draughty position. See reply to "H. J. Munro," and treat the bird as therein advised with these slight variations: that you give the sponge cake with the additions three times a week for the first fortnight, and the buckthorn and soda aperient in the water for two consecutive days only, and then go on with the eucalyptus mixture. (2) The breeding season may be regarded as quite near the end now. Indeed, as fast as young broods are able to be separated from the parents the pairs should be broken up and turned into flights to recuperate a little before starting to moult. I certainly do not advise you to start now. You would probably only meet with disappointment. Far better devote your energies now to making efficient preparations to start well next season. As a preliminary you cannot do better than take up the parts of "Our Canaries," and get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager will send you post free for 7d. If you meet with any difficulty, then I shall be only too pleased to help you if you will make your wants known.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Green Singing Finches (E. V. C. D.).—The diet for this pretty and interesting species should be a mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, with an occasional millet spray as a change. One or two live insects or mealworms daily will also be greatly appreciated—smooth caterpillars, spiders or a spray of rose or fruit tree that is covered with green fly. If the birds will take them a few dried ants' eggs (slightly moistened for preference) can certainly be given. You must also supply greenfood, grit, and water for drinking and bathing. If they should nest you must supply a little of some good soft food mixture just before the young are due to to hatch. A "Nutshell" has not yet been published on this species.

An Ailing Grey Parrot (H. J. S.).—Many Greys live considerably longer than your bird, but on the other hand some break up much earlier than others, and the symptoms you describe are certainly those of old age. Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water and on the intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. As regards the weak leg, foment this with hot water (not hot enough for discomfort), wipe dry with a cloth, and then paint (use a camel hair brush) with neat whiskey, several times a week, or daily. Seed mixture: Two parts each canary and white millet and one part each hemp, dari, paddy rice, oats and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply continually in the cage—also supply ripe fruit, plain biscuits, nuts. A pinch of grit (not sand) should be added to the daily supply of seed and a piece of clean cuttlebone kept hanging in the cage. The "Nutshell" booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post-free from our Manager, should assist you.

Nesting of Cardinals (Grimston).—I see no reason why the Cardinals should not rear the Bullbuls if the eggs hatch out. In addition to the soft food, seed, fruit, green food and mealworms I should supply as many live insects as I could, such as smooth caterpillars, beetles, spiders, gentles, live ants' eggs and wasp grub—the three latter kinds are all procurable from advertisers in our pages, while the former any garden should supply in small quantity at least. Leave the birds severely alone, and the probability is the young will be duly reared. Shall be pleased to hear result.

Can I Keep Them Together? (Rita).—This is a point you can only solve by experiments. With most species of seed-eaters two bachelors may be kept together, so long as there is no hen; in the latter case the stronger would kill the weaker. Even two pairs would not agree together in the same aviary unless it were a huge one. I should certainly put them in a roomy cage together, and note the result. I think in any case they will agree. You will soon gather whether they are amiably disposed to each other; there is usually some sign of combativeness before they proceed to extremities.

Fond of Wood (Vadnum).—I should not attempt to check its liking for wood, or it may turn its attention to feathers! Get a perch made of either box or oak, also get a bundle of bean sticks and keep these by you, push a piece of same across cage as a second perch, and replace this when destroyed. The bird is not accustomed to you yet, it still fears you; be as still and quiet in your movements as possible when attending to its wants—avoid scaring it. Some Greys, though tame, will not suffer their owners to handle them; and the probability is yours

will talk as soon as it is thoroughly accustomed to its new home—keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation and it will soon respond, but till it is accustomed to you all avoid anything likely to scare it. I advise mixing your own seed. For food and treatment see our reply to "H. J. S." in this issue, but you do not need to use the drugs advised to that correspondent. Our "Nutshell" booklet, "The Grey Parrot" (2½d. post free), will help you. It is not dear at the price given.

Paradise and Pintail Whydah (Avis).—The various species of Whydahs are very similar in plumage when out of colour, though some vary in size and a little darker or lighter in colour, and much resemble our Corn Bunting. In colour the Paradise Whydah is mostly velvety black above, with white rump and long black plumes (10 to 13in.); neck and breast ruddy mahogany, rest of underparts buffish white. The Pintail Whydah is mostly greenish-black above and white below with various buffish and black bands or markings; the long tail plumes—about 10in.—are greenish black; beak coral red. The Pintail is very quarrelsome in a mixed series, the Paradise is amiable. The capacity of your aviary is 20 to 24 birds, not larger than a Norwich Canary. All Whydahs have short tails when out of colour.

Budgerigars and Bantam (Yadnum).—Remove the Bantams, and the Budgerigars and Cockatiels will ultimately settle down and nest. Occasional desertion of eggs and young is not uncommon, but leave your birds as undisturbed as possible and they will ultimately rear their young. At this season supply them with almost unlimited flowering (seeding) grass, also lettuce. Supply a seed mixture of millet and canary in equal parts—a hopper of crushed oats and millet sprays. These birds do not bathe in the ordinary way, supply a sod or two of grass, well

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 164, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

water them, and the birds will roll about and take their bath that way. If part of your aviary is open roofed, sow this portion with grass, wheat, canary, oats, barley, etc. Get our "Nutshell" booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our Manager, it will tell you more than space permits here.

Budgerigars and Love Birds (H. T. Bishop).—All the birds you name will agree together, and you have accommodation for them in your aviary. You could include two pairs of Budgerigars. Young birds must be removed elsewhere as soon as they are able to fend for themselves. You must supply branches with the bark on, also a small heap of dried leaves when the Lovebirds show signs of going to nest, as they use the bark and leaves to line their nest receptacle with. The nest husks and logs should be at least 18in. apart, and you should put up at least a dozen; the Cockatiels will, of course, require a larger receptacle than the Budgerigars, preferably a log or small barrel, hung up longitudinally. Our "Nutshell" booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our Manager, will tell you all about this species.

Turning Birds out of Doors (Aviculturist).—(1) All the birds you name can be kept out of doors all the year round, but they should go out soon to get acclimatised, or you will have to bring them in for the first winter. Green Singing Finches, B. H. Mannikins, Bib Finches and Bengalese are all probable breeders. (2) Yes, take them in at the end of October, afterwards they may be left out all the year round. (3) Yes, they are frequently bred under similar conditions. (4) Weavers and Whydahs are very shy breeders in captivity—certainly not impossible to breed, but very few have succeeded with them. (5) Ribbon grass, iris (flags), euonymus, box, laurel, privet, hops, wild clematis, rambler roses everlasting peas (*Lathyrus*), fir, dock, cow-parsley, and any coarse wild grasses. (6) Chinese Painted, or a pair of Harlequin Quails would answer admirably; the former are perhaps the brightest coloured, and are very small. Except during periods of very severe weather it will not be necessary to confine them to the shelter shed.

Parrot with Swollen Nostril (Goodall).—You give me no idea of the character of the swelling or growth. I certainly advise your letting a vet. see it, he could possibly promptly remove or cauterise it and save the bird needless suffering. With the details before me I can only advise bathing two or three times daily with quite warm water, the gentle pressing out of any pus, and a light anointing with some healing and antiseptic ointment. The bowels must be kept freely moving by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (as required), one teaspoonful in the drinking water. On intermediate days well colour the drinking water with Parrish's Chemical Food. Omit the bone from your dietary, give ripe fruit daily, also keep a tin of white millet and canary seed (mixed) in the cage as well as the hemp, a few nuts occasionally, also a piece of plain biscuit. A pinch of grit (not sand) to each tin of seed. A piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Our "Nutshell" booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would assist as to general treatment.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Is it too Late? (R. Stewart).—It is somewhat late now to commence Mule breeding; but if you have a hen anxious to go to nest and your cock Greenie is also anxious to breed, you can certainly run the two together. Some cock Greenies are very mischievous, and it is safer to remove them as the eggs are being laid (each evening) and to let the hen sit "all on her lonesome."

About a Jay (G. P.).—I suppose you know that the excrement of soft-bill birds is normally more loose and watery in character than that of seed-eating birds? This applies with force to such birds as Jays, Magpies, and the like. It often happens that a bird when moulting will cast its plumage so freely and quickly as to come bare in places. There is no harm in this (rather the contrary, for a quick moult is usually a very good moult), and no medicine is called for. These big birds are liable to attacks of red-mite. All the joints and crevices of the cage should periodically be painted over with petrol; use it freely, so that it penetrates, removing the bird for an hour or so, of course. You need never fear red-mites then. A bird which neglects to bathe must be sprayed frequently.

Live Food (British).—Live food is not absolutely essential for either hen Bullies or Greenies when rearing young in an aviary. But if they relish mealworms, I should by all means give just a few daily. It is of much greater importance, however, to see that they have a constant supply of flowering and seeding shepherds purse, chickweed, and groundsel. I find that all my hen Bullies and Greenies develop a fondness for egg-food, they only want it in any quantity, however, when feeding young.

A Redstart (Novice).—The Redstart is an insectivorous bird, and needs good food and a liberal dietary if it is to thrive. You will find it cheaper (if you have only one bird) to buy a good insectile mixture designed for the small softbills (note our advertisement columns), than to bother mixing your own. Prepare it according to the directions accompanying the food, never omitting a little of some vegetable ingredient, such as grated raw carrot, or finely chopped lettuce, or cold boiled potato (mashed), etc. Live foods are essential, such as flies, grubs from the garden, smooth caterpillars, well-scoured gentles, live ants' eggs, mealworms (according to season).

Tail-less Thrushes (Falconbridge).—It is quite a common thing for Thrushes and Blackbirds to smash their tails when captive in cages, especially if the latter are not really large. There is no "cure" (except, of course, the providing of a very big cage). New tails will grow at the moult, now close at hand. It is, by the way, a common saying amongst bird dealers and fanciers of the "old school," that a Thrush which does not smash its tail is never a first-class songster. Possibly this may afford you consolation.

A Trio (R. A).—(1) Send to our publisher for the "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet (post free 2½d.), and then you will have by you a mine of information on the feeding and management (including hand-rearing) of the Linnet. It is too lengthy a subject for this column. There is a "Nutshell," too, on the Redpoll. (2) I have had no practical experience of hand-rearing Doves, but I should use a mixture of stale bread and finely-minced hard-boiled egg, made into a creamy consistency by adding new milk when about to feed the youngsters. See that the food is always fresh and sweet. When the young birds are getting fairly well feathered, give them also small grains (such as wheat, coarse oatmeal, or groats, split peas, and the like), which have been thoroughly softened by soaking in hot water. (3) There is no need to colour-feed a Starling. It would not help it on the show-bench. Towards the end of the moult, add a little fresh linseed meal to its food daily (about a large teaspoonful).

Young Mules (W. M., Horwich).—You really cannot expect to successfully rear every Mule that hatches out, no matter what system of feeding you adopt. I consider that your eight Mules out of ten good eggs is very excellent indeed. There are scores, I am sure, who would be glad to have the same good fortune. I never think that it is of much use to try to cure young birds which are ailing seriously; sometimes the result is satisfactory, but more often than not the youngsters fail to develop into strong, healthy adults. "Paralysed" young birds are certainly very unlikely to recover under treatment. Put the weakly youngster by itself, and in addition to cracked seeds, give a dish of milk-sop (squeezed fairly dry and sweetened with fine sugar) with which has been mixed a half-teaspoonful of Parrish's Chemical Food. Remove the seed, if necessary, until the sop is eaten up. See that it is always fresh and sweet (in sultry weather, it may turn sour quickly).

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Coges, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Thrush Problem (E. A.).—You should certainly give your birds ripe fruit and berries, according to season. You can try any kind that seems suitable. It is not at all certain that red-mites are not at the root of the trouble. The dusting of the cage with insect powder would not destroy them, or even worry them much, as they hide in cracks, and crevices, wire-holes, etc., into which the powder could not penetrate. Go over the cages thoroughly with a brush dipped in petrol, letting the latter run freely into every crevice; then you can rest assured that no mites of any kind are there. Do this occasionally throughout the year, but more especially during the hot weather. It is only necessary to remove the birds for an hour or so, when doing it. Into a pint of water stir a large teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash (from a chemist) and let the birds bathe in this. Give it two or three times, at intervals.

Concerning a Jay (Ignoramus).—(1) The cage of a Jay is best if wired at front only. A length of 3ft. is just moderate; I prefer 4ft., at least. (2) As regards the food, use a good quality dog meal (such as "Melox" or Spratt's), thoroughly softened with hot water, and mixed with such table scraps (meat, potatoes, greens, gravy, etc.) as are from time to time available. This is the staple, and should be varied with dead mice, Sparrows, acorns, cracked nuts, berries, fruit, eggs, etc., according to season and circumstance. A Jay has a very accommodating appetite some flesh food is essential. (3) Outdoor, in a sheltered position, is the best place for a Jay. Unless kept scrupulously clean the cage is apt to smell strongly. (4) Young Jays are easily taught to speak; repeat to them at every possible opportunity one or two short, catchy phrases, extending the list from time to time, according to their proficiency.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

One notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—July 10, Victoria Cafe. Alteration in nest feather show date, from July 8th to July 22nd.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—July 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8 p.m. Table show of Canaries and British birds for point specials.—W. Richardson.

Birmingham South O.S.—Meeting postponed until July 19th, at 8.30, so as to give all members opportunity of seeing City of Birmingham show.—J. Sheppard.

Batley O.F.S.—July 10, Talbot Hotel, 8 p.m. Show and other business.—G. G. Stafford.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 8, Victoria Hotel, 8 p.m. Judges for old bird show and other business.—W. Skiddow.

Bolton and Dis. Roller C.S.—July 11, Joiners' Arms, Bolton, 8 p.m.—William Massey.

Bramley O.S.—July 11, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8 p.m. Show arrangements, etc.; 2nd first feather show, 15th July; birds staged 2.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. Armstrong (Halifax).—Wm. Maltby.

Bingley O.S.—July 11, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30.—A. Livesey.

British Roller C.C.—July 11, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8 p.m. Presentation of young bird challenge cup.—J. W. Norris.

Bradford West C.B.A.—July 8, Red Lion Hotel, 7.45. Nominations for assistant judge for open show; also show business members' show. Birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers.—F. Western.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—July 10, 59 and 60, Paddington Street, 8 p.m. "Home-made Cage" competition. Payment of prize money.—A. W. Curtis.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Annual outing to Wainlode's Hill, on Saturday, July 15. Brakes leave Sydney Arms at 2.30.—A. S. Treasure.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—July 8th, 1 p.m. Nest feather show.—Jas. Hedley.

Crook Original C.B, F. and F.S.—July 8, Crown Hotel, Crook, 7.30. Schedule of open show. Members please attend.—J. Horne.

City of Wakefield O.S.—July 8, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 7.30. Members please attend; colour food, etc.—J. Atkinson.

Cumnock C.B.S.—July 8, Auchinlech Co-operative Hall, at 7 p.m. Consideration of a challenge cup and other general business. Hope to see a full turnout of old and new members.—J. Nutt.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—July 9, 10.30 a.m. Entries taken for first feather show, held July 15; judge, A. Widowfield; and other business.—D. Hann.

Derwent Valley.—July 8, Headquarters, 7 p.m. Arrangements for F.F. show, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 12, Labour Hall, 7.30 Important business: First feather show, July 8, at 2.30; judge, Wm. Rutherford.—Hy. Todd.

Edmonton F.A.—July 12, Headquarters, Church St., Lower Edmonton, 8.30 prompt. Judging competition, cage birds; a special will be given for the best bird lent for use of the competition.—J. S. Jackson.

Exeter C.B.S.—July 8, Franklin Hall, 4 p.m. First feather show; judges, Messrs. T. Evins and W. J. Smith.—R. H. Folley.

East Ham F.S.—General meeting, July 10, 8 p.m., at "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, East Ham, E.—H. Rutter.

Gateshead C.B.S.—July 12, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30 p.m. General business, etc.—A. Holden.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—July 8, Clarendon Hall. First feather show; birds staged 3 p.m. Judge, Mr. John Young.—W. Proudfoot.

Glasgow C.B.A.—July 11, Duncan's, 71, London St., Glasgow, 8 p.m. Judges, hall, etc.—Fred. Bowman.

Great Horton O.S.—July 8, Butchers' Arms, 3 p.m. Extra members' show; champion and novices' show together; extra prize money. Same classification as June show. Birds staged at 3 p.m. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill.—J. Holroyd.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 10, White Hart Hotel, 8 p.m. 2nd first table show.—F. J. Sykes.

Halifax O.S.—July 8, Griffin Hotel, 8 o'clock prompt. Classification for annual show, etc.; paying prize money for members' show.—Jno. J. Dunn.

Heptonstall and Dis. C.B.S.—July 13, Wadsworth View, 8 o'c.—H. Taylor.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley C.S.—July 7th, Nutclough Tavern, 8 p.m. Entries for young bird show.—A. Pickles.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—July 8, Ancient Druid, Cotmanhay, 7. Classes for open show. All fanciers invited.—T. Smith.

Ilford F. and F.S.—July 13, White Horse Hotel, 8 p.m. sharp. General meeting.—Agenda: Arrangements for young stock and annual show; new members, etc. Will every member endeavour to attend?—H. Priestman.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. — July 11. Headquarters, 6 p.m. Appointing stewards for open show, etc.—A. Dickson.

Keighley C.B.S.—July 11, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30 Selecting stewards for show.—J. Binns.

Leeds C.B.S.—July 8, St. George's Schools (near Infirmary). Young bird show; birds staged 2.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield). Show open 4.30 p.m. to 7.—W. A. Wilson.

Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.—July 8, McMenemy's Hall, 6.30 p.m. Business important.—D. Grant.

Liverpool B.B.A.—July 13, Oldham Hall, 8 o'c. Lecture on "Moulting and Colour-feeding," by S. Hadwin, Esq.—F. Eccleston.

Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—July 8, Railway Hotel, 2 o'c. The 2nd first feather show; judge, Mr. W. Mann (Wibsey). July 22, play City of Bradford members at cricket for supper, held at above room.—J. E. Hudson.

Motherwell N. and B.F.C.—July 8, Y.M.I., 8 p.m. Important business. Members' subscriptions now due.—J. Mair.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S. — July 12, Crown Hotel, 7.30 p.m. Business: important colour-food order.—A. Wake.

Northern Crest Club.—July 12, Newcastle, 65, Grainger St., Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30 p.m. Patronage, etc.—J. G. Hutchinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 11, St. Stephen's School, Conran St., Harpurhey, 8 p.m. General.—J. Davey.

Northowram C.B.S.—July 10, Headquarters, Yew Tree Inn. Meeting, business important. Members please attend.—S. Sykes.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—July 7, Workmen's Club, 8 p.m. Contributions. First feather show and other business.—J. H. Elwell.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8 p.m. General business. Will members please bring in ticket money.—J. Cope.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—July 10, Old Institute Hall, Pelton Fell, 7 p.m. prompt. Nest feather show; business and stewards to select.—Wm. Forster.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—July 13, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8 p.m. Prize distribution, and other business.—J. C. Birch.

Reading C.B.S.—July 12, Palmer Hall. Young bird show, 7 to 8.30. Admission free, all fanciers welcome.—W. H. Pyke.

South London F. and F.A.—July 13, 7.30 p.m., Headquarters, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham High Road, S.E.—N. Caunter.

South West London C.B.S.—July 13, Plough, Clapham Junction, 7. Young bird show. All fanciers and friends invited. No charge for admission. Mr. Robson judges.—J. Jeffery.

Springburn, Possil Park.—July 8, Reid Hall, Queenshill St., Springburn, 3 p.m. First feather show.—J. Waugh.

Sheffield O.S.—July 11, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Committee meeting.—Arrangements for nest feather show; specials, etc.—Bishop and Colton.

South Manchester C.B.S.—July 13, Jolly Carter Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Payment prize money and specials. All ticket money and unsold tickets must be handed in.—F. Washbourne.

Stonehouse C.B and F.H.S.—July 8, Public Hall, 7.30 p.m. Regarding first feather show.—W. Melvin.

Stoke Newington F.A.—July 11, Amethyst Club, 7.30 p.m. Quarterly show for young stock; ordinary exhibits received till 7.30.—J. C. Spence.

Swansea C.B.S.—July 11, Market Coffee Tavern, 8 p.m. Open show business.—T. H. George.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—July 8, Wharfe Hotel, 8 prompt. First feather show; judge, Mr. T. Pilling (Halifax).—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Tong C.B.S.—July 11, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45 p.m.—W. Walker.

Wallsend C.B.S.—July 12, 7.30 p.m. Nest feather show result, and judge for annual members' show.—J. M. Macdonald.

Wandsworth F.A.—July 13, Red Lion, 8 o'c. Cage bird judging competition. Date of open show to be fixed.—W. Lightfoot.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 8, meet at Horse and Groom Inn, 2.30 p.m. prompt. Ramble through Shibden Vale. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—H. C Crossley.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—July 8, Wheatsheaf Hotel 2.30 prompt. Annual nest feather show; judging at 3 o'c. sharp; members let us have a bumper.—J. Gibbon.

York C.B.S.—July 10, All Saints' Schoolrooms, 7.15 p.m. First feather show; judge, Mr. Calam (Hull).—H. Thompson.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Yellow Feed (Plymonth).—You can obtain a yellow feed from any of the advertisers of colour-foods using our columns.

An Article (T.R.).—Many thanks. Shall hope to publish your contribution next week.

Club Notices (W. Elliott, J. Lewis, etc.).—Your club notices arrived too late for insertion. We have repeatedly given notice that during the summer months CAGE BIRDS goes to press on Wednesdays.

Newspaper Cuttings (E. Thorne, J. H. Jowett, and others).—Many thanks for your kindness.

A Magpie (A.M.).—Photograph safely received, and we will utilise it at an early date.

A Letter (J. Turner).—Your letter has been forwarded to the North London C.B.A. Secretary.

Coloured Plates (E. Jones).—We are afraid if we carried out your suggestion of giving every week a coloured plate of foreign birds, and charging twopence per issue regularly, that we should land ourselves into very hot water with a very great number of our readers. And we can't stand hot water. We have already depicted a large number of foreign species on our plates.

A Photograph (Joe. Brown).—We received the photograph safely and shall be reproducing it in the near future; possibly in one of our double numbers.

No Result (R. W. Yearsley).—Having got judgment, you can obtain a committal order from the County Court judge to imprison the defendant for default (i.e., in satisfying the judgment). We do not think that you can now take any proceedings in the criminal courts.

A Record in Mule Breeding (C. H. Webb).—Your communication is too much in the nature of an advertisement. Why not send it to the breeder in question? He might like to utilise it as a testimonial in our advertisement columns.

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NOTTINGHAM (Permanent) C.B.S.

A very good first feather, etc., show was held at the "Grapes Inn," Platt Street, on July 1st, when the management was excellent, Mr. J. Binns (secretary) proving himself a splendid official. The birds were a very good lot, and there was a nice attendance of fanciers. Mr. W. Vardy judged, and his placings were well received.

CL. YELLOW NOR.: 1, Adnitt and Driver, good size, col., nice type; 2, Brown. BUFF: 1, Adnitt and Driver, grand type, nice quality; 2, Ball, extra good type and quality, beaten only in size; 3, vhc, Hill. TICK, ETC., YELL.: 1, Hayter, good size, nice type; 2, Smith. BUFF: 1, Admtt and Driver, extra large, good type, well up in colour; 2, 3, hc, Hill nice team of youngsters, all good type and quality. vhc, Ball. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Adnitt and Driver, good variegd. yell.; 2, 3, Hill, good buff green and variegd., close up; vhc, Smith. YELL. DARK CREST: 1, 2, White, both very nice. BUFF: 1, Wood, large bird with extra good crest, looks like making fine bird; 2, Bowers, nice; 3, Radford: vhc, Holmes. LIGHT CREST: 1, Bostock, nice youngster; 2, Brown. YELL. CREST-BRED: 1, White; 2, Radford; 3, Holmes; all nice size. BUFF: 1, Holmes, large, with good head feather; 2, Wood; 3, Radford; vhc, White. SELLING, CREST, 20s.: 1, Bostock; 2, Radford; 3, Holmes; vhc, Clark. CREST-BRED, 15/: 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Radford; vhc, Goode. HYBRID: 1, 2, 3, Haytor. 1st Canary-Bully, nice col., small, 2nd Siskin-Goldfinch, good size, 3rd Goldfinch-Redpoll, good col. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, Bunn, very nice Goldfinch, in good form; 2, Holmes, nice Goldfinch; 3, Goode. LINNET: 1, 3, Wood, two grand Linnets, good size, extra good colour, very steady; 2, Caunt, another grand bird; vhc, Goode. GREENFINCH, ETC: 1, Bunn, Greenfinch, extra good col., very steady; 2, Wood, Chaffinch, in good order; 3, Haytor. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Bowers, grand Redpoll, in good order; 2, Caunt, another good Redpoll; 3, vhc, Haytor. A.O.V.: 1, Bunn; 2, Haytor; 3, Hill; good Yellowhammers. SOFTBILL: 1, Good, good Yellow Wagtail, very steady; 2, 3, Harrison, Wheatear and Blackbird, in grand form. FOREIGN: 1, 2, Holmes.

Correspondence.

The Nightingale in Devonshire.

Sir,—Would you kindly ask readers of Cage Birds if any of them can let me know where the Nightingale is to be heard in Devonshire?

Plymouth.

Cleaning Hardhead and Thistle Seeds.

Sir,—Would some kind reader of your valuable paper tell me how to clean the seed from thistle and hardheads? I wish to gather some when they are ripe.

A Learner.

Wagtail's Nest in a Coal Wagon.

Sir,—In a wagon of coal which had come from some considerable distance to the wharf here (Mountsorrel Leicestershire) was found a Wagtail's nest, containing five eggs. It is supposed that while the wagon was on its way here it was stopped for repairs, the Wagtails built their nest, and laid their eggs. Although the wagon had been shunted about a great deal, the eggs were unharmed. I wish continued success to Cage Birds and to Cage Birds League.

W. Pilgrim.

[Thanks for your good wishes. Why not join Cage Birds League, and help it along?—Ed.]

An Improved Front for Roller Canary Contest Cages.

Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. Pattison for bringing before Roller fanciers his idea of an improved cage front, and I cannot understand why the B.R.C. will not adopt it, as the covers for seed and water tins could be made a standard size, and supplied to fanciers either by the club itself or the maker. It would be an easy matter for fanciers to solder them on to their own cage fronts; or the cost of having it done would be triffling. I should like to point out that these covers would have to fit flush with the top of water or seed tin, because if otherwise birds would waste both seed and water between the space of tin and cover. Don't despair, Mr. P., because if this idea meets with the approval of the majority of the two hundred, and the minority which attend the monthly meeting will not adopt it, we'll make 'em at the next issue of voting papers for the annual meeting! But we shall probably see more on this subject before then.

Schoolmaster.

Newcastle C.B.S. Nest Feather Show.

Sir,—Seeing the report of Newcastle C.B.S. first feather show, about one exhibitor having hard lines in not winning the cup for best bird in show, in the person of Mr. Holden, I had the pleasure of being at the show, and I think, to be fair to every exhibitor, a little praise should be given to the person who belongs to the bird which was 1st in the buff class in the Norwich class. I was informed the bird belongs to Mr. Crass, and is only 4 weeks old. It was a fine, typical bird. To take the show on the whole, it was as fine a show as I have seen for some years, and great credit should be given to every exhibitor—not only one or two. If we want our shows to be a success we want to encourage every fancier, either in young or old shows, to come and turn up in large numbers. You never know your luck until the judges have done their work what sort of birds you have. My advice to all fanciers is to turn up in large numbers to make our shows a success.

A Visitor.

Fixed Prize Money at Sheffield Shows.

Sir,—I was greatly surprised to find Mr. Woolhouse again replying. He asked me to prove my statements, and I did so up to the hilt. The most amusing thing about it is that he does not dwell upon the point at issue, viz., fixed prize money. He states that I have only been in Sheffield something like a year. It is under a year since I came to Sheffield, so that this statement is the nearest correct of any Mr. W. has made throughout this correspondence. But I have not had to get my information second-hand, as he states. I was one of the promoters of the S.O.S., and I think I am in a position to know all that has transpired, without getting it second-hand. I have absolutely proved that the S.O.S. is the only society in Sheffield district that is paying fixed prize money at nest feather and back-end shows. Perhaps next time Mr. Woolhouse flies to the Press he will make sure that he can substantiate his statements; then he will be able to come out on top.

John A. T. Woodall.

Sir,—Yet another letter from friend Woolhouse, who says this shall be the last. Had his letter of June 2 been his last I would have excused him for his mistake. In his letter of that date he said he merely wished to point out the fact that the Walkley C.B.S. paid fixed prize money as well as the S.O.S., for as he read our report it seemed to him to infer the S.O.S. was the only society that did so. In the issue of June 9th I told him as clearly as I could that the Walkley C.B.S. was not paying fixed prize money, but paying on the sliding scale at their Nest Feather Show on June 24, which proved there was only one society (the S.O.S. out of the four in Sheffield paying fixed prize money. Seeing I had made Mr. W.'s letter false, I said I thought the argument at an end, and closed by saying as far as I was concerned this controversy ceased. On June 16 Mr. W. treats us to another half-column, and has the impudence to say he did not say the Walkley C.B.S. was paying fixed prize money, but had done so. Had I not replied, would not the Fancy have been deceived? Would not the Faucy at large have been under the impression that Mr. W.'s letter was correct and I was wrong? I repeat again, Mr. W., that when fixing the S.O.S. show dates the S.C.B.S. was considered. You say you thought I was a man of my word; take that home to yourself. Like Mr. W., I am quite content to leave the issue in the hands of the fanciers of Sheffield or the County of Broad Acres. In closing, I should like to point out to Mr. W. that should he at any future date require proof of any statement I have at any time made during this correspondence, I shall be pleased to furnish same (without a grain of salt or the assistance of second-hand tales).

T. Bishop.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

Non Colour-fed Classes.

Sir,—Now is the time for those who would like to see a few non-fed classes introduced during the coming show season to write to the various secretaries asking them to induce their committees to insert such classes in their schedules, at the same time promising to support them; or, better still, offering to guarantee one or more classes if inserted. Personally, I should like to see non-fed classes in all our schedules, as the system of colour-feeding is far too expensive for many working men, consequently, if they are fortunate enough to breed a few good ones they often have to sell them to someone with a longer purse, as they cannot afford to buy new laid eggs and pepper, the result being that the purchaser gets the greater benefit. I should very much like to see a "Non-fed Club" started; such club would then be able to guarantee classes at a number of shows. Now then, you non-fed men, what do you think about it?

J. C. Wilmot.

Insuring Birds when Sending by Rail.

Sir,—I regret that I have been unable to reply to Mr. J. M. Williams before on the cost of carriage of exhibition birds. I have been waiting for a definite reply from railway headquarters. I find that Mr Williams is correct, although at the time my article was written I gave the facts as they had occurred to me, and quite believed them to apply generally. I have been in the habit of dispatching from a small country station, and the station-master has never charged me the 50 per cent. extra when I have insured my birds. I drew his attention to Mr. William's experience, and asked him to write his headquarters for definite information, and also, if in case the 50 per cent. is compulsory, whether the Railway Co. would pay the five shillings they allow for this, in addition to the amount insured for. The reply to this is rather amusing, if not consoling. It says that 50 per cent. is charged on all fragile consignments, whether insured or not, and live cage birds are classed as such, and the 5s. would not be paid in addition to the amount insured for in case of a claim being made for loss or damage to an insured consignment. Perhaps your readers will think that I am now indebted to the Railway Co., but when I consider the damage to cages, etc., and the inconvenience they have caused me, my conscience says that I owe them nothing.

Schoolmaster.

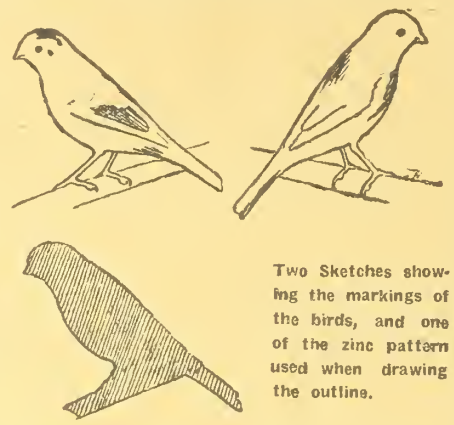
The Proposed Union for Lancashire and Cheshire.

Sir,—The meeting arranged by Mr. Hopkins was held at the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester, on June 24, when the following societies sent representatives:—Rochdale O.S., Liverpool O.S., Preston, Bolton, Lancashire and Lizard Association, South Manchester, Leigh and District, Walkden, and Wigan. Mr. A. Raynes and another gentleman were also present. The Preston representative was voted to the chair, and the Wigan representative was asked to act as secretary pro tem. It was the unanimous opinion of all present that such a Union was necessary, and that it would be a great benefit in many ways both to societies and fanciers. The chairman read a letter from the convener of the meeting explaining the cause of his absence. The rules of the Yorkshire Union were also read by the Chairman. The following regulations were suggested:—That if a Union is formed its members be allowed to show anywhere, only that when showing at shows outside the Union they should not be under the protection of the Union. That societies select their own judges and that a neutral representative of the Union be sent to all Union shows at the shows' expense. That there should be one delegate to the Union from each society. That the subscription be 2s. 6d., entrance, and 3d. levy per member per annum, if necessary. Or that societies with less than 50 members pay 2s. 6d. and have one delegate; under 100, pay 5s. and have two delegates; over 100, pay 7s. 6d. and have three delegates; and no levy on members. Much interesting and, I think, profitable conversation took place, and finally the meeting was adjourned to July 15 at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Withy Grove, Manchester, at 3.30 p.m., to which all societies and fanciers interested are cordially invited.

W. Rider,
Hon. Sec. pro tem.,
59, Poolstock, Wigan.

How to Identify Young Canaries in an Aviary.

Sir,—I have adopted this season what is, I consider, a most useful and interesting method of marking off the young Canaries in my aviary. On the outer cover of your valuable monthly publication, "Our Canaries," readers will notice a small print of a good shaped Norwich (the variety I keep). This I traced on paper and mounted on thin zinc, then cutting out to shape with shears and filing up the edge (see sketch). It is a simple matter to run a fine-pointed pencil round this zinc pattern when filling up your breeding register. You can then, besides desoribing the markings, fill them in (note examples depicted), and by reversing the pattern can sketch, if necessary, both right and left markings. Readers will readily see how handy it is to be able to so easily identify any bird and learn the parentage of it. I have up to now got eighteen young flying and know every bird by referring to my register without resorting to my net to examine rings, or cuts in the wing feathers, after catching up the bird. The above does not apply to clears. It is surprising, however, if you are breeding for colour, what a small percentage of these you breed; but by describing them minutely they can be detected without the use of sketch.



Two Sketches showing the markings of the birds, and one of the zinc pattern used when drawing the outline.

J. E. Veasie.

A Bird Catcher Speaks Out.

(See Photographs on Front Page.)

Sir,—I am writing you in reference to, "Is it cruel to keep birds in cages?" I venture to say that it is not, and at the same time, to put in a word for the poor bird catcher. I am a house painter by trade, but when things are slack I catch birds, as I find it helps to feed my children and to keep a roof over my head. I have plied my calling as a bird-catcher for ten years or more, and up to the present have no fault to find in the way the catcher keeps and tends his birds. I am able to say that I know dozens of men who would sooner go without their food than their birds should go without. My own birds are kept in an outdoor aviary all the year round, and I venture to state that, although kept by a bird catcher, they are far better kept and looked after and cared for than some of these faddists know how to look after their children. We (that is the catchers) have a very bad name—in fact, hanging is too good for us, we know—but at the same time we are humane, because it stands to reason that we as a whole are not going to neglect the very thing that helps to keep us. Another thing is, will the faddist keep my wife and two children later on, or any other catchers' families, if we give up catching birds? Not they. I want to know if the following is in any way out of the ordinary. I have in this aviary (or shed) two Linnets, which paired up, built a nest, and laid five eggs, which I put under a hen Canary. Four young came, and these are now on the perch, two cocks and two hens. Have also a pair of Goldfinches nesting. Now, sir, if it is "cruel," why do they breed? I have in this aviary the following birds: cocks, 2 Goldfinches, 2 Bullfinches, 2 Chaffinches, 1 Linnet, 1 Twite, 1 Bramble Finch, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Yellowhammer. Hens: 2 Goldfinches, 1 Linnet, 1 Chaffinch, and 1 Siskin. I enclose photograph, which I hope you will try to reproduce. Size of yard 15 x 15 feet. Size of aviary, 15 x 3 feet.

Walter Clarke.

How Fortune Telling Birds Are Trained.

Sir,—There are not many fortune-telling birds to be met with in London nowadays, though the writer is acquainted with two pitches where the credulous may seek a solution of any problem that perplexes them, through the aid, in one case, of a Canary, in the other of a Linnet. One of these is within a stone's throw of the Art Gallery in the Whitechapel Road, the other is near St. George's Circus, Blackfriars Road, and no doubt there are others. The Italians—and this particular calling seems to be entirely in the hands of these people—find organ grinding and the selling of ice cream or chestnuts, according to the season, more remunerative, though they still train birds for this purpose, and these are purchased by itinerant showmen who travel the country, attending the local fairs. The method of training the birds is idyllic in its simplicity. The cards are in small sections in a box, and answer such important questions as: "When shall I be married?" "Shall I be happy in married life?" and the like. In training the bird the teacher dips his finger into a cup containing moistened sugar, and, holding the bird in his left hand, rubs a small quantity on the beak, and then holding the bird over the cards, rubs more of the sugar on a card, and the bird, when held down, pecks at the card for the sweet. This is simple enough, but it is not all. It is necessary that the card should be drawn out, and for this reason some sticky substance is rubbed on the cards so that when the bird pecks at it, it adheres to its beak. This is the explanation. If anyone should be passing either of the spots mentioned, and will hand the woman in charge a penny, and keep a watchful eye, he will notice that the woman rubs her hands over a card, and that the card itself is not drawn out in the bird's beak, but adheres to it. But one must keep a sharp look out to notice this, as the woman takes the card from the bird at once.

D. J. R.

Quality Notes in Linnet Singing.

Good Song and Bad Song.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. B. Wharton, re quality Linnet singing, nothing gives me greater pleasure than replying, seeing that I was the promoter of the correspondence on Quality Linnet Singing, which appeared in your Cage Birds during 1906. I have been a constant Linnet singing and trainer now for about 30 years, and the promoter of several contest clubs. Now there is only one way of judging quality Linnet singing notes, that is, the best and clearest bird, length, turns, and form. Suppose a Linnet breaks with chattering at a contest, and he runs it into reeing, then into peeing. He has put three notes together and left them clean. Now, to beat this Linnet, another bird will have to put three notes together and make a turn in one of the notes (or more), and leave it clean also. I am putting this short so that you will understand it. Of course, Linnets do not always break with chattering. Now I will give you a list of the original quality notes of a first-class Linnet, as follows: Chattering, Reeing, Peeing, Whinneying, and Scraping. These are five principal notes. Now, there are four or five ways to a note. Chattering: Plain Chattering, Hammering Chatter, Heater Chatter, Chattering Ree, Rolling Chatter, and Locking Chatter. Now in Reeing, there are light, Hollow, Trumpet, Curling, Blubbering, and Rolling Reeing. Now in Peeing, there are Plain Peeing, Pheeing Pee, Bell, Whistling, and Pying Pee, and Phooing Pee. In Whinnying there are Light Whinney, Whinney Tittering, Filly Whinnying Blackbird Whinnying, Huffing Whinney, and Laughing Whinney. Now Scraping is the king of notes. There are sharp, broad kind, cowing, barking, and draker-hen scraping, and quaking scrape. Now here are a few more good notes that should be counted in contests as well as the above, provided they are sung clean and they sound immense when done. Cuckoo Pithering, Bell Pithering, Woodlark Woodling, Nightingale Jugging, and heavy Chowing, Tittering and Jingling Titter. These notes can be turned also. Now here is bad Linnet singing: Spinking, Tweeting, Song singing, Whin-tapping, nasty shouts, clicks, and jars, Scotting and Donkey Wrought. Now the best of these bad notes is Spinking. There is Gigging Spink, oxhide spinking, clinking spink (this is a favourite note of the Nightingale), and Bell Spinking. Now these four ways of spinking should be counted if run with any length and they sound well, if any of them are turned. Now the two worst ways of Spinking are Yollering Spinking and Bull Spinking, and they should never be counted, as it is the worst of singing. Now the Linnet can turn any of these notes lighter or deeper, but the Linnet that turns the deepest is the best. Always go for the heaviest voiced bird. Supposing you get a Linnet with only three notes, and it can turn two out of three, do not part with him until you can get a bird that can beat him. Of course, it is not much of a bird that has only three notes. What you have to try for is to get a Linnet with four or five notes, and to get as many turns in a note as possible, without the above bad singing. I have won all the English championships with the above strain of singing. There is no difference between Lancashire quality singing and Yorkshire singing. We both sing alike. In my younger days, however, a gentleman from Lancashire used to visit me; he was a great judge of Linnet singing, and he used to call Reeing "recking," Pecing "whigging," and Scraping "scriking." Now 80 Linnets out of 100 will sing two ways, that is, you will put a bird up in a contest, when he will sing five minutes all clean, and everybody will be delighted with him; but a quarter of an hour after you can put him in the same window with a fresh bird and he will sing bad all the five minutes, and make you ashamed of yourself sometimes. That is known as two ways of singing, and it is caused by one of the birds leading off with a bad note, and the other follows. They are always lucky if they get a bird to suit each other. Now the following is a list of places where they all sing alike: Wigan, Blackburn, Leigh, Pendleton, Preston, Hull, Skinning Grove, Beverley, York, London, Cumberland, and Co. Durham. If you travel to any of the above you will find they all sing quality Linnet song. I have sung at contests myself among the leading contest singers of Lancashire, and at Bradford and Leeds, and was always judged alike. I have always been judged the same wherever I have been. I hope this will meet the requirements of Mr. B. Wharton, and all others interested in quality Linnet singing.

Harry Allen.

Where is the Leek and District Cage Bird Society?

Sir,—Would you kindly allow me to ask through CAGE BIRDS what has become of the Leek and Dis. Cage Birds Society?

A MEMBER.

Bradford National Show.

In Aid of Cinderella Club Funds.

Sir,—The committee of the above show desire to place on record their high appreciation of the courtesy extended to them by the numerous judges who have been appealed to for their help. In each case they have sent replies, and where they have not been able to accept the position as judge, they have given the management great encouragement by their kind expressions and good wishes for the success of the show. Each and all seem to greatly appreciate the efforts which the committee are putting forward, and a large percentage of them have accepted the offer to judge. As yet the committee are not in a position to deal with the offers sent in, as the classification will not be made until the patronage of the various Specialist Clubs has been allotted. We have already obtained the patronage of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., Yorkshire C.C., Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C., National Green Marked Y.C.C., and the Open Norwich P.C.; and others are expected in due course. The committee are prepared to give the classes required by the Specialist Clubs for each variety and will conform to the conditions as laid down by these clubs in the hope of obtaining patronage.

H. HILL, Secretary.

15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Little Horton, Bradford.

The Cage Bird Fancy in Ireland.

Sir,—A meeting of the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. was held on July 1, the subject for discussion being "The Use and Abuse of the Fancy Press." Mr. Connell seems annoyed that I should let readers of CAGE BIRDS know he proposed that members writing letters to CAGE BIRDS be expelled the society. He now denies this and asks for proof. Mr. South's (the assistant secretary) letter will prove it in your issue of May 27. The last sentence reads: "With regard to the notice of motion to expel a member who is writing letters to CAGE BIRDS, a more coercive motion could not be tabled, especially from a member who prides himself as being an apostle of free speech and honesty of purpose." If the assistant secretary and the hon. treasurer are both correct, what will I do with Mr. Connell's £1? Readers, judge for yourselves! A member of the society who is also on the provincial committee of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of I. was, in his absence, accused of being the party who was writing anonymous letters to CAGE BIRDS. The person who made this accusation I challenge to prove it through CAGE BIRDS, and I will deposit £5 to go to any charity he names provided he forfeits £5 if he fails. He would have been better employed had he explained to the meeting why he left the society a few years ago. My own opinion is that he is only a catspaw for a certain Yorkshire fancier. The question raised by Mr. South as to why the Ligoniel members left the society, if answered, would have been a revelation. I do not see why Mr. Bamford (the secretary) had occasion to use such strong terms in connection with these members who had left the society. I hope to see this meeting reported in detail and the names of members who have been accused of slandering the society.

ONE IN THE KNOW.

Country Rambles

SHEFFIELD O.S.

A Ramble Through the Dukeries.

On Sunday, June 18th, when we awoke from our slumbers, the overcast sky was anything but promising of the weather we desired for a ramble through such lovely country. Our meeting place was the Great Central Station, and we had not proceeded far on our train journey when the heavens above seemed to get brighter, and the sun shone with power. Worksop was reached, not a long journey, and our friend Tom Bishop and others kept us alive with little "Ditties." Our old friend, Alf. Summerfield, who had gone over the previous day to see that all was in order for our reception, met us, and conducted us to our headquarters, the Greyhound Hotel. Then we went forth into the lovely bracing air to look up that old and enthusiastic fancier, Mr. Simpson, who was acting as our guide. He has been an exhibitor for the last 30 years, and I don't think any one of us had ever seen such a collection of prize cards as Mr. S. was able to show. There were hundreds and hundreds, and in addition, a number of cups, medals and specials. He gave us a right good hearty welcome; of course, his better half might comb his hair afterwards for taking such a crowd of fellows upstairs. He has a nice variety of birds, and has done fairly well this breeding season. What took our eye most was an evenly marked Goldfinch mule, so tame that it would sing when perched on his finger. After about a four-miles stroll, we returned for dinner, and did ample justice to it. At 2.10 we met the second contingent, amongst the party several ladies. Imagine our surprise when they told us it had been pouring with rain all the morning in Sheffield! They were jolly glad they had decided to come, as the weather was lovely; we could not have had it more to our liking. During our morning stroll the first bird to greet us was a Tree Pipit, which was followed by the discovery of a Jay's nest containing young. When gazing at the Jay carrying out its domestic duties, we observed quite close to us the Lesser Whitethroat, Greater Whitethroat, Willow Warbler, etc. A keeper we met in the woods took a great interest in us and our society. We noticed a fine Redstart, which he told us had a nest in a hole in a tree trunk near by. There also came on the scene a pair of Hawfinches, with their four offspring, the keeper shooting the hen bird before our eyes; he also accounted for a couple of fine Jays. They are "dead on" these birds in this district. Near by is a small pond, or rather should have been, but owing to the drought it was nearly dry. This, he told us, was the only place birds could drink for two miles round. Knowing this, we sat under the trees to watch the arrival of the feathered creatures that came to refresh their thirst. These included Yellow Buntings, Chaffinches, Redstarts, Blue Tits, Greater Spotted Woodpeckers, Blackbirds, Thrushes, etc. Then we adjourned to our headquarters for dinner.

Afterwards the ladies went for a drive, as we thought that a ten-mile walk would be rather too much for them. Friend Simpson took us down Slack Walk. We soon came across bird life, and some lovely scenery. We came across a hay rick, and soon found one or two nests, one with four young. Some said a Pied Wagtail, others a Hedge Sparrow. But I won't pass an opinion. Proceeding, we came into the Duke of Portland's estate, and the famous tunnel which was made by a late Duke. We here kept to our left, leaving the Deer Park to our right. This is an expanse of greensward, and contains both red and white deer. We came into Drinking Pit Lane. I don't know why it is called this, unless it is to annoy the users of it, as there is absolutely no chance of imbibing even a bottle of soda water. However, we strolled on through the woods, continually coming across nests of various species, old birds carrying food for their young, etc. We continued on down Border Side, then over footpaths by St. Cuthbert's College down Sparkin Hill to Worksop, and then straight to headquarters.

After we had refreshed and had a good wash, etc., tea was ready. What a tea! I believe our host, friend Worth, has been on these rambles himself, and knows how the inner man feels when you return. At any rate, he catered as though he did, and everyone appreciated his efforts. A vote of thanks was proposed to our friend Mr. Simpson for the excellent ramble he had taken us. He suitably responded. A vote of thanks was also passed to our host and hostess. If any fanciers ever think of paying a visit to Worksop or the Dukeries, they cannot do better than consult friend Worth, at the Greyhound Hotel. We indulged in a sacred concert until train time, 8.36, which arrived far too soon. After a short journey home the majority of us adjourned to our headquarters, where we finished one of the most enjoyable days ever spent on a ramble after bird life.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

Wild-Bird Life.

Along the Hedgerows.

The country side is now in its full beauty, the trees are well clothed with leaves, and the hedgerows, with their clusters of wild roses and climbing clematis, form thick shelter for the numerous young birds now so plentiful everywhere. A good tall hedge bordering fields, or meadow land, makes a capital position to take up on a fine day to note the doings of the feathered world generally. From such a point one will be able, in a few hours, to see almost all the species haunting the open. At first the flocks of young Sparrows force themselves upon the attention, they are so numerous that for a time their presence dominates all others, and they are so fidgety and flighty that they are for ever on the move, either moving from point to point in the field or alighting in a mass upon the hedge. Neither the green bird nor the Linnet have finished their breeding season. In securing a sheltered spot we have unknowingly taken up a position within a few feet of a cluster of wild woodbine containing a nest of the former. The anxious note of the bird tells us plainly that our presence is none too welcome, and that we are but a short distance from his treasures. The overhanging vine shelters the nest completely from sun, wind and rain, and the too close attention of inquisitive bipeds. The young ones are just beginning to open their eyes, and crouch down in the nest as though they would gladly sink through the bottom to get out of sight, strong lusty-looking youngsters they are, and well they may be, for no better parents exist in bird land than healthy Green Finches. Although we took up the position with the express purpose of watching the going and coming of the birds in the field and along the hedgerow, our attention is so taken up with the immediate surroundings that for the time the birds in the open are neglected. A scolding Whitethroat resents our presence as much as the Greenbird, and we know from experience that although his young ones may be hungry and waiting for food he will refuse to visit them unless we move further away. In this spot which is seldom visited, wild birds are keenly alive to the dangers of betraying their young ones' hiding-place; and yet, on the other hand, a pair of Whitethroats are constantly feeding their nestlings in a bush on the bank by the side of a country road, where traffic of all kinds is pretty frequently passing, and the writer sat on the opposite side and watched the old birds tending the babies, and they took no more notice of him, than an old cock Canary would in the bird room. Evidently in bird land "Familiarity breeds contempt."

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. It kills all insects. Harmless to everything.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Great Demand for Our Pamphlets, Booklets and Badges: Apply To-day for Yours.

Notes by the Secretary.

It was not long before readers began to take advantage of the offer of sixpenny pamphlets for nothing, and, to make sure of being in "the next thousand," callers dropped in at the office on Friday morning. Amongst them I had the pleasure of enrolling a member of the Metropolitan Police force, Mr. Henderson, of Westminster, who, I believe is the first policeman to join our ranks. Besides the main body of fanciers, our membership now embraces bird-catchers, bird-dealers, and policemen. Notwithstanding the vapourings of the sentimentalists, there are bird-catchers and bird-dealers who are entirely in sympathy with the objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and now we have at least one police officer, who as a member will keep an eye on some of those, if there are any, who keep the bird shops stigmatised by one of our hysterical opponents as "infernos of agony."

Our Badges.

The rolled-gold badges, in two forms, one for coat lapel or bicycling cap, or as a brooch for ladies, and the other as a pendant for watch-chain, are now ready. They have been sent to all old members who have returned their old badges together with seven stamps for the exchange. If any have been omitted I should be glad to hear, so that the omissions, if any, may be rectified. The price of these rolled-gold badges is one shilling each, and they form an ornament which any one would be pleased to wear. The original badges, at sixpence each, are in three forms, one as a button for coat-lapel, one as a brooch, and the other as a pendant. *New members joining should distinctly specify which badge they require, a sixpenny badge in either of three forms, or a shilling badge in either of two forms, sending, of course, with their application for membership, eighteenpence or two shillings as the case may be; one shilling for membership for one year, and the balance for badge.*

Our Aims and Objects.

Neat pamphlets setting forth in concise form the aims and objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE are now in the hands of the printers, and will be ready in a day or two. Many members have expressed a wish to have a supply of these for distribution, and a parcel of any number will be sent, post free, to anyone who will let me know how many he would like. I hope these pamphlets will be of great use in making known the purposes of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and I shall be pleased to send any number, large or small, to members applying for them.

I am continually getting letters from old members introducing new members to the LEAGUE, but without any intimation that the introductions are to be registered in our competitions for cash prizes. In order to save complications when the prizes in these competitions come to be awarded, I shall be glad if members making introductions will say if they are to be entered to their own individual credit or to that of any cage bird society to which they may belong.

Local Hon. Secs. Wanted.

In a day or two I shall be sending out a special invitation to the Hon. Sec. of each Society in the kingdom asking if he will accept office as Local Hon. Sec. to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE for his own town or district. Gentlemen so acting will be supplied with as many copies as they may desire of our circulars, setting forth the Aims and Objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and for their especial use badges have been prepared bearing the words "Local Hon. Sec." in addition to the legend "Cage Birds League." These are in button form, specially well finished, and will be supplied at the ordinary price of sixpence each. Members of the LEAGUE other than secretaries of Bird Societies may act in the capacity of Local Hon. Sec., one for each town or district, providing that the office has not been filled by the Hon Sec. of the Society for such a town or district, and will be provided with copies of the "Aims and Objects" for distribution. They may also have the special buttonhole badge at the same price, sixpence each.

MORE VIEWS OF MEMBERS.

Sir,—Please enrol me as a member of the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I am a very enthusiastic bird-lover, and have always kept birds in cages and aviaries, and should like to do my best to protect myself and fellow bird-lovers against faddists. I have a large garden aviary and I am sure my little captives feel as free and as happy as any wild bird; as a matter of fact, I have several times had my aviary broken into, and the birds let loose, but (with the exception of two Zebra Waxbills, which were probably drowned by the rain or eaten by cats) all my birds have returned to me each time. Wishing every success to the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

Wembley Park. GLADYS CHATTO.

A Wholehearted Response.

Sir,—My society is likely to join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE *en bloc*. The members all speak highly of the League. Will let you know after next meeting.

A. H. C. LEGG, hon. sec.,
Mid-Rhondda and Dist. C.B.S.

REPLY: Glad to hear it.—H. J. F.

Otley Will Support Us.

SIR,—Kindly enter me as a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. You may devote half my subscription to whatever you think fit, as I am perfectly confident that it will be used to the best interests of the Fancy. I am the hon. Secretary of the Otley O.S., and shall be pleased to get all our members to join, which I think will be easy when they see the badge.

J. THOMAS.

A Splendid Example.

Sir,—It is with pleasure that we, as a society, fulfil our late promise to support CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE by sending on our subscriptions for same. We fully believe that it will exceed the expectations of any one when it has fairly got a start, and I hope we shall soon be able to say to the bigots who go about the country interfering with our hobby, "Hands Off, seek fresh fields and pastures new, where your services may be more required." A. J. NOTLEY, Sec.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.

Useful Little Labels.

SIR,—I should like to make a suggestion which I think would help to get some money for the League, viz.: to have some gummed labels printed the same as the badge, and sold by the dozen; they could be used for several purposes—for sealing envelopes, etc.; it would also be a means of advertising the league.

Studley. P. J. JOHNSON.

Reply.—An order for a large number of such labels is in hand with the colour-printers. They will be in exact facsimile of the badge, and will be offered, when ready, at sixpence for fifty, or one shilling per hundred, post free. I anticipate that these pretty seals will be in great demand among our members, as the uses to which they may be put are manifold.—H. J. F.

A Catcher's Views.

Sir,—I wish to become a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and to introduce my father as another member. There was room for this League years ago before these people got so strong. In putting their foot on the bird-catcher, and trying to keep it there, they are tarring everyone with the same brush. I myself am a bird-catcher, breeder and keeper, and I think the world of my birds. I would not ill-use them myself, and should do my best to prevent any other man from doing so. I am sure that any other decent catcher would do the same.

I hope CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will become a great power, and be known all over the world.

Leyton. W. MUDD.

Our Leaflets.

Sir,—I am very pleased to read that you have in preparation leaflets explaining the objects of the League. This is just the thing that is wanted, and will be very useful in getting members. I shall be glad to have some as soon as ready; if they are to be sold I will forward the amount as soon as I know. I think many are realising the value of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and I have several promises to join later.

Ramsgate. F. THOMAS.

REPLY: Copies of the leaflets shall be sent you in a day or two; there will be no charge. Please see reference to this matter in my notes of this week.—H. J. F.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. H. PECK.—CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE could scarcely undertake the defence of bird-dealers who "got into trouble for selling young British birds." People who take and sell young British birds must in most cases break a very salutary law which prohibits the taking of birds during the close season. Every bird-lover must be in sympathy with this law, and the LEAGUE would rather help to prosecute than defend those who ignore its provisions. It is pleasant to hear that the two bird-dealers you have introduced as members are "most fair in their business transactions," but if I were to give them a free advertisement by mentioning their names I should be inundated with similar requests. There are, fortunately, thousands of bird-dealers of whom the same might be truly said. I shall send you the literature as soon as it comes from the printers in whose hands it is at the time.

C. H. WHARAM.—Pamphlets setting forth the Objects and Aims of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE are in the hands of the printers, and some copies shall be sent you when ready. Thanks for your kind offers of assistance; please see my note above.

HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, 15[illegible] STREET, LONDON, E.C.

British Softbills:

Notes on the habits of some popular species.

. . By . .
A. LEES.

(Continued from page 546.)

The Pet of the Nursery.

I pass now to the Robin, undoubtedly the most popular of all the feathered tribe. He is closely associated in one's earliest childhood with many of those nursery rhymes which strike so deeply into the childish mind. He is par excellence, the pet of the nursery; and as years grow on us, who does not look on the Robin as an old friend? Even the school boy hesitates before he takes the nest, thinking there is something uncanny about the bird.

When the winter comes, and our summer visitants have taken their departure to other climes, and our own songsters have become mute, Robin shows his individuality, and with a sure instinct approaches the habitation of man, certain of getting a share of the crumbs that fall from the table. He will sometimes tap at the window until he has attracted attention, and has been known fearlessly to enter the room, if the window be opened. He is, as it were, a connecting link between the happy family seated around the yule log fire, and birds which are doomed to be the sport of every bleak wind that whistle through the trees.

A story is told of one that had taken a partiality to a house; it had become so tame that it would pick from the very plates from which the inmates were eating. "Bob," as this bird was called, resented any intruders, and was so exceedingly jealous that on one occasion, having observed his reflection in a looking glass, he flew at it in a most furious rage, and beat himself quite out of breath against it; for with all his virtues he is a most pugnacious bird, and a very dangerous gentleman to keep along with other birds. My own experience is that if you put two Robins in an aviary, they will soon be reduced to one. I have also had Canaries and other birds done to death by the Robin. So that any one wanting to keep a Robin had better keep him in a cage by himself.

They are not much kept in captivity as a popular idea against keeping Robins obtains even the present day. Formerly the superstition that Robins brought ill-luck to a house was very great. Any cage will do for a Robin, and in feeding him it must be remembered that it is an insect eater.

The Thrushes and their Habits.

The Song Thrush or Mavis (sometimes called Throstle) remains with us, some specimens at least, all the year. In hard winters many die through want of food. The species nest early, and as you all know they breed in this country. The male bird assists in hatching. The bird is a very fine spring songster. But being so well known I don't think it necessary to discuss it further.

The Missel Thrush is the largest example of this genus. It nests early in the year, the nests being frequently in the fork of a tree, and frequently also in a very exposed position on a foundation of mud; being lined with dry grasses and composed externally of bents and lichens; and although such nests are the colour of the tree, there is little attempt at concealment. From its habit of singing in rough weather the bird is also known as the "Storm cock."

The Fieldfare, also called the Felt, Blue [illegible], or Felter, I am afraid some people are in the habit of confusing with the Missel Thrush. Some time ago the late Mr. Doncly, the artist, who lived at Milton, had a great many letters in the "Glasgow Evening Times," and, amongst other things, he said he could see from his window the nest of the Feltie on a cherry tree which at that time was in bloom. On the hillside above Bowling there are a lot of these trees, and they look fine when in bloom. But my belief is that the nest he saw was that of the Missel Thrush, and I am of opinion that that is how the mistake occurs—some people are in the habit of calling the Missel Thrush the Feltie.

The Fieldfare does not breed in this country, but, like the Redwing, in Norway, where it is considered a very common bird. The nest may there be found in spruce firs.

A cage suitable for the Missel Thrush would be suitable for the Fieldfare; and the food when the bird is wild is similar to that of the Redwing.

A Regular Town Pet.

The Skylark is entitled to a prominent position in the foremost rank of our songsters, whether we contemplate its movement whilst soaring high amidst the clouds, its song mellowed by distance into delicious cadences, or as the pet of some family cramped in bedroom, the walls of narrow streets in the midst of densely populated towns, for even these adverse conditions a Lark will enliven the whole neighbourhood by its clear and lively song, which is to be esteemed for its power and brilliancy. Perhaps there is no other British bird so much kept by town people; certainly no other bird puts forward his claims with such sturdy eloquence. Even when in his narrow cage, the Lark seems constrained to use muscular exercise during singing, for it flutters its wings and tramples the turf as if it were once more free. Excepting perhaps the Nightingale, no bird would seem to have exercised the quaint conceits of the poets with more felicity than the Skylark, yet, as with most of our sweetest songsters, its plumage is most unpretending.

It is very difficult to distinguish the sexes. The female is slightly smaller than the male, and its plumage is a little darker. The nest is very simply constructed of dry bents of grass, and the eggs are from three to six in number.

The young are easily reared if properly attended to, though they are inexorable in their demands to be fed early. They should be fed as early in the morning as possible—not later than six o'clock. A little given often is better than a cramming. Their food consists of soaked bread, mixed with crushed hemp seed and a little grated beef and egg. The adult birds may be fed on bread crumbs and crushed hemp seed, varied with morsels of cheese, or potatoes, or any table scraps.

The Lark is never seen near a stream or pond, as, when wild, it drinks from the dew on the grass. It is fond of dusting, and should always be provided with plenty of gravel and sand, such as may be found in the gutters after a heavy shower of rain. No perches are required, but a piece of turf should be kept in the bow-front of the cage. These birds are not always of one colour, as I have here one with white wings.

A Marvellous Bird.

The Water Ousel, or Dipper, I would like to deal with next. It is a marvellous bird. You may see it almost any day between here and Bullock Bridge on the Levey. It is seldom mentioned as a songster, but I can assure you it does sing, and sings well, too. I have stood opposite Lennox Bank House when the Dipper was perched on the late Sir A. Orr-Ewing's boat, and it was singing loudly for all it was worth. The bird's mode of getting a living is most peculiar. It feeds on molluscs and other slimy, snake-like creatures that you may see on stones and rocks that are completely covered with water. I have seen the bird in the winter time on the Clyde above Carmyle when the river was completely frozen over all but a small piece like a slide in the centre kept open with the run of the stream. He would come to the side, plunge in, and in a short time appear again and fly off, repeating the same thing many times over. He had been at the bottom of the river in search of food. You can see him fly half way across the Leven, plunge in and appear shortly after. In these deep rivers you cannot see what he is doing, but I remember a friend and I were standing on the Knevin Bridge, Banachra; the water was beautifully clear, and we could quite plainly see the bird go under the water and walk about the large stones, eating the slimy like worms that are to be found on them, showing the wise arrangements made by Providence for the different birds.

The nest is large and oval, full of moss or leaves, with an entrance low down on the side, lined with dry moss and green leaves. It is placed in a recess under a bridge, in the wall of a mill-dam, in a bank, or a ledge of rock: often behind a cascade of water, and sometimes in a bough of a tree overhanging the water. The eggs, four to six in number, are of a dull white colour.

They get the blame of being guilty of eating the spawn of fish, so that fish watchers are very keen on them.

Just one word on wild Hybrids. That they exist I am quite satisfied. I mean the offspring of wild birds of two different species. I cannot say I have seen this in the case of the smaller birds, but in museums I have seen a cross from the Black Game and the Red Grouse; and I have also seen a cross between the Capercailzie and the Pheasant, which was shot at Arden, and is now in Mr. Lumsden's house at Arden. When I saw this specimen Mr. Lumsden told me that one of the Rothschilds had a similar bird at one of their shootings.

Mr. Lees exhibited specimens from his well-known collection, the most prominent being a Lark with white wings, a piebald or black and white Blackbird, also a pure white Blackbird.

Under the White Rose.

THE last week has been a very busy one for the fanciers of Bradford and district. All the specialist clubs have been fixing up their prizes and competitions, and allotting their patronages; also the Cinderella Show has progressed a step further; and meetings have been numerous. The Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. had a very good meeting, and some good prizes are to be put up for competition. The patronage has been distributed so as to push forward the bird the club caters for, and to benefit the club in all directions possible. I hear, too, that the prize list has been augmented by friends of the variety to the extent of £1, and that a few new members are coming forward. All who intend joining and wish their names to be included in the year book must send in their names at once.

CINDERELLA Show Committee have been fortunate enough to secure the Central Baths Hall, near the centre of Bradford, a delightful place for a show of this description, and calculated to hold without any trouble some 1,500 to 1,600 birds; while it is splendidly lighted, and has every convenience for visitors. I think it will be acknowledged to be the best room in the North for a large show. Now it only remains for the work to be well carried out, to make this (as it is intended to be) the largest show ever held in the Bradford district: and the names at the head are a guarantee that the management will leave nothing to be desired, as they are true workers, and have the knowledge essential for the proper carrying out of the arrangements.

YORKSHIRE Canary Club had a large and representative meeting. All specials were got into order, and the patronage allotted for the two sets of competitions. Those societies applying which did not receive the patronage will be disappointed, but in consequence of dates and judges clashing, the committee had no option in many cases. This club make a practice each year to give all that they possibly can in prizes; this year is no exception, close on thirty pounds having been allocated to prizes, and every one, whether champion, amateur, or novice, has a chance to win something. I would specially point out that the junior novice is especially catered for; he has a good chance to pick up a valuable special, and at the same time he is competing for his Union medal.

OPEN Norwich Plainhead Club got through their business in just one hour. Everything worked out nicely. Specials were arranged and the patronage given out, and the year book printing and other work put in apple-pie order so that everything will be in readiness for the beginning of the season. All that is now wanted is that the members will do their part in the general working of the club.

NATIONAL Green Marked Y.C.C. is making steady progress, and the meeting had nearly the full committee in attendance. A good response to the call for applications for patronage had been received, and all met with due consideration. Then the prize list was gone through and the several competitions fixed up, and I think when the members see what has been arranged they will have no cause to grumble.

YORKSHIRE County B.B. and M.C. were the last on the list, and here, in consequence of clashing of dates, they have still a few shows open that could have the patronage; also the prize list was left open for a future meeting, as time was getting late, and those who had been there some five hours were getting uneasy and wanting to be off. Several new members were made, and the prospects are much brighter; this time the club begins with a clean sheet, and no doubt things will "hum a bit" in this section.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

BREEDING RESULTS OF THE 1911 SEASON.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.

The following are some of the breeding results of members:—Dix, 32; Atkinson, 45; Hutler, 50; Tomlinson, 68; Smith, 14; Witherley, 12; Deighton, 40; Wigglesworth, 27; Kent, 60; Leach, 20; F. Johnson, 12; H. Johnson, 12; Mirley, 20; Bryden, 10; Scott, 15; Hedley, 20; Cattell, 20; Tindale, 90.—R. Tindale, hon. sec.

Some Scottish Results.

There is no accounting for the varied lot of fanciers seemingly working under almost the same conditions. To be successful one, or a number of years, and then not to be able to rear a single bird for a season, however, is the common fact. The long spell of dry weather was against breeding operations. Many hens have not laid a single egg. Mr. Brown (East Kilbride), so far as I have been able to learn, tops the list in the Scotch Fancy section, the aggregate of young being close upon 40. He should be able to give an excellent account of himself in the coming show season. He merits success. Mr. McClure (Mount Florida) always gives a good account of himself. He has close upon 30 youngsters, so that he is almost certain to reappear at the Canary exhibitions beaming with satisfaction. No one has been more devoted to the Scotch Fancy Canary. Mr. McIlwaine (Mount Florida) follows well, the total being somewhere in the region of 30. In such a quantity he has a chance to do winning. Mr. McFarlane (Crossmyloof), the well-known Norwich breeder, has a grand selection of young birds, both in quantity and quality. Mr. J. A. Stewart (Coatbridge) has about 20 young birds, and he has got into a splendid strain. Mr. Dalgleish (Leith), who won the medals and cups at Derby and other shows last year, has a dozen on the perch. Mr. Martin (Edinburgh) has half a dozen, and Mr. Paterson (Edinburgh) 10 young birds. Mr. McLennan is reported to have a dozen, all said to be of excellent quality. Mr. Thornton (Blackhall) has a dozen, a couple of which promise well. Mr. John Muir (Glasgow) is doing well, both as regards quantity and quality. Mr. Taylor (Alexandria) has two pair Goldfinch and Bullfinch breeding. The last account was that he had one hybrid, and a nest of fertile eggs from each pair. Mr. W. D. Hogg (Oakley) bids fair to again figure with the Greenie-Bullfinch hybrid, he having a youngster batch on June 30th. Hybrids are only commencing, and we wish the foregoing, and other breeders, every success. The season so far has not been too prolific, but the best may yet come; at any rate, let hope reign supreme.—"Scottish Fancy."

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FIRST FEATHER SHOWS.

The dates for First Feather Shows are inserted in this column free of charge. Secretaries should notify us of same as soon as the dates have been decided upon.

July 8.—Amble C.B.S.; Beamish C.B.S.; Bedlington Station C.B.S.; Birkenhead C.F.A.; Hanley C.B.S.; Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.; Hetton-le-hole C.B.S.; Heywood C.B.S.; Leadgate C.B.S.; North London C.B.A.; Ormskirk C.B.S.; Partick C.B.C.; Sheffield C.B.S.; Skipton C.B.S.; Spennymoor C.B.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Wombwell B.F.A.; Chester-le-Street C.B.S.; Glasgow West End C.B.C.; Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.; South Manchester C.B.S.; Springburn and Possil Park B.C.; Falkirk C.B.S.; Darlington C.B.S.; Wolverhampton C.B.S.; Laisterdyke B.F.A.; Exeter C.B.S.; Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.
July 10.—York C.B.S.; Huddersfield O.S.
July 11.—Stoke Newington F.A.
July 12.—Reading C.B.S.
July 13.—South West London C.B.S.
July 15.—Attercliffe C.B.S.; Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.; Derwent Valley C.B.S.; Rotherham C.B.S.; Admiral Duncan O.S.; Longton C.B.S.; Fleece Hotel (Gt. Horton); Clapham C.B.S.; Bramley O.S.; Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S.; Dubmire Workmen's Club.
July 18.—West Bromwich C.B.S.; Torbay (Paignton) O.S.
July 19.—Western Counties O.S. (Plymouth); Brighton C.B.A.
July 22.—Bankfoot C.B.S.; Bolton O.S.; Bradford East O.S.; Hirst Universal C.B.S.; Sheffield O.S.; South Birmingham O.S.; Stockport B.F.A.; Chopwell F.S.; Green C.A.; Shipley O.S.; Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.; Crewe O.S.; Altrincham C.B.S.
July 22 and 23.—Leigh C.B.S.
July 26.—Ayr C.B.C.
July 29.—City of Bradford O.S.; Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.; Lochore and Glencraig F.A.; Poplar C.B.S.; City of Wakefield O.S.; St. Crispin (Northampton) C.B.S.; Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.; Spen Valley C.B.S.; Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.; Glasgow and Western Counties; Halifax O.S.
Aug. 5.—Pelton Fell C.B.S.; Sunderland C.B.A.; Uddington O.S.; Vale of Leven C.B.C.; Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

First annual ramble, on Sunday, June 18, when ten members turned up at the Central Station. We took train for Hale, where we should have met Mr. Tom Harrison. But no guide turned up, so we were in "Queer Street," until Mr. Slater thought of Mr. Aaron Taylor, the president of the Altrincham C.B.S., who lives very near. We prevailed upon him to act as guide, and a right good one he made. We kept to the roads to the nursery garden, then we branched off through the Golf Links, where we soon saw Nature at its best. Mr. Odell found a nest of Wrens just on a twig (near the nest) preparing for flight. We found a lot of nests, but most of them were empty. Mr. Self gave a sample of his vocal powers. After we rambled through the grass we saw a lot of young plovers. Some of the boys found them hard to find once they took their eyes off them. At last we came to the Chapel House Inn, Mobberley, on which there was a raid. We had tea, after which we took train for Manchester, which we reached at 9 o'clock, after a splendid half-day's outing.—John Davey, Hon. Sec.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECRETARIES, &c.

"Cage Birds" goes to press on Wednesday during the summer months, therefore club notices, reports, etc., should reach us on Tuesday to secure publication in our issue of the same week. Will society officials kindly make a note of this?

Club Reports.

CUMNOCK AND DIST. C.B.S.

A meeting is to be held in the Co-operative Hall, Auchinleck, on July 8th, at 7 p.m., to see if we will have a challenge cup to be competed for at our show, for most points. We hope to see a full turn-out of members and all intending new members to give their views on the subject.—Jos. Nutt, Sec.

NORTHERN B.B., M., AND F.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held 28 June, in Lockhart's Cafe, Newcastle. Table Show: British, class 1: 1, J. Shepherd. Class 2: 1, C. J. Petterson; 2, J. Shepherd; 3, T. Robson. Class 3: 1, J. McKenzie; 2, A Young; 3, J. Scott. Mr. T. Robson then gave his experiences with British Softbill feeding and rearing, etc., and the members present were treated to a very enjoyable and interesting lecture.—Geo. Taylor, Sec.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, fair turn out of members. The members decided to have a first feather show in the Bisley Hotel, on July 15th, for which there will be sixteen classes; C. Vallans, Esq., of Summerhill House, to judge the same. The secretary then read a paper by J. Robson, Esq., on the Norwich Plainhead Canary, which provoked a good discussion. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Robson for his kindness. We made one new member. —Geo. Harver, Hon. Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Albion Hotel, June 28th, Mr. C. J. Robinson in the chair. A good attendance of members, and a considerable amount of business was discussed arising from the minutes. Classification for nest feather show; we decided to add three more classes, Yorks. A.V. old bird, Norwich A.V. old bird, and British. Mr. Dunn has kindly consented to give special for most entries in show. Mr. Evans kindly gave 3 specials, one for best Yorks. (young bird), for best Norwich or Lizard, and for best British. Mr. Robinson gives special for most entries in Norwich, Mr. T. Bates for most entries in Yorks., and Mr. G. Lawton for most entries in British. Any member who has not given me his order for colour food must do so not later than Saturday, July 8th, at show room, Albion Hotel, 3 p.m.—G. Lawton, Sec.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY B.B. & M.C.

Meeting held in the Market Tavern, Bradford, July 1st, Mr. W. Cowgill presiding, owing to the absence of Mr. Archer through a cold. There was only a moderate turn up, owing no doubt to the meeting of several other clubs at the same time and place. The following were admitted as new members: Messrs. E. Clegg (Dewsbury), W. Lea (Doncaster), G. Bescoby (Doncaster), H. Allen (Leeds), B. Simpson (Leeds), T. Bisbop (Sheffield). The granting of patronage for winter shows was proceeded with, but owing to some dates clashing and judges' names not being given, a complete list will have to be issued shortly. The committee for the Bradford district was next gone into, and the following gentlemen were carried: Messrs. S. Dean, C. Ross, J. Hudson, and Parkin. As time was getting late, it was decided to leave the particulars of the competitions, classifications and other matter over till the next meeting, which will be shortly. Will secretaries please note that we have open dates for five more shows; will those wanting patronage please send in applications at once? Members please note that subcriptions are now due.—Lane and Jowett, Hon. Secs.

MID-RHONDDA AND DIST. C.B.S.

General meeting held June 29th, at the White Heart Hotel, Tonypandy (our new headquarters). Mr. Hy. Jelby (chairman) presided over a good attendance. The chairman said it was the wish of one of the most respected gentlemen at Tonypandy, Ivor Morgan, Esq., to give to the society a bit of gold, so as to help it along, and so that he may become a vice-president, and have the privilege of attending meetings. As the chairman was speaking in comes Mr. Morgan, and he was received by a hearty shake of the hand by every member. We soon found that he was a good sportsman. Mr. Morgan asked if we thought of having an open show this year, and we told him we intend to have one if the strike is finished, and he promised to get a few pounds towards a challenge trophy. He hoped that every member would do his best and collect as much as he possibly could. The secretary said he wished to call the attention of the members who have not paid anything of their annual subscription this year, and he hoped they would not stay away from any of the meetings, because we cannot expect the members who are on strike to pay, as they have sufficient to do to keep the home going. Therefore I trust those members will turn up in good force at our next meeting an important one, at headquarters on July 27th. Anyone desirous of joining our society and residing within the both Rhondda Valleys (Gilfach-Goch included) may have full particulars from me.—A. H. C. Legg, Hon. Secretary, 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwynoelyn, Porth, Glam.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Committee meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, July 1st, Mr. Sunderland in the chair and 17 members attended. The minutes of general meeting were passed. A letter from the open Norwich Plainhead Club was read, inviting the Y.C.C. to come to some working arrangement (in connection with the other specialist clubs), in reference to each other's suspensions, etc., and was unanimously agreed to. Decided to continue advert. in Yorkshire Union Handbook. Next the conditions to govern the competition for the challenge cup, value six guineas, presented by Mr. J. W. Ramsden, the donor only stipulating that the cup should be won three times before becoming the property of a member. It was decided that the cup be given for most points gained by a member (feeding solely on Ramsden's peppers) to be won three times before becoming the property of any exhibitor. This brought forward the cup presented by Mr. T. Sandiford, and offered as second prize in the Bailey trophy competition, decided that this also should be won by a member (feeding solely on Sandiford's colour foods), and that the secretary convey to both Mr. J. W. Ramsden and Mr. T. Sandiford the committee's gratitude for their continued support. The competitions offered for season 1911-12 are as follows: The Bailey trophy and Sandiford cup, the Ramsden cup and money specials, the open and junior novice competitions, along with Ramsden's colour food specials as for last season, making a total value of £47. I beg to call the attention of all York- to the advantages to be gained Burdekin Bros. and membership. The then gone sful societies: competition: Bolton O.S., Manchester, Liverpool O.S., L.C.B.A., Crystal Palace, Laisterdyke, Huddersfield, Great Horton, Halifax, and Bradford Cinderella show; the Ramsden cup, money specials, and open novice competitions: Newcastle, Cheltenham, Swansea, Crystal Palace, Bradford (West), Windhill, Brighouse, Queensbury, Cinderella show, and Bradford (City). The junior novice competition at all Yorkshire Union shows (novice section), Yorkshire classes.—John Greaves, Secretary.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held June 24th, Mr. J. Muir in the chair. Business was enrolling some new members and deciding final arrangements for first feather show. A table show was held of any variety British birds, the following being the result: 1, W. Clubb, Greenfinch; 2, J. Muir, Greenfinch; 3, W. Clubb, Redpoll; 4, A. Gillespie, Goldfinch; 5, J. Hunter.—W. Clubb, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

At meeting, July 13th, we held a table show for nest-feather birds, also British birds, it being the first of three table shows at which points gained will count for specials at the end of season. Classes Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, for champions, and the same for novices. The British will be classified when entered, and we hope there will be a good muster. Will members and friends note it is our ramble on Sunday, July 9th. We meet at our headquarters at one o'clock, and go to Rotherham to start our ramble with the Parkgate fanciers, who will be our guides for the day.—W. Richinson, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Meeting held June 19, headquarters, Mr. R. E. Griffith presiding. The secretary submitted his balance sheet, showing a balance of £4 1s. 9d., which is highly satisfactory. It was resolved to send a copy to each member. The committee expressed their appreciation of the very able and efficient manner in which the hon. sec., Mr. J. W. Jones, has conducted the business of the society; also the treasurer, chairman, vice-chairman, and other members of the committee have done their very best since the formation of the society, which now has a membership of 102. Messrs. R. Angel and W. Roberts kindly promised to present the society with a cup; and it was resolved to buy two other cups. Mr. W. Griffiths was elected assist. sec. Decided, to have a Christmas draw, and it is hoped each member will make an effort to sell at least one book.—J. L. Sweeney.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

General meeting held July 1st at the new headquarters, The Earl Cathecart, Munster Square, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., with Mr. Barns in the chair. Decided to hold the young bird and British bird show, fixed for the 1st inst., on the 15th inst., Mr. J. Oldaker to judge; the show to be open for all old members, entry fee to be 6d. per cage; judging to start at 4 o'clock; the show to be open to the general public at 5 o'clock at the above headquarters entirely free of charge. A lengthy discussion took place on alterations of show rules; the novice rule was amended limiting the novice time to 3 years in addition to the standing rule, so as to clip the wings of the old-fashioned novices of 12 to 15 years' standing. Among those present were: Messrs. E. Pretty, H. J. Pearce, R. J. Pretty, W. Shakespeare, W. Salter, H. Bell, A. Austin, H. Harrison, etc. I appeal to the old members to support this coming show, and make it a success. Let others come and see for themselves what we can do.—O. Heine, Official Reporter.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Meeting of committee held July 1st, Market Tavern, Bradford. Decided to again give four prizes in each (champion and novice) section, also three prizes in junior novice section, value 1st 10s., 2nd 7/6, 3rd 5/-, and money prizes to be given at each show, viz., 2/- most points 4th birds, 2/- most points vhc birds. Vote of condolence passed to Mr. A. Spencer's family on the death of Mr. A. Spencer, of Doncaster (late member of the O.N.P.C.). Patronage allotted to shows as follows:—Date—October 6 and 7th, show—Burnley, judge—J. C. Barnes; Oct. 14th, Bradford West; Oct. 21st, Huddersfield; Nov. 4th, York, A. Hirst; Nov. 10th and 11th, Barnsley, H. W. Battye; Nov. 17th and 18th, Hull, J. Robson; Nov. 25th, Brigbouse, H. W. Battye; Dec. 1st & 2nd, Halifax, A. Wellings; Dec. 8th and 9th, Cinderella; Jan. 20th, 1912, Bradford City, J. Robson. Decided to leave calling of next meeting with secretary.—O. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

General meeting, June 29th, at Headquarters, when the report of the first feather show was read and greatly applauded, showing as it did a balance on the right side. The vice-chairman, Mr. H. B. Rout, then distributed the prize money and specials. A special prize money fund to aid the moneys obtained by the ordinary entrance fee was created and received great support from the members. The titbit of the evening was given by the secretary, when he announced that two cups had been given to the society. The members received this with loud applause, and a further offer of four cups added to the exuberance of all present. That six cups should at one meeting be given to the society speaks well for the support and interest displayed by all connected. Arrangements are in hand to have the objects of the society displayed at the local music hall at show time, Mr. H. B. Rout kindly offering the expenses. It may appear necessary to add that any new members are eligible to compete for the six cups now in the society's possession. The secretary, Mr. F. Fox, 12, Sherrard Road, Forest Gate, invites correspondence from likely members.—B. C. Smith (Reporter).

DALKEITH C.C.

A good muster of members and friends rallied at The Ship, where mine host had the glass room nicely laid out. The torrential rain doubtless deterred the outlying members from coming, but the talent was there, and those members who were present were rewarded with a feast of melody which never flagged; in fact, we only managed to get through one-third of the programme, and it was unanimously agreed to meet again on July 22nd and get the rest of it through. Each item received hearty applause. Songs were sung by Messrs. C. Hamilton, A. Rowe, G. Davidson, Jas. Shirling, W. Smith, Parnell, W. Musterton, Jas. Hamilton, J. Hogg, J. Haig, Richardson, Ferguson, Stevenson, J. Currie. A duet was sung by Messrs. Hamilton and Smith. Gramaphone selections were given by Mr. P. Kinney, cornet solos by Mr. W. Heaps and violin solos by Mr. Kinney. A hearty vote of thanks to the contributors, and to Mr. Steel for promoting the concert, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the company, terminated a really enjoyable night. Secretaries who are desirous of waking up interest among their members, or of gathering the funds for a trophy will do well to "go and do likewise."—Ewing and Steel, Secs.

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STIRLING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Douglas Hotel, June 3rd, Mr. Wm. Summers in chair. Classification for annual club show was gone over; we agreed to add two classes in the Norwich section, two classes for Yorkshires, and one for young Mule or Hybrid. Otherwise the classification is the same as last year. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be sent in early. Will any fancier within a 15-mile radius, wishing to become a member, please communicate with me?—Wm. Bishop, Secretary, 140, Main-street, St. Ninians, Stirling.

HIRST (Universal) C.B.S

Meeting held June 23, Mr. King presiding. After the F.F. Show business, we decided to hold our annual show November 11. We have a good classification for same—25 classes. One class is specially set aside for those members who have never shown a bird before. We also had several offers of specials from various tradesmen in the district; this is very gratifying considering they were unsolicited. I may state that we are still accepting new members. We have 85 on our books, but we still have room for more, and if bird fanciers will rally round us, we will endeavour to make our society worthy of such a large and prosperous district.—R. Middleton, Sec.

NORTHERN LIZARD CLUB.

Meeting held June 24th, Fawcett-street Cafe. The silver rose bowl, the gift of Mr. P. Hunter, Bombay, was on view, and notwithstanding the pouring rain there was a good turn-out to see it. This is the second occasion on which this gentleman has honoured the club with a gift in 12 months. The members were delighted at the magnificent gift, which is a splendid specimen of the native craft, and is mounted on an ebony plinth. Altogether it is a prize which any fancier would be proud to win. The members passed a vote of thanks with acclamation, and instructed the secretary to convey their appreciation of the superb gift. Will members note that subs. are now due? New members join now, and be in time to compete for club specials.—G. C. Davidson, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, June 24. A meagre attendance of members was accounted for no doubt by the inclemency of the weather, and by the fact that the West Fife A.S. were holding their annual exhibition and competition in town that day. Mr. J. Rankine presided. The rules of the West Fife C.B. League were then read over, and the delegates were instructed to move a few alterations, and to see about the addition of an extra rule. The date of the third annual show was fixed for November 4 next. The classification was gone over, and finally agreed upon. Much satisfaction was felt in the meeting when it became known how well the members were going with their cup subscription lists, which the members absent might note, are due next meeting, July 29. Mr. Rankine thanked Mr. J. Sneddon for his collection of £1 3s. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the business.—Robert T. Campbell, Sec.

CREWE AND DISTRICT O.S.

At a "convivial" held Hop Pole Hotel on June 21st, under the supervision of Host Edwards (who is kindliness personified) a presentation was made to Mr. F. Harding, who is leaving Crewe for Western Australia. In the absence of Mr. F. E. Cooper, Mr. J. W. Lawton, one of the oldest members, was deputed to make the presentation, which took the shape of a valuable handbag for use on the voyage. Mr. Lawton said it gave him great pleasure to hand over this handsome present. It showed the kind of feeling the society wished to foster among the members. He had always found Mr. Harding one of the most courteous and obliging members, and testified to his ability as a fancier. Mr. H. Latham also spoke, and wished him a pleasant voyage. Mr. Harding, in reply, said it was a great surprise to him to be the recipient of such a handsome present; he would always treasure it in remembrance of the happy time he had spent among them. He would still remain a member. This brought to a close a meeting long to be remembered.—E. Jaycott.

WALLSEND C.B.S.

Meeting held Station Hotel, June 21, when a large number of members turned up. Mr. Macdonald occupied the chair. A report had gone round that the secretary had resigned, which had put all the fanciers into quite a flutter. A deputation was despatched to interview the secretary. They brought back books and a letter stating the reasons why he was compelled to give up the position, which was very regretfully accepted. It was at once moved and seconded that the chairman take the secretary's place. No other nomination could be induced by the Chairman, and the motion was declared carried amidst a storm of applause. The new secretary replied, stating that if he could get the whole-hearted support of the members, and if by hard work it was possible to build up the society again, he would make all his efforts to that end. Mr. Johnston, a well-known Border fancier, was voted in the chair, and he stated that he would try his best to fill the honourable position well. The annual show was settled to be this year a members' confined show, for November 11th, in the Cafre Hall. If possible, we shall secure the services of Mr. A. Hay (Tweedsmouth) for the Canary section, and Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle) for the British and foreign. Several new members joined and many paid their subscriptions; and several since have posted their's for the year, which is a great encouragement. What we now hope is that all our other friends will rally round to assist. All letters should be sent to me, at 10, Laburnum Avenue.—John M. Macdonald, Sec.

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Singing Contests.

ESH HILL TOP.

Linnet singing contest, held at Mr. Callan's Bird Inn, on 1st July, when 30 birds entered, and some very good singing was heard. 1, Black and Son; 2, Miley; 3, Daniels. Mr. J. Farrow judged. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Slack. Another contest will be held July 8th. Five minutes' walk from Witton Gilbert Station. All are welcome.—A.E.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, held at the Traveller's Rest, Gilesgate Moor, on July 1st. 1 2, Plews, cup and clock; 3, Walton. Judge, Mr. J. Million. Next contest on July 8th, at the Black Horse, Elvet, Durham, when a cup value £3 3s. and 25s. in cash will be given.—J. Reid, Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Club sing on July 1st, 1911, at "Londonderry Arms," when 46 birds competed for ten prizes:—1, R. Elliott; 2, 3, 7, Briggs; 4, Scott; 5, Wilkinson; 6, McDonald; 8, 9, Hills; 10, Davison. Judge, Mr. G. Robson; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson.—J. Watson, Sec.

LEEDS.

Leeds Linnet F.A. usual quality singing contest at King's Head, Shannon Street, on July 1. 1, A. Butler; 2, W. Sissons; 3, T. Stead. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor. Also on July 2: 1, J. Thompson; 2, A. Butler; 3, C. Prince. Judges: S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor.—Wm. Sissons, Hon. Sec.

Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe Lane, usual contest held June 25th, when 17 birds faced the judges, Messrs. C. Bliss and J. Simmons. 1, Sellars; 2, 3, Sellars and Ward. Also on July 1st, when 15 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. 1, Sellars; 2, J. Dalton; 3, Ward. Also on July 2nd, when 19 birds competed. 1, Sellars; 2, Blackburn; 3, Hullen. Judges, Messrs. J. Green and J. Simmons. —W. Lunn, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax F. and F.S. held weekly contest July 1st at the Swan Inn before a good company, and 13 birds competed for three good prizes. 1, O. Potter; 2, J. Wallis; 3, R. Plows. Now, you Linnet fanciers, come forward and make it a success. Open contest every Saturday.—J. Henshaw, Sec.

SALFORD.

Open contest July 8th; special prize for the winner of time, also for the first club member. Prize cards will be given to the 1st and second in each class. We hope fanciers from surrounding districts will come. Linnet singers from all parts of England, and the Yorkshire Linnet men especially, are invited to visit us. They can be assured of return visits. It is also being considered to promote an International contest among all the clubs.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest for Linnets at the Elephant and Castle Inn, Atherton, on July 1st. Entry of 41 birds, and some very good singing was done for quality, but the time singing was not up to standard. The winners were: Quality: W. Barns, 1; P. C. Neil, 2; Mrs. Brown 3; J. Statham 4. Time: P. Owen, 112, 1; Seddon, 78, 2; Banks, 70, 3; J. Aldrid and J. Harrison tied for 4th prize, with 54 each. The judges were, for quality, P. O'Neil, F. Gibbins, and W. Barnes; for time, J. Gore, and J. Woodward. Timekeepers, J. Whittle; birdman, W. Boote. I may say that as regards the new members, we are doing well, as we have enrolled about 60 up to date, and some more to come, which speaks well for the Globe Inn Linnet club.—J. McAlister, Sec.

YORK.

Usual Linnet singing contest at St. Lawrence Working Men's Club, York, on July 1, when 14 birds competed, and some very good singing was heard. 1, J. Firth; 2, W. Weaver; 3, F. Littlewood; 4, J. Walker; 5, J. W. Smith. Mr. C. Jackson kindly officiated as judge, and Mr. Kirby as timekeeper.—J. W. Smith, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing at headquarters, Fitzwilli... Milford Street, Attercliffe Common, S... July 1. 18 members entered, 3 mu... ing. 1, Thompson, 83 sec.; 2, W... Thompson, 66sec.; Thompson, 5... July 2, only 11 birds entered, ... won with his famous old bir... Thompson and Robinson divid... 66sec. each, Thompson ... 87sec.; A. Thompson, 8...

NEWTOV...

Usual week end Linnet ... Albert Inn, for quality sin... H. Allen and A. Binns, ... divided between P. Curr... J. Stead.—F. Wood, Hon. ...

CASTLE...

Weekly Linnet contest, at ... and Dragon Hotel, Bridge ... for three good prizes. 1 m... son.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec...

BLACKE...

Blackburn quality Linnet ... their consolation contest, ... House, Old Red Lion, Sud... competed for eight prizes. ... good singing. 1, Christoph... kettle (Lilford, Leigh); 2, S... Bentley (Great Harwood); 4... Fender, 6, J. Fender, 7, P. B... Judge, J. W. Jones (Leigh); ... burst. G. Slacter, Sec.

PONTEFR...

Usual weekly Linnet contest ... July 1st, when we had the re... the district, 4 minutes. 1, Sp... break; when the following bir... 119, 2, T. Piper, 66; 3, T. Pipe... 55; H. Chatterton, 52; H. Dic... N. Dickinson, 26; T. Jo... Bullough, 16; J. Hi... Martin, 10. Th... test, Ju... 3, ...

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